Principal News

NAIDOC Celebrations

Our NAIDOC celebrations have been running all week this week, commencing Monday with our special assembly. I would like to thank Aunty Hazel Rhodes for attending our assembly and delivering ‘Welcoming to Country’. My congratulations goes to our Aboriginal Dance Groups who performed during the assembly, and also to the students who displayed their leadership skills in leading and presenting at our assembly.

The celebrations continued on Wednesday with an Aboriginal games day (including a special session run by Solid Mob), a family BBQ and the opening of our Aboriginal Art Exhibition. The exhibition was divided into two sections, the first focusing on this year’s NAIDOC theme, ‘We all Stand on Sacred Ground’, and the second theme was inspired by Uncle Digby Moran called ‘Dolphin Dreaming’. The exhibition featured both class artwork and items produced by students at home. The quality of the artwork produced by our students this year exceeded all expectations, and everyone who submitted items for display should feel very proud of their achievements.

The week concluded with over 70 students attending the NAIDOC celebrations at the Lismore Showground where our Aboriginal Dance Groups again performed for a very appreciative audience. My special thanks goes to Mrs Clarke who led the coordination of the NAIDOC events this week, and also to all the staff and parents who helped to make this year’s NAIDOC events so successful.
Lantern Parade

Thank you to all of the wonderful students, parents and staff members who proudly marched with the school in the Lantern Parade last Saturday, and to those who joined the thousands of wide-eyed spectators who cheered us on as we carried our lanterns through the streets of Lismore. The parade is a fabulous local event, made possible by the hundreds of dedicated locals who support the event each year, either by carrying lanterns or by joining the crowds.

(pictured: LHPS P&C member Warren King and sons carrying ‘The Owl’)

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabul Wiyabal people and other peoples of the Bundjalung Nation.

We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.

Live Performance in School

On Tuesday afternoon, the Sunshine Beach State High School band visited Lismore Heights Public School to perform a wonderful array of classical, a cappella and jazz pieces to our very excited students. There was even an opportunity for our School Captain to join the line-up and conduct the orchestra. Thank you to Mrs LeSueur for organising this thrilling performance.

School Holidays and Vacation Child Care
We break up for the Winter School Holidays at 3.00pm today (Friday 26 June). For parents requiring child care during the holiday period, Northern Rivers Childcare Centre, which is based at Lismore Heights Public School, has places available.

Please telephone: Jalyn on: 0437 553 057 for details and to book a place for your child.

Return to School
We return to school on Tuesday 14 July. Please note, there is no school on Monday 13 July as this is a Staff Development Day.

Calendar

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School Contributions are now due. One child $50 - Family $70