A big ‘thank you’ to the parents who have contacted the school recently to express their appreciation for all of the hard work that we are doing at the school, and to tell us how happy their children are at Lismore Heights Public School. We value and appreciate your feedback, and it’s always great to hear that your children are really enjoying their education.

Bringing the Past to Life

Mr Scotton and Miss McCormack dressed as Greek mathematicians, Eratosthenes and his companion, to bring history to life for our Stage 3 students. By demonstrating third century BC mathematical theory, the two ‘mathematicians’ explained how the Ancient Greeks proved that the world is indeed round.

Stage 3 Art

Students in Stage 3 have been exploring the idea that colours can create a feeling of warmth and cold, and have been producing beautiful artworks to reflect these feelings.

A Gift from the Community

Jack and Asia reading ‘Kinki the Cheeky Colt’ donated by the ladies of Chauvel Village and their bus driver as a ‘thank you’ for inviting them to our Carols By Candlelight evening. The book was written and illustrated by Margaret Greig, a prominent Mouth & Foot Painting Artist. Thank you so much Chauvel Village for the lovely book which has already been shared with students in many of our classes. Needless to say, the children were really impressed by Margret’s amazing artwork and wanted to talk at length about how she painted without the use of her hands!
‘Kids’ in School

Thank you to Bodhi and his mum for bringing the baby goats in to school on Friday last week. It was a very exciting time for all of the children in Mr Conte’s class who all had the opportunity to stroke and feed ‘Mary’ and ‘Molly’.

Captains Assembly

A reminder that we will be holding our Captains Assembly at 9.15am on Tuesday next week (23 February). Students who have been elected as Class Captains, House Captains, and School Captains, plus the School Vice Captains, will recite their Captain’s pledge and be officially appointed to their leadership roles for 2016. Parents of these students are invited to attend our assembly to present their child with their Captains badge. We hope that we will see many of you there.

Pancake Day

We had a real feast on Monday this week when Trish and her canteen helpers cooked hundreds of pancakes to feed the long line of excited children. Over 150 students participated, eating their way through a mountain of delicious pancakes served up with ice cream and maple syrup.

Friday Clubs

Friday Clubs start again this Friday and continue to the end of term. For new parents who have not heard of our Friday Clubs before, this is an opportunity for students to ‘choose’ an activity that they would like to do on a Friday afternoon – they will continue with this same activity for the remainder of the term. Activities include, Chess, Drama, Walking, Dress-up, Dance, Art, Sports and much more. There is no cost for these clubs.

Canteen Roster

22 February - Megan
23 February – Stacey
24 February – Jamie
25 February – Lee V
26 February - Maree
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Creative Arts in 1/2U

For Creative Arts in 1/2U last week we observed the particular lines on familiar kitchen utensils, and the purpose of their various shapes. We drew them using lead pencils and tried really hard to include the various lines. We used shading and colouring in to show depth. I think we may have some artists in our midst! Ms Urquhart.

Cricket

What a fine group of boys we took along to the PSSA Cricket match on Tuesday. We were so impressed with their sportsmanship, the way they supported each other and worked together. They all played their part in their team, and some of these boys had never played before. We were up against Wollongbar Public School who compete together on the weekends, so well done to our Lismore Heights boys. Our bowling was outstanding with Joshua achieving the first run out. Dom and Brady were our other standout talents. The fact that we did not come away with a win put no negative feeling on the day, as the boys competed well and all agreed they had a great time. We were all out for 44 with Wollongbar 1 for 47 in the 9th over. Such was the sportsmanship that we kept playing despite the score so that all the Wollongbar boys could have a bat, and our boys could receive some more experience with bowling and fielding. During this time Joshua bowled a beautiful bowl taking off the top stump. We also had a run out on Joshua’s over and Dom bowled out a batter.

A thank you to the parents who transported children to and from the match, and also a huge cheer for Ian Young and John Yates for their umpiring and guidance with the team. We all walked away with more knowledge! Ms Urquhart

PBL rule
Be Respectful by;
Keeping our hands to Ourselves

Could you speak to your child about being respectful to others by keeping our hands to ourselves, in the classroom as well as in the playground.

Thank you from the PBL Team
NSW POLICE FORCE CRIME PREVENTION SERIES

Protect your children online

The use of mobile telephones, tablets and personal computers is common in most people’s lives. Children are encouraged to use these devices to assist with their studies and stay connected, but this technology can also be used by online predators to target children.

A lot of children use mobile devices to keep in contact with friends via social media. Whilst using these sites, there is a chance they could come into contact with online predators.

Here are some simple steps we all can take to help protect our children when they are online.

Article I. Children - protect yourself online

- NEVER post personal information, including your name, home address, photograph, phone number or school, anywhere on the internet.
- ALWAYS tell your parents or another adult you know of any contact online that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- NEVER arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you have chatted to online without your parents’ or carers’ full knowledge. Have a parent/carer accompany you.
- ALWAYS think before sending. Pressing 'send' is definite and final – you can’t get it back.
- DO NOT send a picture of yourself to anyone you don’t know.

Article II. Parents - protect your children online

- ALWAYS educate your children about the dangers associated with online conversations.
- ENSURE that you discuss age-appropriate sites with your children.
- TALK to your child about what they do online and their favourite sites to visit.
- CHECK with your child’s school, public library, and other places they frequent to find out what internet sites they’re accessing.
- WAYS monitor the status of safety settings on devices used by your child.

Article III. Protect your home devices

- DEACTIVATE settings like GPS from social media sites used by your child.
- ENSURE you and your family use strong passwords to secure your devices.
- ALWAYS use secure web browsers and active parental control restrictions on your home computer and devices.
- PROTECT your passwords so your child cannot automatically purchase apps without your approval.
- DO NOT GIVE YOUR PASSWORD TO ANYONE – NO ONE!

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