School Starts at 9.10am

Being on time makes a real difference to students! It is well documented that students who arrive at school on time are better prepared, better informed and better placed to make the most of their learning. The information that teachers share with students at the start of a lesson provides students with the guidance that they need to achieve success in their learning. Missing out on this important part of the lesson impacts on students’ levels of understanding, and can lead to confusion and can also affect a student’s confidence.

Arriving at school after classes have started not only means that students miss out on important information relating to the first lesson of the day, they also miss out on important information that teachers share during morning assembly: reminders about special events, class trips, changes to routines, our rules for the week and other school-related matters.

School starts at 9.10am daily. By making sure that your child arrives at school on time every day you are giving them the best start possible in life.

NAPLAN

We are starting to put plans in place in preparation for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests in Term 2. All public school students in Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 sit the tests on the same day. The test results provide schools, parents and students with a ‘snap-shot’ of how the student is performing in key learning areas, and compares individual student attainment against that of other students in the State. Tests will be conducted in school, and in most cases in the student’s own classroom, and will be supervised by our class teachers. The school aims to establish a relaxed and supportive environment for students during the run up to NAPLAN and throughout the testing period, to ensure that students are well prepared and able to give their best.

NAPLAN dates: 10-12 May (13 May is catch-up day for any student who missed a test). Some students are eligible for adjustments to be made during the test. The school will contact the parents/carers of students who may be eligible for adjustments. If any parents/carers require additional information about the tests or the testing process, please contact your child’s teacher or visit the NAPLAN website: http://www.nap.edu.au/ where you will find a ‘Parent/Carers Info’ link on the homepage.
Swimming Age Champions

Congratulations to our Swimming Carnival Age Champions (pictured) who received medallions in this week’s assembly. The winners are:

- 8 yrs – Lucas & Inika
- 9Yrs – Mika & Millarni
- 10 Yrs – Aaron & Madeline
- 11 Yrs – Myles & Claudia
- 12 Yrs – Blake & Taiya

Parent/Teacher Consultations

A reminder that our formal Parent/Teacher Consultations are taking place next week, for most classes. These meetings provide you with an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress at school with their class teacher, as well as giving you the chance to talk about ways that you can support your child at home with their learning. If you have not yet made an appointment, it’s not too late. Please return the slip to request a time to see your child’s teacher. If the slip has been lost, please contact the school to request a replacement.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be attending Lismore Heights PS on Thursday next week. They will be taking individual, class and whole school photos. Please ensure that children come to school in full school uniform on the day and that they arrive on time – we don’t want anyone to miss out on a group photograph!

Sizzling Starts

Grabbing the reader’s attention with an interesting and exciting beginning.

Bang went the drum. “It is alive, ahh!”
“It’s haunted.”
“Oh no, ahhh, go go go!” – Oliver, Year 2.

The dog said, “Grrrr,” when a villain was in the garden.
He had a gun. – Eli, Year 1

PBL rule

Be Respectful by:

Speaking kindly

Parents, could you speak to your child about always speaking to our friends and teachers in a kind and courteous way.

Thank you from the PBL Team

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