From the Principal

Make Online Payments

Very soon it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. It is anticipated that the new online payment system will be operative from 18 March 2016. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page will be accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions etc. There is also a category called ‘Other’ this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. For example, ‘Other’ can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice. When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and class and reference number
- the students name, and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

Please note there will be a $10 minimum payment.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Sports News

Congratulations to our swimmers, Aaron, Ziggy, Maddy, Lucas, Millarni, Blake and Rosie, who represented our school proudly at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Well done everyone!

Congratulations also to Quincy and Asia who were selected in the Northern Rivers Tennis Team they will continue on to try out for the North Coast Team shortly.
Evacuation Drill

As I am sure many parents/carers have heard, several local schools have received automated bomb threats in recent weeks. To date, the threats have been hoaxes, but schools continue to treat each incident with the utmost seriousness. At Lismore Heights PS we have updated our evacuation procedures in-line with department and police advice. A copy of the updated evacuation procedures was shared with parents at our last P&C meeting and the new procedures were shared with all students and staff. Following on from that, we performed a practice drill last week. I am pleased to report that students followed teacher direction and vacated the school building and site in an orderly and safe manner. The new ‘Bomb Threat Evacuation’ procedure has now been incorporated into our evacuation practice program.

Debating News

Last week eight enthusiastic stage 3 students travelled to Lennox Head Public School to learn about the fundamentals of debating from some of the most senior adjudicators in the state.
Connor was most convincing in his role as Johnny Depp as to why he should receive the last parachute in a crashing plane, especially in the way he was able to rebut Barack Obama.
Equally so, Ziggy presented mature, insightful reasons, why if he ruled the world he would ensure care packages were delivered to those in need in Syria.
All students are to be commended on their excellent behaviour and their willingness to try new things.
When asked to describe the day in one word the students responded – interesting, awesome, challenging, educational and funny!  

Maree Jameson

Stage 3 Art

Sophie and Tashi proudly displaying their fabulous artwork based on the Stage 3 unit of work about producing art which shows an awareness of how colours can create a feeling of warmth and coldness.

Uniforms – New stock has arrived

We have a new supply of school shirts, shorts, skirts, hats and library bags now available at the canteen.

Reminder

School Banking is now on each Tuesday.
Netball Gala Day

On Tuesday this week we had the opportunity to take twenty-eight Kinder - Year 4 students to GSAC to participate in the FNC Netball Gala aimed at promoting the sport among our local primary school Aboriginal students. The day was supported by Solid Mob and provided the children with a wonderful opportunity to learn and develop new skills, as well as participate in fun games alongside students from other local schools. I would like to congratulate all of the Lismore Heights PS students who attended on their excellent behaviour and for representing their school so beautifully.

Putting Professional Learning into Practice

Our Staff Development Day at the start of this term focused on exploring new ways to help children develop their writing skills. One of the strategies we looked at was using a ‘sizzling start’ to grab the reader’s attention and make them want to read on. Below is a small selection of ‘sizzling starts’ written by students from Kindergarten to Year 6. It’s early days, and the children are still developing their ideas, but look what a fantastic start they have made!

Sinking slowly, the cage went bumping to the bottom of the sea bed. – Riley (Class 3-6I)

Hiding from my brother and watching him with a camera, I watch his every move. I could do this for hours, if I conserve my supply of lollies. – Blake (class 3/4L)

“Stop!” dad yelled. I glanced down and I saw a huge, scary spider. “Aaarrhhhh!” – Sasha (class K/1J)

One bright, beautiful afternoon I went to the tree in the backyard and I was hanging from the branch, but I fell and hurt myself. I said to myself, “I’m never going to hang on that branch again”. I called and called for my mum. I saw someone appear…. – Tayla (class 4/5EB)

Screaming, falling, twirling in the air. This won’t end ‘till I hit the ground. – Sarah (class 3/4Le)

Through the looming burnt trees, around large stones and over the red hot ash, scampered Dog with an injured magpie softly clamped in his jaw. Dog ran into his deep, dark cave to help the magpie’s wounded wing but sadly the magpie doesn’t want any help. “Stop!” the magpie whimpers, “It’s all over for me, I can’t fly anymore.” Dog tries to help and encourage the magpie, but it is no use as the magpie fades into the shadows. – Ziggy (class 5/6Ry)

Land ahoy. Yes! Yes! I’m so happy. I have been stuck out here for ages. - Madison 1/2U
Above are two lunchboxes - the top one has the healthier options. We compared the cost of these two & the results are in... The healthier lunchbox is $0.73 cheaper per day. That means if you have two children you could save nearly $3800 over their schooling life by packing healthy options!

Lunch box suggestions: rice crackers

Vegie sticks - cucumber, carrots, celery

Cherry tomatoes, Hard boiled eggs, olives, cheeses, cans of tuna