Harmony Day

This week LPS will be coming together and celebrating Harmony Day. The theme for Harmony Day is ’Everyone Belongs’ and we will celebrate our cultural diversity.

Harmony Day is held on 21 March in Australia. It is intended to show cohesion and inclusion in Australia. Harmony Day began in 1999, coinciding with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and each year, it is marked by people coming together and participating in local activities. The continuing message of Harmony Day is ’Everyone Belongs’. It is about community participation, inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.
Principal’s Report

Early Action For Success (EAFS)
I was in Sydney Thursday and Friday attending the EAFS Conference for new schools along with our instructional leader Kerry St George. It was an enlightening two days throughout which best practice for improving literacy and numeracy in the early years of learning were shared. Lismore Public School will receive additional resourcing throughout 2015 and 2016 to support literacy and numeracy development in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Teachers are available for parent-teacher interviews between 3.30pm and 6.00pm on Tuesday 31st March. If you are unable to attend on the 31st, teachers will be available at other times. Please contact the school office to make a suitable time to discuss your child’s progress with his/her teacher.

School Security
Last week a parent reported suspicious behaviour of a member of the public in Pound Street. This is a timely reminder of the need for families to be vigilant while travelling to and from school. Children should not walk to or from school alone, and suspicious behaviour should be reported to the school and Lismore Police.

School Attendance
Last week Mr Knaus phoned families to discuss attendance. Please be sure to have your children at school by 9.10am so they do not miss out on the prime learning time. If your child will be away from school, please be sure to notify the office in a timely manner.

Exemptions
At the end of last year, there was a change to the guidelines for principals granting exemptions from school. Family holidays are no longer grounds for a child to be exempt from school. Please contact me to discuss absences if your child will be away for extended periods.

School Banking
Thanks to Therese Smidt, the issue some families had with school banking should have been resolved. Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

Bunnings Family Fun Day 28 March
Don’t forget the P&C will be selling cakes at the Bunnings Family Fun Day on Saturday 28th March. Your assistance is much appreciated – both with baking and selling.

Easter Hat Parade/Easter Raffle 12 noon - 1pm 2nd April
Be sure to pencil the Lismore Public School Easter Hat Parade in your diary. It will be Thursday 2nd April from 12.00pm till 1.00pm followed by the P&C’s Sausage Sizzle / Prices - Sausage $2.00, Veggie Pattie $4.00. The canteen will be selling drinks, ice creams and chips on the day. Children are encouraged to wear their best Easter hat. Also, the Easter raffle will be drawn during the parade. Please be sure to donate Easter eggs and sell plenty of tickets.

Martin Gill
Principal

P&C News -Thanks to everyone who has already donated eggs for the Easter Raffle. We still need more! Don’t forget every donation receives a free ticket in the raffle. Just label with your child’s name and class a place in the basket in the Office. Raffle books are due back on Tuesday 31st March (sold or unsold).

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

1. Order your lunch before class
2. Line up quietly
3. Wait your turn
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself

BE RESPECTFUL
WEAR CORRECT UNIFORM
SPEAK POLITELY
FOLLOW STAFF INSTRUCTIONS
BE PUNCTUAL

RESPECT
BE CARING AND POLITE
RIGHTS
BE SAFE AND LEARN
RESPONSIBILITY
BE HONEST
Music at LPS 2015

Junior Choir

A small group of very enthusiastic students from Year 1 and 2 have begun rehearsals during lunchtime on Mondays each week with Ms Mohr and I to prepare items for school assemblies and other community events. Each student has been given a CD and a booklet of lyrics to assist their singing practice.

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir has begun preparations for their first performance at Fromelles Manor during Week 1 of Term 2. The students have been given a CD and a booklet of lyrics to assist their singing practice. A small group of 16 choir students from the 2014 Senior Choir sang for the LPS audition to apply for Schools Spectacular 2015 scheduled for November this year. The application is for up to 16 students to sing in a mass choir for this amazing event. The result of the audition will be communicated in May. The NSW DEC Arts Unit website contains details of the event.

Band

15 music students have been selected to participate in the Lismore Performing Arts Festival Combined Band this year. These students have been learning a musical instrument through the tutor program available at school and have shown a commitment to their music. On Tuesday this week the students will have the first Combined Band rehearsal at Goonellabah PS where each section will work separately for two intensive sessions before the whole band comes together in the afternoon to play the pieces together. These items will be learnt through lessons and band time each week and there will be one more day for the Combined Band to rehearse together prior to the festival at the Lismore Workers Club in August this year.

Rivers Musical - Aladdin

Towards the end of 2014 auditions were held for drama, choir, band and dance students for parts in the Rivers musical Aladdin. Three students from LPS were successful in their auditions. Congratulations to Emmeline T for choir, Daisy T for band and Phoebe H for dance. These students are working hard after school each Thursday with their group. Ms Mohr and I are also assisting in the band. The musical will be performed at Lismore City Hall in June this year.

Musical Instruments

There are a limited number of school instruments available for hire for any students in years 3-6 interested in starting lessons with Andrew Hills. A note is available from the school office with further information.

I am looking forward to another fantastic musical year at LPS. Please contact me if further information is required.

Heather Cole

We have been learning about China.

Some of the activities done in class are:

- Comparing Australia to China
- Finding out where China is by looking on the web and using an atlas
- Writing and saying Chinese numbers
- Making Chinese fans with the famous cherry blossom print
- Discussing Chinese food and how rice grows
- Discussing famous land marks (The Great Wall)

We have enjoyed our adventure looking at China.

By Nin Hao from 2G

SRC - The Lismore Public School Student Representative Council has begun for 2015. Each week representatives from each class will meet to discuss issues concerning students and ways to make our school a better place. The SRC members for 2015 are:

Captains: Daisy T, Rocket W, Bianca K, Josh R.


3/4H: Keira Mc, Bryce Mc - 2/3N: Emily S, Jethro B

2/3S: Jonah W, Jessie A-G - 2H: Jasmine H, Curtis P - 2G: Max H

1H: Kaylee D, Flynn G-L - 1D: Cleo B, Andrew B - 1S: Lara M, Jack W.
RESPONSIBILITY - Be Accountable

Principal Awards

Infants White Awards:
1S: Lisa T, Amalachi O
2G: Estella D, Jade W, Bridie G, Max H, Beatrice H

Primary White Awards:
2/3N: Alexis N, Jethro B
2/3S: Sharleze R, Madison F, Anna C
3/4C: Gemma S, Chloe B, Akasha G, Heath E, Zander C
5/6W: Phoebe H
5/6D: Oakley S-S, Kiama B

Principal Awards will be presented on:
Monday 23rd March - Infants Awards
Wednesday 18th March - Primary Awards
Friday 20th March - Bronze Awards

Bronze Awards:
KM: Yumiko A, Marley F
5/6D: Max A
5/6W: Keifer A, Liam R, D’coda W, Phoebe S

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Soccer Skills on Monday
In Partnership With Lismore Workers Soccer Club
Taekwondo Every Second Thursday Starting 28th February 2013
Dance Classes Every Second Thursday starting 19th February 2013
in partnership with local Dance Teacher
Homework Club Monday to Thursday
Free Wi-Fi and Access to Lap Tops
Afternoon tea is supplied.
Before school care breakfast is supplied
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Rainbow Region Kids
Lismore Vacation Care Lismore
Is now taking bookings for the
April 2015 School holidays
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