



Weekly W.R.A.P.S

GENERAL SCHOOL RULES

- Sensible is Safe
- Fair is Fun
- Manners Matter
- Property is Personal

*Treat others as you would
like to be treated yourself.*

Term 4, Week 8**Monday, 29th November, 2010****Calendar:**

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| Tuesday, 30 Nov | P&C Christmas party dinner RSVP and payment due |
| Wednesday, 1 Dec | Combined Christmas Scripture |
| Thursday, 2 Dec | L.H.S. C.A. Enrichment Day – Year 5 |
| Friday, 3 Dec | INTENSIVE SWIMMING FINISHES |
| Tuesday, 7 Dec | 7pm Special P&C meeting - Workers Golf Club, Chinese Restaurant |
| | P&C Christmas Party – following meeting |
| Wednesday 8 Dec | 5 Banner Celebration – Lismore Cinemas |
| Thursday, 9 Dec | Year 6 Farewell SCU |
| Friday, 10 Dec | Student Reports issued |
| | P&C Raffle drawn at assembly |
| Monday, 13 Dec | K-1 Annual Presentation Morning – 11.30am |
| Tuesday, 14 Dec | Presentation Evening (at a venue to be decided) |
| Wednesday, 15 Dec | Last day of Term 4, 2010 |
| Mon, 31 Jan, 2011 | First day for students – Yrs 1-6 |
| | Kindergarten to commence BEST START INTERVIEWS |

ENROLMENT 2011:

Our student numbers are causing difficulties for class allocation for next year. If you know you are leaving our school for any reason next year, could you please contact the front office ASAP. This will help with our planning for a smooth start to the 2011 school year.

FIVE BANNER CELEBRATION:

This will be held on Wednesday, 8 December. The students will be visiting the Lismore Cinemas followed by a picnic lunch back at school. Please register your banners at the front office this week.

LISMORE HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION ENRICHMENT DAYS:

Year 6 will be going to LHS on Tuesday, 30 November and Year 5 will be going to LHS on Thursday, 2 December.

Our students will walk to the high school, under the supervision of our staff.

Ralph Taylor



TAYLOR'S TEASER What one three-letter word can be placed in the blanks below to make three different words?

_____LASS, _____THROAT, _____LET

LAST WEEK'S WINNER: Madison – 5/6M

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: 70

CANTEEN NEWS:

As the term comes to an end, we might run out of some products, so please make your children aware they might need to change from what they have ordered.

| TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | MON |
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| Victoria Mac Elaine Barry Emma Fox | Kerry McDonald Sharlene Maxell | Steph Gregor HELP PLEASE | Melinda Clark Sam Virtue | Cherron Cameron Phillip Jones |

INTENSIVE SWIMMING:

We are entering into our final week of Intensive Swimming. The classes have been running smoothly and the children have been putting in a great effort to improve their swimming skills. Apart from learning to swim, the children are taught about water safety. Beginning this week, the children will be given a daily ten minute talk about water safety in a variety of places and situations.

Finally, I would like to thank parents for being sun safe and sending their children with rash shirts to protect them while they are in and out of the water.

Glenn Maxwell – Sport Organiser

NATIONAL SOFTBALL TITLES – WILLIAM:

Below is a recount of William’s recent trip to Adelaide where he represented NSW in the National Softball Titles. Making a state team is an amazing achievement and Will should be congratulated on his efforts.

Glenn Maxwell – Sport Organiser

Last week I went to Adelaide to play the National Titles for softball. I played for NSW. My team and I came 2nd overall. We received a silver medal. Against the ACT I hit a home run. My team only lost three games. We drew one game and won five games. The games that we lost, we only lost by 2 runs or less. I didn’t make any errors which was my goal, as well as a home run.

I was very happy with the way I played. I also made some good friends! I am going back down to Sydney next month for a NSW Softball Dinner/Presentation.

William

HOME READING BOOKS:

Home Reading will end at the end of week 8 this term (3rd December). Please have all home readers in by this date so that we can do repairs and organise the books ready for 2011.

Jocelyn Hillier, Assistant Principal



LIBRARY STOCKTAKE:

The annual library stocktake has begun this week. Many library books still need to be returned. Please search at home for any missing or overdue books.

Chris Wallace, Teacher/Librarian

P&C NEWS:

Notice of Special P&C Meeting: We will be holding a special P&C meeting on Tuesday, 7th December at 7pm, at the Lismore Workers Golf Club Chinese Restaurant. This special meeting will precede the annual P&C Christmas dinner and is being called to discuss and decide upon contractors for the proposed Multi Purpose Sports Surface.

Christmas Raffle: Our final fundraising event for the year is our Christmas raffle. It would be appreciated if each family could donate one item for the raffle, which can be left at the office. The final date for items, raffle tickets and money is Thursday 9th December. The Christmas raffle will be drawn at the school assembly on Friday 10th December.

Federal Funding Review: We would like to encourage all parents to complete a submission supporting your child’s future; go online or fill out the form attached & return to the school office.

Music Fees: Could all fees outstanding please be paid within the next two weeks.

Cookbooks: We still have cookbooks for sale at the office.

Sandy Archibald (P&C Secretary)

FEDERAL REVIEW OF SCHOOL FUNDING:

Recurrent federal funding of schools is the 'bread and butter' money that schools use for everyday expenses associated with running a school. These funds are needed year after year, long after special one-off programs like the current building program are gone.

There is a gap in the federal funding between schools. Federal governments have implemented funding policies that give an increasing proportion of public money to private schools at the expense of public schools.

State governments also fund public schools, but when all the income is considered and compared, public schools still receive at least \$1500 LESS per student than the average figure per private school student.

If funding was equitable, Wyrallah Road PS could receive an additional \$800,000 a year! Imagine what we could do with that! Each year!!

The Federal Government is currently reviewing the funding of schools. It is the first time this has happened in 37 years!

We have an opportunity to tell our leaders that public schools should receive a fair share of public funding!

The way to do this is to prepare a submission. It doesn't have to be a formal document that is complex and complicated. It can be as long or short as you like. A submission is simply the means to have a say on future schools funding system that would meet the needs of students. What matters most is that as many people as possible from public school communities tell our story about how governments can better meet our students' educational needs.

A website makes contributing a submission easy! <http://forourfuture.nswtf.org.au/> provides all the information you will need. Alternatively **you may like to write something on the proforma sent home with the newsletter this week.** If you do, send it back to school (to the office) and it will be sent on your behalf.

**Michelle Simpson
P&C President**

**David Willis
Teachers Federation Rep.**



REVIEW OF FUNDING FOR SCHOOLING

LET'S TAKE ACTION!

Have your say... So we can better meet student needs.

Every child deserves access to a well resourced, high quality public school in their local community. A new schools funding system should deliver the resources public school students need - now and for our future. These resources could be used to:

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| Reduce Class Sizes To provide greater individual attention and support for students. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Invest in literacy and numeracy, equity and special education programs To better meet the needs of students who need extra assistance. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Invest in teacher recruitment and professional development To prevent teacher shortages and ensure high quality teaching and learning. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employ more specialist teachers and support staff To maximise the success of educational programs and individual student achievement. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Strengthen school community links and programs To better support staff, parents and care-givers with students' learning. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Upgrade school buildings and facilities To provide a modern 21 st century learning environment. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Share your story below by writing about how our kids deserve better Public School Funding...



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Are you a... Teacher Community Member Parent/Caregiver Student

Name

School:

Signature:

Preferred contact details (optional):

Thank you for contributing to the future of public education!

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