

Lismore Public School

NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

2026 School Captains

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of meeting with our Year 5 students to discuss the exciting opportunity of running for School Captain. It's inspiring to see so many budding leaders eager to contribute to our school community.

We talked about what makes a great School Captain. Leadership is more than just a title - it's about setting a positive example, being responsible, and showing respect for others. A great School Captain listens to their peers, communicates clearly, and works hard to create an inclusive and supportive environment where everyone feels valued.

I encouraged our Year 5 students to reflect on these qualities as they prepare their speeches and consider how they can make a positive difference as potential leaders. I look forward to supporting them each fortnight until their official speeches in Week 9 and seeing the wonderful ways they will contribute to our school community. Best of luck to all Year 5 candidates - your leadership journey is just beginning!

Welcome to Madi Nilon - Student Support Officer

We are excited to welcome our new Student Support Officer (SSO), Madi Nilon, to the school community! Madi will work at our school on Thursdays until the end of 2026.

SSOs contribute to the implementation of the whole-of-school approach to wellbeing.

Principal's Message Cont..

They work closely with the school counselling service and other wellbeing supports to assist school-aged students to develop social and emotional skills through strengths-based programs and strategies that build resilience, coping skills and positive relationships.

They also have a pivotal role in working collaboratively with external and other government agencies in their support of students and their families.

A Student Support Officer is a non-teaching member of a school's wellbeing team. They apply their skills in working with young people, small group facilitation and knowledge of community services to:

- Improve the wellbeing, resilience, and pro-social behaviours of students by working in partnership with the wellbeing team and the school counselling service to prioritise and deliver individual, small group and whole-school evidence-based programs and strategies.
- Identify and establish support networks for students with staff, the school community, and locally based government services and community agencies.
- Support transition, between schools and post-school enrolments by working with transition coordinators and external providers.
- Establish referral pathways to appropriate local services through community partnerships.

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.

Principal's Message Cont..

Social Media Age Restrictions

From 10 December 2025, many social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australians under 16 create or keep an account. The age restrictions are likely to apply to [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Snapchat](#), [TikTok](#), [X](#) and [YouTube](#), as well as other platforms.

The e-Safety Commissioner has a dedicated website to assist families find answers to frequently asked questions, tools to help families work through these restrictions together and provides links to helpful resources families can explore. www.esafety.gov.au/parents/socialmedia-age-restrictions

Aboriginal Language and Culture Nest Program

This week our school submitted an expression of interest to have this program in our school in 2026. The Aboriginal Language and Culture Nest Program gives students in NSW public schools the chance to learn local Aboriginal Languages and participate in cultural learning activities. The NSW Department of Education works together with the NSW AECG to deliver the Nest program.

The Nests aim to:

- Improve knowledge and competency in local Aboriginal Languages.
- Strengthen Aboriginal identity, pride and community resilience.
- Increase the number of Language learners.
- Increase the number of Language teachers.
- Support improved school attendance, engagement and retention through cultural education.

Let's hope we are successful at bringing this valuable program into our school in 2026.

Financial Assistance

As we approach the end of year activities, we understand that this time of year can bring additional financial pressures for some families. Our school is committed to supporting our community and can provide financial assistance to families experiencing hardship. If your family would benefit from support during this time, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Application forms are available, and all requests will be handled with the strictest confidentiality and care.

Principal's Message Cont..

We encourage families to reach out early so we can work together to ensure every student can enjoy the end of year activities with peace of mind. Please contact the school office for more information and to collect an application form. We are here to help.

Samantha Rowsell

Principal

Appreciation Award

Last term, our school musical *Rocking Your World* was a huge success! We were fortunate to have some of our amazing ex-students return to support our current performers, sharing their sound and lighting expertise behind the scenes.

At the beginning of this term, we presented appreciation certificates to their younger siblings, as a token of thanks for the invaluable help and mentorship. A big thank you once again to Juno and Dulcie for their contribution and continued connection to our school community. You truly helped us rock our world!



Salvation Army Donation

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Salvation Army for their generous donation of food supplies to support our students. This kindness ensures that any student who may need assistance with lunch can receive a nutritious meal during the school day.



Important Stage 2 Camp Information

STAGE 2 EXCURSION

DORROUGHBY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

Tuesday, 4th November 2025

Stage 2 students will be attending an excursion to the Dorrroughby Environmental Centre. They will explore insects through a program called "**Who Loves Invertebrates.**" We encourage all students to attend this exciting day of learning and fun.

BUS DEPARTS Lismore Public School:	8:45am
BUS ARRIVES Dorrroughby Environmental Centre:	9:15am
PROGRAM begins:	9.30am
BUS DEPARTS Dorrroughby Environmental Centre:	2:15pm
BUS ARRIVES Lismore Public School:	2.45pm



PLEASE NOTE

Please meet staff at the Bus Bay in Magellan Street for departure.

***** STUDENTS MUST BE AT SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 8.40AM*****

Students who travel to school by bus may need to make alternate transport arrangements the morning of the excursion.

Important Stage 3 Camp Information



Stage 3 Camp

Tyalgum Ridge Retreat



Monday 10th November to Wednesday, 12th November

Our excursion is fast approaching, and students are getting very excited!

Students will receive information notes and medical forms Friday, Week 3 detailing what to bring, what to wear and behaviour expectations.

IMPORTANT FORMS: please return relevant **medical** and **dietary requirements** (if applicable) as soon as possible to the front office.

Lismore Show Excursion

The support classes went to the Lismore Show! They had a great day doing lots of fun activities and watching the events in the centre ring while they ate. Here are some photos of the things they got to do. Thank you, Mrs. Campbell, for organising it.



Lismore Show Continued

Year 1 students in K1B enjoyed writing about their Lismore Show excursion. They used their laptops to access Microsoft 365 Word and then shared it electronically with Mrs Baldwin. Here is a small sample of their spectacular work.

The Lismore show

K1B went to the Lismore show. Firstly, we played baseball. Next, we went to the poultry display, and then we went to the Lego competition. I felt good.
By Zayne

The Lismore Show

K1B from Lismore Public school went to the petting zoo at the Lismore Show. We threw axes and we got a lollipop from the baseball activity. I felt happy about the petting zoo and it was fun.

By Briella

The Lismore Show

K1B From Lismore Public School went to the Lismore Show on the bus. Firstly, we played baseball with batting and throwing. We got some lollipops. Next, we went to the Lego competition. After we went to the VR headsets.
By Lakota



Lismore Show Excursion cont..



Grandparents Day Celebration

Last week, we were delighted to welcome our grandparents and grand friends to Lismore Public School for our Grandparents Day celebration. The morning was filled with smiles, laughter and plenty of special moments as students proudly shared their classrooms, performed songs, created artwork and enjoyed spending time together.

We are so grateful to the many grandparents and family members who were able to join us. Your presence and support mean so much to our students and staff, and it was wonderful to see the strong sense of connection across our school community.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success. From our teachers and staff who prepared activities, to families who made the effort to attend. The love, wisdom and joy that grandparents bring continue to enrich the lives of our students each and every day.

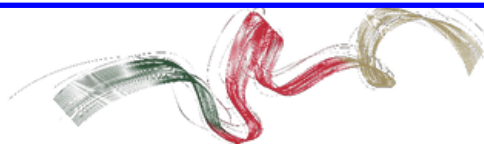


Year 6 – 7 Transition Information



THE RIVERS
SECONDARY COLLEGE

The heart of secondary education for Lismore



Year 6-7 Transition 2025-26

The Rivers Secondary College would like to invite all students starting Year 7 in 2026 to our Orientation Program.

Orientation Days will occur in Term 4, on Tuesday 25th November, Week 7 and Tuesday 2nd December, Week 8 2025.

This program aims to help your child have a smooth transition from primary school to The Rivers Secondary College, by meeting teachers and students at the relevant campus site. The students will experience campus routines, become familiar with the location of important places around the campus as well as build relationships with teachers and friendships with other children. Please see the information below regarding specific information for each campus.

Kadina High Campus

Arrival: Expected High School travel arrangements encouraged - Kadina Street bus bay / Campus car park

Meeting point: Assemble at the MPC by 9:10am

On the day: Students should wear full primary school uniform, enclosed shoes/sport shoes and a hat.

On Tuesday 25th November Parents/carers are invited to attend the first session to meet the campus principal and year adviser. A light snack will be provided at recess, and a BBQ will be provided at lunch. These will include gluten-free and vegetarian options. Remember to bring a hat, water bottle, and pen/pencil case.

On Tuesday 2nd December Students will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch. Remember to bring a water bottle and pen/pencil case.

Departure: School ends at 3:15pm. Students being picked up by parents should be collected from the car park within campus grounds. Students travelling by bus will be escorted to and supervised at Kadina Street bus bay.

Richmond River High Campus

Arrival: Expected High School travel arrangements encouraged – Dalley Street bus bay / SCU car park

Meeting point: Assemble in the MPU by 9:10am

Please use the SCU car park for parking and access the campus via the single gate on Military Road, next to the front office entrance.

On the day: Students should wear full primary school uniform, enclosed shoes/sport shoes and a hat.

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Departure: School ends at 3:15pm. Students being picked up by parents should be collected from Military Road. Students travelling by bus will be escorted to and supervised at Dalley Street bus bay.

Lismore High Campus

Arrival: Expected High School travel arrangements encouraged – Dalley Street bus bay / College Road parking

Meeting point: Assemble at ngulliboo (hall) by 9:15am

On the day: Students should wear full primary school uniform, enclosed shoes/sport shoes and a hat.

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Departure: School ends at 3:15pm. Students being picked up by parents should be collected from College Road. Students travelling by bus will be escorted to and supervised at Dalley Street bus bay.

An important part of the transition process is for students to become familiar with their travel arrangements when starting high school. We encourage all students to travel to our Orientation Days in the same way they will travel to their campus next year.

If travelling by bus, you can check your bus route and pick up/drop off points by contacting your local bus company or by visiting:

<https://www.buslinesgroup.com.au/northern-rivers/school-services/>

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P&C

Free Uniform Swap Day!

Mark your calendars! The P&C will be hosting our end-of-year Free Uniform Swap on December 18th (the second-to-last day of school) in the school hall. All families are invited to drop in throughout the day to pick up uniforms for next year, completely free! From now until December 18th, we encourage families to sort through uniforms at home and donate any items that no longer fit or are no longer needed. Simply bring them to the school office or drop them off on the day. This is a fantastic opportunity to clear out old uniforms and pick up what you need for next year NOW, avoiding the busy back-to-school rush. It reduces waste, strengthens our school community, and saves money and at this time of year, every little bit helps!

You do NOT need to donate uniforms to participate. All families are welcome to take what they need. We especially encourage incoming Kindy families to attend and get a head start on next year's uniform needs and build excitement for Big School.



The poster features the Lismore Public School P&C Association logo in the top left corner. The main text reads 'UNIFORM SWAP' in large, bold, blue letters, followed by 'THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER' in smaller blue letters. Below this, a paragraph of text explains the event: 'Have uniforms your child has outgrown? Need a new uniform for next year? Bring in your unwanted school uniforms, and on December 18th, come and grab some for next year, free of charge. It's a great way to save money, reduce waste, and help each other out!'. To the right of the text, there are images of school uniforms: a blue polo shirt, a yellow polo shirt, and a blue zip-up jacket.

P&C Continued

P&C Christmas Raffle Preparations Underway!

The P&C is already busy preparing for our fantastic Christmas Carols and our amazing Christmas raffle! We've started reaching out to local businesses and have some pretty incredible gifts lined up already.

We would also love families to contribute to our raffle hampers. As a reminder, your donations help us create incredible Christmas hampers that will be raffled off at the Christmas Carols event. Donations don't need to be big or extravagant, every contribution helps! Some ideas include:

- Non-perishable food and drink items: chocolates, spreads, or speciality teas and coffees
- Arts & crafts supplies: colouring books, stickers, or paint sets
- Small toys: card games, puzzles, or beach and pool toys
- Pamper and personal care items: candles, bath bombs, or creams and lotions
- Practical items: coffee mugs, kitchen gadgets, or gift cards of any amount

Please drop any donations to the school office. Thank you for helping us make this year's Christmas raffle extra special!



The poster features a festive background with a cartoon Santa Claus holding a cookie, a red star with 'Tickets \$1', and a red banner that says 'DRAWN DEC 4th'. The main text reads 'CHRISTMAS RAFFLE' in large, bold, white letters, followed by 'AT OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS' in smaller white letters. Below this, a paragraph of text explains the event: 'We're now collecting donations for our Christmas Raffle! We know this time of year can be tough, so we truly appreciate any contribution you're able to make. Some ideas include non-perishable food items, drinks, art or craft supplies, or other small gifts. Every little bit helps make our raffle a success. Thank you for your support!'. The Lismore Public School P&C Association logo is in the bottom left corner.

P&C Meeting Reminder

Don't forget our next P&C meeting! Join us in Week 7, Monday November 24th from 5:15-6:15pm in the staff room. This is a great opportunity to hear about upcoming events, share your ideas, and connect with other parents in our school community. All parents and carers are welcome to attend – we'd love to see some new faces!

Learning in Focus at Lismore Public School

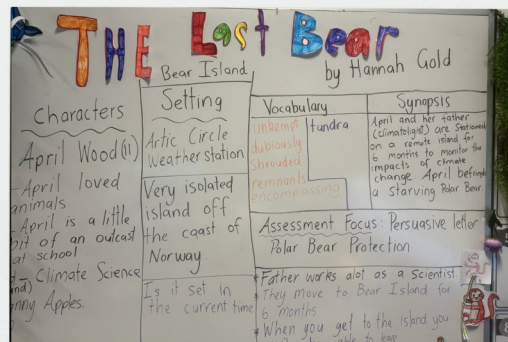
From Mrs Duroux's desk, sharing how teaching and learning comes to life at LPS.

Welcome to Learning in Focus @ LPS. This edition focuses on the high-quality texts that inspire our students' reading and writing.

Behind the Classroom Door

Our classrooms are filled with high-quality texts that helps students learn about language, ideas and the world around them. This term we're exploring stories such as ***Where the Forest Meets the Sea***, ***The Gruffalo*** and ***Looking After Country with Fire. The One and Only Ivan*** and ***The Last Bear*** are our novel studies.

Our writing focus this term is persuasive writing, with students learning how to express strong opinions. At LPS, students read rich texts that inspire them to write with purpose!



SCW's detailed novel study display.

From the Classroom Floor

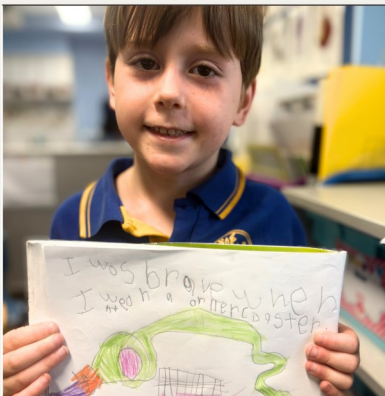
Joanus KH "The book *The Gruffalo*! The owl was confused, and the mouse was brave. I was brave when I went on a rollercoaster."

Luca 6J "We're reading *The Last Bear*. It's about looking after the environment to look after the animals. It makes me think about plastic in the ocean. We need to protect turtles from plastic rings and fishing nets. They get stuck on their necks."

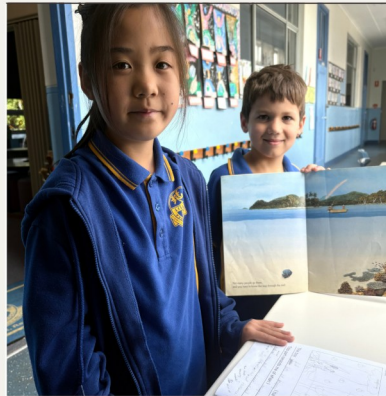
Isabelle 34M "The theme of the novel is you shouldn't keep animals in captivity, especially not in circuses. Animals can become distressed. Specialty was the new vocabulary word we learnt. It means you are very good at something or talented. If it's art, you could be a good painter. If it's a specialty in reading like me - you can read amazing novels!"

Ben SCW After Ben gave a very detailed recount of the novel *The Last Bear* he said "Yes I do like it, I find it very interesting."

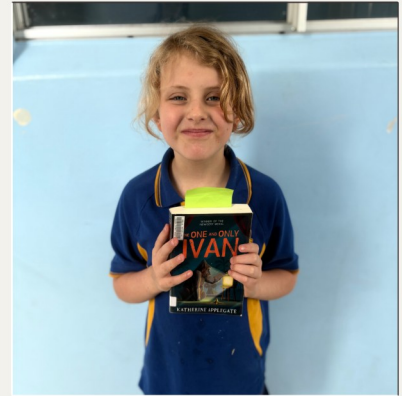
Eric 23C "We need to keep the Daintree Rainforest safe - so the animals can live and not go extinct like the dinosaurs did."



Joanus's writing about a time he was brave.

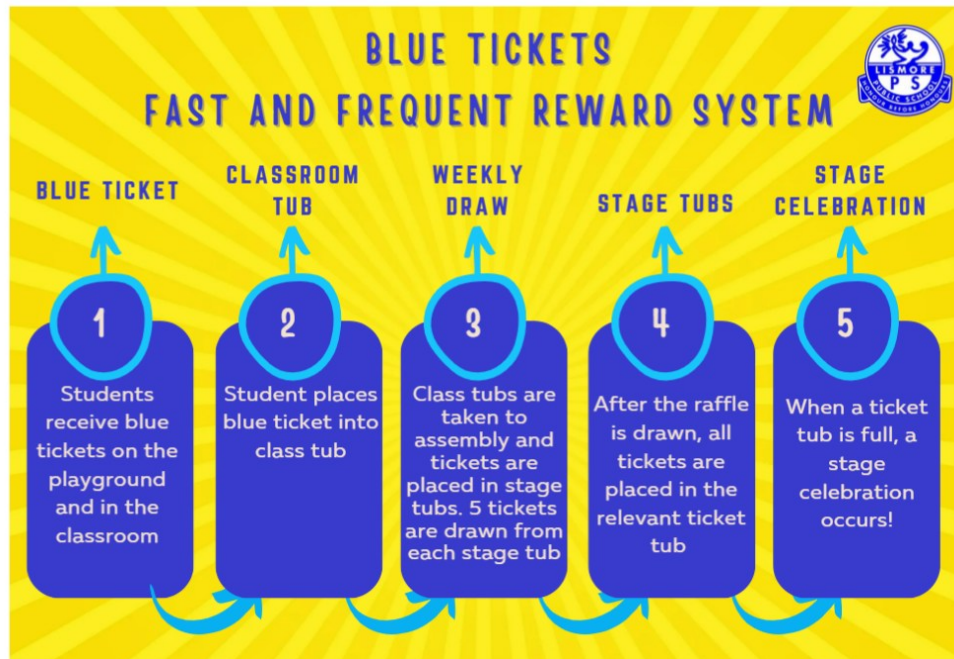


Samantha and Eric sharing Where the Forest meets the Sea.



Isabelle sharing her thoughts on the class novel study.

BLUE TICKETS- FAST AND FREQUENT REWARD SYSTEM 2025



MERIT AWARD SYSTEM- LONG AND STRONG 2025

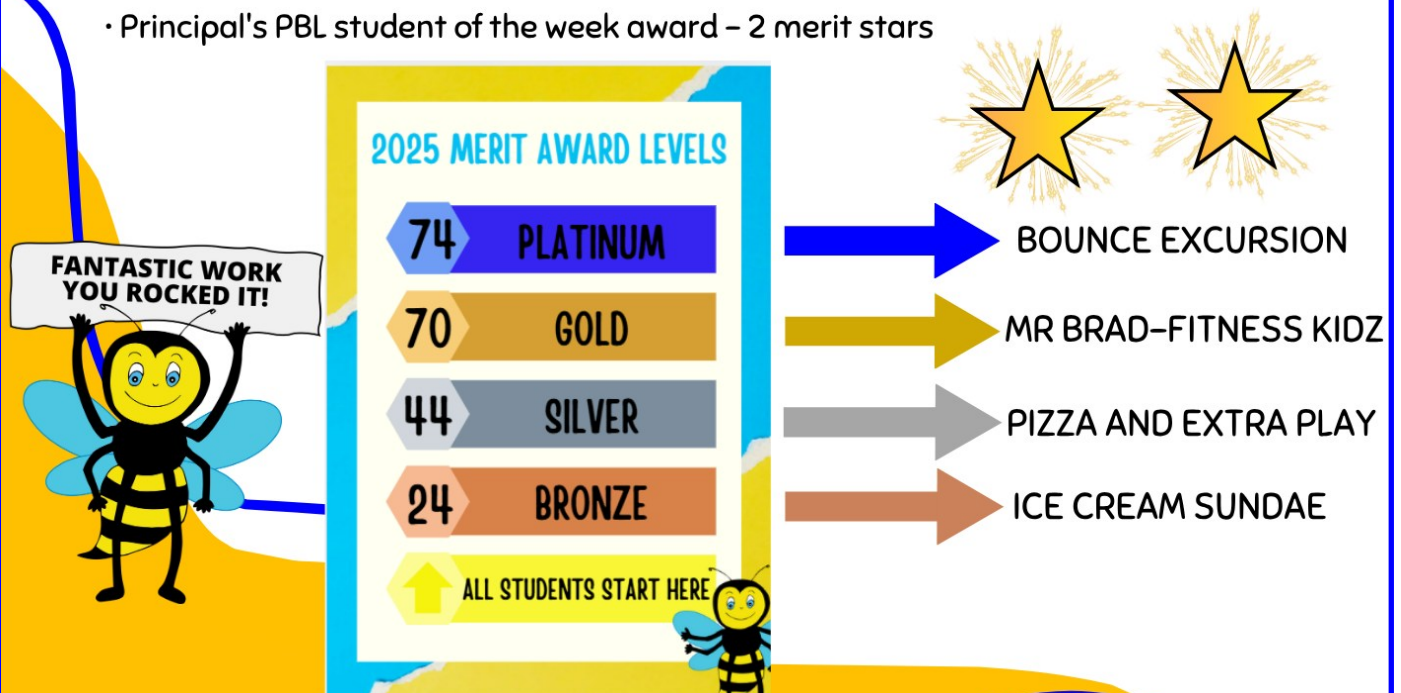
EARNING MERIT STARS

Each week students will be able to EARN a classroom merit star and a playground merit star. Merit stars will be recorded each Friday and students will be working towards each merit level.

Students receive a merit star if they consistently meet the expected behaviours within the classroom and on the playground.

ADDITIONAL MERIT STARS WILL BE GIVEN FOR;

- PBL student of the week award – 1 merit star
- Principal's PBL student of the week award – 2 merit stars



PBL NEWS

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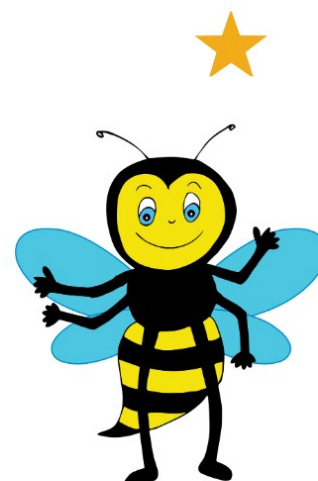


AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a PBL and Class Teacher Awards this fortnight.



Super
effort!



PBL NEWS

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AWARDS



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Kindy Start



Kindy Start 2026

We're excited to welcome your child to our warm and supportive learning community. At Lismore Public, we believe that the first year of school is an important step in your child's learning journey, and we're thrilled to be part of it. We value strong partnerships with families and look forward to working together to give your child the best start to school.

Time:

9:00am–2:00pm

Dates:

Friday 19th September

Friday 26th September

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday 17th October

Friday 24th October

Friday 31st October

Friday 7th November

Friday 14th November

Friday 21st November

Graduation Assembly

Friday 21st November 1:30pm–2:00pm

These documents will be required to be complete the enrolment procedure:

*Immunisation history *Birth certificate or blue baby book *document with proof of residential address

We look forward to meeting you and your child at Kindy Start.

If you have any questions please contact the school

Ph: 6621 5366

Email: lismore-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: <https://lismore-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner

Term 4 Calendar 2025

4	3rd Nov 2:20pm K-6 Assembly - Class item 1/2C	4th Nov Stage 2 Excursion - Dorroughby Environmental Centre	5th Nov	6th Nov	7th Nov 9.00am - 2.00pm 2026 Kindy start	8/9
5	10th Nov Tyalgum Ridge Camp Y4-6 No Assembly	11th Nov Tyalgum Ridge Camp Y4-6 Cake Stall - Support unit Enhanced Yr6-7 Transition Session	12th Nov Tyalgum Ridge Camp Y4-6	13th Nov	14th Nov 9.00am - 2.00pm 2026 Kindy start	15/16
6	17th Nov 2:20pm K-6 Assembly - Class Item 2/3C	18th Nov Enhanced Yr6-7 Transition Session	19th Nov	20th Nov	21st Nov 9.00am - 2.00pm 2026 Kindy start Graduation Assembly 9:30am - 11am 2026 Support Unit Kindy Start	22/23
7	24th Nov 2:20pm K-6 Assembly: Class item KH	25th Nov Yr6-7 High School Transition Day	26th Nov	27th Nov	28th Nov K-2 Summerland Farm Excursion	29/30
8	1st Dec 2:20pm K-6 Assembly: Gold and Platinum Awards	2nd Dec Yr6-7 High School Transition Day	3rd Dec	4th Dec 5pm - 6:30pm P&C Community Christmas Carols	5th Dec PBL Platinum Rewards Day - Bounce Excursion	6/7
9	8th Dec 2pm K-6 Assembly: School Captains Speeches & Voting	9th Dec	10th Dec 9:30am - 11am Presentation Day	11th Dec 5:30pm - 7:30pm Yr 6 Farewell Dinner & Dance	12th Dec Stage 2/3 Ballina Waterslides	13/14
10	15th Dec NO K-6 Assembly	16th Dec 12pm - 3pm Student Disco	17th Dec	18th Dec	19th Dec Last day for students and staff	20/21

Term 1 Calendar 2026

1	26th Jan Public holiday - Australia Day	27th Jan School Development Day - Staff Only	28th Jan School Development Day - Staff Only	29th Jan School Development Day - Staff Only	30th Jan School Development Day - Staff Only	31/1
2	2nd Feb First day back for ALL students	3rd Feb	4th Feb	5th Feb	6th Feb	7/8