

Lismore Public School

NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message

Year 6-7 Transition and Step Up Days

A reminder that, while Year 6 students have their transition to high day, we will begin our "Step Up" sessions. These sessions will run during weeks 7 and 8. Student will be placed in different classes, possibly with different teachers, to help prepare them for their transition to new classes in 2026. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's teacher or myself.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Dance

Our Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Dance will be held in our school hall on **Thursday 11th December** following the same format as last year that received enormous positive feedback from both student and parents.

Students arrive with family members and have their photos taken in the 'balloon arch.' Year 6 and their families then proceed into the decorated hall at predetermined tables of 8. An official presentation is followed by a dinner of pizza, served by our staff. The last official part of the evening is the cutting of the Year 6 cake. A disco is then held for both students and parents alike. Last year, lots of our parents joined in the dancing fun!

Each Year 6 student is able to invite four adults to join them in celebrating this special milestone in their lives. Notes will go home this week with more details. Please complete your booking as soon as possible so we can finalise catering.

Principal's Message Cont..

Presentation Day

Our annual presentation day assembly will occur on **Wednesday, 10th December from 9:30am - 11:00am** in the school hall. All parents, carers and family members are invited to attend this special event where we acknowledge the amazing achievements of our students 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. 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

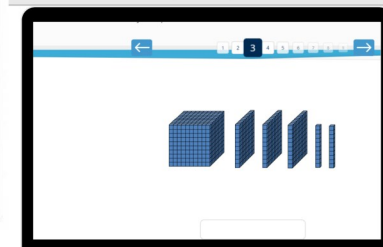
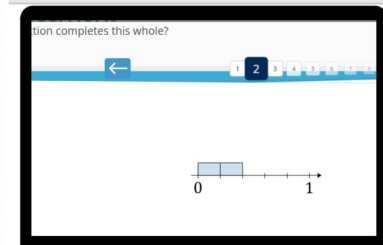
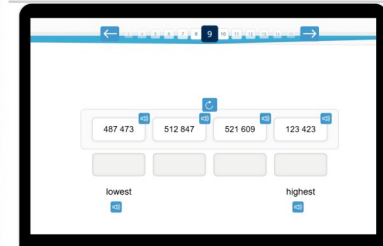
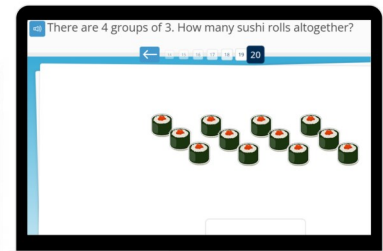
We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.

Learning in Focus at Lismore Public School

From Mrs Duroux's desk, sharing how teaching and learning comes to life at LPS.. This edition focuses on the new 'Essential Assessment' tool in mathematics.

Behind the Classroom Door

Our teachers have recently completed training in Essential Assessment, a tool that helps identify what each student understands in math and what they are ready to learn next. The assessments are linked to the NSW Mathematics Syllabus and help teachers plan lessons that meet students where they are in their learning. By using this tool alongside our explicit teaching of mathematics, teachers can provide each learner with the right level of challenge and track growth over time. Look out for more information in 2026!



FROM THE CLASSROOM FLOOR

Penny 2/3C

I thought it was pretty good. I really liked working on the laptop instead of paper. I want to keep using it next year. I think the teachers will use it to see what we can do. My teacher will say "Good Effort" when she checks my answers.

Tyler K/1B

It was fun. I love maths! I love school!

I loved it! It almost tricked me but it didn't. Mrs Hughes said 'Good job and I tried hard'.

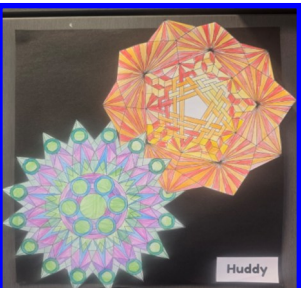
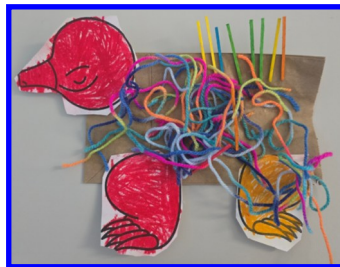
Zuko, Kt

Kiara, 4/5P

I enjoyed doing it. About half of it was easy, then it got challenging. The teachers will see what we can do and what to teach us next. I hope they share it with our parents next year.

We sure will be, Kiara 😊

Amazing Art Work from Around the School

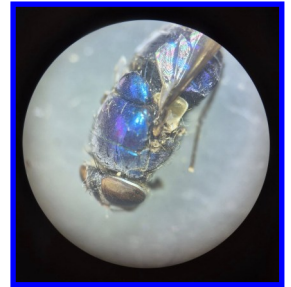


Scholastic Book Club

Book Club has arrived! Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's schoolbag! It's packed with hundreds of books from just \$3 to help you on your child's reading journey.



Stage 2 Dorroughby Excursion



Last week Stage 2 students enjoyed a fantastic day at the Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre, exploring the fascinating world of insects. Students learnt how to identify different types of insects and examined their body parts up close using microscopes. They also used iPads to create stop-motion videos showcasing the important roles insects play in our environment. A highlight of the day was venturing out in search of platypus! It was a wonderful day of hands-on learning, discovery, and fun in nature.



Transition - Yr 2 into Yr 3

The transitions from pre-school to Kindergarten, Year 2 to Year 3, and again from year 6 to Year 7, are significant school milestones. From curriculum changes to the learning environment, expectations change for children.

This week, as part of Lismore Public School's transition towards 2026, students from Year 2 have been joining the Yrs 3-6 students for eating time. Some of our Year 6 students have already been part of small group visits to their new high schools, and are looking forward to some whole group, full day visits, in a few weeks.

Later this term we will be having our whole school Step Up activities, which are a great opportunity for children to begin to think about some of the changes they will experience at the beginning of next year - working in a new classroom, with a different teacher, but with some of their same friends. Your child may have a few worries about transitioning.

It's important to listen to what they're concerned about so they feel supported. Try talking to your child about these things, without giving them a reason to be worried. Rather than asking if they're worried about the change, why not ask your child if they're excited about the transition to the new school year? This can help make them think more positively about these big changes in their school journey.



Kindy Start Graduation Info



Kindy Start 2026

It's hard to believe our Kindy Start program is almost complete! After today, there is just one more session to go. To celebrate your child's achievements and the completion of Kindy Start, we invite all Kindy Start parents to a special Kindy Start Graduation Assembly on **Friday, 21st November** in the school hall, starting at **1:30 pm**. Please join us as we recognise this wonderful milestone in your child's learning journey!

Community Notice Board

POWER HOUSE
PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENTS

ARABIAN NIGHTS & ICON

📅 Saturday **22** November
📍 LISMORE WORKERS CLUB
🕒 Doors Open 2.00pm

BOOK NOW
You are invited



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P&C News

P&C Christmas Raffle

Last Friday, raffle tickets were sent home! We'd love everyone's support in selling tickets to family, friends, and neighbours. If your tickets are selling fast, you can collect an extra pack from the school office. Thank you for helping make this year's raffle a success!

Raffle Donations

We're also putting together our Christmas hampers and would greatly appreciate any contributions to help create something special.

We've been reaching out to the wider community and are thrilled to share some of the generous donations we've received so far from Woolworths, Coles, Top Notch Barber Shop, Ballina Ten Pin Bowl, Priceline Pharmacy, Paradise Massage Lismore, Bathe Spa, Hoselink, and Mr Mozzarella. A huge thank you to these businesses for their wonderful support, their donations will be included in our raffle hampers.



Important: Canteen Closure

Please note that the canteen will be closed on **Thursday, December 4th**, and will instead be open on **Wednesday, December 3rd for that week**. If you place your orders through Spriggy, you'll still be able to order as usual for the Wednesday opening. Thank you for your understanding!

Next P&C Meeting - 24th Nov

Join us in Week 7 on Monday, 24 November, 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!

P&C News Continued

Bunnings Halloween Night

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make the Bunnings Halloween Community Night such a success! It was fantastic to see so many of our community members there. Special thanks to our amazing SRC students and their parents for running the event!



Free Uniform Swap Day!

Our first uniform swap day will be on 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.

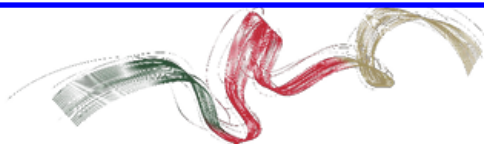


Year 6 – 7 Transition Information



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.

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 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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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.

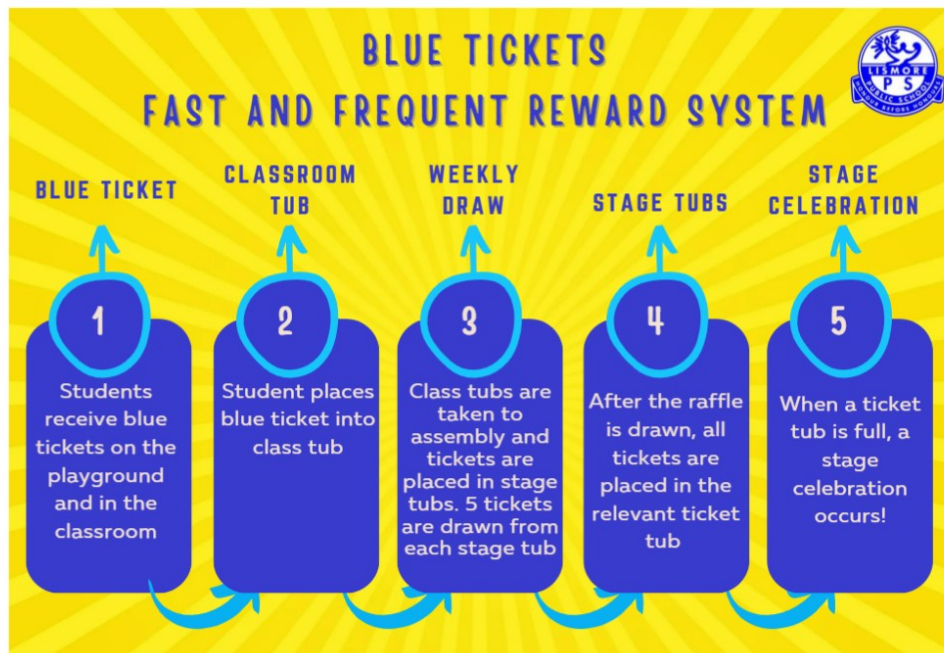
If travelling by bus, you can check your bus route and pick up/drop off points by contacting your local bus company or by visiting: <https://www.buslinesgroup.com.au/northern-rivers/school-services/>

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BLUE TICKETS- FAST AND FREQUENT REWARD SYSTEM 2025



MERIT AWARD SYSTEM- LONG AND STRONG 2025

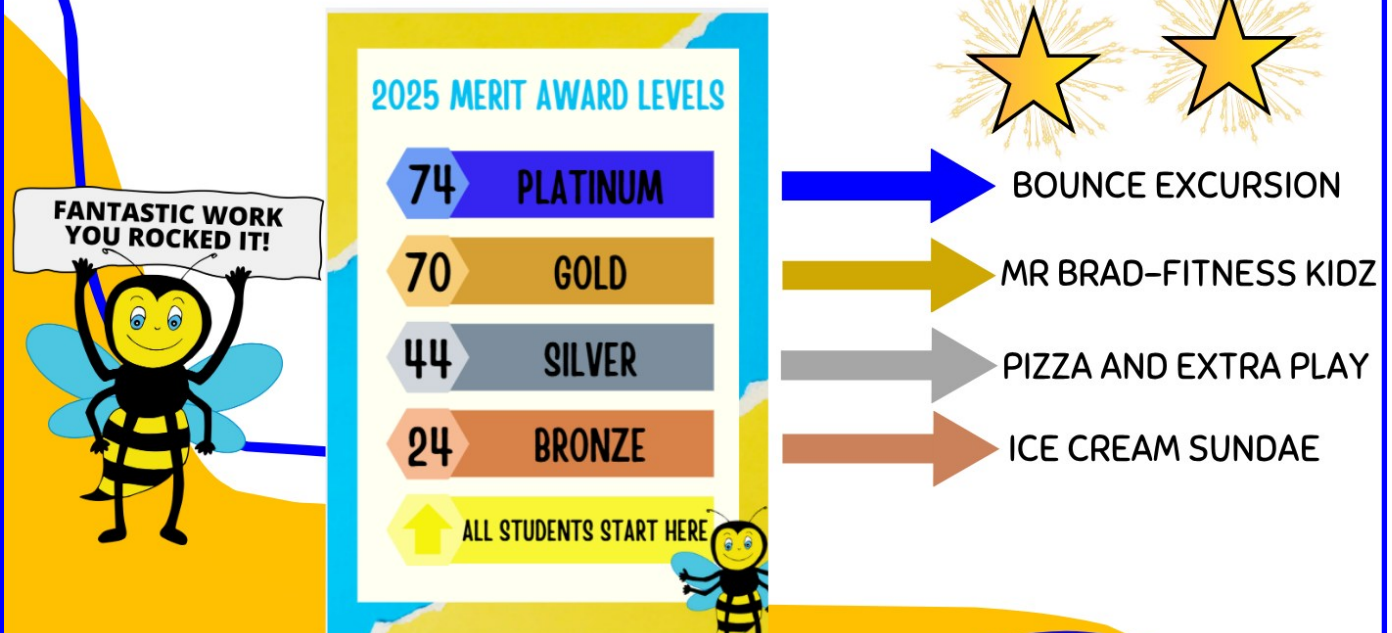
EARNING MERIT STARS

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

BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE A LEARNER

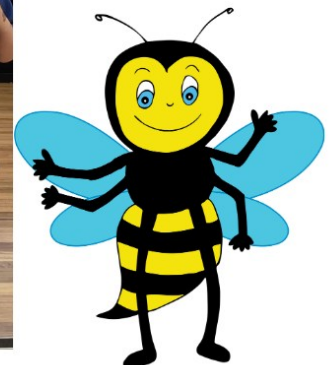


AWARDS

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



Super
effort!



Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner

Term 4 Calendar 2025

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 K-6	3rd Feb	4th Feb	5th Feb	6th Feb	7/8
3	9th Feb	10th Feb	11th Feb	12th Feb	13th Feb When I grow up day	14/15
4	16th Feb	17th Feb	18th Feb Swimming Carnival	19th Feb	20th Feb	21/22
5	23rd Feb	24th Feb	25th Feb	26th Feb Zone Swimming Carnival - Casino	27th Feb	28/1