The Rivers Small Schools’ Opera House Choir

Congratulations to Adam, Jessie Grace, Hannah, Nickola and Sam on their performance at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday night. The combined choir was made up of over 700 students from Public Schools all over NSW and sounded amazing! To perform in the Grand Hall of the Sydney Opera House is a once in a lifetime experience. The Eltham students who were involved are to be commended on their commitment and behaviour throughout the rehearsals and excursion. I have heard whispers that there are current year 3 and 4 students practicing to audition for the choir in 2017!

Lismore Public Speaking Competition Grand Final

Students in Years 4 to 6 travelled to Lismore City Hall yesterday to support Sabrina as she represented First North District in the Grand Final of this competition. Sabrina did an outstanding job delivering her speech “Is it really that great being young”. We were all very proud of her and congratulate her on participating in the grand final of this competition.

School Bags

We have sourced a supply of school bags from the Harlequin group. The bags are bottle green and come printed with our school logo. The bags are single compartment with a fixed-zipper flap, ergonomic shoulder straps and protective base. The bags also come with a lifetime guarantee. The bags cost $40.00 each. An order form is attached and should be returned to the school by Friday the 20th November. Payment can be made on delivery. A sample is available from the office if you would like to have a look before you purchase or you can go to the website www.schoolbags.com.au and view Harlequin Might Tuff Pack.

Bags should be back at school to start the 2016 school year.

Calendar

Term 4

Week 6

9th November 2016 Kindy Orientation 9.30-12.30pm

10th November Order and money due for BBQ Canteen Day

12th November BBQ Canteen Day

Be A Friend!

Wherever we are, it is our friends who make our world

Henry Drummond
Attendance
A reminder to all families that attendance at school is compulsory for all students aged from 6 to 17 years. If your child is absent from school a reason must be supplied to the school within two days of the absence. This can be done via phone or a written note. Students who arrive late or need to leave school early need to be signed in and out via the school office. An information flyer about school attendance is attached to this newsletter. The school appreciates the continued support of parents and carers to ensure all students attend school regularly.

End of Year Concert and Presentation Night
Our end of year concert and presentation night will be held on Thursday 10th December. After consultation with the P&C and staff it has been decided to hold this event at the hall at Lismore Public School, Pound Street, Lismore. This decision was made due to the fact that our school is growing and we can no longer accommodate our audience comfortably in the COLA. The uncertainty of the weather has also caused some problems over the last few years. Our students and staff work incredibly hard on the performance and this decision has been made to ensure that everybody can enjoy the concert without it being impacted on by factors beyond our control. Further details regarding the event will be communicated closer to the date. If you have any concerns about the change of venue, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The Rivers P-12 Dance workshop
On Tuesday students in K-6 participated in a special dance workshop with Elise Dessman, who is the dance teacher from The Richmond Rivers campus of The Rivers Secondary College. The boys and girls all thoroughly enjoyed learning a range of movements and dance moves ranging from flamenco to hip-hop. Kinder and Year 1 learned an exciting ‘Pink Panther’ themed dance, while Year 2 and 3 choreographed a terrific hip-hop inspired routine.

Special Programs
Commencing on Friday 13th November from 2.30-3.30 pm students in Years 4 to 6 will be participating in two special pilot programs.

Girls will be participating in the “Gorgeous Girls” program which will be run by Kirsty Wood from Kids in Connection. The program will cover topics including being your own best friend, friendships and anxiety.

Boys will be participating in a woodwork activity in “The Boys Shed” and discussing similar topics to those in “Gorgeous Girls” but in an informal, less structured way. They will be supported in the program by Michael Border.

These programs have been initiated in response to an identified student need for students to continue to develop their skills around friendships, conflict resolution and resilience. As these are pilot programs the costs associated with them will be funded by the school. Parents and students involved in the programs will be surveyed at the conclusion of the programs to assess the benefit and decide if the programs will continue in 2016 and possibly be extended to include other students.

If you would like to discuss either program in more detail or do not consent for your child to participate please contact the school.

Project Based Learning Community Activities

Nude Food Day
Our Nude Food day was held last Friday. It was exciting to see how easy it is to bring a packed lunch with minimal rubbish. Year 2/3 were the winners with a count of only 9 pieces of rubbish at lunch time. K/1 came second with 10 pieces and Year 4/5/6 had 38 pieces of rubbish.

Sports Gala Day
A sports gala day will be held tomorrow afternoon from 2.30 to 3.30pm. Students will participate in a variety of student coordinated cooperative activities in small groups. There is no cost for this activity.

Staffing
Donelle has been offered the opportunity to relieve in a position at Lismore District Office for 2/3 days per week from now until the end of term and has accepted the role. On the days that Donelle is off site there will be a relieving SAM in her position at Eltham. For the next two weeks this will be Kerynne Sbrocchi. We welcome Kerynne to Eltham and appreciate the patience of families as she learns our systems. We also wish Donelle all the very best as she explores this new opportunity.

Happy Birthday

November 5th Aravis, November 6th - Emily
We wish you both a very Happy Birthday. May you have a wonderful birthday

“Helping Each Other Grow”
Smart Shades
An order will be placed for Smart Shades on Monday 23rd November. If you missed placing your order and would like to order a pair of Smart Shades for your child please contact the school office by Friday 20th November. Cost for Smart Shades are $15.00 a pair.

Intensive Swimming
All students K-6 will participate in our Intensive swimming Program commencing Monday 23 November and concluding Friday 4th December. Intensive Swimming is a compulsory part of our school sport program and costs are based on all students participating. Cost for this year’s program will be $55.00 or $27.00 if you hold a season pass at the Alstonville Pool. Cost includes bus and pool entry. Permission notes are attached and are due back at school with payment by Thursday 12th November. If you have any question or concerns please contact the school.

BBQ Canteen Day
The P&C will be running a BBQ Canteen Day on Thursday 12th November at lunch time. The menu on offer will be

- Sausage sizzle (sausage + 1 slice bread) $2
- Sausage and egg roll $3.50
- Vege burger $3
- Salad (lettuce and tomato) 50c
- Juice icy poles 50c

Please return your order form and money to the office by Tuesday 10th November. Due to catering constraints some items may not be available if orders are received after this date.

P&C News

Raffle - win a night in a beautiful hotel spa room at the Ramada Hotel and Suites Ballina. Value $195.00. Tickets $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. Tickets are available in the school residence. Drawn Thursday 10th December at the end of year concert.

Telephone tree - Be sure to return your telephone tree note ASAP so your family can be included on the telephone tree for 2016.

Ten Pin Bowling - Don’t forget to support Eltham by going Ten Pin Bowling this Christmas Holidays. For each person bowling who nominates Eltham School we receive $1.00. Please tell your friends, extended family and use your social media. Have a bowling catch up with people you have not seen in a while this Christmas holidays.

Thanks everyone for all your support from the P&C Committee. Kyleigh Polley, Eltham P&C Secretary

Community Notices

Lismore Basketball Stadium - is holding an All Abilities Activity Morning for children aged 9 – 15 years. The program will run for three consecutive weeks commencing on Tuesday 24th November. RSVP is by the 18th November. There is no cost and further details are on our notice board.

The Great Moscow Circus - is coming to Ballina. Wednesday 18th November – Sunday 29th November. See flyer for show times.

Cartoon Camps - Byron Bay 28th -29th November 2015. $20 per class. P: (02) 9343 0833 E: bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au W: www.illustrating.man.com.au

Out and about in the Playground

“Helping Each Other Grow”