Principal’s Report

It has certainly been an interesting two weeks, with the rain continuing to fall across our area of the state. Our thoughts go out to the staff and students at Richmond River High School which was again closed due to flooding. Several of our neighbouring coastal schools also sustained varying levels of damage from the winds and rain. Let’s hope an extended period of good weather is ahead of us.

Principal Appointed

I am pleased to be able to inform you that a permanent Principal for Lismore High School has been appointed. He is Mr Nigel Brito. Mr Brito is currently a School Development Officer working out of the Armidale DEC Office. He has also been the Principal of Bourke High School and Wadalba Community School. He will be taking up the position as of Day 1 Term 2.

I will be remaining as Principal until the end of Term 1. I will take up the position of Principal at Murrumburrah High School in the NSW Riverina. I applied for this position at the end of 2012 and my appointment was confirmed in the first few weeks of this term.

I am enjoying my role as the School’s Principal and I look forward to continuing to work with students, staff and parents over the coming weeks.

Parent and Teacher Afternoon

A parent and teacher afternoon was held for our Years 11 and 12 students in the school hall last Tuesday. It was a great opportunity for the parents of our senior students to catch up with the teachers to discuss their sons’ and daughters’ progress.

My thanks go to all the teachers who gave of their time to meet with the parents.

Year 6 Open Night

With our Year 6 Open Night taking place on Tuesday 12th March at 6.30pm in our auditorium this newsletter will be going out to all the families of our prospective 2014 Year 7 enrolments. I welcome you to our school and look forward to meeting all students and parents at the Open Night.

School Fees

Parents will receive a letter next week regarding the payment of school fees. Like all areas of the community the school is experiencing declining budgets while costs are increasing.

While the General School Fee of $65.00 is a voluntary contribution I am particularly concerned with the subject fees associated with Years 9 and 10 elec-

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tive subjects and Years 11 and 12 course fees. The moneys from these fees are directly used to purchase resources for the practical aspects of the courses. The school can no longer sponsor students who do not pay these fees. The letter will outline the processes and timeframes for these payments. Students who do not pay the fees will not be able to participate in various practical aspects of these subjects.
If any parents are experiencing financial difficulties in the paying of these fees please contact me at the school. Any such contact will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Neil Solomon
Acting Principal

A warm invitation is extended to Parents/carers and students to attend our INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS YEAR 7 2014 Tuesday 12th MARCH 2013 6.30PM LISMORE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Tours of the school Information on curriculum
Future directions in education
Technology, academic, sporting and creative arts opportunities

Enquires: Mr Neil Solomon, Acting Principal
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Email: lismore-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
2013 Sustainability Festival  22 August

These pictures are of some students inspecting the trees we planted as part of the Sustainability Festival last year.

We have been fortunate enough to receive a grant of $3500 from the Commonwealth Government in support of the 2013 Sustainability Festival. The grant will enable us to attract more people to come to the school and attend our Festival. The theme this year is the history of sustainability, in keeping with the theme of Science Week. We are just starting the planning now, if you want to be involved or have any ideas please contact the Science Faculty.

Jim McInerney

Vaccinations

Year 7 and 9 students have received their vaccination consent packages. If you would like to have your student vaccinated please return consent forms signed to the office as soon as possible. The vaccinations will be carried out sometime in March.

Colleen Best
Co-ordinator

Year 7 Magazines

As a Literacy initiative, we have ordered “Touchdown”, a school magazine produced for students in NSW by the Education Department. These are costing approximately $1 each with 10 delivered over the year. We are requesting that all students pay 50c for each magazine and, after use in class, they will take their copy home. We will subsidise the rest. Parents/ carers may choose to pay the $5 this term or 50c, 10 times in the year. Students should hand this money to their English teacher.

Students who cannot pay should speak to their English teachers. If payment is not received, unfortunately the student will not be able to complete the crosswords etc and cannot be given the magazine to take home.

The magazines come with lots of lessons and activities and are designed to engage and encourage all reading levels. They will be used to generate homework and extension activities and we hope to issue the first magazine in the next teaching cycle.

Please contact the English Department for more information. We hope you will support us in this.

Jennifer Josey
Head Teacher English
National Child Oral Health Survey 2013

Australia’s only second population survey of child oral health is underway. The first such survey was in 1987/88.

The survey is being conducted by the NSW Ministry of Health in association with the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health (ARCPOH) which is located at the University of Adelaide. The survey has received ethics approval from the NSW Ministry of Health Human Research Ethics Committee, The University of Adelaide Human Research Ethics Committee and from the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Your child’s school has been selected to be part of the Survey along with approximately 153 other schools from State, Catholic Education and Independent school sectors in NSW, and has agreed to participate.

A small number of children aged 5 – 14 years old have been randomly selected from each of these schools across NSW and invited to participate in the Survey. If your child has been chosen, in the next couple of weeks you will receive a package containing information about the survey and a parental questionnaire including a consent form.

Teams of specially trained registered dental examiners will examine the children’s teeth at school. Survey team members are all approved to work with children under the Child Protection Legislation 2003 and experienced teachers will work with the Survey teams to administer the survey.

All of the information obtained will be held in the strictest confidence and individual children's data will not be disclosed under any circumstances. No school will be identified in any reports published from the survey.

Before completing the consent form and questionnaire parents are advised to read the information sheets carefully. A phone number is also provided in the information package should parents wish to discuss any aspect of the survey and their participation.

If you wish your child to participate please fill in the questionnaire and consent form and post by the return date on the consent form. Also, please ensure consent form is signed.

Every child who participates will receive a sealed envelope that contains a brief report about their dental health and where you can access free dental treatment if treatment is indicated.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Professor A. John Spencer
Chief Investigator A Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health The University of Adelaide