"We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Custodians and First Peoples of the Land on which our school stands."

Aunty Arlene's cultural classes

The children in 2/3/4 Blue have been having cultural lessons with Aunty Arlene. The girls enjoyed making Coolamons with a traditional Aboriginal baby and bush food, as well as digging sticks. The boys have also enjoyed making spears and stone axes.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Last week Gina from the Responsible Pet Program brought her dog Tess in to meet the students and to display the proper way to interactive with dogs. The children learnt how to safely pat a dog they don’t know, and that you have to ask the owner first. They then sung songs about what to do if approached by a stray or unfriendly dog. Thankyou Gina and Tess. Everyone had a lot of fun.
Harmony Day
Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March and celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone, from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. We will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday and students are invited to dress in orange and participate in activities throughout the day.

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia’s diversity. Did you know?
More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.
Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia.
92 per cent of Australians feel a great sense of belonging to our country.

How can you celebrate Harmony Day at home?
Explore the traditional Indigenous owners of your region, find out about their culture online or at your local library. Talk to your kids about your family roots.
Show old photographs of family members and/or tell stories of how they came to be in Australia.
Point out on a world map the different countries that make up their ancestry.
Speak about what belonging and being welcoming, respectful and inclusive mean, e.g. the difference between feeling included or not included.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
We have recently reviewed our Encouraging Positive Behaviour Policy and updated it to reflect our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Program. It was submitted to the P&C last meeting for discussion. It will be implemented at the beginning of next term and the children will begin the new rewards system displayed below.

Whole School Procedures
School rules will be displayed around the school to provide reminders of expected behaviours. Students will also be reminded at assemblies of expectations. To highlight and reward the efforts and achievements of our students the following reward system will be implemented.

Albert Park Public School Positive Behaviour System - Deadly Awards
Every child begins on Bronze, and at the end of each week, children can be awarded 2 deadly awards. These awards are discussed as a class group and decided upon.

Awards - 1. Deadly Learning – awarded for on task behaviour in the classroom during the week
2. Deadly Playground – awarded for excellent playground behaviour during the week

At the end of each term, students could have a total of 20 “deadlies”. If a student has 18 deadlies or more they are entitled to attend the Silver Awards Day at the end of each term. Extra deadlies may be given out to students by the Principal for a targeted behaviour for that week. At the beginning of each new term, students return to Bronze level. If a child has 78 or more deadlies at the end of the year, they are awarded a Gold Award at the Presentation Day Assembly.

Our new school rules are:
Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner

Personal Learning Plans
Next Tuesday our class teachers will be meeting with the parents of our Aboriginal and identified students to update and develop their children’s Personal Learning Plans. These plans assist us in identifying the needs of our students with valuable input from home. Mrs Davies will be ringing parents tomorrow to organise times. A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for you to enjoy with your child.

Jenni Smedley, Principal
We will be having our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April which is the last day of school for Term 1. More information will be given out next week but keep the day free to come and watch the children parade, then join them for lunch and an activities afternoon.

We will also be holding an Easter Raffle to raise funds towards the swimming program at the end of the year. We are asking for a donation of an Easter Egg from each family to put into the baskets. Ticket books will be given our next week and will need to be returned by the Wednesday of Week 10.

P&C MEETING and AGM
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held next Thursday in the school staff room at 3:30 pm. The P&C are asking for nominations for the positions listed below. If you would like to nominate for a position on our P&C, please fill in the attached slip at the end of the newsletter and return to school.

Thank you to all parents who have taken on roles with the P&C over the past 12 months. Your contributions have helped to guide the direction of the school and raise valuable funds. The P&C welcomes all families and any contribution you can make is valued.

Executive Positions for P&C
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Please accept my nomination for position of _________________________ on the Albert Park P&C.

Name __________________________ Signed __________________________ Date ________________

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You and your children are invited to celebrate the Bahá’í New Year in Lismore

Children from local Bahá’í classes (BESS) are taking part in:
A Children’s Art Competition
(theme – “The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens”)

Fun, Songs and Music
Afternoon tea

Saturday 21st March 2015 – 2 PM to about 4.15 PM
Lismore City Library @ 110 Magellan Street, Lismore
Free of charge

For further information please contact Karen Alexander on
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Judith Light
judgethlight@gmail.com
6624 1926 0407 250 934

For catering purposes, please RSVP with numbers attending

Family name .................................................Number of adults ...........
Children’s names ...........................................................................................................
Please send an SMS reminder the day before the event to mobile 04 ..................................

Please return this slip urgently to your Bahá’í Children’s Class teacher.

Celebrating Peace: Drawing competition and exhibition

"The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens"

Draw or paint what the above quotation means to you.

Entry is free. Who can enter?

Three categories: Category 1: All children aged 6 to 8, Category 2: 9 to 12, Category 3: 13 to 15.

Conditions of Entry:

• Only one entry per child, and entries must not be bigger than A3 size.
• Entries are to be sent to 8 Meadows Drive, Lennox Head 2478 by COB 11 April 2015.
• Entrants who’d like to work on their entries with art materials supplied and other kids around can come to the Lismore Library at 110 Magellan St at 2pm on Saturday March 21st and join in the painting session during the Lismore area Bahá’í New Year party.

An award ceremony and exhibition will be held on Sunday 26th April. Venue to be confirmed later.
All entries will receive a certificate of participation and winners in each category will receive a prize.

For more information contact Parvin Mansouri 0481 390 767, parvinmansouri789@gmail.com