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Principal’s Report

Wild Zoo visit
I would like to thank Lismore Primary school for inviting all our primary students to an exciting show and tell session involving a variety of animals. I hope you enjoy reading our students’ articles on this very topic.

Puberty Clues
Thank you to Brooke Greig who conducted a puberty information session this week with our Year 5/6 Class and thank you to Pauline Sanderson and Jon Dally for their assistance.

Walk to School
As part of Walk to School Day, our students have been involved in walking around the oval this week and they also enjoyed a healthy breakfast. Thank you to the Shire for supporting the delicious and healthy breakfast cooked by Sandra Torney and to Fiona Noone and Phoenix who provided their help. The police also conducted a road-safety presentation for our students F-10 and I would like to thank Trudy Marland and John Keats for their effective safety message.

Year 9/10 Camp
Our Year 9 and 10 students are due back later today and they have had a great time. Their teachers reported they could not have behaved any better and that they were great ambassadors for the school. I cannot wait to hear more about their many activities. Thank you to Year 9/10 Coordinator Andrew Stephen and Kristy Riley for ensuring the Melbourne Camp was such a success.

Year 12 Graduation Dinner
Thank you to Casey, Stella, their families and our staff for joining us for the Year 12 Graduation Dinner. We loved the beautiful setting at Mount Elephant and thank our caterer and past principal, Lauren McMennan, for an excellent meal as well as Imogen for her excellent waitressing skills. It was a lovely evening of recollections, acknowledgements and laughter in a relaxed atmosphere. Thank you to all who participated in ensuring the night would be a success and congratulations to Stella and Casey on achieving this milestone.

Derrinallum/Lismore Health survey
Health Promotion Project Officer Gabrielle Gibney is currently distributing a community survey to help inform her work as part of the health promotion team and to plan programs at the Lismore Community Centre. You may complete the survey online following this link or you may pick up a hard copy from our front office or from the Community Op Shop.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LismoreCH

Valerie Lotfy - Acting Principal

Elgata 2018
If you haven’t paid for this year’s Elgata and would like to receive a copy, please pay now to ensure you avoid disappointment. Please contact Janette in the office on 03 55976625 to secure your copy.

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Mr Smith’s Maths Problem of the Week

Congratulations to Alex Poole-Yr 6 who gave me the first correct answer to last week’s problem.

Last week’s question was: I am an even number less than 100
My 2 digits add up to 15
My 2 digits multiply to give an answer of 56
What number am I?
ANS: 78

This week’s problem is: How much money would I have altogether if I had 2 of each type of note and 2 of each type of coin that we use for money?

Students Of The Week

Wednesday Smith for showing support and understanding to fellow classmates.

Nessa Lewis for flipping her thinking.

Alex Poole for his super growth in spelling.

Hunter Pobjie for receiving his pen licence.
MATHS! MATHS! MATHS!

“Can we do Maths all day?” beseached the student. What an attitude change! This student preferred to do almost anything other than Maths at the start of the year. The most important thing this student learnt during Maths Intervention sessions this year was to enjoy Maths. From the enjoyment of Maths flowed the ability to actively engage in Maths. Once engaged with Maths, this student was open to really learning maths. The classroom teacher reported that Maths achievements began to flow back in her lessons.

All the students undertaking the sessions have listed the games as a favourite part of the lessons. A large variety of games have been introduced during the year. Each game gave students an enjoyable finish to each session while practising a particular Maths skill. Place-value understanding, number facts, addition and subtraction are among the skills that have been reinforced by various games. The students got very competitive about many of these games. There has been a large change in attitude among many of the students undertaking the Maths Intervention lessons at Derrinallum P-12 College during 2018. Removing the fear of Maths and even helping students to enjoy maths opens the way to real learning. Mrs Ellis will be continuing to inspire students to embrace Maths learning in 2019.

Zoo Comes To You - Grade 2/3/4

Tawny Frog Mouth
The tawny frogmouth has a yellow beak so when it opens its beak it looks like a flower and the bugs fly into it. The tawny frogmouth can reach 9 to 21 inches in length and 1.5 pounds of weight. The tawny frogmouth is covered with grey, sliver or brown feathers. The tawny frogmouth has a large head, triangular-shaped, slightly hooked beak, large yellow eyes, stocky body and short legs with weak feet.

The Tawny Frogmouth’s scientific name is Podargus strigoides. Known as Nessa and Campbell

Grey Kangaroo
The grey kangaroo’s name was Soupy. He was very soft and cute. He was about 1 year old and stayed in his bag like a pouch, because he was a sook. Nessa, Harley and Kirra were chosen to hold him.
Here’s some facts about Soupy the Kangaroo:
- His species is not endangered.
- His mother got hit by a car and he was found in his mother’s pouch.
- Males are called bulls and females are called does.
- Males are larger than females.
- They are marsupials. By Kirra, Maddison and Neave

Diamond Pythons
The Diamond Python has 120 body muscles. It has diamond shaped scales on its body, that is how it got its name. They can open their mouth 120 degrees. They can eat rats and mice. These beautiful snakes may grow three metres long. They feed on lizards and small birds. By Hunter, Hamish and Jake

Eastern Blue Tongue
The eastern blue tongue lizard is warm blooded. Baby blue tongues can eat crickets, snails and slugs. Blue tongue lizards get to their full size at 3 years of age. Grown up blue tongue lizards eat bananas, apples and carrots. Blue tongues have no teeth so they can swallow their food. By Phoenix Smith and Harley Pobjie

Crocodiles
Crococodiles stay out of the water for sixteen hours of the day and eight hours of the day in the water. Crocodiles can survive without food for three years and not die. Crocodiles have a tough layer of skin and scales. Crocodiles have the strongest jaw in the whole world. Salt water crocodiles can grow up to nine metres long. Fresh water crocodiles can only grow up to three metres long. Crocodiles can hold their breath for ten to fifteen minutes. Crocodiles can live without oxygen for two hours. Crocodiles live for up to two hundred years. By Ripley and Marshall

Goanna/Monitor
The goanna/monitor’s name is Godzilla. He was about a metre and a half long. His scales were hard so snakes didn’t bite into him when he was eating food. Alex and Dillon got to hold him.
Here are some facts about Godzilla:
- They’re the longest lizard in Australia.
- Their saliva has deadly bacteria in it.
- They eat deadly snakes.
- They’re endangered.
- While one monitor provokes a female crocodile from the nesting site, another will dig up the unguarded eggs.

By Neave, Kirra and Maddison

Zoo Comes To You - Grade 5/6

On the 21st of November all the Primary students went to Lismore Primary School and we meet Adam, who was a Zoologist. He cares for lots of animals. First, we saw a blue tongue lizard. It was so big. Then we saw a goanna and Adam said that it eats meat. After we saw the goanna we saw two snakes and they were so big. I got to have one sit around my neck and it was very heavy. Anna got to hold a turtle. After we saw the snakes we saw a frog and she was jumping all around the room. Then he brought out a crocodile and it looked like it was going to eat him. We also saw a tawny frogmouth and it had big eyes like an owl. Then we saw an owl and Austin got to touch it. After we saw all the animals we got to see some mammals. There was a kangaroo, a possum and a koala, which was really fluffy. Emily T and Anna

On Wednesday the P-6’s all went to Lismore Primary School to see The Zoo Comes To You. When we got there we made a tree with leaves and paper bark then we added koalas to it and an animal on the ground. Then we had a short snack break outside with the Lismore students.
After a snack we went into where the animals were. We settled down and met the presenter, Adam, who was pretty funny. After that we met Hector the blue tongue lizard, next the goanna whose name was Godzillia, which I held and his skin was really tough. Then Adam brought in his kangaroo who was a bit of a sook and liked being in his pouch. Then the best was the koala, which was so soft and fluffy. Dillon

On Wednesday the 21st of November the Wild Action Zoo came to Lismore Primary School to show us the animals. The LADADAC people watched it too. The first animal Adam showed us was an eastern blotched blue tongue lizard, which was amazing and some kids were lucky enough to hold it. The next animal he had was a turtle named Terry. Some people held that as well. Godzillia was a goanna and it was massive, some people got to hold him as well. After that Adam pulled out a frog which wanted to jump away. Some other people wanted to hold him as well. The next animal was an eastern diamond back python which was huge, some people wore it as a scarf then he put it away and pulled out a fresh water crocodile. After that he got out a bird called a tawny frogmouth and then he grabbed an owl from its cage. It was called B2. Then he had a baby joey that was in a sack and a ring tailed possum that people could hold as well. Lastly he pulled out a koala named Billy that everyone got to pat. Will

On the 21st of November we went to Lismore to see The Zoo Comes To You. When we got there we made a tree out of bark and then had recess. After recess we got to see the animals, there were twelve animals, a goanna, owl, turtle, tawny frogmouth and others. The presenter, Adam, was funny, he let us hold the animals. They were cool and I got to hold the owl. Its name was B2 and it was soft. By Austyn

On the 21/11/18 all of the Primary students went to Lismore to see the Zoo Comes To You. First we saw a blue tongue lizard called Hecker and he was cool. Next we met a goanna called Godzillia. Dillon and I got to hold it, even though we were barely holding it you could feel how thick the skin was and how heavy he was. Next we met Adam’s eastern python. He was very, very big. Then he brought out his black-headed python, it was pretty big as well. Then he showed us a little frog, it was a very juicy frog but it was cool I guess. Then we saw an owl called B2. Adam said it was something out of a movie. Then we went back to school. Alex

Primary Science – Stained Glass Windows and Slime!

This week many of our Primary students took part in the stained-glass window activity. As part of our Science classes we will be investigating light, and in particular, light filters. Students were required to make their own templates after choosing a basic design and then glue cellophane onto these templates in order to make a decorative piece using multiple colours. As a treat for a great job but it was our students had the opportunity to make slime, only this time with lots of different coloured food dye and glitter to choose from! Simon Mansbridge