Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you have had a safe and enjoyable holiday and are ready for a busy Term 2. We have decided to make a few changes to the way we send home newsletters. Newsletters will be coming home every second Wednesday and have a new format. If you have any comments please call into the office as we welcome any feedback you may have.

School ANZAC Ceremony

This Friday, 24 April 2015 we will be holding a commemorative service at the school commencing at 10:15am. John and Allan will be here to represent the RSL. Members of the SRC are asked to bring flowers to lay during the service.

Staff Development Day

On Monday, while your children were enjoying the last day of their holiday, LPS teachers spent the day at Maclean Public School, with other teachers from the Clarence Valley. Part of the day was spent learning about how different foods, chemicals and additives can impact on children’s behaviour. It was eye opening to see not only how different foods can affect children, but also the amount of sugar that can be hidden in the different foods we eat. The rest of the day was spent learning about ways we can support children who have difficulty managing their behaviour in the classroom.

Kindergarten Dental Checks

Yesterday, students in Kindergarten were given a note with regards Community Health free dental checks. The nurse will be at the school on Tuesday 28 April. Please ensure you have returned your child’s permission and survey note.

NAPLAN

The 2015 NAPLAN testing will take place in Week 4 this term, between Tuesday 12 May and Thursday 14 May. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will complete an assessment of their Reading, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation), Writing and Numeracy. If you have any questions about the process we are happy to answer them. Please see Mrs Menzies.

CAPA

We will not be running the next rotation of our CAPA groups until later in the term. During CAPA time students will be undertaking rehearsals for the Grafton Eisteddfod being held on 26 & 27 May. The school will again be entering choir, instrumental, and choral speaking items, as well as participating in dance for the first time this year.

K—2 Museum

A permission note has been sent home today for all Kindergarten to Year 2 students to attend an excursion to the Lawrence Museum on Tuesday 5 May. Parents / caregivers are invited to attend. Please return the note and payment by Thursday 30 May.

What’s Happening—Dates to remember

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Lawrence Community ANZAC Service

The Lawrence Community service will be held on Saturday 25 April commencing at 5:30am. Students that wish to be involved in the march should assemble at the hall by 5:20am wearing full school sports uniform. Our School Captains will be participating in the ceremony and laying a wreath. Mr Hill will be attending on behalf of Lawrence Public School staff.

Lower Southgate War Memorial Service

There will be an ANZAC Service at Lower Clarence War Memorial on Kelsalls Hill at 3pm on Saturday.

School Plan

Our school plan is coming together and will be published on the school website in coming weeks. Thank you to all those community members who contributed their ideas to what is important at Lawrence Public School so that the programs and direction focusses on what our community needs.

P&C News

Sadly, Peter Smajstr is resigning from his executive Treasurer’s position with the P&C. Nominations will be taken at the next P&C meeting, Monday 11 May. If you are interested in taking on this position please attend that meeting.

Grafton Show

- The P&C have once again been given the opportunity to man the gates at the Grafton Show. This is a great fundraiser for the school and benefits your children enormously. Please volunteer to help out on the gate, a note is attached detailing times needed. Please return the note to the school as soon as possible.

Clarence District Cross Country

The Clarence District Cross Country will be held on Friday 8 May. Qualifying students were given a permission note at the Smalls Schools event and need to return the note and $5.00 levy as soon as possible.

Year 5 Opportunity Class 2016

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 is about to begin. Important dates are as follows:
- **Monday 27 April 2015**: Online applications open
- **Friday 15 May 2015**: Online applications close
- **Wednesday 22 July 2015**: Opportunity Class Placement Test
Parents will be able to access the online application at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement).

Fundraising

Currently we are raising funds to assist with the care of Bryce. There is a Lolly Guessing competition at $1.00 per guess and a raffle, organised by the Lawrence Tavern. Tickets are for sale at the school office for $2.00 each.

Jacqui Menzies
Principal

Canteen 27 April 2015
Duty: Katie Brown and Kerri Anderson.

Community News

These advertisements are accepted in good faith and the school does not vet them. Parents are advised to request further information or credentials from the advertiser, if they seek product use or participation in the activity.

Drumming Lessons

I have vacancies for drum lessons available if your child would like to learn. The cost will be $15 per lesson for one-on-one teaching. Any age can learn and are most welcome.
Can you please contact me on 0428 475 193, if you wish for your child to take part. *Ira Taylor*

Music Lessons

Mrs Mac music lessons are on Friday each week. If you need to contact Sharon, phone 6645 4958.

School Banking

School Banking is on Fridays - please bring your bank book to the office. This year’s theme is Outer Space Savers.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

The Lawrence Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 20 May at 11.30am at the Lawrence Hall. Ross McLeod will be the guest speaker so bring your bells! Any enquires please call Lorna 66477377 or Esther 66477396.

Facts about Otitis Media

- **83%** of children will get Otitis Media by age three.
- The most common age to get Otitis Media is 6 to 24 months.
- **One out of three** primary school children will have a hearing loss at any one time.
- For [Indigenous children](http://www.indigenoushealth.nsw.gov.au/-) it may be as high as 70% at any one time.
- 30% of children between 3-8 years will have many cases of Otitis Media.
- 75% of Indigenous children will have many cases of