Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thanks again for those who provided us with feedback on the changes to our newsletter. It felt a little odd having our first fortnightly newsletter that meant one didn’t go home last week, but so far it seems like a positive change.

Winter Weather

The damp and cooler weather of the season has arrived and with it the beginnings of colds and flu. Please label all clothing with your child’s name to ensure it is returned to them if they warm up during the day and remind them it is their responsibility to take it home. While we understand children may have outgrown last years jumpers and you may be yet to replace them, it is important this occurs as soon as possible so they are in uniform.

If your child is sick, please keep them at home to allow them the best chance of a speedy recovery and to limit the spread of colds and flu through our school. Don’t forget to send a note explaining their absence on their return.

We are already going through lots of tissues and would like children to bring a box or two in for their classroom. These can be handed into the class teacher.

Dance Dress Rehearsal

Ms Clare has sent a note home with relevant students today regarding a dance dress rehearsal on Monday 25 May 2015.

Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our assembly on Monday 11 May.
K/1 – Cody and Bodhi
2/3 – Tahlia, Marcus and Bryce
4/5/6 – Claire, Astrix and Garrett.

Congratulations to our Bronze Award recipients: Zali, Jack, Eloise, Nate, Cody, Lincoln, Bodhi, Willow, Jack Bryson and Ryan.

Poetry created by 4/5/6 was shared with the audience and they also performed skits demonstrating the idea of being proactive.

Our next assembly will be Monday 25 May at 2:00pm which will be a special CAPA assembly to show off our Eisteddfod items. Everyone is welcome.

Mid North Coast Cross Country

Good luck to Mackenna, Taliera, Harrison and Milly who will be competing at the MNC Cross Country at Sawtell on Friday 22 May.

Yr 3 - 6 Excursion

Thank you to all families who have returned their expression of interest forms for school camp. We still have a number of students who have not indicated if they will be attending. We have therefore sent home reminder letters to these students. These need to be returned by Friday so we can finalise numbers with the camp.

Thank you also to the parents who volunteered to help at camp this year. As with previous years we try to take one male and one female parent where possible. Justin Menzies is our male volunteer, and due to multiple female volunteers Sonia Michael was drawn from a hat in front of the school on Tuesday.

The cost of the Yr 3-6 excursion has been set at $250.00 per child. Thank you to those families that have sent in their deposit. Part payments are welcome to allow full payment to be made by the end of term 2. If you will experience any difficulties paying by this time please contact Debbie or myself.

Eisteddfod

All students in Years 2 to 6 plus dance students in Year 1 will be travelling to South Grafton High School to perform in the City of Grafton Eisteddfod on Tuesday 26 May. A permission note has been sent home and needs to be returned by Monday 25 May with $5.00 bus fare per child. A separate note has been sent home with the students in the dance groups.

Please make sure your child has everything they need for the performance along with recess and lunch for the day.

Mufti Day

To assist with the cost of CAPA activities throughout the year we will be holding a mufti day on Thursday 21 May. Please dress as your favourite creative person and bring along a gold coin donation.
Teacher Professional Learning

Our teachers have been out and about attending Professional learning to help them with their roles within the school. This has included:

- Primary Connections, and Science in the classroom (Ms Nelson)
- Cyber Safety (Mrs Menzies)
- Reading (Mr Hill and Ms Nelson)
- David Townsend – Education Master class (Ms Clare and Mrs Menzies)

Teachers will also be attending the Parent Toolbox sessions being held by the Clarence Valley Council. Please see details below.

Parent Toolbox

Clarence Valley Council is running a Fortnight of workshops at different venues around Grafton, Yamba and Maclean that focus on different aspects of parenting. A brochure was sent home last week with information on the different topics being explored, and it’s a great opportunity to seek information on some of the tricky parenting situations that arise with our children. Please note the raising Girls workshop by Steve Biddulph has been moved to Wednesday 3 June from 6:30 - 9:30 at McAuley College.

NAPLAN

Students from Year 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN last week. They applied themselves well and results will be returned to the school and parents later in the year.

Flashing School Zone Lights

During the week commencing Friday 22 May 2015, the RMS is intending to install flashing School Zone lights in Cook Street.

Peer Support

On Monday students took part in our latest Peer Support lesson. Continuing on the theme of “Being Proactive” students focussed on language and actions they can take to be proactive. This involved flipping a negative way of doing something back into a more positive way. Congratulations to our Year 6 students for leading these discussions.

Sausage Sizzle

The sausage sizzle held recently raised $276.20 for Bryce’s family. Thank you to the volunteers who helped on the day and for the donations that were generously given.

Jacqui Menzies
Principal

Premiers Reading Challenge

Lawrence Public School has registered for PRC. PRC is an annual state-wide initiative aimed at improving literacy and to encourage children to read for learning and pleasure. Students must read an allocated number of books which may include up to 5 self select books. Further information can be found on the PRC website or contact Jade or Andrew at the school.


Canteen 1 June 2015 - Duty: Mel Purtill, Michelle Power-Casson & Natalie Ensbe

P&C News

At the last P&C meeting a new treasurer was elected to replace Peter Smajsr; congratulations to Melinda Lee.

Tea Towel Fundraiser - The P&C has decided to sell Tea Towels as a fundraiser, these are very unique and are a great memento. A note was previously sent home for orders, which can be completed and returned with payment to Katie Brown or Debbie at the school office by Thursday 25 June 2015.

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.

Clarence Family Day Care - Margaret Whalan has vacancies for before & after school care and for Thursday for children from 15mths of age. Child care rebate and benefit is available to eligible parents. Phone Margaret on 6647 7198 for further information.