Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 2 is moving along quickly with only four busy weeks to go. I hope that parents / caregivers have the opportunity to attend some of the CVC Parenting Festival workshops throughout June. There are a number of very interesting sessions dealing with families and their dynamics. I had the pleasure of attending Steve Biddulph’s workshop, “Raising Boys” last night and found him to be an engaging speaker, coming away with great ideas. I will be attending the “Raising Girls” workshop tonight.

Winter Weather

The damp and cooler weather of the season has arrived and with it the beginnings of colds and flu. A number of students arrived at school over the past two weeks without jumpers or warm clothes. Please remind your children to wear or pack warm clothing each day. Ensure all clothing is labelled with your child’s name and remind them it is their responsibility to take it home.

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.

Soccer

Lawrence Public School Boys Soccer Team will be playing the first game on Thursday 4 June 2015, at Maclean playing Maclean Public School. Travel will be by private transport. We will be leaving the school at 9:15 am the game commences at 10 am at Wherrett Park.

Hockey - PSSA Girls Knock-out

Lawrence Public School PSSA Girls Hockey team will be travelling to Goonellabah to play their first game on Wednesday 10 June, against Wyrrallah Public School. A note will be sent home at a later date with more information.

Debating

Selected student will today bring home a note to represent LPS in the Premiers Debating Challenge at Grafton PS on Tuesday 9 June. Please ensure the note is returned by Friday 5 June 2015.

Hockey

Congratulations to Ashleigh and Kasey who last week played as part of the NC Hockey team. What a fantastic week the team had, winning most of their games by a convincing margin. The team progressed to the final where they played a fantastic game going down to Polding Catholic School.

Congratulations to Ashleigh who has been selected to play as part of the state team in Perth.

School Nurse

A School Health Nurse from Northern NSW Health District will be at Lawrence Public School on Tuesday 9 June 2015. The nurse provides vision, hearing and speech screening to a targeted population at the school. Students chosen to see the nurse will bring home a note today.

Eisteddfod

Wow! What fantastic talent the students showed at the Grafton Eisteddfod. Our choir came away with a second place, our ensemble a first, the “Shake it Off” dance group a first and the hip-hop dance group earned themselves a second. It was a fantastic day and the students represented the school with pride.

Congratulations to all and a big thank you to Ms Clare and Mr Hill for the work that they put into getting the students ready.

Addams Family

This Friday 5 June, all students will travel by bus to Maclean Civic Centre to see the Maclean HS perform the Addams Family. There is no cost for this event as the bus and ticket entry will be covered by the school.

Please ensure your child has a substantial breakfast as they will not be able to have recess until we return at approx. 12:00pm.

Sausage Sizzle

On Friday 12 June 2015, we will be holding a Sausage Sizzle to assist Ashleigh with her expenses incurred as part of the North Coast PSSA Hockey team. A note has been sent home today and pre-orders with payment is due Wednesday 10 June 2015.
Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our assembly on Monday 25 May.

K/1 – Nate & Willow
2/3 – Kiya, Zoe & Heaton
4/5/6 – Jackson, Jonah, Casey, Taylor and Garrett.

Congratulations to our Bronze Award recipients - Casey, Zoe, Georgie, Justine, Dean B, Trianna, Emily, Orlando, Jocelyn, Heaton and Leilani.

Everyone was entertained by our students performing their Eisteddfod items as part of the CAPA assembly.

Our next assembly will be Tuesday 9 June at 2:20pm with K/1 performing an item. Everyone is welcome.

Yr 3 - 6 Excursion

The Yr 3 - 6 excursion is fast approaching. 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.

Teacher Professional Learning

Teachers have been attending the Parent Toolbox sessions being held by the Clarence Valley Council. Please see details below.

Parent Tool Box

Clarence Valley Council is running 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.

Peer Support

On Monday students took part in our latest Peer Support lesson, looking at Habit 2 “Beginning with the End in Mind”. Students are learning that having an idea of what outcome you want to achieve helps you plan ways to get there. We will continue to work on this focus in coming weeks.

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.


Donations—The P&C always welcomes donations for the canteen. Items needed are small plastic bowls or plates, paper towel, washing up liquid, serviettes, etc. If you have anything to donate please send up to the school office.

P&C News

Athletics Carnival - The P&C will be running a canteen at the Athletics Carnival on Thursday 18 June. Donations of suitable items to sell are needed. If you are able to assist on the day please let Michelle, Melissa or Debbie know.

FOR SALE - The P&C has a Fisher & Paykel 250 litre fridge and a Fisher & Paykel 163 litre chest freezer for sale. They are each priced at $200.00 or near offer. Please contact Michelle if you are interested in these items.

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.

SURVEY - The P&C survey will be sent home later this week to gather information on views about current and possible uniforms. If you wish to have a say in any possible changes please return the survey. This will also be discussed at the next P&C meeting.

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.