Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back. Term 3 is traditionally a very busy term. However as always our focus for the term is to provide the best learning opportunities possible for our students.

Education Week

We would like to extend an open invitation to parents, grandparents and friends to visit our classrooms on Thursday 30 July to join our students in special lessons. Starting at 11:30am students will visit each classroom for a 25 minute mini lesson. Each classroom will focus on a different area of the curriculum. We will then have a special sausage sizzle/ picnic lunch. Preorders for lunch are attached. We hope to see you there.

School Camp

Years 3-6 had a fantastic 3 days at camp last week. A big thank you to Justin and Sonia for all their help throughout the experience. Mr Hill and I were very happy with the behaviour and level of engagement with the activities from all our students. Please read student recounts of activities they were involved in attached.

Sporting Schools

LPS has applied for the sporting schools grant. Last semester we were able to employ Mr Davison to teach our students tennis. This semester the process is slightly different and we will provide more information about how the grant will be used within the school in coming weeks.

School Canteen

Our canteen has been dining a fabulous job upgrading the menu to try to provide healthier options for our students. There has a fabulous variety of food to encourage students to include for fruit, vegetables and dairy in their recess and lunches. In addition most items sold at recess have been kept to a price of 50cents to allow students the opportunity to try different foods and get value for money.

Uniform

Attached to today's newsletter is a survey about the school's uniform. This is an initial enquiry to help us investigate if the community is interested in making any judgments to the look of our uniform.

PSSA Girls Hockey

Our girls hockey team played Westlawn Public School in the second round of the PSSA competition on Monday. Despite a gallant effort they went down 5-1. Well done for your efforts during the game.

Small Schools’ PSSA Athletics Carnival

The small schools’ athletics carnival is tomorrow, Thursday 23 July 2015, commencing at 9:00am. A canteen will run at the SS carnival. Students will need to wear full sports uniform and be sun safe, wear a hat and sunscreen.

Premier’s Spelling Challenge

The school has registered to compete in the Premier’s Spelling Challenge. Interested students will be offered a list of words shortly.

Premier’s Debating Challenge

Last Tuesday, the first day of term, the debating team headed to Maclean PS for round 3 and 4 of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. They debated the topics ‘All parents should buy their children pets’ and ‘We should ban all unhealthy food and drink advertising’. They have improved their debating skills, however were beaten in both debates.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be Monday 27 July at 2:20pm with 4/5/6 presenting an item. Everyone is welcome.

Jacqui Menzies
Principal
Premier’s Reading Challenge & Parent Sessions
Survey
Congratulations to Dean, Heaton, Leni, Orlando and Maddison for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Children who complete the challenge will receive an icy pole, a class award and a special Premier’s Reading Challenge award later this year. Well done!

In conjunction with Education Week, the library will be opening before school on Tuesday and Wednesday from week 3 (8.30 - 8.55). Children will be allowed to use the space for quiet reading and homework. Ms Clare will be supervising if children require assistance with their homework. Also, parents and carers will be welcome to come and read with their children during this time. If this interests you please remember to sign in at the office.

The Learning Support Team are going to run parent sessions around homework and learning. A survey has been attached for parents and carers to complete. Please have them returned by Friday 31 July 2015. Sessions will run at a later date this term, depending on parent needs.

Jade Clare


Canteen 10 August 2015 - Duty: Mel Purtill, Michelle Power- Casson and Melinda Lee.

P&C News

Athletics Carnival - Thank you to everyone that helped at the carnival and/or supplied items to sell.

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. The final date has been extended and we will advise after the next P&C meeting.

SURVEY - The P&C wish to gather information on views about current and possible uniforms. A survey is attached to allow you to have a say about uniforms. Please complete and return by Friday 7 August 2015.