Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week I will be travelling to Coffs Harbour to participate in the annual North Coast Primary Principals Association Conference. This is a great opportunity to network with colleagues from across Northern NSW as well as be updated in recent research and programs to impact on student learning. In my absence please see Mr Hill or Ms Nelson with any concerns.

Surveys

In the first Newsletter of the term, 2 surveys were sent home. The first was a questionnaire for the P&C about the school uniform. The second from Ms Clare about helping students with school work. Both are an opportunity to input into the direction the school takes on different issues and we appreciate everyone who sent them back. It's not to late to have your say so if you haven't yet returned them please consider doing so.

CSI 2016

South Grafton High School will be running the CSI (Clarence Science Initiative) again in 2016 for Gifted and Talented Year 5 and 6 students. Students sit an entrance test, and if successful attend science lessons at SGHS once a fortnight. We currently have three Year 6 and one Year 5 student involved in the program this year. If you are interested in your child taking part next year please see the office for an application form. Important dates for applications are outlined below:

- 20/8/2015 Information evening held at SGHS Library from 5.30-6.00pm.
- 31/8/2015 Applications for CSI 2016 close at 3.00pm.
- 11/9/2015 Entry testing day SGHS Hall 9am -12pm.
- 02/11/2015 Students advised this week of outcome of application.

Education Week

We had a fabulous day on Thursday last week celebrating the diversity of education by taking part in taster lessons across the school. Thankyou to the family and friends who joined us. In Ms Nelson’s room students worked with soft pastels to create a quick art project. Mr Hill’s room had a musical vibe with everyone using instruments to create a piece of music. Outdoors we had a tennis lesson with Mr Davison. We then used the iPads to create a puppet show in the library with Mrs Menzies. The sausage sizzle was a tasty way to finish the day, and a huge thankyou to Michelle, Annette, Sharon M and Mel P for cooking and serving all those delicious sandwiches. We raised $330.60 for the Year 6 Farewell.

P&C Tea Towel Fundraiser

Have you ordered the school tea towel yet?? Students will be creating the drawings and the order will be sent away shortly. If you haven’t yet purchased this great souvenir please get your order in ASAP. We are still looking for approximately 10 orders to ensure we have enough for the run. They would make a great present for family and friends. Payment can be made at the office.

Year 6 MHS Orientation

Next Wednesday 12 August, students in Year 6 will be travelling by bus to Maclean High School for the third of four orientation days. Students will be involved in workshops at the high school. Cost of the bus is subsidised by the high school and each student must pay $4.00. Permission notes were sent home today and need to be returned with payment by Tuesday 11 August.

Hockey

Ashleigh is away with the State Hockey team this week at Mt Claremont, WA. The team started the week with a win and has since remained undefeated. Ashleigh even scored the first goal for the state side. We wish her luck with the remainder of the week.

Small Schools’ Big Impact Concert

LPS will be taking part in the Small Schools’ Big Impact Concert again this year. There has been a change of venue, with students having the opportunity to perform at the Saraton Theatre on the 26th of August. Tickets went on sale this week and need to be purchased from the theatre. They will cost $3 each. More information about our individual performance, including costumes and rehearsals will be sent home shortly, although as in previous years students will have a base of black long leggings and long sleeve t-shirts that the costume will then be built upon.

Premier’s Spelling Challenge

Students will take part in the Premier’s Spelling Challenge this year, with the school based competition taking place during Week 8 this term. While all stage 1, 2 and 3 students will take part at school, it is the winning students in stage 2 and 3 who will then go on to the regional level at Maclean Public School on 17 September 2015. There are lists of words available to practice should your child want them.
Clarence District PSSA Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to Kai, Jackson, Alec, Kasey, Jarret, Angus, Jimmy, Kye, Kailah, Mackenna, Taliera, Makina, Milly, Heaton, Olivia, Zahli, Georgie and Shayla for being chosen to represent the Clarence Small Schools at the District carnival on Wednesday 29 and Friday 31 July. The following students were successful in being chosen to compete at the Mid North Coast Carnival—Alec, Jarret, Milly, Angus, Jimmy, Shayla, Zahli, Taliera, Mackenna, Kai, and Jackson. They need to return their note and PSSA levy ASAP. We wish them the best of luck.

Science Show
South Grafton High School will be travelling to LPS to hold a travelling science show on 13 August to celebrate National Science Week. The theme is “Making Waves, the Science of Light”. A note to participate is attached to today’s newsletter.

Science Day
Year 5 and 6 will travel to South Grafton High School on Wednesday 19 August to inspire our students scientifically. As with the science show the theme is “Making Waves, The Science of Light”. A permission note will be sent home shortly.

NERAM
It is University of New England School Acquisitive Art Prize time again! This year there were 707 entries. Lawrence Public School students Lincoln, Cody, Sonny, Nate, Selba, Willow, Bodhi, Ryan, Georgie and Jackson entered an artwork. There were 62 finalists selected for the “Let’s Hang It! Exhibition. Congratulations to Kindergarten students Selba and Nate for their wonderful success in the Exhibition. Selba’s artwork titled ‘My Family’ was Runner Up in the Infants School Division and Nate’s ‘Ladybirds’ was awarded the prestigious Director’s Choice Award. Their artworks will hang in the New England Regional Art Museum in Armidale for the next few weeks. The Exhibition highlights a high standard of technical skill as well as creative expression by students from New South Wales schools. Sharon Nelson

Assembly
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our assembly on Monday 27 July.
K/1 – Eloise & Scott.
2/3 – Orlando, Shayla and Emily.
4/5/6 – Alec, Mekaylah and Taliera.
Congratulations to our Bronze Award recipients - Bryce, Tahlia, Marcus, Kane, Mackenna, Mekaylah, Thalia, Rose, Taliera, Isabel, Harrison, Claire, Ashleigh, Kailah, Milly, Kasey, Jaz, Jackson, Dean, Jonah, Kye and Jarret.
Everyone was entertained by 4/5/6 reading poems and recounts of camp. Our next assembly will be Monday 10 August at 2:20pm with 2/3 presenting an item. Everyone is welcome.
Jacqui Menzies
Principal

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Olivia and Trianna for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. Ms Clare would like all completed forms to her no later than Friday 14 August. Thank you. Jade Clare

Canteen 10 August 2015 - Duty : Mel Purtill, Michelle Power - Casson and Melinda Lee.
Canteen 17 August 2015 - Duty : Mel Purtill, Natalie Ensbey and Michelle Power –Casson.

P&C News
Raffle - Each family will today receive a book of ten raffle tickets for the end of year raffle. This will give plenty of time for families to sell their book. Please return book and money as soon as it is sold. Also extra books are available if you would like to sell more.

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.
SURVEY - A survey was sent home recently to allow you to have a say about uniforms. Please complete and return by Friday 7 August 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.

Community Musical Fellowship - Everyone is welcome at the Lawrence Public Hall on Sunday 16 August 2015 at 9:00am for the Community Musical Fellowship. Followed by a morning tea, this event is organised & presented by the combined churches of Lawrence.

Jessica Wright Hair Studio 308 Kings Creek Rd, Lawrence 0439752586 Talk or text for an appointment.