Dear Parents and Caregivers
Welcome to our Week 8 newsletter. I begin on a personal note to let you know I have been experiencing some health issues with my eyes that I am working through, and will require ongoing treatment over the next few months. As a result I may have some short absences from school. However students from my class will be working on their regular classroom program during these times and we will endeavour to ensure they have consistent casual teachers taking class.

Teacher Professional Learning
Our teachers have continued to be involved in a lot of professional learning over the past few weeks, that will have a positive impact on your child’s learning. This has included training in a program called 7 Steps to Writing Success. We were taught some fantastic strategies to support children to write texts that engage a reader and fulfils their purpose. We can’t wait to try the techniques we’ve learnt in the classroom. Ms Nelson and Mrs Watkins attended a workshop on iPads and literacy. In addition, I have attended a number of meetings to help us continue to implement the many reforms to education, public schools are currently engaged with.

Small School Big Impact Concert 26 August
We hope everyone enjoyed the Small Schools Big Impact Concert last Wednesday night. One of the most special things about our performance was the commitment of everyone involved. Our teachers, as always, spent a lot time inside and outside school hours, planning the item, creating the costumes, working with students and getting things ready. We are so lucky to have teachers that go above and beyond. You can be very proud of your children’s performance. To coincide with Fruit and Vegie Month Lawrence Public School participated in THE BIG VEGIE CRUNCH. The vegie crunching record attempt on Thursday the 27th of August at 11am. Remember that vegies can be a part of your child’s crunch and sip!

Fruit & Veg Month
Lawrence Public School celebrated Fruit and Veg month from Monday 24 August to Friday 18 September. Schools around NSW will be participating. This year’s theme is ‘Let’s Go Green!’. ‘Let’s Go Green’ is all about eating more fruit and vegetables (of course!) and being sustainable with food waste.

As part of this a lunch box challenge will be sent home each week with every child. As children complete the challenge class teachers will hand out class awards at their discretion. Also as children bring in vegetables as part of their crunch and sip, special stickers will be added to their class vegie chart. At the end of the month the class with the most stickers will receive a special class award!

Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to Jarret and Alec, who had a successful North Coast Athletics Carnival. They both achieved 8th in their long jump, a fantastic effort.

Practicum Teacher
We have been lucky enough to have Victoria Haynes completing her practicum experience from the University of New England over the last few weeks. She has been working with the 2/3 class and Mr Hill, doing a great job teaching the students. Her last day at LPS will be 11 September and we have greatly enjoyed having her work as part of our team.

Tea Towel fundraiser
The students have drawn the pictures for the P&C tea towel fundraiser. If you haven’t yet purchased your tea towel you can do so this week.

P&C Father’s Day Stall
Our P&C will be holding a Fathers day stall on Thursday 3 September at recess. Students can purchase a gift for their father with items ranging from $3 to $10 in price per gift. Please support this fundraiser and help make Fathers Day special.
**Touch Football Gala Day**

Year 3-6 students and interested Year 2 students will participate in a touch football Gala Day on Friday 4th September. Students will travel to and from the venue by bus with a permission note being sent home last week. Just a reminder there will be a canteen available for students to purchase items from on the day. Students should wear full sports uniform, sunblock and their hats. They also need to remember to bring plenty of water to keep hydrated.

**Milo T20**

All students in Years 3 to 6 and any interested students in Year 2 will be travelling to JJ Lawrence Fields to play in a MILO Cricket T20 Blast Cup Gala Day on Friday 11 September, 2015. The students will travel to JJ Lawrence Fields with Mr. Davison and Mr. Hill. The cost of the bus will be $5 per student. A permission note has been given to students today.

**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.

**Assembly**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our assembly on Monday 31 August.

K/1 – Willow and Selba.

2/3 – Bradley, Noah and Ethan.

4/5/6 – Jazlynn and Claire.

Congratulations to our Bronze Award recipient - Bradley Clark and our Silver Award recipients: Ethan Spears, Emily Kane, Jocelyn Menzies, Tahlia Wachs, Noah Anderson and Jack Warner. Congratulations to our first Gold recipients Bryson Lee, Ryan Lloyd and Jack Warner.

Our next assembly will be Monday 14 September at 2:20pm with 4/5/6 presenting an item. Everyone is welcome.

Jacqui Menzies
Principal

**Canteen 7 September 2015** - Duty: Michelle Power - Casson, Sharon Martin and Camille Watterson.


**P&C News**

**Raffle** - Each family recently received a book of ten raffle tickets for the end of year raffle. 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 163 litre chest freezer for sale. It is priced at $200.00 or near offer. Please contact Michelle if you are interested in this item.

**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.

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

**Flower Show**

Lawrence flower show will be at the Lawrence Hall on Saturday 12 September 2015. Entries from 9am til 11am. The Public is welcome from 1:30pm. There is a small entry fee which includes afternoon tea.

**Maclean Olympic Pool**

Swimming lessons commence Monday 12/9/15

Classes available:

- Learn to Swim
- Stroke Development
- Squad training
- Mum's & Babes
- Pre School classes
- Aqua Fit

Days available:

- Lessons: Monday - Thursday & Sat Squad: Monday - Thursday afternoons Squad: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat mornings

All enquiries Michelle 0427 622 44

**Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre** have a number of Holiday Programs for children aged 7-15 these school holidays.

Programs include a Residential Camp, Kids Club, Sailing, Surfing and Laser Skirmish.

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