Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week our teachers have taken part in training about the Soundwaves program we run across the school with Gulmarrad and Palmers Island Public Schools. It was a great opportunity to enhance our teaching of spelling and I have included information below about the program.

Sound Waves
The spelling program our school runs is a phonics based program called Soundwaves. It teaches students to listen to the sounds in words (these are called phonemes) and record them with the correct letter or letters (these are called graphemes. Years 1 - 6 will be working on the same sound. Kindergarten are learning a sound a day this term. This week they are learning words based on the k sound.

Volunteers
At LPS we value those parents who give up their time to help out with the programs we run in the school. This may be in classrooms, with the Dehuti Maths or Multillit programs, in our canteen, working as part of the P&C or even driving students to venues. We appreciate all that you do to help our school provide the best possible learning environment for our students and we look forward to your continued support in our school. If you can help out please let your class teacher know.

Canteen
The Canteen will reopen for 2016 next week! There will be lots of changes this year, beginning with a change in menu, and a trial change in day. Canteen will now be held each Tuesday. Students still need to submit their lunch orders before school and can purchase goodies for recess as well. Helpers are urgently required, and if you are able to donate some of your time please see the office and let them know your availability. Each week the menu will have standard items, consistently available and 3 options that will change each canteen day. We will advertise the optional items in the newsletter the week before. The menu of standard items will go home on Friday. This weeks additional options will be:
1. Home made chicken nuggets and air fries $4.00
2. Spaghetti Bolognese $3.00
3. Tacos with mince and salad $2.50 each
Prices for additional items will vary weekly according to their cost to the canteen so check your newsletter each week. Feedback for changes is welcome, and we will be happy to discuss it at our P&C meetings.

Art Gallery
LPS has been lucky enough to be accepted as part of an art program being run by the Grafton Art Gallery. An art teacher visits our school once a fortnight for the first two terms to work with the year 4, 5 and 6 children on an art project. Their work will be hung in the gallery at the conclusion of the unit. Their second lesson was held yesterday afternoon.

Assembly
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates at our assembly on Monday 15 February.
K/1 – Grace, Jake, Rihan, Ava, Cooper, Diesel Tyrone, Neveah, Shayleika and Nate.
2/3/4 – Maddison, Trianna and Bryson.
Congratulations to our House Captains, SRC members and Swimming Champions.
Hawks – Nelsen & Casey
Eagles – Angus & Amelia
Semester 1 SRC – Tayla, Domanik, Mackenna Porta, Bryson, Olivia, Justine.

Our next assembly will be held on Monday 29 February at 2:20pm with 2/3/4 presenting an item. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Annual Update of Details
Today, each student, except Kindergarten and new students, will bring home three notes. These are annual updates of our Publication of Students Work or Photographs and our Video Conferencing Permission, and an update of Student Details. Please complete for each student and return by Friday 4 March 2016.

Swimming Carnival
The Clarence District Swimming carnival will be held on Thursday at Grafton Swimming pool. We wish our students that gained selection to this carnival the best of luck.

Parent Online Payment System
In the past there has been some issues when paying online using a mobile device. Westpac have been working hard to rectify this problem and advise that parents may now use mobile devices to use the $Make a Payment link from the school website.
P & C
The next P&C meeting will be the AGM followed by a general meeting on Monday 14 March at 6:00pm in the library. At the AGM all executive positions are declared vacant and nominations are taken to fill them for 2016. If you are interested in holding an executive position please ensure you nominate.

Jacqui Menzies
Principal

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