LENNOX HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL
A dynamic and caring learning community

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2013

What’s Coming Up!

Week 4
Thu 21 Feb  Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Parent Information Night 5.30pm
Fri 22 Feb  Zone Boys Cricket

Week 5
Mon 25 Feb  Zone Girls Cricket
Tue 26 Feb  FNC Zone Swimming Carnival – Ballina
Wed 27 Feb  P&C Welcome BBQ
Thu 28 Feb  Student Leaders Induction 12 noon (Please note change of date)

Week 6
Tue 5 Mar  Pancake Day
Wed 6 Mar  Regional Swimming Carnival – Coffs Harbour
Thu 7 Mar  District AFL

Weekly Achievement Awards

Arameia Moore  KL  Gus Schirmer  K/1N
Sophie Ranyard  KH  Sofia Rezai-Smyth  1CT
Shay Buffery  1J  Lily Boyd  2M
Siobhan Kelly  2H  Zoe Gaskell  3E
Jessica Harper  3/4C  Zoey Cutts  4M
Belle Powick  5/6W  Shaye Hutchings  5/6S
Zain Smallcombe  Library

Producing Excellent Citizens

Student of the Week

Our student of the week is a sensible older sibling who has been a caring buddy to our new Kindergarten students. She is a keen reader who regularly participates in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, always presents quality work in the classroom and is a great team player who always encourages others.

She displays our three key values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity at all times. She is a positive role model in our school, in the classroom and the local community. Congratulations Willow Begg.

Senior Boys 50m Relay Team

Senior Girls 50m Relay Team
From the Principals desk

Young Leaders Induction
The annual induction of young school leaders is now scheduled for Thursday, February 28 at 12 noon. This is a most important event in the school calendar and all parents and friends are invited to attend this special occasion.

Three Key Values
One of the delights of being a teacher is watching children in our care become self-confident and able to enjoy the challenges they will encounter on their journey through life. Schools and individual teachers in schools are a major influence alongside parents, peers and the media in developing values in young people. Learning about ethics helps students understand their own values and how they make decisions about what is right and wrong in any situation.

At Lennox Head Public School we hold three key values as indicators of how we develop positive relationships within in our school learning community. These key values are Respect, Responsibility and Integrity. Put simply these values are about, treating other people like you want them to treat you, taking charge of our own behaviour and being honest and trustworthy.

These values continue to be an integral part of learning for all students as part of every day school life. I would encourage you as parents and carers to talk with your children about these key values and share your insights and understanding with them.

Peer Support Program
Lennox Head Public School will again be running a peer support program during Term 1 of 2013. Students in Years 1 – 6 will participate each week in the program starting this Thursday. Each week an overview of what has been covered will be included in the newsletter.

The program is based on Speaking Up: This module supports students to develop skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to make a positive contribution to the creation and maintenance of a safe school environment.

Speaking Up focuses on developing the following skills:

✓ decision making
✓ problem solving
✓ assertiveness
✓ empathy
✓ relationship building.

Speaking Up is an experiential, skills based learning module designed to engage students as it addresses the issues of bullying behaviour in a whole school context. Key features of Speaking Up include the range of strategies for all members of the school community to make a positive contribution to reducing the incidence of bullying behaviours.

The whole school approach advocated entails reinforcing a range of positive initiatives within the school which emphasise and encourage positive behaviours, in addition to developing appropriate policy and procedures to address bullying behaviours when they occur. A whole school approach also emphasises the critical importance of developing strong partnerships with parents. When this strategy is implemented, schools are able to harness the commitment and energy of the whole school community and consequently increase the likelihood of successfully reducing bullying behaviours.

Addressing bullying behaviours takes time, commitment and consistency. However, through the careful application of a whole school approach and the implementation of the Peer Support Foundation anti-bullying modules, significant reductions in bullying behaviours can be achieved.

A brochure is being sent home with this newsletter.

Newspapers in Education
Students in Stage 3 will again be invited this year to participate in the Newspapers in Education (NIE) Competition. Lennox Head Public School has been recipients of past NIE awards so students will have big boots to fill.

Some of the benefits of the program include:

- Helping children be involved with Newspapers which improves literacy and promotes reading.
- Children enjoy seeing their work published in the newspaper.
- Helping children to be creative with stories and photographs.
- The excitement of the award ceremony and the possibility of winning some fantastic prizes for their school.

The program also helps promote our school in the broader community.

Ron Ritchie
School Leader

Thought for the week

The difference between school and life? In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.
Tom Bodett

RECOGNISING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Gold Cards
Stella Paff
Ethan Skennar
Emily Binder

Three Respects in Action – Dolphin Slips
Dolphin slips are given to children for demonstrating the three Key Values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity in the playground. Draws are made each week from the Dolphin Slip box. Each child receives a canteen voucher.

Taj Linton
Noah McIntosh

Congratulations on being great role models.

Stella Paff
Ethan Skennar
Emily Binder

Two Respects in Action – Gold Cards
Gold Cards are given to children for demonstrating the two Key Values of Respect and Originality.

Roberto Pennington
Tella Paff

Congratulations on being great role models.

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Teaching Respect and Responsibility

The Bear Award is given to the class that demonstrates the best listening and participation skills during the weekly assembly.

Week: 3  Class: 2M

Well done

Peer Support Groups Term 1 Week 4

Today was the first day of Peer Support groups. Children have been put into mixed aged groups, with Stage 3 leaders. Children contribute to their group at their age and stage level in both discussion and activities.

Session 1 was a getting to know you activity, followed by developing group agreements on ways to have fun and work well together. Finally, there was a discussion about anti-bullying and about bystander behaviour against bullying.

You might see these activity sheets come home today, which will give you ideas to support your child if they discuss Peer Support groups with you.

Student Welfare Team

We will show respect to each other.

We support one another at all times.

We will all try to make our school safer.

Sports Bits

Results from the District Swimming Carnival held at Ballina last Friday February 15:

Nathan Mackenzie: 1st 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly, Individual Medley, Relay, 2nd Breaststroke

Flynn Whitney: 1st Breaststroke and Relay, 2nd 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly, Individual Medley, and 4th 100m Freestyle.

Karina Hartley: 2nd 50m Freestyle, Relay, 3rd 100m Freestyle, Butterfly and Relay. 4th Backstroke and Individual Medley

Dembe Ryan: 1st 50m Freestyle
Oden Wauchope: 3rd 50m Freestyle
Ryan Kernaghan: 2nd 50m Freestyle and Relay, 4th Backstroke

Bodhi Minahan: 3rd 50m Freestyle
Indiya Ledingham: 3rd 50m Freestyle

Flynn Bosselmann: 1st Backstroke and Relay, 2nd 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley

Hazel Rogers: 1st 50m Freestyle, 2nd Relay and 4th in Breaststroke
Shea McEvoy: 1st Relay, 2nd Breaststroke, 50 Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke and Butterfly

Tilly Silvers - 2nd Breaststroke.
Bailey Whitney: 1st 50m breaststroke, 4th Butterfly
Renna Bolger: 2nd 50m Backstroke and Relay

Blake Kernaghan: 1st Relay and 2nd 50m Backstroke
Khyan Weir: 3rd 50m Butterfly, 4th Individual Medley
Nyxxie Ryan: 2nd Butterfly and Relay, 4th Individual Medley

Annabelle Miller: 2nd Relay
Gabrielle Phillips: 2nd Relay
Ruby De Plater: 2nd Relay
Mia Schirmer: 2nd Relay
Russell Asser: 1st Relay
Sean Hartley: 1st Relay

All students who competed at the District Carnival should be congratulated on their great effort. Well Done!

Good luck to all students who will be competing at the Zone Carnival on Tuesday February 26 at Ballina. Please return all permission notes to the office ASAP.

Library News

Thank you to Shea McEvoy and past students Lucy and Max McDermott for donating books to the Library.
P&C Items

P&C Family Welcome BBQ
The Lennox Head Public School P&C is hosting a “Welcome BBQ” on Wednesday February 27 for all families who have joined our school community within the past year. It’s a great opportunity to meet and chat with our Principal and P&C families over a free BBQ dinner. It is a chance to find out more about how things work in our school, including our P&C and have your questions answered in an informal setting. Please return your RSVP by Friday February 22.

We are also in need of some helpers for the BBQ if you are able to help out please contact Julie Binder 0438 875 350

How you can become involved in your school
A note went home earlier this week about how you can get involved in your school. There are many different ways to be involved. If you can help in any way please fill out the note and return to the office.

Volunteer needed for Ethics Classes
Do you like getting kids talking and listening to their opinions? Are you open-minded and love questioning the trickier issues in life? Are you waiting for an opportunity to volunteer your skills and contribute to the school community?

If yes then please consider applying to be a volunteer teacher for Ethics classes. If you’ve worked with groups or young children before or have a degree in a relevant field or are a teacher. Primary Ethics need you to help deliver ethics classes to students at Lennox Head Public School. It involves 2 days of training on March 2 and 3, a commitment to teach 30 minutes each week of the school term, and the curriculum is provided (prep time is needed). Interested? Visit www.primaryethics.com.au for more information.

Contact the Ethics Coordinator for Lennox Head Public School – P&C member Tracey Power 6687 4715 or 0424 433415

Community Announcements

Lennox Head Dolphins
Junior Rugby League
Sign on – Williams Reserve
Dates - 23 Feb – 9am to 12pm
Ages 5-16
Registration - $95, including shorts, socks and Dolphins shirt
For more Information contact Nicky Purcell on 0432 623 977 or Mark Whitney on 0421 194 886

Lennox Head Rugby Club Junior
Registration 2013
Wednesday 27 February 5pm – 6pm
Wednesday 6 March 5pm – 6pm
Williams Reserve Lennox Head
Under 7s (born in 2006) to under 17s (born in 1996)
All Welcome
Inquiries – Richard Walkom 0414 881 684

GOD MORNING CLUB
Thursday Mornings 8am - 9am (during term)
St. John’s Anglican Church Lennox Head
(Cnr. of Fern St and Byron St)
A before school program for Year 1 - Year 6, filled with games, activities, and a Christian Story.
A small weekly donation to cover craft supplies is appreciated.
Term 1 Commenced: Thurs 14 February
For more information please phone - 6686 2094

Lennox Head Junior Rugby League Club Inc.
Registration 2013
Saturday 23 February – 10am till 1pm
Thursday 28 February – 5pm till 7pm
@ Ballina Seagulls Club – Kingsford SmithPark, Bentinck Street, Ballina. All welcome. Enquiries to Kelly Email – ballinajrl@hotmail.com

Our healthy canteen

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- Please ensure that you put the full class name on your child’s lunch order bag to ensure your child gets the correct order.
- At this stage bunlets are not available.
- Remember Sushi orders need to be in by Tuesday. Please see me for Sushi flavors if you are unsure.

Thank you, Sue Tatum Ph: 66877141