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A dynamic and caring learning community

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THURSDAY 8 MAY 2014

What’s Coming Up!

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13-15 May  Club Lennox

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22 May  Biggest Morning Tea
23 May  Walk Safely to School Day

Sports Bits
School Cross Country Results
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Lily Moore
Piper Silvers
Chloe Thirkell

5 Years Boys
Kye Walker
Taj Thompson
Hayden Burt
Sunny Lines

6 Years Girls
Grace Miller
Jamilah Bikoumou
Lila Paff
Taina Santos

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Shayna Elliot
Mikayla Alexander

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Dembe Ryan
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Beau Jordon
Tom Anderson

10 Years Girls
Brianna Watkins
Elodie Crichton
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Jacob Lester
Ryan Kernaghan
Bryn Walshaw

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Ella Jean Cutts
Keeley Johnson

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Syl De Wit
Khyan Weir
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Member of “From the Plateau to the Sea” Learning Community – A group of remarkable schools
From the Principal’s Desk

Next week Australian children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

The program first implemented in 2008 has drawn some criticism from a number of different quarters, particularly in regard to the use of the information gained through the NAPLAN tests. You’ve probably heard a number of different viewpoints expressed in the media over the last few weeks.

Michael Grose suggests that you view the NAPLAN tests as **good learning experiences** rather than dreaded pressure tests.

See them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities for them to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. **It’s also worth remembering that many children don’t stress over these tests.** The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his stride here are some tips to help prepare your child or young person for the NAPLAN tests:

1. **Take your cues from your child:** If your child doesn’t worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn’t exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.

2. **Focus on doing their best & trying hard:** Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.

3. **Listen to any concerns they have:** If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a ‘get over it’ response. “Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them.” Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.

4. **Give them some relaxation ideas:** Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5. **Help them retain their perspective:** One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what’s the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will stay rise tomorrow, if they don’t do as well as they’d like. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it’s going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.

School Attendance

Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child’s teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you’re having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child’s teacher or principal.


Ron Ritchie
School Leader

Thought for the week

Like success, failure is many things to many people. With Positive Mental Attitude, failure is a learning experience, a rung on the ladder, a plateau at which to get your thoughts in order and prepare to try again.

W. Clement Stone

Library Events

Book Club

All orders must be in tomorrow. No late orders please.

CWA

If you need information please see Mrs Blair.

National Simultaneous Reading

On Wednesday the 21 May at 11 am, some classes will be participating in reading ‘Too Many Elephants In This House’ by Ursula Duborsarsky. This book will be read simultaneously at this time across schools, public libraries and online.

Biggest Morning Tea

The school will be participating in this event again this year. If your child would like to participate they are asked to bring in $2 and for that they will receive a drink and home banked goodies. We are asking years 1 and 2 to donate baked goodies this year to make our morning tea a success.

Thank you for your support.

Theme Parks Vouchers

Discount to theme park vouchers on the Gold Coast are available - expire date 30 June 2014. See office for details.
ANZAC Day Assembly

Last week the school commemorated ANZAC Day. Two war veterans came to our school for the school assembly. We had one minutes silence and heard the last post. Lest we Forget.

By 3A

2W spoke about the importance of ANZAC Day and had this to say about the assembly.

“We remembered all of the soldiers who protected our country” Felix
“We sang a song ‘Lest We Forget’ Tom
“Two guests that were in the war came to talk to us” Astrid
“We had one minute silence” Body
To remember all of the solders” Chaise

Music Students

Just a reminder that students need to bring their instruments to school on their lesson day, regardless of what other activities they have at school.

For example; next week Years 3 and 5 students will have Naplan testing. Those students will still need to bring their instrument to school.

Thank you,
Fiona Clarke

P&C Items

Hope all Mums have a wonderful Mother’s Day.

Reminder the next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May at Club Lennox – 6:30pm. All welcome. Hope to see you there!

Kerren - President

Community Announcements

Lennox Head Preschool Trivia Night
Saturday July 26th

7pm start at Club Lennox - 80’s Theme

Tickets - $10 / person- Tables of 6-8 people

Come along for a night of great costumes and laughs to support the Lennox Head Community Preschool. All booking must be made with payment by the 11th July.

Please contact the preschool to book your table now.
Phone: 0266877105,
Email: mail@lennoxheadcommunitypreschool.com.au

Address: 21 Mackney Lane Lennox Head (best contact hours are Tuesday-Thursday 8.15-4.15)

Reminder

As the weather has now turned cooler – a reminder that children need to wear bottle green jumpers to school – not rugby league hoodies or other jumpers.

Jumpers are available to places such as Big W, Best & Less, K-Mart.

If you require a jumper with a school logo, please go to Big River.
Our healthy canteen

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Thank you, Sue Tatum Ph: 66877141