Producing Excellent Students

Student of the Week

Our student of the week is a sporty student who displays our three key values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity. He is a role model to fellow students and always has a smile on his face. He is a keen canteen helper and a talented speller, making it into the spelling bee final this year.

Tate has represented our school in a number of sports by making it to regional level athletics for discus, zone level for rugby league and he has been an important player in a number of school teams.

Congratulations Tate Spencer

Honour Students – Polo Baker and Lila Paff

Bucket of Books Awards

November – Sophie Gaskell and December – Tyler Adamson
From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations everyone on a fantastic year!

I can honestly say I am very proud to presently lead such a fantastic group of students and staff. We are incredibly lucky to live in such a great close knit community which actively supports and assists each other. This ultimately helps to ensure the success of our students across their varied interest areas.

- Some notable highlights this year have included a considerable number of students who have represented our school at state level in sporting events, and academic fields.
- Our school band has continued to go from strength to strength and has continued to represent our school with pride. Well done to Mark Whitney and Fiona Clarke for their dedication to this.
- Our school concert last term was a testament to the wonderful talents of both students and staff. It was highly received by all who were able to see it and you should all be immensely proud of your efforts.
- We continue to achieve excellent results in the Kindergarten L3 program.
- Our NAPLAN results indicate that quality teaching is occurring in all stages with considerable growth in many areas. Well done to both students and teachers.

I would like to thank everyone for their involvement and commitment in 2015, our hard working P and C, the many parent volunteers and especially the dedicated hard working teachers who care about their school and children, who put in much of their personal time and effort because they care. They do this without accolades or applause, as it is part of their job for which largely goes unrecognised, so I would personally like to say thank you to you all, as I get the enjoyment of visiting classrooms and seeing what a difference you make every day.

I can confidently say as a school community, we are providing the best possible experiences and outcomes for our young people. I look forward to working with you all again in 2016. I hope you all have a fantastic summer break and I am looking forward to all of the great things that will be achieved by you all in 2016. To our outgoing Year 6 I am confident I will continue to hear about you all in the future and you can say proudly I was once a student at Lennox Head Public School and I wish you all the very best for your futures.

Have a fantastic break and I hope you get to spend some quality time with family and friends over the holiday break. I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and invigorated for the 2016 school year. All children return to school on Thursday 28 January. Our Kindergarten pupils will have their first day on Wednesday 3 February.

Thanks again for your ongoing support throughout 2015.

Kind regards
Deb Langfield.

2016 Arrangements

We are continuing to organise what the structure for our school will look like in 2016. As of this week, our numbers have dropped again slightly so we may only be forming 14 classes not 15. We have devised several plans of how this will look and have started to allocate teachers to stages. Next year due to increased numbers and staff on leave there will be some temporary teaching positions at the school. Also due to Mrs Hoile’s retirement this position is currently in the process of being advertised. This position will be filled early in the New Year by a new staff member. In the interim this will also be filled by a temporary teacher. As the numbers still change daily, at the start of next year, children will not be placed immediately with new teachers, until all enrolments are confirmed. This should occur within the first two days.

Parent Survey

Thank you to the families that have completed the parent survey. I was aiming for 85% of families to complete this at this stage only about a third of our families have done so. To gain an accurate representation of what parents think about certain aspects of our school I would like as many parents as possible to complete the survey at present 81 families have completed this. It is not too late and will only take you a few minutes. I would really appreciate it if all families could take the time to do this. The link is https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZRY89Z

Thought for the week

“We do not remember days, we remember moments”
Cesare

Recognising Student Achievements

Gold Cards – Week 9

Alice Palmer
Elsie Stewart
Rueben Baker x 2
Laura Allen
Lilly Whitby
Ella Cameron
Amalia Cook
Siobhan Kelly
Mataya Chinnery
Avah Orphanos
Charlotte Crocker-Bell
Will Seymour
Gabby Bolger
Will Kniepp
Kahlila Marshall
Rahn Frick x 2

Xavier Amato
Hannah Kernaghan
Harry Hawley x 2
Kaelbe Berle
Jamila Bikoumou x 3
Gracie Moore
Chloe Miller
Joshua Godward
Kate Reka x 2
Bronte Walker
Keane Marshall
Angus Baker
Lana Godward
Polo Baker
Bella Sinanovski

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.
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: 9 Class: 2M Well done

Library News
Thank you to Jamilah Bikamouh and Julian Redhead for donating books to the library.

Overdue Books
Well done to KC, 4S and 3A for returning all the books they have borrowed. I hope you enjoyed your reward! A huge thankyou to the students and parents who have paid for or replaced missing books. If your child still has an outstanding loan could you please continue to look for it over the holidays.

We are still waiting on a large number of year six students to pay for missing books!!

Music

Term 4 Information
Instrument and Shirt Returns
If your child is not returning to the L.S.T.T. Band Program in 2016 they will need to hand in their instrument and band shirt after the final performance for this year.

New Students 2016
In 2016 we will be looking for new students to join the L.S.T.T. Band Program. Notes regarding this will be sent home in Week 2, Term 1, 2016.

Thank you,
Fiona Clarke and Mark Whitney

Sports

Lennox Head Under 12 Cricket Success!
Congratulations to three students, Brayden Kernaghan, Ryan Kernaghan and Zac Gilmore who were members of the champion Far North Coast Under 12 District Cricket team who played against an undefeated Lismore on Sunday 12 December at Oakes Oval. Lismore won the toss and sent Ballina in to bat on a good wicket with a fast outfield and scored 135 runs after 40 overs. Lismore responded with very good batting with 99 runs. It was a well-played game and showed exceptional skill amongst our Under 12 players in the District competition. Ryan and Zac have also both been selected to play in District Under 12 teams in a state-wide four day carnival to be played in Lismore in January. Well done boys!

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Party Day
As part of our Party Day activities children are able to bring water pistols, (labelled with names please) and water balloons if they wish. Children will be responsible for their own water play equipment.

P & C News
Congratulations to all our students on their efforts with our walkathon. We raised just over $7 900 for our school.

Prize winners were:

- **Most money raised**
  - William Cass, Jack Bauer and Max Bauer
  - Jamiliah Bikamou, Ava Walheim and Charlotte Cole
- **Most sponsors obtained**: Alex Thomson
- **Class who raised the most money**: 2M ($1 282.85)
- **Classes who brought back the most sponsorship forms**: KC, KJ AND KT

I would just like to thank all of our P & C members for the work they have done over the year and to those parents / grandparents and carers who have also contributed when asked. The time and effort put in by our members is invaluable and our school is a better place for it so thank you again.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year and a very happy and safe holiday period.

See you next year

Kerryn Kernaghan
President

School Banking
School Banking is currently seeking a new co ordinator so that the Dollarmites can continue next year. It requires less then half an hour a week, and popping into the post office. If you are interested please contact Lexy on 0411417662.

Community Announcements

New Years Eve Child Care
Accredited Family Daycare Educator offering childcare at her home for New Years Eve in Lennox Head.
From 4pm December 31 till midday January 1.
Prior inspection welcome. Places limited.
Call Sylvie’s Family Daycare 0423 960 520 / 66875407

Water Lab Wednesday
Fun water science experiments, investigations and games.
For children 5 to 12 with a supervising adult.
Opens 10am – Closes 3pm with last entry 2pm.
Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre, 2101 Dunoon Road, Dorroughby.
More info www.watersciencelab.com.au