THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2015

What’s Coming Up!

Term 1

Week 5
23 Feb  School performance - Lorin Nicholson
24 Feb  Pancake Day
25 Feb  Zone Swimming Carnival - Ballina

Week 6
4 Mar  N.C. Regional Swimming - Lismore

Weekly Achievement Awards

Mia McIntosh  KC  Nate Dixon  KT
Sahana Marr  KJ  Ocea Curtis  1CD
Matthew Acret  1W  Drae brain  2N
Will Schaefer  2M  Ivy Mills  3A
Malia Colpus  3/4J  Joshua Godward  4S
Mia Hey  4/5L  Lana Godward  5/6A
Khyan Weir  6R  Finn Spencer  Library
Jacob Lester  6R

NEWSFLASH

Zone Swimming Carnival that was to be held tomorrow has been postponed. It will now be held next Wednesday the 25th of February at the Ballina pool.

Student of the Week

Jack Reka is a studious and diligent pupil. He is respectful of his fellow classmates and completes all his work to a high standard. He is fair and considerate in the playground and enjoys being a buddy to the kindergarten children. Jack is a keen historian and is always sharing his knowledge with his class.

You will often see him with his nose in a book. Jack participates enthusiastically in all areas of school and is a member of the Lennox Head Scouts.

This week’s student of the week is Jack Reka.
From the Principal’s Desk

It has been another busy week at Lennox Head Public school. I have been particularly pleased as I visit classrooms to see how engaged pupils are in their learning. There are a lot of fantastic things happening in classrooms, so well done to students and teachers.

The first P and C meeting of the year was held on Tuesday night at Club Lennox, it was great to see some new faces with some new ideas. The next P and C meeting will be the AGM, so feel free to come along and have some input, it is a great way to meet other parents and have an input into things happening at your child’s school.

I would like to remind parents that we are more than happy to see you regarding questions or concerns that you may have regarding your child or other school matters. The protocol for raising concerns is attached to the newsletter today. Could I please also ask parents not to contact other parents regarding incidents at school, you must give the school an opportunity to address those concerns first. In addition teachers should not be approached out of hours regarding school matters, as they are entitled to privacy also. Please ensure that you follow these protocols.

If you have been following the news and weather information you are quite possibly aware that a lot of rain is expected tomorrow and Saturday. School will of course be open tomorrow. If however you need to travel on roads that may become impassable, please don’t. If it is safer for you to stay at home tomorrow, please do so. We do not want anyone to take any unnecessary risks. At this stage the Friday assembly will be on at 12pm in the hall. However if we do receive a lot of rain, it becomes difficult to get in to our school hall. If this is the case we will School stream to parents to let them know it has been cancelled.

In addition if we feel at any time that anyone’s safety on site is at risk due to the weather, we will certainly contact parents via School stream to arrange for children to be picked up, if it is safe for parents to do so!

So it looks like umbrella and gumboot weather for the next few days, stay safe and hopefully dry!

Regards Deb Langfield

Recognising Student Achievements

Gold Cards
Mila Hunter          Rio Jones
Sunny Lines         Taj Thompson
Clem Harrison       Maverick Gordon
Sunny Hollick       Bella Sinanovski
Maverick Ransom     Lily Whitby
Maiya Burrey        Charlotte Cole
Inidi Cook          Reuben Hardy
Jake Kynoch x 2     Eila Cameron
Brody Ross          Etienne Cornu
Ajandri Kelly       Nathanael Kelly
William Cass        Amalia Cook

Rose Wright         Amalia Linton
Siobhan Kelly       Campbell Ross
Angus Kynoch

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.

Chase Windle        Macy Silvers
Poppy Morison       Jesse Allen

Congratulations on being great role models.

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: KT  Well done

Library News

Returns
Children need to remember to return library books on their library day. They can also borrow and return books before school and at 2nd lunch. Please remind your child when it is their library day. The library days for classes are as follows:

Monday: 4S, 1W, KJ, KT
Tuesday: 3/4J, 4/5L, 1CD, 2M
Wednesday: 5/6A, 6R, 2N, KC
Friday: 3A

Sport

Swimming
Good luck to Lennox Head students who are competing at the Zone Swimming next Wednesday - Logan Kennedy, Sofia Rezai Smyth, Kobi McCombie, Bryn and Rhett Walsh, Dembe Ryan, Amerika Minahan, Ryan Kernghan, Khyan Weir, Oden Wauchope and Augus Kynoch on a job well done.

AFL
Ballina District AFL Trials will be held next Friday 27 February. Notes will be sent home. Notes will be sent home next week with selected students.

Cricket
Ben, Russell and Ryan participated in the Far North Coast boys cricket trials last Tuesday at Brunswick Heads.

Congratulation Ben Moyle and Russell Asser on being selected in the Far North Coast Boys Cricket team. They will compete at the North Coast Cricket Trials at Sawtell 8 and 9 march. Ben has also be selected as Captain of the FNC Team.

Thank you to Mr Moyle for his donation of Cricket bat and stumps.
Active Transport: What does that mean??
Active transport is defined as any form of human powered transport (e.g. locomotion on foot, or bicycle, skateboard, etc).

The majority of Australian primary and secondary school children do not use active transport to travel to and/or from school on a weekly basis.

Both children/young people and parents should incorporate active transport into their everyday routines. Other than school journeys, replacing short car trips to a range of destinations (e.g. local parks, local shops, friend’s house) with walking or cycling is feasible (e.g. 1 kilometre is about 15 minutes of walking) and will have a range of benefits both to the child and the environment. Fewer cars on the road make it safer for everyone, especially around schools and parks.

Can you accompany your child in Active Transport until they are independent and competent enough to do it alone or with other children?

P and C Items
Welcome to all new and old families. I do hope 2015 is a good year for us all.

What did the 2014 P&C do for your child’s school?

* Provided canteen services at both lunch breaks, 5 days per week, every week of term, and at school carnivals and special fun days.
* Raised more than $15,000 for school resources.
* Provided a disco for the whole school.
* Organized a wonderful community event the Spring Fair.
* Provided mothers and father’s day stalls so all children could purchase inexpensive gifts for their carers.
* Provided Easter Raffle.
* Provided parental input into school decision making in many areas.
* Provided a welcome barbeque for families.

No wonder we are tired! We need some new people to join this dynamic team. Please don’t sit back and leave it to someone else, step up and help your school!

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on Tuesday 10th March from 6.30pm @ Club Lennox.

We need people to fill the following positions on the Team:

* President - The President oversees the work of the P&C. They set the agenda and chair the P&C meetings each month, as well as keeping in close contact with the Principal between meetings. The President also represents the P&C at school functions, and keeps the school community informed of P&C matters through the school newsletter.

* Vice President - We have two of these, and their job is to assist the President. For example, if the President can’t attend a school function, a Vice President can help by attending in the President’s place.

* Secretary - The Minutes Secretary takes the minutes at P&C meetings, and types them up ready for the next meeting. Provides the P and C report to the Principal for the School Report.

* Treasurer - The Treasurer looks after the P&C’s money. While the Canteen Coordinator banks the canteen money each day, the Treasurer is responsible for banking any fundraising money. The Treasurer pays weekly wages for the Canteen Coordinator, writes any cheques the P&C requires, and provides a monthly financial report to P&C meetings.

* Fundraising Coordinator - As the name suggests, the Fundraising Coordinator coordinates the raising of funds for the school. They are assisted by a committee of helpers, who they work with to plan the fundraising events for the year. Last year’s fundraisers included an Easter Raffle and the Spring Fair.

We will also be looking for people to join these sub committees:

* Sub Committees - People on these committees help out the co-ordinators
  * Fundraising
  * Canteen

Even if you do not want to nominate for any of the above positions, please still come along to the AGM. You will find that P&C meetings are a great way to hear about what is going on in the school, and to meet other parents. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, at 6.30pm, at Club Lennox.

I hope to see you there.

Kerren Kernaghan
President
**Peer Support**

This week, students in Years 1 through 6 started Peer Support sessions.

The children will be participating in a new module, Moving Forward which focuses on resilience. The experiences in the module help children to identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges.

In this week’s session, the children established connections with the other members of their group and developed a group agreement to enable them to work well together. The children discussed an example of a challenging situation and some resilient and non resilient responses.

You might like to discuss with your child what they can do to help them take an active role in Peer Support.

**Community Announcements**

**Lennox Head Football Club**

Sat 14th Feb & Sat 21st Feb @ Skennars Head Fields
10am – 2pm
Please see website for grading day details. New junior players will need birth certificate as proof of age.
Registration and payment is available on-line through LHFC.com.au from 1st February. Fees can also be paid upon registration on the above days by cash or cheque.

**Charity Cricket Day**

Sunday March 1st 10am-5pm
Williams Reserve, Lennox Head
All proceeds going to – The Shake It Up Foundation for Parkinson’s Disease.
Celebrity Guests, Raffles of signed Memorabilia
Sausage Sizzle, Bar Facilities
Bring the Family, everyone Welcome
Contact Details: Tania McGarrity, Mobile: 0420303445

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- We still have some empty places in the canteen roster if you could help.
- When placing orders with the canteen it is very important to put the full class name down. So if your child is in a composite class please write eg 4/5L
- Sushi orders will be available from next week. Remember they need to be in by Tuesday for Wednesday lunches.
- We are now stocking mini quiche lorraines ($1.20 each). Please add to your menu.
- Spinach and ricotta Quiches have now been discontinued from our supplied. This has been replaced by a spinach and ricotta roll ($4.00). Please adjust your menu.