THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2015

What’s Coming Up!

Term 1

Week 6
6 Mar  
Entries closes for ICAS Competitions

Week 7
9 Mar  
Parent/Teacher Interviews 4 – 7.30pm
10 Mar  
P & C AGM 6.30pm Club Lennox
11 Mar  
Cricket Knockout – Williams Res.
12 Mar  
Winter District Trials
13 Mar  
Book Club closes

Week 9
23-25 Mar  
Year 3 Midginbil Hill Excursion
25-26 Mar  
State Swimming – Sydney

Week 10
2 Apr  
Easter Hat Parade

Last Day for Term 1

Producing Excellent Students

Student of the Week

Our student of the week is a polite and helpful member of the class who consistently displays the three key values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity.

She is always smiling and happy and is an excellent buddy to the kindergarten students. She can always be relied on to complete work responsibly and to the best of her ability.

She enjoys dancing after schools and is a fair and honest player in her touch team. Annabelle has a flair for creative writing and produces some entertaining pieces. She is an excellent peer support leader and is an active member of this year’s SRC.

Congratulations Annabelle Miller.

Honour Award Students – Chloe Miller and Indi Cook

Weekly Achievement Awards

Spencer Connors  KL  Asha Ledingham  KT
Phoenix Rough  KJ  Riley Noble  1CD
Chloe Thirkell  1W  Zahara Turner  1N
Maiya Lincoln-Mather  2M  Callum Summerfield  3A
Gracie Moore  3/4J  Hendrix Mills  4S
Tim de Witt  4/5L  Zeb de Plater  5/6A
Bailey Abbott  Library  Molly Orphanos  6R

February Bucket of Books Awarded to Eden Hardman
From the Principal’s Desk
I would like to thank parents for ensuring that their children are coming to school every day in the correct school uniform. Everyone is looking great; I would like to continue to encourage children to ensure they are wearing the correct footwear every day for their own safety. As a reminder when children are on site they must have shoes on, this includes Kindergarten children who stay after 3pm to wait for siblings. This is a WHS requirement.

A reminder to parents that our Parent/Teacher interviews are being held on Monday evening between 4 and 7:30pm in the hall. If you have not booked an appointment please do so as soon as possible. Instructions on how to do this were in last week’s newsletter. If when you go to make an appointment the teacher has no available time slots left, please phone the office for an alternative time.

As parents are possibly aware there has been a change to the Department of Education and Communities School attendance Policy. As part of the implementation of the National Standards for Student attendance Data Reporting, holidays taken by students out of school vacation periods will now be included as absences.

We are no longer able to grant a Certificate of Exemption for children taking extended periods of leave during school terms. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, parents will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave-Travel, at the school office for the approval of the Principal.

If the application is approved your child’s absence will be marked as leave. If you have any questions regarding the new DEC procedures, please contact the school office.

We have had parents asking if it was possible to have a calendar that showed all of the upcoming events for the term. All of the relevant dates have been added to the calendar which is on the school website. As we become aware of future events they will also be added to the calendar. In addition upcoming events are listed on the front page of the newsletter. If a date changes that we need to communicate to parents, you will be notified via School stream.

In a follow up to last weeks’ notice regarding correct parking and drop offs around school, I have been notified by council. If you park on the street, but have 2 wheels up on the grass/nature strip that is now an offence. It can cost you 2 demerit points and a $180.00 fine. All 4 wheels of your vehicle must be in contact with the road. This rule was changed due to an incident that occurred outside a Sydney school. So we would ask that you please be mindful of this when parking.

Thanks to the parents who are now meeting their child/children at the gates, it is certainly helping to ease congestion around classrooms.

Kind Regards
Deb Langfield
Relieving Principal

Thought for the week
“You must be the change you want to see in the world”
Mahatma Gandhi

Recognising Student Achievements

Gold Cards
Milly Titjen    Maverick Gordon
Maih Bradley    Will Schaefer
Sara Ryden      Harry Cass
Danny Mackenzie x 2    Alani Adamson
Feliz Fraser    Sofia Alfonso x 2
Chloe Miller    Mataya Chinney
Taylah Ledingham    Tayla Jeffrey
Kobi McCombie    Tim de Witt
Kurt Watson     Lalia Barnes
Tyler Admanson    Finnley Connors x 2
Indiya Ledingham    Sly de Witt

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.
Mason Massie    Chaise Windle
Havanna Weir    Sahana Marr

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: 6    Class: 4/5L    Well done

Sports Bits

Knockout Cricket
The first cricket game has commenced for the year. Lennox had a resounding win against Ballina Public School.

After a game of hard work and lots of fun they emerged victorious! Some outstanding performances came from Ben Moyle and Russel Asser.

Ms Atkins reported that the team showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. She also said that a smile could be seen on their faces throughout the whole game. Well done boys!
By Jack Reka

Their next game will be against Woodburn Public School next Wednesday at Williams Reserve.
Library Events
Please note change in library times
• 1CD – Monday
• 3A – Tuesday

Book Club
Book Club closes Friday 13 March. No late orders Please!

Byron Writers Festival
The Byron Writers festival presenters for this year are Andy Griffith and Terry Denton. A note will come home shortly for children in Years 3-6 who maybe interested in attending. This event is not till 4 August but tickets sell quickly so we need to purchase them now..

CWA Competition
Details to come home shortly with the children. The country of focus for this year is Italy.

Musical Notes

Fees
Don’t forget all fees are due by Friday 20 March. Remember, it is ok if you wish to delay payment, but you need to let us know. We also can offer some financial assistance to those who are having difficulty paying.

Rehearsals
Combined Band Rehearsals take place on Mondays during school term at Lennox Head P.S. (juniors 4-5pm, seniors 5-6pm).

Don’t forget Lennox Head Students have their separate rehearsal on Fridays at 12:45pm.

Introductory Program
Over the last few weeks some students have been involved in our new introductory program. Students have had the opportunity over the last 5 weeks to try one of our band instruments.

A reminder to parents and students that next week is the last lesson in this program. A note will be sent home this week regarding continuation in the L.S.T.T. Band Program.

For all those students who missed out on trying an instrument this term there will be another program running in Term 2.

Thank you,
Fiona Clarke and Mark Whitney

P&C Meeting

A reminder that the AGM is next Tuesday 10 March @6.30pm Club Lennox followed by a general meeting.

Any general business that you would like to be brought up please email Kerren on kergra@optusnet.com.au or contact/leave at the office. All welcome.

Paediatricians recommend children and adolescents’ limit screen based media use (SBMU) to less than two hours per day for their health. A recent study (January, 2015) of 2,620 8 to 16 year olds from 25 Australian government and non-government primary and secondary schools found that 45% of 8 year olds to 80% of 16 year olds exceeded the recommended < 2 hours per day for SBMU (TV viewing, Gaming, Social Networking, and Web Use)

Suggestions to help children limit their screen time include:
• No screens before school
• No screens in the bedroom
• Negotiate their use with your child
• Ask if all help around the house and homework is done first
• Use the great outdoors and the local library.

Peer Support
This week in Peer Support children discussed skills and how to communicate their feelings and needs to others. The children discussed skills they use when participating in a variety of activities. When children understand they already have many of the skills needed to succeed, they can feel more confident when trying something new. The children were asked to identify events that trigger different feelings.

Encourage your child to remember the skills they have used in one activity when trying something new. Also encourage your child to communicate their feelings and needs.

Classroom Makeover

Imagine what Lennox Head Public School could do with a $5,000 classroom makeover from Staples™. The school with the most tokens wins, so help your children and our school by collecting as many tokens as you can.

A token will be published daily in the Northern Star newspaper from Saturday 14 February to Monday 16 March 2015.

Please bring all token to Mrs Armstrong and remember, the school with the most number of tokens per student wins, so start collecting!
**Responsibility in assembly**
Enter and leave quietly as instructed.

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**LENNOX EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

**WHEN:** Thursday 2nd April, 2015

**TIME:** 10am - Come and watch or participate in the Easter Egg-stravaganza

**WHERE:** Under the COLA

**11:30am Join us for a picnic lunch.**

Parents and children can work together to create an Easter Hat at home.

Easter egg prizes will be awarded in each class. Be creative!

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**Community Announcements**

**Ballina Hockey Club Sign On**

Everyone is welcome at Ballina Hockey Club!!!! We have junior teams for girls and boys, including minkey, U9, U11, U13 and U15. We also have a strong senior team contingent in Men (A, Reserve, B and C Grade) and Women (A, Reserve, B1, B2 x 2!!) so there is a place for all comers.

**SATURDAY 7TH MARCH** - Club sign on, uniform purchase day. 10am - 1pm at the clubhouse.

**SUNDAY 8TH MARCH** - Compulsory trial/grading games. Women 9-11, Men 11-1. Contact Al Porter if unable to attend. ALL players, ALL grades required to enable us to put you in a team.

**WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH** – U9 and U11 training starts on the turf, 5PM

**THURSDAY 12TH MARCH** – U13 and U15 training starts on the turf, 4.30PM

**SATURDAY 28TH MARCH** – Minkey muster at the clubhouse at 9am.

For more information, contact Club President, Al Porter, on 0414816603, visit our website at ballinahockey.org.au or visit and join our Facebook group, Ballina Hockey Club.

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**Pancake Day**

All kids love pancakes, especially the children at our school! Pancake day was recently celebrated at our school. Many generous parents volunteered their time at our canteen on the 24 February to sell delicious pancakes.

Everyone appreciated the effort that these parents took to make these fantastic pancakes. There was a variety of choices for toppings including ice-cream, lemon and sugar, maple syrup and strawberry jam. Yum, yum! Our taste buds certainly enjoyed them.

By Jess Harper

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**Our healthy canteen**

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Thank you, Sue Tatum Ph: 66877141

- Small frozen yoghurts have been discontinued by the supplier until further notice. Large frozen yogurts are $1.80
- Homemade fruit muffins are now available for 80c. Currently have raspberry and yogurt whirl.
- If you have good uniforms that your children have outgrown, please donate to the P & C uniform shop – (in canteen)