From the Principal’s Desk

It has been another busy week at Lennox Head Public School. I would firstly like to apologise for my absence at Tuesday night’s parent information session. Unfortunately I was not well and was under medical orders to stay home until I was deemed well enough to be back. I would like to thank the amazing staff that works at LHPS for stepping up and making sure the night went ahead as planned. I really do appreciate all of your hard work and dedication, both teaching and office staff.

I would also like to thank the amazing group of P and C volunteers that ensured that the BBQ was operating and that you were all fed.

This group of volunteers would love some more help though. Due to their efforts in feeding everyone, many unfortunately missed out on attending the parent sessions in classrooms. If you have never been to a P and C meeting, or you may have been a long time ago, please consider coming along to the next meeting. They are held at Club Lennox and usually go for about an hour. Rest assured you won’t be given a job, but you will get to meet other parents and help with decision making in regards to your child’s school. We would love to see lots of new faces. Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This is altered sometimes if it clashes with other school related events. This is always communicated in the newsletter.

We would like to ask that parents who pick up their child to also meet them at a designated gate in the afternoon. This will help to ensure the safety of all children and will also mean less disruption to classes when parents are waiting outside. Please discuss this with your child and work out a designated meeting place. If you are interested in having your child catch the bus to school, please call into the office for a bus travel application form.

A reminder if you do need to deliver something to your child during the school day, or take them out for an appointment, you must come via the office. The office will then assist you in either delivering items or signing your child out. Parents must not go directly to classrooms. We have a responsibility to ensure we know who is on site at all times. We thank parents in advance for following these requests.

In addition, a reminder that the large playground equipment is out of bounds before and after school. Children are given time to play in this throughout the day under the direct supervision of a teacher. We do request that parents do not allow children to play on this before or after school.

Book Packs

We thank all parents/carers for your prompt payment of book packs and other related costs. We understand that the purchase of book packs could be streamlined somewhat to make it easier for both parents and the office staff. As a school we are going to investigate better ways to do this to make it easier for everyone in 2017.

School Communication

School newsletters are emailed to parents every Thursday. If you are not receiving the newsletter, you may need to come and check your email address is correct with the office staff. If you would prefer your email to come to you in a hard copy, please let the office staff know and they can arrange this.
Please ensure you read the newsletter every week, as it contains lots of information relating to what is happening in the school and what is coming up. In addition a lot of parent communication is coming via the SchoolStream App. It would be greatly appreciated if this could be downloaded to your phone, this will ensure you receive all of the messages and updates from the school.

School Leaders/SRC Induction Assembly
A reminder that tomorrow is our induction ceremony for all school leaders, SRC representatives both executive and class representatives and house captains will be presented with their badges.

Parents of these students have been invited to attend this assembly to present the badges to the children. If you are unable to attend a staff member will do this for you. The parents of these children are then invited to share in a small celebration in the library following the badges being presented.

Our usual Friday assemblies will begin in week 4, which is Friday 19 February. This will be the first assembly for the year for awards and Gold Cards.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards
Deb Langfield
Relieving Principal

Thought for the week
All my life I thought air was free… until I bought a bag of chips.

Our Peer Support lessons will commence next week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week.

Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom.
We are working on a module called "Keeping Friends," helping us explore the concept of friendship, building relationships and developing skills in empathy and critical thinking.

The modules runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship.
We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Sport
District Cricket
Oden Wauchope, Josh Young, Zac Gilmore and Ryan Kernaghan went to the Ballina District Cricket trials on Monday. Oden, Zac and Ryan have been selected in the Ballina District Cricket Team to go to the Far North Coast trials next Thursday at Brunswick Head

Swimming
Swimming Champions

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Champion House is Gibbon.
39 Students will compete at the Ballina District Swim Trials next Wednesday at Ballina. Good luck everyone.

Reminder – travel to the swimming is by private transport.

NSW Rugby – Primary School Sevens
Are you interested in the game they play in Heaven and the Olympics?

We are looking for players to represent the school at the Primary Schools Sevens event in Lismore on Tuesday March 8. We are looking for students in Years 3 – 6, to hopefully form 2 teams.

If you haven’t played rugby before don’t be shy – this could be your chance to have a go in a safe friendly environment.

There will be a trial for Year 5 and 6 pupils at lunchtime at Williams Reserve on Wednesday 17 February. We will hold a trial for Years 3 and 4 students on 24 February. Girls are also welcome to trial, as we have the option of registering a mixed team if we have enough players.

The team will be co-ordinated by Lennox Head Trojan senior coaching staff and will feature special training with a former Wallaby (who currently plays in Japan).

Please let Mrs Langfield know by Monday 15 February if you would be interested in trialling
Library News
Donations
Thank you to Chloe Thirkell, Lillian Whitby and Beau Railton for donating books to the library. It is greatly appreciated by all the children.

Library Times
Please note any changes to your child’s library time.
Monday: 1W, 1/2W, KZ, KT, 4S.
Tuesday: 3/4J, 4/5L, KC, 1M.
Wednesday: 5/6A, 3A, 5/6R, 4S.
Friday: 2N, 2/3O.

Please encourage your child to use their library bag at all times. Thank you.

P & C News
Reminder our first meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 16 February @ 6.30pm @ Club lennox.

Everyone is welcome to attend and see how we support our great school in many wonderful ways.

If you have anything you would like to share with us or any new ideas please come along and be a part of our wonderful team.

Hope to see you there

Kerren Kernaghan
P&C President

LENNOX HEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

PANCAKE DAY
THURSDAY 25 February 2016

There are NO other lunch orders on Thursday 25 February. All ORDERS must be RECEIVED by Thursday 18 February in the canteen.

PANCAKE DAY ORDER FORM
ONE FORM PER CHILD

Pancakes
1 @ $1.50 =
2 @ $2.50 =
3 @ $3.00 =
4 @ $4.00 =
TOTAL = $_______

Please tick:
Ice Cream
Strawberry Jam
Maple Syrup
Lemon & Sugar

ONE CHILD PER ORDER PLEASE

NAME: ______________________________
CLASS:

Parent helpers will be needed on the day from 11.am to help serve. Please let me know if you are available

Thank you
Sue Tatum

Myth: Healthy lunchboxes are more expensive

Above are two lunchboxes - the one on the right is the healthier options.
We compared the cost of these two & the results are in... The healthier lunchbox is $0.73 cheaper per day. That means if you have two children you could save nearly $3800 over their schooling life by packing healthy options!

Keyboard Lessons at Lennox Head Public School

Piano /Keyboard lessons are now being offered at LHPS by Michael Ward (0457 682 638)
Please contact him if interested.
Community Announcements

Ballina Rugby Union
2016 Registration
17 February 5pm
From under 8’s
$95 includes shorts, socks and shirt
Kalinga St, West Ballina
Contact Kahli Milner 0415 797 494

THINKING ABOUT PLAYING NETBALL?

Ballina Netball All Club Sign-On and Net-Set-Go
Registration Day Saturday 13 February 9.00am - 12.00pm
Ballina Netball Courts, Kingsford Smith Park, Owen Street, Ballina http://ballinana.nsw.netball.com.au

Volunteer Ethics Teacher
Needed Urgently

Lennox Head PS is unable to run Ethics classes until volunteers are found.

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✓ Engages children in learning about ethics
✓ Is a good listener with a genuine interest in helping young people
✓ Commits to teaching one class each week on Thursday afternoon during school terms

Ethics Teachers undertake
✓ Police and Working with Children checks
✓ Full free training in Primary Ethics curriculum delivery
✓ Ongoing online training

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or contact Chantelle Walshaw, Ethics Coordinator, at e: mcwals@bigpond.net.au or p: 0414 653 454

Canteen News

Canteen has a few more gluten free products. Gluten free Beef Pie $4.20 – lean beef in a hearty gravy.
Gluten free Beef Vegie Roll $4.00 minced beef, carrot, zucchini and onion.
Gluten free Vegetable and Ricotta $4.00 vegies and creamy ricotta cheese seasoned with herbs and spices.
Also keep an eye out for pancake orders. Pancake day is Thursday 25 February 2016.

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