What’s Coming Up!

Term 1
Week 4
19 Feb 1st Friday Assembly 12 noon

Week 5
Feb 23 Cricket LHPS v Wyrallah Road PS @ Lismore
Feb 24 Debating W/Shop Stage 3
Feb 25 Pancake Day

Week 6
Mar 2 Interrelate 10 - 2pm
Mar 4 Midginbil Hill Final payment due

Week 7
Mar 9 Interrelate 10 - 2pm

Week 8
Mar 14-16 Midginbil Hill Excursion

From the Principal’s Desk

It has been another busy week at Lennox head Public School.

I received some great news early in the week that our school was announced as the overall inspiring school award winners of the BSPACE challenge which was conducted last year. They were very impressed with the high levels of enthusiasm and ideas from the pupils. As a result a crystal sculpture will be presented to the school once it is engraved. This will be presented at a school assembly when it is ready.

Several our Stage 3 pupils from last year entered this competition and many were highly commended. Gabby Bolger and Finley Connors were overall winners of the outdoor space design. Well done everyone.

Our P and C meeting held their first meeting on Tuesday night at Club Lennox. Due to some confusion on my part after being unwell, I had another prior commitment and was unable to attend, hence my apology for not being in attendance. I would like to encourage as many parents and carers as possible to come along to the next meeting which is the AGM.

Please note the change of date – the meetings are usually the second Tuesday of each month, however as current committee members will be away, it has been changed for this month. It will now be 15 March at 6:30pm. Feel free to bring your children along if necessary, as a rule meetings are finished by 8pm, so still plenty of time to get children to bed. The more parents/carers we have attending the more successful our P and C will be. Please put this date in your diary and come along. Meetings are held at Club Lennox.

Working With Children Checks will soon be mandatory for anyone who comes on to school grounds to assist. Whether you are a canteen worker or a classroom helper. By 1 April 2017 all parent volunteers must show this to come on site when working with children. It is free to attain this if you are a volunteer. This needs to be done online through the Office Of The Children’s guardian, a NSW Government website. You are able to do this from now to beat the rush next year.

I understand there was some discussion in the community and the P and C meeting as to why parents and or children are not told what class they will be in the following year. In an area where numbers are very stable this could be done, however unfortunately over the last two years our numbers were not definite and could potentially have meant an extra class being established.

As a staff we planned two scenarios, which we were ready with. Although having said that, over holiday periods things change. People do move and or come to the area and we are often not aware of this until we come back to school. Often people don’t let us know they have left and we have to spend time contacting people. We are not in the position at present of many other schools that possibly have firm numbers at the end of a school year. By doing what we did this year, we felt caused the least amount of disruption, as we are not telling children one thing then having to change it to another.

As it is, if we receive less than ten children at any time from now we would have enough children to form another class. It would depend upon which grade we get enrolments, as to which stage this class would be formed. At this stage we have fourteen classes. Some classes are very full and I must continue to accept in zone enrolments if they arrive. If you have any further questions as to how this works, please come and see me. I think as a school we did a great job at managing this and the children have settled into their new classes wonderfully.
Your children may have told you that we had a practice last week in the event of what we have to do in an emergency. The practice went very smoothly and any minor issues were resolved quickly. If there ever is a real emergency rest assured the staff is very aware of what they need to do to keep your children safe. In light of recent threats that have been occurring around the country we have ensured all of our procedures are the best they can be. I would like to compliment both teachers and students on how quickly they assembled in the designated area.

In addition I attended a principal network meeting on Tuesday, where school security was discussed. We live in an age where we can no longer assume that incidents won’t happen to us. So if ever a threat is made we are bound to act upon that for the safety of students and staff.

Hence the reasons we have drills to ensure we are all efficient and understand our roles in these situations. You will receive another attachment with today’s newsletter in reference to coming onto the school site during school hours. All visitors must come via the office and the office staff will deliver messages and or things your children may need.

A reminder that hats must be worn in the playground at all times. In addition please ensure your children are wearing only white, grey or bottle green socks to school. No patterned or stripy socks please.

Our first assembly will be tomorrow Friday 19. A reminder all green cards must be with teachers by Thursday. If they are brought to school on a Friday, they will not be presented until the following week.

Our school will be hosting a debating workshop on Wednesday. Many other schools, teachers and co-coordinators will be on site for the day, make them feel welcome. The hall will be used all day on Wednesday for this purpose.

Kind regards
Deb Langfield
Relieving Principal

Update New School
At both Ballina High School and Southern Cross students are at the centre of everything we do. With this in mind we are investigating the possibility of combining Year 7 in 2017 and are putting together a team of teachers who will be developing a new approach to the delivery of the curriculum.

This approach will be hands on, tailored to each child’s strengths and focus on authentic real world problems. We invite all parents to an information evening on Thursday the 10th of March to find out more about this exciting initiative. The information evening will begin at 6pm and will be held in the Southern Cross gym. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

Also on Monday the 29th of February we are having the first meeting of our cross school uniform committee. No decisions have been made as to what the uniform will look like. This is your opportunity to have input into the planning process. The meeting will be held at Southern Cross library from 6pm. The agenda is as follows:

- Welcome
- Purpose of uniform
- Guiding principles
- Process
- Discussion of samples
- Next step

If you wish to attend please RSVP by Friday the 26th of February to Suzanne.page@det.nsw.edu.au Remember if you have any questions please contact me and I will endeavour to find an answer.

Music

Band Shirts
Just as reminder to any students who are not returning to the Band Program this year we need the L.S.T.T. Band Shirt back. These are ON LOAN ONLY and need to be returned ASAP.

New Students
We have had an overwhelming response from students wishing to try a new instrument. And notes have gone home to students who will be trying an instrument over the next few weeks.

Unfortunately, due to such an overwhelming response many students have missed out this time round. However there will be another opportunity for those students to try out once instruments become available.

Kind Regards, Fiona Clarke and Mark Whitney

Thought for the week
“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.”
Albert Einstein

Peer Support
During Peer Support this week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of co-operating and listening.
Did You Know?
In NSW, most children (90%) do not eat the recommended amount of vegetables.
Some ideas to try:
An important first step if you want your child to eat their vegies is to make sure they see YOU enjoying your vegies on a regular basis at home. Children are quick to pick up if you don’t like something or are avoiding eating something, and may often imitate your eating habits!
Offer vegies in a positive, casual way and believe your child will enjoy them. They may not of course, but it’s best to start out by thinking positively!
Children’s food preferences can change very quickly. Keep offering small amounts of disliked vegies, as the more familiar it is, it may lead to them accepting it. Serve bigger quantities of their favourite vegies
Cook vegies just until tender or crisp by steaming, microwaving or stir-frying them. Don’t overcook them so they’re soggy. Over-cooking can make vegies’ taste, texture and smell unpleasant, and makes them lose their goodness.
Raw vegies like capsicum strips, peas in the pod, cucumber, bean sprouts and tomato wedges are often the most popular with younger children as they make great finger foods.

Flying Vegie Pizza Recipe
10-12 minutes preparation + 15-20 minutes cooking
Serves 4
Ingredients
1 small onion ½ small green capsicum
2 mushrooms 1 tomato
1 small zucchini 1 large pita bread
Dried oregano & black pepper
1-2 tablespoons reduced salt tomato paste
100g grated reduced fat cheese
Method
Pre-heat oven to 200°C. Wash onion, capsicum, mushroom, tomato and zucchini and pat dry with paper towels. Slice the onion into rings, slice the capsicum into strips. Cut the mushrooms into thin slices. Cut the tomato into slices. Cut the zucchini into rounds.
Spread the pita bread into tomato paste, place on a baking tray and cover evenly with the vegetables. Sprinkle with the cheese, oregano and black pepper.
Bake in oven until vegetables are cooked and the cheese is golden brown (15-20 minutes).

Library News
Donations
Thank you to Elyse Ryden, Nathaneal and Siobhan Kelly and Stella and Lila Paff for donating books to our library. It is greatly appreciated.

Returns
Please encourage your child/children to return their books on time. They have library each week and can renew their books if they haven’t finished reading them.
A large number of children are not using library bags. Please ask your child to use a plastic bag to keep the books dry from water bottles. Thank you.

Volunteer Ethics Teacher Needed Urgently
Lennox Head PS is unable to run Ethics classes until volunteers are found.

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Lennox Head Class Representatives for 2016

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Community Announcements

Byron Bay Lennox Head Junior Rugby League Club
Are hosting The Hogs for the Homeless this Wednesday 24th Feb from 4pm at Red Devil Park (opp high school). Former NRL greats Brad Fittler, Mat Cooper, Steve Menzies and Josh Perry will be riding their Harleys in to take part in some footy drills with the kids! Everyone welcome! nicshero@gmail.com

Byron Bay Junior Basketball Summer 2016-TERM 1
MINIBALL (8-12yr olds) Tuesdays 4-5pm @ Cavanbah Sports Centre
AUSSIE HOOPS (5-8yr olds) Thursdays 3.30 - 4.15pm @ Byron Bay Public School (Term 1)
For more information www.byronbasketball.com or ph; 66872246 a hrs e-mail, info@byronbasketball.com

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

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TERM 1: SATURDAYS (5 sessions)
20th, 27th Feb & 5th, 12th, 19th March
HOLIDAYS: MON-FRI (5 sessions)
11th - 15th April
LOCATION:
8am-10am
BYRON BAY, Clarckes Beach

TERM 2: SATURDAYS (5 sessions)
14th, 21st, 28th May & 4th, 11th June
LOCATION:
9am-11am
BYRON BAY, Clarckes Beach

$185 per child plus
$25 annual registration fee with Surfing Australia
TO ENROL: Call Mojosurf (02) 6639 5100

Canteen Roster

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