From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome back everyone to the 2016 school year. I hope you all had a fantastic break and are all looking forward to the school year ahead.

I wish to thank all families for their patience as we set up classes last week, but we are now underway. We would especially like to welcome all of our new families to the school, I am sure you will enjoy being a part of our wonderful school community.

I had great pleasure in witnessing all of our new kindergarten children start their first day on Wednesday lots of happy faces and not too many tears from the parents. I am sure you are going to have a wonderful time at big school.

Our staffing this year is as follows. We welcome back Mrs McIntyre from maternity leave for 2 days a week and all other classes and teachers are as follows:

Principal – Deb Langfield (relieving) – at this stage Mr Ritchie is continuing his Long Service Leave, so I will continue to relieve in this role.
Teacher/Librarian – Mrs Blair
Technology – RFF Monday and Tuesday
    Mrs McIntyre – Assistant Principal Stage 3
Technology – RFF Wednesday to Friday – Mrs Ceely
5/6A – Ms Atkins
5/6R – Miss Rollison
4/5L – Mr Lyndon
4S – Ms Lino 4 days a week and Ms Wainright one day
3/4J – Miss Cupitt
3A – Mrs Armstrong – Stage 2 Assistant Principal
2/3O – Mr O’Rafferty (this is currently a temporary position as we are currently in the process of hiring a new permanent staff member, this will be announced before the end of the term.)
2N – Mrs Nolland
1/2W – Mrs Wagland

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What’s Coming Up!

Term 1

Week 2
5 Feb  Yr 2-6 Assembly & Swimming Ribbons

Week 3
9 Feb  Parent Information Night & BBQ 5.30pm
12 Feb  SRC Induction Assembly 12pm
        Midginbil Hill – Deposit required

Week 4
18 Feb  Cricket LHPS v Wyrallah Road PS @ Lismore
19 Feb  1st Friday Assembly 12 noon

Week 5
Feb 24  Debating W/Shop Stage 3
Feb 26  Midginbil Hill - Full payment required

1M – Ms Mcleod 4 days, Mrs Preston on a Friday
1W – Mr Whitney
KC – Mrs Cork (relieving Assistant Principal ES1/S1)
KT – Mrs Thomas
KZ – Miss Zerk

Office Staff:
Susan Vidler is currently working in higher duties at Tregeagle Public School as Administrative Manager for all of term 1, in her absence we will have Rebecca Cioffi from Monday to Wednesday and Gaye Boyd on Thursday and Friday.

We currently have 14 classes. The majority of our classes are quite full; however we did not quite have enough students at this point to create an extra class. If this does happen to occur later in the year we will restructure classes then if the need arises. We will keep parents informed if this is to occur.

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day, you all helped to make sure it ran very smoothly in the heat. Well done!

Ribbons for place winners in all races and champions will be announced at an assembly on Friday beginning at 12pm in the hall. This assembly will be for Years 2 to 6 only. Parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Information Night/welcome BBQ

We will be holding a parent information session for all parents Kinder to Year 6 on Tuesday night the 9th of February. This will begin at 5:30pm in the hall. Parents will then be invited to spend time with their child’s teacher. As many parents have more than one child at the school, we plan to do the following.

- All parents to the hall for an information session
- At approximately 6pm all parents of Early Stage 1 (ES1) and Stage 1 (S1) students will go to their child’s classroom for further information. All other parents can indulge in a sausage sizzle provided by the P & C at a cost of $5.00 per family. Following their class meetings ES1 and S1 parents are then welcome to join the BBQ.
- At approximately 6:20pm Stage 2 parents can visit classrooms and at 6:40pm Stage 3 parents will visit classrooms.
- This should allow people ample time to eat and to visit individual teachers for extra information. Remember this is not the time to have an interview with your teacher, this will occur later in the term. Tonight is all about receiving extra information regarding your child’s classroom.
- We hope you can join us on this night to gain some extra information about your child’s school, meet their teacher if you have not done so and it will also give you the opportunity to meet some other families at our welcome BBQ.

Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures for children years 1 – 6

As our school numbers continue to grow we are constantly ensuring the safety of both students and staff. We are trying to encourage parents to drop parents off at a gate and then let the child walk in by themselves.

We would also like to encourage parents who pick up their child to also meet them at a designated gate. 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.

In addition 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.

Please remember the double gate at the front of the school is only for cars to enter, it is not a pedestrian access. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

If you do need to see your child’s teacher, it may be difficult to see them before school as often they are in meetings or preparing for lessons. It is always advisable to call the office so you can make a time to see them, or the office staff will pass on messages to them if necessary.

Book Packs

As indicated by our School Stream message earlier in the week, book packs are now available for purchase. You can at this time also pay for all visiting shows and other related costs for the year in one payment. We do also like to encourage families to pay the voluntary contribution as it does help to assist us in purchasing resources for the students.

The book packs have everything in them that your child will require for the school year. We go to great trouble to ensure that we source quality products that last the school year.

Some of the items you may find cheaper elsewhere, however in our experience the quality is not as good. In addition some of the items within the book pack, particularly some of the lined books, are not available in the department stores.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter, we do ask that all items are labelled and preferably covered before returning them to school. As the teachers are keen to get lessons underway, it would be greatly appreciated if all children have book packs by the end of next week.

School Leaders/SRC Induction Assembly

Our induction ceremony for all school leaders, SRC representatives both executive and class representatives and house captains will take place on Friday 12 February at 12pm.

All parents are invited to attend this assembly, as we do ask you to come forward and present the badges to the children. If you are unable to attend a staff member will do this for you.

Our usual Friday assemblies will begin in week 4, that is Friday 19 February.

Looking forward to a fantastic year.

Kind regards
Deb Langfield.

Thought for the week
“Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it”. Dennis P. Kimbro
New Combined High School Update

2016 promises to be an exciting year as we begin the transitioning process for the new school, which will open 2019. I am sure that many of you share the same questions that the staff at both schools have including:

Who will be the Principal?
What will the school be named?
What will the uniform look like?
What will the buildings look like?
How will the learning take place?
How will the build impact on my child?
How will the transition take place?

Over the year we will endeavour to seek clarity around these questions and more. In the next newsletter there will be two survey monkey links. One will be to continue the naming process for the school and the other will be to begin the process for designing the uniform.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact suzanne.page@nsw.edu.au or ring Southern Cross school on 6686 0503.

Music

Lessons
This year your child’s lesson will be on either a Monday or a Friday. With the School Swimming Carnival this week and with students settling into it may take a few weeks to sort out our timetable. It would therefore be wise for students to bring instruments to school on both these days.

Fees
Invoices for fees will be sent home at the end of this week. Please do not make any payments until you have received your invoice.

Band Rehearsals
Monday afternoon rehearsals for Junior and Senior Band will commence 8 February.
Friday band rehearsals will commence 12 February.

New Students
This year we will be looking for new students to join the L.S.T.T. Band Program. Notes regarding this will be sent home at the end of this week and are also available at the school office.

Thank you,
Fiona Clarke and Mark Whitney

Library News

The following is the timetable for each class to have library lessons. Please encourage children to always use a library bag.

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.

Donations
Thank you to Mila and Diego Garcia-Lyon and Sara and Elyse Ryden for donating books to our school library. It is greatly appreciated

Trying to Limit Screen time to Two hours? Help is at Hand! eSafety for parents – Too much time online

Trying to drag your children away from online games, apps, YouTube videos or social networking? Want to know what is normal and when they are spending too much time online?

Child development experts, including psychologist Dr Helen Street, answer questions about how much time children should spend online.

Search online for “Esafety for parents too much time on line” and follow the links or click on: https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources/esafety-for-parents-too-much-time-online
Welcome back everyone.

I hope you all had a relaxing break and are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead at Lennox Head Public School.

Our first P & C Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 16 February at Club Lennox @ 6.30pm.

Everybody is welcome to attend and we would love to see some new faces with some fresh ideas, so please come along and join our wonderful team.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held next month on Tuesday 8 March at Club Lennox @ 6.30pm.

All positions will be required to be filled (e.g. President, Secretary, Treasurer and Fundraising Committee), so if you think you are up for the challenge for one of these, please come along and raise your hand.

More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Kerren Kernaghan
P&C President

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**Our healthy canteen**

Welcome back,
The canteen has most products back in stock, however, Hello Pandas will be out of stock for most of term 1. The Slush Puppies supplied at school are different to the one you see in petrol stations etc. The base is a pear concentrate and is approved by the government as an amber item on the school menu.

I have introduced a new item which is gluten free – chicken tenders – they are $1.50 each.

Please ensure you put the correct money and full class name on lunch bags. If your child is in a composite class please write 1/2W for example.

Thanks Sue Tatum

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**Community Announcements**

**Lennox Line Dancing Classes**

Anyone interested in joining our beginner Line Dancing classes - these will be starting next Thursday 11 February for Year 1 students from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Interested students are to meet Kimberly and Sharni after school at the school hall for an afternoon of fun and laughs.

Susan Vidler (02) 6629 5220

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**Canteen Roster**

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