



# Newsletter

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### P&C COLOUR FUN DAY - FRIDAY

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Dear Parents and Carers

Colour fun here we come. Things are coming together nicely for Friday and I'm very confident the kids will have a great time, compliments of the P&C and staff. Please make sure you carefully read the details associated with the day that was sent home yesterday.

I have no words to describe how amazed I am at our LPS school community and your commitment to supporting this fundraiser. Our little school has collectively raised \$9061.16 thus far and with 2 days remaining ... how high can we go? On behalf of the P&C, staff and students, THANK YOU!



New school uniform or \$8,000 challenge? Worn all day btw, much to the delight of the LPS fashionistas.

#### Remembrance Day

Last Friday our Vice Captains, Darby and Stella, delivered a wonderful ceremony for the children at LPS, whilst at the cenotaph our Stage 3 SRC members, Cianna, Lily, Brayden and Ila, laid a wreath on behalf of our school community, in memory of the fallen. I'm very proud of the leaders at LPS.

#### Lego League Tournament

Last Friday Mrs Claes, our two robotics teams and their parents, had an early start in order to attend the tournament. By end of day we'd achieved impressive results against both Primary and High School entrants. Congratulations kids on a wonderful outcome and thank you Mrs Claes for preparing the children and making it happen. (See report)

#### THIS WEEK and the NEXT

##### Semester 2 Reports – Home Tuesday 6 December

Currently teachers are involved in assessment practices that rely on the consistency of teacher judgement to determine achievement levels for the Semester 2 report. Thankfully we've been able to utilise our temporary staff to provide classroom release for the Infants and Primary teams to work together.

##### Colour Fun Fundraiser – Friday 18 November

Now just 2 days away and the excitement is building. As mentioned above, the note (also on Dojo) is your guide to clarity, clothing, canteen and colours.

##### Intensive Swimming – Monday 21/11 – Friday 2/12

We have 60 children included in the program this year and all need to return permission notes and payments by this Friday. To have 10 consecutive 1 hour swimming lessons for a total of \$35 is pretty amazing. Thank you P&C for subsidising this.

##### Kindergarten 2023 Orientation – Thursday 24 November

Next Thursday our new recruits will visit their BIG school in preparation for Kinder next year. They will experience the classroom setting with Mrs Strong and meet their future buddies whilst parents gain valuable information about school life in the library with Mrs Smith and myself. Something we haven't been able to do since 2019.

**Grant Timmins**

Principal

**NO LUNCH ORDERS FRIDAY - Sausage Sanga or Pack It**

# Remembrance Day 2022

Last Friday all students took part a short assembly at school in recognition of Remembrance Day.

Our school vice captains did a splendid job in running the short ceremony.

Our students stood respectfully looking like a sea of poppies as we recognised a minute's silence in memory of the fallen.

Thank you

Briony Belford-Ellis



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Term 4 2022

#### Mon 10 Oct - Fri 16 Dec

Fri	18 Nov	Stage Assemblies 10.30am - Primary 11.40am - Infants  P&C Colour Run
Thurs	24 Nov	Kinder 2023 Orientation #1
Tue	29 Nov	CHHS Year 7 2023 Orientation
Wed	30 Nov	2023 Captain Speeches
Thurs	1 Dec	Kinder 2023 Orientation #2
Wed	7 Dec	Presentation Day
Fri	9 Dec	Gold Reward Day
Tues	13 Dec	Year 6 Formal
Wed	14 Dec	Principal Reward Day
Thurs	15 Dec	Bronze/Silver Reward Day
Fri	16 Dec	Yr 6 Clap Out 2.30pm
Fri	16 Dec	Last Day of Term

### Term 1 2023

Tues	31 Jan	Yrs 1-6 Students return
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## Intensive Swimming 2022

Next week will see the start of our 10-day Intensive Swimming Program for Year 2 and 3 and selected Primary students. The weather forecast is looking good, and I hear the water temperature is perfect. Make sure to remember to bring your swimming gear each day.

Please remember to return your permission note and money to the front office to avoid missing out.



Leeanne Price  
Intensive Swimming Coordinator



# First Lego League Tournament

Last Friday, our LPS robotics team attended the First Lego League Tournament in Port Macquarie. The two teams competed against 19 other primary and high schools from the local and regional area. One aspect of the day required the teams to give a presentation to a panel of four judges. In this presentation, the teams discussed how their team displayed the Core Values of First Lego League, which included fun, teamwork, innovation, inclusion, discovery and impact. They also discussed their robot design, mission strategy and the codes that were created for the missions. Both teams demonstrated gracious professionalism, remaining calm when faced with challenges and supporting each other throughout each of the three rounds. Both teams scored a high score of 150 points, demonstrating skills and accuracy with their codes. At the conclusion of the day, LPS 2 (Finlay, Ben, Patrick and Ayla) were awarded the Core Values award and placed in the top four teams of the tournament. They have now qualified and been invited to attend the National Championship (East) in Sydney on Saturday 3 December.

I am so proud of each and every member of our LPS Robotics team. Ben, Ayla, Pat, Finlay, Archie, River, Mason and Liam gave up many hours of their lunchtimes over a term to train and prepare for the tournament. Congratulations and thank you for your effort and commitment.

Jadie Claes





## Stage 2 Coffs Harbour Camp

Last Monday, 51 extremely excited Stage 2 students attended their first ever school camp with Mrs Kemp, Mr Cook, Mrs Price and Mrs Trompert. Upon arrival at the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre, the students made way to their dormitories, unpacked their bags and got ready for a fun filled day of adventure.

Smiles were visible all round as many students conquered their fears flying high on the skywire, rolling down the hill in a zorb ball and annihilating the muddy commando course. Great team work was evident throughout the day as so many words of encouragement rang out across the camp site.

A yummy dinner consisting of spaghetti bolognese and chocolate cake was devoured before a great evening of entertainment was had by all. Five teams were created and fun challenge activities had to be completed within a minute. Some 'Minute to Win It' activities included bouncing five ping pong balls into a cup, eating a marshmallow balanced on your forehead without using your hands and moving beads from one plate to another using a straw. Many challenges were extremely difficult but so many memorable moments were had and once again outstanding team work shone through.

Everyone enjoyed a cup of milo and some cookies before bed time and off to the dorms we went to get some rest before another big day.

Everyone was up at six thirty on Tuesday so there was enough time to pack up and clean the rooms before breakfast which consisted of toast, cereal and juice. Many students went back for seconds before boarding the bus and heading to the Coffs Marine Conservation Centre. A jam packed itinerary was provided by the educators and guides at the centre. This included two education sessions teaching about the life cycle of the marine animals at the park and how to take care of both them and their environment, a guided tour of all the exhibits, a dolphin and sea lion presentation and an up close meeting with Maxine the sea lion. A big hit at the end of the day was buying souvenirs from the shop to help remember this wonderful experience.

The bus journey home was quiet with many students catching up on some well needed sleep. It was absolutely amazing to see students taking on the responsibility of taking care of themselves and their belongings, building up their resilience and developing new friendships. We can't wait until the next camp in 2023!

Maree Kemp





















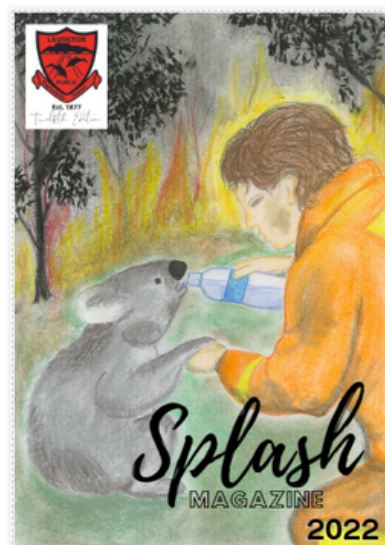
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*Melanie Strong*  
Magazine Coordinator



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