



Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

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DEAR PARENTS and CARERS

In a blink of an eye the holidays end. Yes, the staff at LPS were all brimming with excitement on Tuesday, to return to the place they love, knowing they'll soon be seeing 165 delightful individuals whom make this world so special. Sadly for you, we now take your children back after what I would hope was a delightful two weeks of fantastic family fun in the other heaven known as the Camden Haven. It's highly likely many of you may have experienced separation anxiety yesterday and will possibly be crying behind your eyes each morning as you wave goodbye, but like last term.... This too shall pass. Mrs Claes also returns from maternity leave this term and will be here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, teaching computers, robotics, coding and library.

I wholeheartedly welcome your lovely children back to their awesome school for what will be 10 weeks of Term 2 excitement for them. Friday sport starts at the oval, Naplan (Yr 3 and Yr 5), cross country and athletics carnivals, Stage 3 Excursion, dance, PSSA knockouts, assemblies and welfare rewards (disco and movie). I almost forgot to mention assessment tasks teachers will administer and use to generate your child's Semester 1 Report. Yes, fun times for the kids, demanding times for the teachers.

RELAXING OF COVID19 RESTRICTIONS

On Tuesday I sent you information associated with changes to household isolation protocols. Please ensure you follow those guidelines.

Notify me if a positive case exists in your home and encourage your child to wear a mask indoors if testing negative each day. Many of us now know only too well how a negative test in the morning can become a positive in the afternoon. Although we have significant hygiene processes in place, the classroom is still the most likely place for transmission.

Additionally, visitors on site also need to inform me if they are a close contact. Basically, if unwell, stay at home.

Scanning the QR Code to check-in is still a thing for those attending the school for meetings and events.

ANZAC DAY

Our captains, Will, Finlay, Darby and Stella, had the privilege of leading a huge contingency of school representatives from the LUSC to the cenotaph. They displayed with great pride and were very composed when laying the wreath for the fallen on behalf of LPS. Additionally, members of our school band (Brayden, Eva, Zahli, Sara and Patrick) marched and played with the Camden Haven Community Band. Mrs Strong and I were humbled by the wonderful behaviour and respect all of our students displayed at this very special ceremony. Congratulations children, I was very proud and thank you parents for highlighting the importance of the tradition of ANZAC day.



LPS Crew



Band Crew

SPORT

K-6 Cross Country

Next Tuesday 3 May we will be conducting our cross country carnival (note went home yesterday). With the rescheduling of the LNC carnival in Kempsey to Monday 9 May, it is imperative that we complete our carnival next week. We are aware that continued rain over the coming days will see the Inmon Oval closed so we have therefore created a modified course that won't be impacted by this. Basically, we'll use the river walk footpath, starting at different locations for different age groups, with the finish line below the pool. This enables us to return age groups to school when their event is completed thus removing the long wait for the carnival to conclude and the long walk back to school.

Additionally, we'll provide the Top 4 competitors with their consent forms to attend the LNC Cross Country Carnival so they can be completed and returned to school by Friday 6 May.

NB Parents are invited to attend but must remain in the designated area at the end of the course.

Lower North Coast Soccer Trials

Yesterday Will and Amaya attended the trials in Port Macquarie and both were successful in being selected in the LNC teams. Congratulations kids and good luck at the North Coast trials in Grafton next Monday 2 May.



North Coast Rugby League Trials

Today Nash and Darby are in Bellingen as members of the LNC League teams and will be doing their very best to gain selection into the North Coast teams. Good luck boys.

WELFARE REWARDS

I had the pleasure of speaking to all our students yesterday on their return and highlighting the remarkable achievement of 100% attainment of the Bronze reward in Term 1. Now our goal is to repeat what we did this term. The kids have accumulated 50 consecutive days without a Time Out and are well ahead of the 2019 record of 37 days. Good choices and kind words brings a disco and movie on the last Thursday of Term 2 (in mufti) that will be just so FANTASTICALLY AWESOME.

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

After 2 years without, our first excursion is scheduled to take place in just 24 sleeps. Yep, Stage 3 will be on their way with Mrs Wallace, Miss Belford, Mrs Mayo and myself to Tea Gardens for 5 days of fantastic fun.

Today all students attending received information associated with requirements, the activities and medical consent forms. Please return the latter asap and obviously finalise your payment.

24 HR INDUSTRIAL ACTION - WEDNESDAY 4 MAY

Next Wednesday teachers across the state will forego a day's pay to be a part of the industrial action. At this point in time, all teachers at LPS will be involved.

There will be NO teachers at school and NO SUPERVISION. The school will be NON-OPERATIONAL.

I will send a note home on Monday to confirm the situation. Unfortunately, you'll need to make alternate arrangements for your children and we apologise for this inconvenience. Our school has remained open through floods, fires and COVID, which may put Wednesday into perspective.

NEW MEMBER TO THE SRC

Congratulations to Cianna who was elected by 5/6W to replace Kieran and be their representative on the Student Representative Council. I'm sure she'll be a wonderful addition to the team.



MINOR BUT MAJOR

- Make final payments toward the St 3 excursion.
- Check App and School website for calendar of events.
- Wear **SCHOOL** jumpers for warmth on cold days.
- Encourage your child to use Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Literacy Planet to practise for NAPLAN.
- Utilise the wonderful taste sensations from the school canteen.
- Volunteer to work in the school canteen.
- Make sure your child has a hat every day at school. (The ever so cool school broad brimmed hat is so in ATM!)

Grant
Principal

DATES FOR THE DIARY

2022 Term 2
Wed 27 April - Fri 1 July

Mon	2 May	NC Soccer
Tues	3 May	Cross-Country
Tues	3 May	PSSA Netball v Nth Haven PS
Wed	4 May	Industrial Action
Mon	9 May	LNC Cross Country
Tues	10 May	NAPLAN commences Yr 3 & Yr 5

