



MEET THE TEACHER NEXT TUESDAY

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are now in Week 4 and our classes are very settled with the atmosphere in each, very conducive for quality learning. I congratulate both teachers and students on this achievement and of course you, for supporting what we do from home. There have been no Time Outs this term which is a wonderful indication of the choices children are making at school.

Kinder Best Start Feedback

Tomorrow Mrs Strong will be spending time with each of our Kinder parents to provide feedback associated with the Best Start analysis done in Week 2 and how the kids are adapting to the Big School environment.

HCH Swimming Carnival

This Friday, our team of 22 swimmers will attend the HCH District carnival in Port Macquarie with Mr Cook and myself. Thank you in advance to the parents transporting the kids to the event. Again, competitors from all schools will be in the grandstand with team managers and parents on the grassed area. The carnival commences at 9:30am.

Students successful in gaining selection to attend the LNC Swimming Carnival, will be travelling to Kempsey next Wednesday 22 February.

Meet The Teacher

Yesterday a note went home inviting you to the school next Tuesday 21 February to meet your child's teacher in his or her classroom and be provided with information associated with the learning environment, expectations and the year ahead.

SESSION 1 11:30AM-12:00PM : **K/1S & 1/2S**

SESSION 2 12:00PM- 12:30PM : **4/5F & 4/5W**

SESSION 3 12:30PM- 1:00PM : **2/3P & 6C**

NB If you have 2 children and their sessions are at the same time, either choose the grade you're unfamiliar with or do 15 minutes at each (staff are aware and accepting of this).

I hope to see you here.

Student Representative Council 2023

I am very happy to announce the Laurieton Public School Student Representative Council members for 2023.

1/2S George Johnson & PJ Cranfield

2/3P Daisy Massey & Harry Santman

4/5F Gemma Fowler & Venice Fenner

4/5W Oliver Anderson & Portia Latham

6C Alissa Goryan & Lucas Vernon

Congratulations to these students who were elected by their peers as the 2023 class representatives. Mrs Barnett is looking forward to working with the new SRC and will entrust them to freshen ongoing projects, establish new projects and contribute their ideas and opinions.

Scripture and Ethics

We intend to recommence Scripture and Ethics on Friday 3 March. I thank the coordinators Mrs Kaul (Scripture) and Mrs Hodge (Ethics) for the great job they have done organising their instructors.

NAPLAN 2023

This year and beyond, NAPLAN will occur in Term 1 for students in Year 3 and Year 5. The assessments are delivered online and will take place in our Computer Lab between (20/3-27/3).

School Photos

Our photo day is Tuesday 14 March (Week 8). All students will be provided with an envelope for the ordering of 2023 School Photos. These envelopes will need to be returned prior to this day.

Please note that swimming costs \$6 each week.



Attendance at School

The Department of Education's Attendance Policy requires all school aged children to be at school every day and when unable to do so, have a justified reason provided to the school by a parent or carer. Holidays greater than 5 school days requires an application and approval by the principal.

I've provided the LPS policy in this newsletter.

Back To School Vouchers

As you've possibly seen in newspapers etc, the \$50 vouchers may be utilised at school to pay for textbooks, resources and now, excursions.

We are currently establishing the required system to enable this process to occur and when operating successfully, we'll let you know.

NB There is no refund provided for expenditure under \$50. For example, if you use a voucher to only cover the \$30 book fee in Infants, \$20 is not given back to you.

Minor But Major

- Wear the school uniform everyday with pride.

Grant Timmins

Principal

District Swimming Carnival

Good luck to our school swimming team, which will be competing in the Hastings Camden Haven District PSSA swimming carnival at Port Macquarie on Friday. These children will be doing their best in a range of swimming events, where high level performances could lead to selection in the Lower North Coast Zone swimming carnival.

The team consists of the following students:

Harry, Brody, Max, Banjo, Patrick, Kash, Brayden, Coby, Sebastian, Ben, Larni, Ara, Matilda, Avisha, Maya, Emere, Scarlett, Lily, Kenzie, Venice, Isobel and Brooke.

Jacob Cook



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Term 1 2023

Tues 31 Jan - Thurs 6 Apr

Thurs	16 Feb	Best Start feedback interviews
Fri	17 Feb	HCH Swimming
Fri	17 Feb	Primary Swimming - \$6
Mon	20 Feb	LNC Touch
Tues	21 Feb	Meet the Teacher 11.30am - 12.00pm K/1S 1/2S 12.00pm - 12.30pm 4/5F 4/5W 12.30pm - 1.00pm 2/3P 6C
Wed	22 Feb	LNC Swimming - Kempsey
Fri	24 Feb	Stage Assemblies - Primary 10.30 - Infant 11.40
Fri	10 Mar	Stage Assemblies - Primary 10.30 - Infant 11.40
Tues	14 Mar	School Photos
Wed	15 Mar - 27 Mar	NAPLAN - Yrs 3 and 5
Tues	21 Mar	Harmony Day
Fri	24 Mar	Stage 1 Excursion 'Are we there yet?' - \$20
Thurs	30 Mar	Big Vegie Crunch
Tues	4 Apr	Whole School Assembly
Wed	5 Apr	Easter Hat Parade
Thurs	6 Apr	Anzac Day Ceremony
Thurs	6 Apr	Last Day of Term

Lower North Coast Touch Football

On Monday, Brayden, Kash and Avisha will be participating in the LNC touch football trials.

To be successful they will need to demonstrate exceptional skills and understanding of the game. We wish you all the best of luck.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students in public schools are expected to attend every day the school is open for instruction, an essential ingredient for a child to achieve their potential.

***The Education Act (1990)** requires parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school on each day that the school is open for instruction. If children are absent from school, parents are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within seven days of the absence.*

Explanation of Absence

We are required to register absence explanations to justify your child's absence from school and rely on parents completing this task either before or immediately after the absence. Unfortunately this is often not the case and we then spend administration time generating and distributing pink absence explanation notes.

TARGET

Our goal is to have **100%** of absences explained and to support this target we have restructured our process.

1. If a child is away and no explanation has been received an **SMS message** will be dispatched requesting a reason. All you need to do is reply with a brief explanation. **OR**
2. Go to the App select FORMS and complete the absentee note. **OR**
3. Send a written explanation to school with your child. **OR**
4. Phone 65599084 and provide a verbal explanation.

EXTENDED LEAVE

Family Holidays that take place during the school term and have a duration of 6 school days or more require parents to complete the **Application For Extended Leave** and have this approved by the principal prior to the holiday.

Family Holiday – Parents planning a family holiday during a school term **must**

1. Notify the Principal of the intended absence
2. Complete an Application for Extended Leave (if greater than 5 days) prior to the event.
3. If accepted, Principal will issue a Certificate of Extended Leave authorising approved absence from school.

Regulations and Requirements

- Attendance is registered and monitored on a daily basis.
- Attendance concerns will be raised with parents and support services contacted when required (HSLO, Learning and Wellbeing Officer, CWU)
- **DoE Guidelines** - Students with an attendance rate below 90% (absent 20 days or more a year) are **educationally at risk**.

Grant Timmins
Principal

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