Dear Parents

I must start this week’s newsletter with a sharing story. Last week I had the pleasure of spending 3 days and 2 nights with our wonderful Stage 2 children, Miss Dampney, Miss Field, Ms Casimir and Mrs Griffith. Adventure Land was exactly that and the kids and staff were up for everything on the agenda; mud-world, waterslides, zorbs, archery, paddle boats, high ropes, games and campfire stories. For some this was a first time away from mum and dad, which can be scary, however, not when you’re with such caring school mates and staff. I saw many children overcome fear through the support and help from friends and that was so uplifting. Congratulations children - your behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm made us all very proud and thank you Ms Casimir for all the work you put in to make the camp a reality.

Will we go back? Definitely!

PLEASE HELP ME!!!!!!

Below is a link to a survey and we need as many parents as possible (all) to complete. We are currently evaluating our endeavours this year and their effectiveness. Obviously to get the full picture we need our parent community to provide us with their opinions as well. The survey is anonymous, responses will be analysed and utilised for decisions associated with our School Plan and 2016 Milestones.

Click on the link or type it into your address bar, answer the questions (most are multiple choice) and when finished click ‘done’. Time wise 10 minutes and you’ve had a say in your child’s school.

I’m hoping you’ll do the survey right now but if that’s not possible, Monday next week would be great. Paper copies have been provided for families who receive paper newsletters.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME!!!!!!!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/laurieton

Year 6 SWIMATHON

Tomorrow our Year 6 will head to the pool with the challenge of continually swimming for 30 minutes in glorious sunshine (hopefully). The children have done a fantastic job seeking sponsors and now must successfully complete the task. Money raised goes into the Yr 6 ‘Gift To The School pot which will be used to purchase something that will stand as a memento of Yr 6 2015. I know Mr Cook and Mrs Kemp have lots of fun games on hand and the kids will be treated to sausage sandwiches for lunch.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Yesterday Miss Dampney presented me with the draft of ‘Splash 2015’ and rest assured it will be the best $10 you will spend this year. In full colour and photos galore, it’s the perfect reflection of 2015 at Laurieton Public School but you must place your orders by Friday 6 November.

NB The easiest way to place your order is to go to our website and click on the Make A Payment tab. Follow the prompts and you’re done.

STAGE ASSEMBLIES

Friday the Infants and Primary assemblies will take place in our hall. Primary commences at 10:30am and Infants at 11:40am. You are most welcome to join us.

Minor But Major

Hats at school every day.

Provide explanation notes for absences.

Grant Timmins
Relieving Principal
Library
This will be the last week of borrowing at the library as Dale and myself will be commencing the library’s annual stocktake of books starting on the 23rd November. Overdue notices will be handed out this week. Could you please look under your child’s bed, in wardrobes, bookshelves and any other places books may be hiding so they can be returned and accounted for.

Thank you
Mitchell Harper

National Bandanna Day
Over the past two weeks, Laurieton Public School students have participated in the 21st annual CanTeen fundraiser, purchasing Bandanna’s for last Friday’s National Bandanna Day. This year, the SRC worked tirelessly during their recess and lunch times, over a two week period, to raise money for this fantastic cause. As a school, we managed to raise $696 for the Cancer Council. Thank you to the SRC and to everyone who supported this worthy cause that plays an important role in supporting and empowering people affected by cancer.

SRC

Band Fees
Invoices for Band fees were distributed this week. Please pay outstanding balances by 30 November 2015. Payments may be made at the office or on-line via the Parent On-line Payment system found on our school website.

Thank you.

Student Welfare Rewards
3/4C  15 Merits  Riley Miller

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Term 4  6 Oct - 16 Dec
Thurs 5 Nov  Year 6 Swimathon
Fri 6 Nov  Infants Assembly 11.30am
          K1S performing
Fri 6 Nov  Primary Assembly 10.30am
          5/6C performing
Mon Nov 16  Hastings Life Guard visit
Thurs Nov 19  Kinder Orientation 1

Primary Swimming
11:30am - 12:50pm
All Stage 3 students
1:30pm - 2:50pm
All Stage 2 students
Cost $4.00 or $1.50 with pool ticket

The program has been specifically designed to cater for all ability levels and will focus on the swimming and water safety skills of our students. Trained swimming instructors have been employed to minimise group sizes. Laurieton Public School’s P&C have kindly helped to subsidise the cost of the swimming instructors.

Students who are not swimming need a signed note from their parents outlining the injury or illness.

If parents wish to pay for the term this can be done via POP, EFTPOS, cash or cheque made payable to Laurieton Public School. At this stage we are only taking payments for 8 weeks in case of cancellations due to inclement weather.

Friday Week 9 will be the final sports day for this year. Friday Week 10 (11 December) will be used as Gold Reward Day at the Pool.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Photos from Stage 2 Camp
But wait ....... there's more!

I can do this!....... Ooops! Maybe not.....
Last Wednesday Stage 2 went on an amazing journey to Adventure Land at Forster. We boarded the bus at 9.15 am and arrived at 10.25 am. After we all got our luggage off the bus we sat in the camp courtyard.

Bo Bo, the instructor, introduced himself. He sent us to our allocated rooms to unpack and make our beds. Once we had settled into our room we went for a walk around the camp. We then had a yummy chicken burger.

Activities were next so Bo Bo split us into two groups. Group one went to paddleboats and Group two went to bushcraft, where we built a fire and roasted marshmallows. After an extremely exciting hour and a half we swapped over after cake and watermelon for afternoon tea.

After our second activity we went back to our cabins to shower and dress for dinner. We took our mess kits to the dining area where we ate as much spaghetti bolognaise and garlic bread as we wanted. It was so delicious, “even better than mum’s”. Ice-cream for desert followed.

Night activities were great fun. We laughed as we watched people steal tails, play unders and overs, and lots more. Supper followed around the campfire. Loz told us a hilarious story about her Canadian holiday. Then it was clean teeth and bed in that order. Funnily enough it didn’t take as long for us to fall asleep.

We woke up early Thursday morning to get ready for the big day ahead of us.

Breakfast was cereal or pancakes or eggs and toast or all. So delicious!

Activity time. Group one to mud world and group two to waterslides. Mud world was a series of wet muddy challenges, we were slipping and sliding through the mud puddles. Awesome fun and lots of laughs and grazes. The waterslides were two long tunnels that twisted and turned and we zoomed on a mat through the tunnels until we fell out into the pool at the end. Lamingtons and fruit for morning tea separated the activities.

We ate hamburgers for lunch and then straight into the afternoon activities. Archery and Zorb balls. Zorb balls were the most fun, but it was hard to run inside our plastic ball on the pool. Archery was good fun and lots of us missed the target.

Showers then off to dinner. Dinner was a delicious roast chicken and vegetables. Night Challenge was after dinner. We laughed so hard at the teachers but they won the night with the highest point score. The whole time the challenges were going so was the loud music so that was the disco part of our night. Supper was followed by an awesome fire twirling exhibition. (It came with a warning ‘Do not try this at home.’) Then campfire and story, clean teeth and bed in that order. Funnily enough it didn’t take as long for us to fall asleep.

Bright and very early Friday morning we woke up and packed our bags, cleaned our cabins and took our bags to the dome. Breakfast was cereal and pancakes with maple syrup or butter and bacon. We played soccer, football, Frisbees or just chilled until activity time. Off we went to challenge ropes or initiative games. Challenge ropes was fantastically excellent. We learnt how to put on harness, helmets and zip line pullies. It was really safe but really scary when you looked down.

After lunch of hotdogs we played games until it was time to get on the bus (lots of tears as no one wanted to leave camp) and go back to school.

Thank you to the camp instructors and teachers for organising and for doing the activities with us.

By Oakley, James, Gemma, Samantha. Trae and Bayley.
ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY A BAND INSTRUMENT?

ADULT BEGINNER BAND PROGRAM
Information evening – Thursday 5 November 2015 @ 6pm
Old Anglican Church, Longworth Park, Laurieton
Bring along your questions and we’ll supply the answers!

ATTACK THOSE HEAD LICE

Now is a great time to treat your child’s head for lice.

See the NSW Health website for information on types of treatment.


Remember that once is not enough - you need to redo the treatment regularly to break the lice cycle.

Camden Haven Kids
School Aged Care Services
Before School Care
7-9am

After School Care
end of school to 6pm

Vacation Care
7.30am to 6pm (school holidays)
Bus pick-up service available from Lake Cathie & Bonny Hills

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