Dear Parents

It’s already hump day Week 2, and our students have settled into the new school year almost as if last year never ended. I have visited our new Kindergarten children each day this week and am amazed at what they are already displaying, school is obviously no longer a scary place. I’m very impressed Kindergarten and how lucky are Mrs Strong and Mrs Price! Of course I also visited all our other classes and mentally admired the work ethos and absorbed the happiness the children displayed. LPS is f a n t a s t I c.

Classes
I believe the current 8 class model we have in place at present will remain, which is wonderful news and will allow us to now establish class routines and structures to suit the needs of our children.
Additionally when confirmation is received we can structure our Ethics/Scripture program.

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. Obviously illness and family commitments impact on attendance and we require an explanation within 7 days (from the first if consecutive) via telephone call, written note or email.
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.

P&C NEWS
The first meeting for the year will take place next Tuesday 9 February and I hope to see lots of mums and dads in attendance. Already things are being organised for the benefit of the’ LPS family’.
- BBQ at the swimming carnival : sausage sandwich $2   bacon and egg roll $4
- Pool Family Fun Night - 26 Feb
- Opening the school canteen Monday 8 Feb

SCHOOL CANTEEN PROGRESS – something’s cooking
I know having no canteen available has had an impact on many, the ease of writing a lunch order or giving some money for a healthy recess treat when mornings are busy, may have been something we took for granted. THANKFULLY a parent, Amanda Cahill, who works, has offered to take on the coordinator role. Amanda is requesting all volunteers (confirmed or interested) to meet at the school canteen this FRIDAY 5 FEB at 3pm for an ORIENTATION and to discuss procedures and processes. Amanda will also be in the canteen with Sue Wells this Sat 6 Feb cooking treats and both ladies would love some helping hands. The canteen will be open on Monday of next week.

Wide Brim Hats
We are on a quest to become a Sunsmart School and to achieve this status we need all our children wearing our school’s wide brimmed hats. These hats are available from the office and have been subsidised by our P&C so you only pay $5:50 (massively subsidised). The P&C also donate a hat to each Kindergarten student and new students who enter Laurieton Public School. Our No Hat Play in the Shade policy does not refer to children wearing peak hats but I’m hoping when the peak hat is worn out, doesn’t fit or is lost you’ll replace it with a beautiful LPS wide brimmed hat.
Swimming Carnival
Mr Cook has done a great job coordinating the tasks required, in an extremely short timeframe, for our Swimming Carnival. I’m sure we will have a wonderful day at the pool next Tues 9 Feb and I can’t wait to watch our swimmers in action and consume multiple Bacon and Egg Rolls $4 or sausage sandwiches $2 (but not at the same time) from our P&C BBQ.

House Captains
Last Friday House meetings were held to elect the 2016 captains and vice captains for the Dolphins and Stingrays. On all accounts the results were extremely close and I believe the ‘people’ have chosen wisely.

Dolphins Captains: Blair Scott & Jade Williams
Vice Captains: Jonathon Hudswell & Josie Atkinson

Stingrays Captains: Will Hossick & Erin Gunton
Vice Captains: Clinton Robertson & Indianna Symons

Congratulations and all the best in your endeavours to motivate your teams in the quest to be named House Champions for 2016. Starts next Tuesday kids.

Finally, a great photo on the front page of the Courier today! Three is not at crowd at LPS.

Grant Timmins
Relieving Principal

School Captains & Vice Captains 2016

School Captains: Ella Burns and Will McCoubrie
School Vice Captains: Abby Bon and Matthew Cain

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Fri 5 Feb | Primary Sport - Swimming
             Cost this week $3                                                 |
| Tues 9 Feb| Laurieton Swimming Carnival
             Years 3 - 6 students
             Year 2 who turn 8 or 9 yrs of age in 2016.
             9:30am - 2:30 pm
             $4-00 pool entry
             Spectactor fee $1.50                                              |
Years 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival 2016
This year the Laurieton Public School Swimming Carnival for 2016 will be held on Tuesday 9 February. Years 3 – 6 students : 9.30am – 2.30pm.
In readiness for the 3 – 6 carnival we ask that you encourage your child to participate in suitable events for this carnival based on their level of swimming ability. Please note the following:

- Students in Year 2 who turn 8 or 9 years of age in 2016 may enter in the 33m / 100m events of the 3 – 6 carnival only
- All events will be timed.
- All ribbons will be awarded based on these times.
- Ribbons will be handed out for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place.

Trophies will again be awarded to age division champions.

Students are to arrive at school in their uniform. The carnival will commence at 9.30am. Students are not permitted to leave the pool grounds unless accompanied by a parent or guardian and only after they have seen their classroom teacher. At the completion of the carnival students will be dismissed at the pool into the care of a parent or guardian or returned to school.

The students must be sun-smart throughout the day (hat / sunscreen / shirts), bringing a towel and plenty of fluids. **The P&C will run a BBQ and a variety of items will be on sale.**

The students will need to bring **$4 for pool entry.** A reminder that there is a spectator fee of **$1.50.** Students in Years 3 – 6 and the Year 2 students who are turning 8 or 9 years in 2016 will walk to the pool.

We encourage all parents to attend and would be delighted if you can assist as an official. If so please indicate your availability.

Primary Sport 2016

Sport for Term 1 will involve all primary students (3-6) participating in weekly swimming. The program will commence on Friday 5 February and every Friday until the 18 March, weather permitting.

This Friday (5 February) Stage 2 and 3 will be walking to the Laurieton Pool and practising techniques that they will need to successfully compete in the school swimming carnival, eg, correct stroke and standing on the blocks. The cost for this Friday 5 February is $3.

Every Friday there after the students will participate in the Learn to Swim program.

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.

Students who are unable to swim need a signed note from their parents outlining the injury or illness.

The schedule below outlines the swimming groups.

**SWIMMING TIMETABLE**

11: 30am – 12:50pm:

All Stage 2 students

1:30pm – 2:50pm:

All Stage 3 students
Its rego time again...this year you can do it online and just print the form and bring it down to us on rego day! We will be at the LUSC Thursday 4th Feb 4-7pm and 6th Feb 10am-1pm. You can go to the Camden Haven Netball Club website or follow the link below to start your registration.

https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?misc=HdkE%2BGS1kuElm6JUIoAFJ1Yr88JOxbhV%2FV8pbUq8%3D&entityid=4267&fl=1&id=15521