Dear Parents

Week 4 already, time is flying so we must be having fun!

MEET THE TEACHER
We welcome all parents to our Meet The Teacher sessions on Wednesday 24 February (week 5) and we hope you can be present on the day. Please come to your child’s classroom at the designated time below and hear the information provided by his/her teacher about expectations, requirements, learning opportunities, planned events and helpful hints that will support your child’s enjoyment of school life and learning. You will get the opportunity to ask questions BUT these should be general and not about your child’s learning needs or behaviour. However, you may arrange a suitable time to meet with your child’s teacher if you have any immediate concerns.

SESSION 1 11:30am-12:00pm:  KS K/1P and  5/6C
SESSION 2 12:00pm – 12:30pm:  1/2D 1/2S and 5/6K
SESSION 3 12:30pm – 1:00pm:  3/4F and 3/4C
NB We realise that you may need to be in two places at once due to having multiple offspring at LPS but unfortunately this is unavoidable. Perhaps choose the Stage you know least about or attend half of each session.

KINDERGARTEN ‘BEST START’ FEEDBACK FOR PARENTS
On Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 March, Mrs Strong and Mrs Price will conduct BEST START feedback sessions with the parents of Kindergarten students. This data is generated from the tasks each child attempted at the start of the year and will provide parents with an indication of their child’s understanding of the concepts explored along with strategies for developing skills. Full details next week.

Hastings/Camden Haven District Swimming Carnival
Today I have the pleasure of attending the District Carnival at Wauchope pool with our team and Mr Cook. I’m sure I will be very proud of the LPS students, how they compete, support each other and demonstrate to the public what excellent school representatives look like.

P&C’s Third Family Fun Night Fundraiser
BIG news everyone, mark Friday 26 February in your diary because the Laurieton Pool management have offered the complex to us for a back to school function with proceeds going to our school. The Aqua Challenge floating in the pool, a BBQ and refreshments and an opportunity to meet and greet families from our school community will make for another AWESOME NIGHT!!!! (SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS)

Finally I’m so very impressed by the number of children wearing the broad rimmed school hats, coming to school wearing our uniform with pride and how well behaved our children have been both in the playground and classrooms this year. The Kindergarten children have been welcomed into the school so well by all the children and likewise the new students who started this year. So proud!!

Grant Timmins
Relieving 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 Wauchope today. 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: Sam Hannaford, Dilan Rae, Kiara Allport, Lochlan Campbell, Sonny Boland, Jayla Cook, Jessica Kirkwood, Amelia Madden, Jodene McDermott, Valentine Tate-Fisher, Jacinta Bell, Aydin Rae, Osgar Tylor, Riley Williams, Dylan Campbell, Gemma Hodgkinson, Billy Howard, Zara Lord, Thomas Worton, Matthew Cain, Robbie Wells, Abby Bon, Erin Gunton, William Hosick and Daniel McDermott.

We must also thank our P&C for providing a swimming cap for those students who compete at the District Swimming Carnival. The swimming caps are red and have the Laurieton Public School’s Emblem on both sides. Thank you to the P&C they look fantastic.

Mr Cook

DATES FOR THE DIARY - Term 1

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Primary Sport 2016

Every Friday 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. This year Laurieton Public School’s P&C have kindly helped to subsidise the cost of the swimming instructors.

This subsidy from the P&C means that we have been able to negotiate a price of $4.00 per student per week or $1.50 with a pool card or fitness passport. This price represents great value with pool entry and an hour long swimming lesson with AUST Swim trained swimming Instructors.

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

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| All Stage 2 students| 11:30am – 12:50pm:
| All Stage 3 students| 1:30pm – 2:50pm: |

Canteen News

In the Canteen this week....

- Licorice is back
- This Thursday and Friday,... we have fresh muffins coming!”
JOIN US ON
FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
FROM 5:30 – 8:00PM
FOR THE TERM 1
LPS P&C FAMILY POOL
NIGHT
THERE WILL BE
FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL,
SO BRING THE WHOLE
FAMILY.
ENTRY $5 per person
(Family of 4+ $20)
FOOD AVAILABLE:
SAUSAGE SANDWICHES $2.50
EGG N BACON ROLLS $4.00
FREE FRUIT

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAMDEN HAVEN HOCKEY CLUB
REGISTRATION DAYS
All ages are welcome from our Baby Hogs to our older
male hockey Boys.
When: Sunday & Tues (9am-1pm)
Saturdays 10 Feb 5pm-8pm
(BLR, if renews and a kit will be
held on the 20th of Feb)
Where: Hockey Fields, Ocean Drive
Port Macquarie
For more information phone action the age of
or look at up of https://canonheadtong.com NSW

The simplest way
...to bake a healthy lunch box treat.
Homemade muffins are a
great way to add a fruit or
veggie-filled treat to lunch
boxes.
Apple and date muffins
Ingredients: 3 apples,
chopped, 1 cup boiling
water, 200g dates, chopped; 50g butter; 2/3 cup brown
sugar; 1 tsp mixed spice; 1 egg; 1 tsp baking soda; 1 tsp
baking powder; 2 cups wholemeal flour.
Method: Preheat oven (180°C). Chop apples and
dates. Add boiling water, butter and sugar. Mix until
butter melts and sugar dissolves. Add spice and allow
to cool. When fruit mixture is warm, not hot, add spice
and egg. Mix well. Add baking soda, baking powder
and flour. Mix, but do not overbeat. If mixture is too
dry, add a little milk. Spoon into the prepared muffin
bake for about 10 minutes.

For more information visit
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The simplest way
...to encourage healthy eating.
If you’ve got a fussy eater in the family, a behaviour
reward chart can be a great way to get them eating and
enjoying new foods and more fruit and veg.
A behaviour reward chart can work wonders too.
Remember to decide on rewards and goals in advance
and keep them realistic and motivating.

Want more great tips and strategies for
encouraging healthy eating? Register for
A Veg Sense workshop online
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Find this chart and
others online too.

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