Thursday 23rd April 2015
Principal’s Report
Wow! What a wild start to the term. As a result of the storm the school has received some significant damage. We have had a large number of trees come crashing down. One fell onto one of our buildings and another was leaning on live power lines out the front of the school. Other damage includes whirlies flying off roofs, water damage to classrooms and the creation of a temporary swimming pool behind the library. As you would be aware it is going to take some time for the school to return to normal and be fully operational. I think we can all relate to the destruction that this incredible storm caused. Whilst I do apologise for the inconvenience the closing of the school has had on families I do not apologise for keeping our students and staff safe. The safety of our school community is paramount. I hope you are all doing well after this devastating event. Just remember material goods can always be replaced.

Due to the storm it was difficult to keep everyone up to date with what was going on as electricity has been and still is cut to a large proportion of the community. We have had difficulties with technology at the school as well. One of the best ways of keeping up to date with what is happening through school is via our School App. I urge all parents to download our App. It is available by going to play store or app store on your mobile phone and search for Lake Munmorah Public School and install.

K-2 Easter Hat Parade
As per usual the Easter Hat Parade was a huge success at the end of last term. Thank you to all teachers who assisted with this event, particularly to Mrs van Buul (coordinator) and Mrs McSweeny (MC). Also thank you to our wonderful P&C that supported this event with their regular Easter raffle. This year it was decided by staff that this would be a K-2 event and that Easter hats would be made in class. It would be greatly appreciated if you could take the time to complete the short questionnaire that features in this newsletter. Your feedback, along with staff and student feedback, is invaluable and will assist with how we structure this event next year.

School Canteen
Our school canteen will be closed until Monday 27th April. All students are required to bring a packed lunch from home until the canteen reopens.

NAPLAN
The 12th, 13th, and 14th May are the allocated days for NAPLAN testing. It would be helpful to the Year 3 and Year 5 students who are involved in this testing program to be on time so that they can have a stress free start to the test. If there are any issues to be discussed regarding your child’s participation in the tests or any special considerations please contact myself.

ANZAC Service
Students and parents are invited to attend the ANZAC Day march at the Doyalson Wyee RSL on Saturday, 25th April. The Dawn service commences at 5:00am, followed by breakfast. The main march starts off at the Doyalson lights at 8:30am down to the Cenotaph outside of the Club with the service starting at approximately 9:00am.

Students are to assemble near the traffic lights at 8:00am. Mrs Batten along with other teachers will be organising students to march behind our L.M.P.S banner. Children are expected to wear full school uniform. After the service there will be drinks, ice blocks and chips for children at Doyalson Wyee RSL.

Principal
As I have mentioned previously the new Principal of Lake Munmorah Public School, Mr Graham Holmes, will be joining us in Week 3. Until his arrival I will remain as relieving principal.

Quality Work
Anthony Robinson (5/6B) had some impressive super sentences. I particularly liked how he changed this simple sentence “The shells lay on the beach” into “Early on a Monday morning, the glistening shells lay snug in the fresh wet sand like a foot nestled in a sock”. It created some great imagery in my mind.
Congratulations Daniel Wood (2J) on your excellent handwriting. Your book is completed to a high standard.

A number of students from 1MS came to show me some quality work. I had Rylee Farrar-Hurley, Johnathan Priest, Ace Platts, Zoe McManus, Ava Mullen and Lani Stone share their Easter Super Sentences. Also Jack Fuller, Jet-James Paterson, Jemma Cook, Sharni Brown and again Ava, Lani, Zoe and Johnathan come to show me their ANZAC work which was titled ‘Looking at Life in 1915’ and their poppy art which had a focus on perspective and mood colours. There is great things happening in 1MS.

Well done to Phoenix Ianna, Ella Letherbarrow, Asher Francais and Faith Weir (4C) who had some fantastic feeling poems that were about summer and Easter. Their work was very descriptive and was accompanied with some wonderful illustrations.

And last but not least to Toby Dowdell (5/6S) who performed a science rap that he created. It was impressive to listen to him recite the whole rap without any prompts. The content was very interesting and well researched.

Grant McFarland
2015 Infants Easter Colouring and Writing Competition Winners

Kindergarten
1st Riley Letherbarrow
2nd Maison Buckingham
3rd Asher Kerrsmith

Year 1
1st Cohen Riddell
2nd Layla McGuigan
3rd Lara Stuart

Year 2
1st Freya Nicholls
2nd Kelly Dalton
3rd Harper Allsop

Well done to all the children participating in this years’ competition.

Thanks goes to the P&C for running the Easter raffle, the volunteers who helped make the children hats and the parent who attended the parade. I hope you enjoyed it. Finally, a special thank you to the dedicated staff of LMPS. We make a great team.

Primary Egg Dioramas
This year our Primary Students were asked to make egg dioramas. They have eggcelled! There was an abundance of the most clever and imaginative dioramas in the school hall. Also, to view in the hall were Stage 1 Insect Projects. I was impressed by the quality and the detail of each one. This quality work is such a credit to our students and their parents. It makes me proud to work here and to be part of this wonderful community. Well done!

Send In your Pics!
If you have a wonderful, cute or funny picture from the Easter Parade please send them to us. We would love to be able to publish these pictures either in our newsletter or on our web page. Please send any Easter parade photo to lakemunmor-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Thank you.

Lisa van Buul

GOTCHA ! AWARDS 
TERM 1, WEEK 10
CONGRATULITIONS

⇒ Freya Nicholls
⇒ Danni-May Botham
⇒ Rikki Doggett
⇒ Ciara Bass
⇒ Christie Humphries

LMPS White Sport Shirts
$15.00

Scrunchies & Bows
$3.00

Stage 3 Red Caps
$10.00

All Available at the Office
School Diary

Please stick me on your ‘fridge’

TERM 2

April
24 10:30am - LMPS Anzac Service
25 ANZAC Day

May
05 LMPS Cross Country @ School
07 P & C Mothers’ Day Stall
08 7:30 - 9:00am Mothers’ Day Breakfast
12 NAPLAN - Language Conventions & Writing
13 NAPLAN - Reading
14 8:00am - 4:00pm Stage 1 @ Sydney Aquarium & Wildlife Zoo Excursion
   NAPLAN - Numeracy
15 12:45pm Infants Assembly - 2J Parent Assembly
19 ICAS - Digital Technologies Test
21 9:00am - 3:00pm Year 5 CARES Excursion
22 CC Choral Festival Rehearsal
   12:45pm Infants Assembly - K Red Parent Assembly
29 Wallarah Zone Cross Country Carnival @ Wyong Race Course
   12:45pm Infants Assembly

June
03 ICAS - Science Test
05 12:45pm Infants Assembly - 2AF Parent Assembly
08 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEENS BIRTHDAY
09/16 Inclusive - LIFE EDUCATION visit
10 Sydney North Cross Country Carnival @ Gosford Racecourse
12 12:45pm Infants Assembly - 1BT Parent Assembly
15 ICAS - Writing Test
16 ICAS - Spelling Test
26 11:45am Primary Awards of Excellence
   12:45pm Infants Awards of Excellence
   Last Day of Term