Thursday 14th May, 2015
Principal’s Report
Well I’m into my second week and I must report that I continue to be impressed by the quality of this amazing school. The welcoming and the greeting I have received from everyone has been remarkable and I can see that this is one happy school community. As well, as I get into more and more classrooms I am seeing that the school enjoys settled classrooms with students engaged in learning at all times of day. As a Principal who has previously led four school communities, I can tell you that this quality learning environment is a testament to the good work of the school staff and its leaders and of the supportive school community that you are. As I said last week I very much look forward to the opportunity to build on this quality base and create a most outstanding school.

Communication Survey – Your feedback and ideas are important
As you will get to know me you will see that my leadership style is very inclusive and one that will look for every opportunity to engage families in the learning journey of their children. There is nothing more powerful that we can do as the adults in a child’s life than to work together in a supportive, positive, learning partnership to bring about the best outcomes for every child.

Part of this partnership is to ensure that we are communicating with you effectively and be confident that you are receiving quality and timely information about your child/ren through the processes we rely on to communicate to you.

Below there is a link to a quick survey that will ask you to comment on the current format of our school’s newsletter, website and on the overall communication between the school and you. The school website, in particular, is under review and we would like to gather your ideas on the site as we move to change its appearance, structure and features. The information you provide will greatly assist our ongoing endeavours to ensure excellent communication within our school community.

I thank you for your time on completing this important survey - it should only take you a few minutes!

SURVEY LINK: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FHTXRN5

*If you do not have access to a computer or the internet and you would like to complete the survey please contact the school and we will provide access to the survey here.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN testing has gone very smoothly thanks to the terrific administration by Mr McFarland. Students, although a little bit nervous, were very settled through the testing and gave their best efforts in completing the tests thoroughly. We will receive the results later in the year and at that time I will be conducting a meeting to show you how we have performed this year. Well done to the students for taking these tests so seriously.

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 19 May 6.30PM – please come along to meet me on this night – even if you are not a P&C member. I will be giving a brief overview of my background, experiences and vision for Lake Munmorah and there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the future directions of the school. Please come along.

Quality Workers
This week I had the pleasure of being visited by Jack Mathews in Year 6 who showed me his work on alternate angles. He clearly showed a tremendous aptitude for this concept as he kept completing all tasks set for him by Mrs Caban. He was even given Year 7 maths which he did with ease. Mrs Caban has commented that Jack’s work has been outstanding this year and she is very proud of him. Well done Jack.

I was invited into Mr Sanday’s class this week to see the students exploring the use of static electricity and finding different ways to demonstrate the use of positive and negatively charged objects.
One demonstration was akin to the Darth Vader light saber where the students were able to move small objects through the air with a long plastic pipe. They clearly understood the forces at play while doing so. I was very impressed with their knowledge and application of static electricity forces. Well done.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of working with our student leaders in identifying a project that they could undertake as leaders of the school. They have settled on the idea of a buddy bench concept which they will now see come to fruition. These students displayed extraordinary intelligence and maturity in considering what idea would have the most merit and add the greatest value to the school. Our school is extremely fortunate to have such quality student leaders.

Finally congratulations to our boys and girls softball teams who both were winners at the competition played at Toukley on Monday this week. Mrs Caban was extremely proud of both teams as they gave it their very best in winning. Well done to those students involved.

Mr Graham Holmes
Principal
M.Ed. Admin., B. Ed.,
Grad. Cert. Public Sector Management

On Friday 8th of May our chess team headed to Wyong Creek Public School. I’d like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Denniss for driving the students to and from the venue, chess wouldn’t be possible without the help and support from the parents. This week our team consisted of Kale McMillan, Logan Denyer, Harry Wetherall and Jessica Denniss once again I’d like to say a thanks to Harry and Jessica for helping out. After speaking with Mrs Denniss she informed me that all the students came away with a win giving us a total of four points out of four, she said “all the students played well and showed great sportsmanship”.

James Gray
Chess Coordinator

Breakfast Club

Donations for Breakfast Club would be greatly appreciated:-

Eg. Margarine, vegemite, jam, cheese spread, honey etc..

Thank you for all your previous donations.
Mothers Day Breakfast
School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2016, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to raise $300,000 by having parent accounts which would then be used to deposit $50 to $600 each. This launched scores of Australian children, who have been around Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian children begin their saving mission.

Rewards for good saving behaviour with two new Rams

To help keep students track with their saving mission in Form 2, we’ve raised two new Rams. Students will need to make regular School Banking deposits to be able to save school dollars.


Children and Youth KINGS OF WAR

Kings of War gaming is a tabletop wargame where two or more players compete against each other with armies of miniatures. Players can command armies from the crumbling Undead or elite Elves from stubborn Dwarves or your own hordes of Orcs.

If that sounds like something you are interested in, come along to our monthly sessions.

Bookings are essential.
Call 4350 1570 or enquire at the desk for details.

“...No time for speeches now, it’s time to fight!”
– Hamlet, The Maid

Come and Celebrate with Us!

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
Saturday 16th May from 1pm - 4pm
Star FM Road Star Party • Jumping Castle • Face Painting
• Kids Classes & Activities • Rockwall Adventures
• a whole lot more! Fun for the whole family!

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GOTCHA ! AWARDS
TERM 2, Week 3
CONGRATULATIONS

♦ Tegan Wailes
♦ Shannae Watson
♦ Zac Westley
♦ Nikolas Fletcher

OPTOMETRIST
Bernard Tan
B.Sc.OPTOM; L.O.Sc; M.OPTOM
Phone: 4392 3258
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*Eye Examinations  *Sports Vision  *Children’s Vision
*Computer Vision  *Safety Vision  *Optical Dispensing
*Contact Lens Fitting and Supply
*1 year warranty frames  *Scratch-resistant lenses
Mon-Fri: 9am—5pm  Saturday: 9am—12 noon
MEDICARE BULK BILLING

“Proudly Supporting Lake Munmorah Public School”

WANTED
Fit reliable walkers are needed to help us deliver the Top End magazine. Deliveries are made monthly in Gwandalan and Summernland Point. If you can help please call Jenny on 4358 1710

Making Friends
Making Friends is an interactive social skills program for children aged between 3 and 6 years of age.
This popular and successful program aims to develop skills such as saying hello, sharing and taking turns, asking for help, managing feelings such as fear and frustration, calming down and speaking up.
Our qualified child carers will be working with your children to demonstrate and practice these skills, which are an important pre-requisite for starting school.

Dates: Monday 25th May, 2015 for 8 weeks
Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm
Venue: Northern Lakes Family Centre
1 Colongra Bay Road
Lake Munmorah

Parents/carers are requested to provide their child with a healthy lunch.
Parents/carers are not required to stay onsite during each session but an overview of each week will be presented when you collect your child.

For further information and bookings, please contact:
Northern Lakes Family Centre
Telephone: 4358 3148
If unattended please leave a message on phone
School Diary

Please stick me on your ‘fridge’

TERM 2

May
18 LMPS Cross Country @ School
19 ICAS - Digital Technologies Test
21 9:00am - 3:00pm Year 5 CARES Excursion
22 8:30 - 3:00pm CC Choral Festival Rehearsal
   12:45pm Infants Assembly - K Red Parent Assembly
29 Wallarah Zone Cross Country Carnival @ Wyong Race Course

June
03 ICAS - Science Test
08 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEENS BIRTHDAY
09 Stage 2 Activity Day @ Pt Wolstoncroft
09/16 Inclusive - LIFE EDUCATION Visit
10 Sydney North Cross Country Carnival @ Gosford Racecourse
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

Healthy Harold
Will be Visiting our School
09/06-16/06/15