Thursday 16th July 2015
Welcome back to Term 3.

I hope you have had a great holiday despite the chilly conditions and that you enjoyed the time having your children with you over the last two weeks. Holidays truly are wonderful things as they can provide a great opportunity for families to connect and spend quality time together. I trust your break provided this for you.

The staff and students have returned with great enthusiasm and energy and I can feel that we are in for a terrific term ahead. Again, I look forward to working with you all closely as we deliver a world class educational service to your children. We will certainly be working hard to do so and know that with your ongoing support that we can go a long way to achieving this.

We have had little change in our staffing arrangements since last term. However, we welcome back to the school Ms. Nicole Dry who will take over the teaching duties from Mr. McFarland on 5/6G for Semester 2. Mr. McFarland will assume the role of an ‘off class Assistant Principal’ and will be involved in the development of some exciting programs and projects during this time.

As well, we have employed the services of a community liaison officer to undertake the extremely important work of continuing to build programs and services that provide families with the opportunities to be highly involved in their students learning and in school life. Ms Rochelle Madden, will be in the school 2 days each week to undertake this role. She comes to us with extensive experience in community development, having worked in a number of sectors in this capacity. She has included in this newsletter a short description of her role and what her work will look like. We welcome her warmly to our school.

We have a number of staff on leave for the next two/three weeks and this includes: Ms Caban, Mr Robinson, Ms Vicich and Ms Daley. Excellent casual teachers have been employed in their place and you can feel confident that the classroom program will be delivered as per normal.

School Development Day
Staff returned to school on Monday to participate in important professional learning activities. During the day they were involved in sessions which saw them increase their knowledge about supporting the learning of students with additional and sometimes complex learning needs. Importantly, we reviewed the processes of the school’s ‘Learning Support Team’ and demonstrated through a hypothetical situation how valuable this resource is in supporting students with disabilities and students who have additional support needs. They also reflected on the current practices we rely on in the work of school improvement and moved towards the adoption of an inclusive model where all staff are involved in the work of improving the services and programs offered by the school. The final part of the day saw stage learning teams undertake important planning for the term ahead. A very worthwhile day indeed!

Student Reports
Every student received a first semester report at the end of last term. Hopefully you have utilized the report for some reflective discussion with your child/ren to analyse their current performance and to identify areas where they will need to intensify their focus so improvements can be made over the coming semester. This discussion should also include consideration of current work and study habits and a reflection on what might need to be consolidated or changed if it is required. You are encouraged to arrange a meeting with your child’s teacher to discuss the report and together plan for future improvements. Your child should be involved in this process. Please contact your child’s teacher if you wish to meet for this purpose.

Education Week 27-31 July – Celebrating Local Heroes
Attached to this newsletter you will find an agenda for our school’s Public Education Open Day, which will happen on Thursday 30 July. In line with this year’s theme we are going to take the opportunity to acknowledge those people in our community who work for any of the emergency services and thank them for the support they gave to our school and to our community during the recent storms. It will also be a chance for you to see first-hand the
wonderful work that is done each day by staff and students. There will be a range of activities including a BBQ lunch provided by the P&C. It will be great to see many of you there. Please make a diary entry now to ensure you can come along.

Lake Munmorah PS Public Education Awards of Appreciation

This year we have instituted this new award program to acknowledge and show our appreciation of those in our school community who over the last twelve months (or more) have gone beyond the call of duty to make a significant contribution to our school and/or to Public Education broadly. Attached to this newsletter you will find a nomination form which can be used by you to nominate someone worthy for an award of appreciation from our school. All nominations will be accepted and the person nominated will be acknowledged at our Public Education Day assembly on the 30 July. Any person (parents, staff and students) can make a nomination but please be very thoughtful about who you may nominate. It really should be for outstanding and exceptional contributions. You have until the end of next week to nominate someone – so please start thinking.

New School Website

Next week we are planning the launch of a new Lake Munmorah Public School website to replace the very useful but somewhat tired looking older site. The new website will retain many of the functions and information that you have relied on over the years but there will be considerable enhancements that I know you will greatly appreciate. The ‘Go Live’ date is uncertain just now but it will be definitely next week. A note will be sent home when this happens. Have a good look!

Before and After School Care – Feasibility Survey

Can I remind you to complete this important online survey. The results from the survey are needed to determine if there is a demand for the service here at our school. The information will be used by a prospective service provider if we decide to offer this service. Even if you don’t currently have a need for the service it would be good to hear your views about the school possibly offering this service to the families of our school community. It will only take you a few minutes. The link to the survey is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D6X38Q8

Early Arrivals at School

We seemed to have returned with an increase in the number of students arriving at school before 8:30. There are some students arriving around 7:15 and on Tuesday morning we had about 50 students here before 8:00. Can I remind families that we cannot provide supervision for your children prior to 8:30 which leaves children quite vulnerable (and at the moment quite cold) in terms of their safety and therefore I again ask that your child/ren do not come to school before this time. If they attend breakfast club they can come in at 8:15.

The survey on the feasibility of a Before and After School Care Program mentioned above is being conducted in response to this problem. So I would ask parents of these children in particular to complete the survey. It appears we would have a significant demand for a before school care program at least. Understanding how tricky it can be to find supervision for children in the morning we are trying to explore other options that might assist families in this way. I look forward to your cooperation on this matter at this time.

Whooping Cough

I am pleased to advise that we don’t appear to have had any of our students contract whooping cough over the school holiday period. However, if this is not the case for your family can you please contact the school immediately to let us know? I am hopeful that our school may be beyond the worst of it. Despite there being a fourfold increase in the incidence of this condition on the Central Coast this year. To ensure that we can rid ourselves of this problem, I again ask that you immediately attend a Doctor if any cold or flu
constantly remind your children of good hygiene practices when washing hands and sneezing and blowing noses. If we work together in a proactive way we will at least minimize the incidence of this in our school.

Quality Workers/High Achievers This Week

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

Community Liaison Officer – Ms Rochelle Madden
This week I am excited to start my role here within the school as Community Liaison Officer. (CLO)

As a CLO I will be working towards establishing and promoting effective partnerships and networks among school, home and the local community. This includes networking with local community organisations to utilise resources and to keep our school connected to the outside world, in a real and meaningful way.

An important part of my role will be connecting with you, our parents and carers, and working with you to enhance your children’s learning outcomes and overall schooling experience. During the coming weeks I will host special morning teas here at school, contact families via phone or make myself available for private meetings if you would prefer. In doing this, I not only get to meet with our school families but I can find out first-hand what areas you are interested in being involved within our school community, and what sort of programs and school events are of an interest to you and your children.

I am here at school 2 days a week, Tuesday's and Thursday's and I will also attend special school events, such as NAIDOC day this Friday where I look forward to connecting with some of our families on this special day of recognition.

Looking forward to working with you,  
Rochelle Madden
WE ALL STAND ON SACRED GROUND

When? Friday 17th July
9:30am

Where? LMPS

Smoking Ceremony
Flag Raising
Student Speeches
Cultural Performance

Mufti day for students: red, black & yellow or blue, green, white & black. Hat & enclosed shoes please.

We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect & Celebrate

LMPS NAIDOC Celebration

Friday 17th July

Please come along and join us!
“Exploring the Seasons of Grief”

Everyone experiences change and loss throughout their lives, such as the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, changing jobs and moving house. The grief that accompanies change or loss can be hard.

**Sometimes grief can make it difficult for us to be the parents we want to be.**

*Exploring the Seasons of Grief* is a small group program where you will meet other parents who are travelling their own grief journey and learn some skills to help you manage your own loss experience.

**Date:**
31 July 2015 – 21 August 2015
(Program runs over four Fridays)

**Venue:**
CALM
77 The Boulevarde
Toronto 2283

**Time:**
10.30am—1pm (morning tea provided)

**Cost:**
$10 towards the cost of a work book

**Who:**
For parents of children 0 – 12 years

For registration and enquiries please contact Kath from CALM on 4950 3855 by the 17 July 2015

**SORRY NO CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE**

“Grief involves every person, object or incident from which I have walked away with a sense of being incomplete”

Elaine Childs-Gowell
School Diary

Please stick me on your ‘fridge’

**TERM 3**

**July**  
17  NAIDOC Celebration - Mufti Day  
20  8:00am - 3:00pm Rugby League Sevens Gala Day @ Gumbayah Oval  
   11:00am - 3:00pm CC Choral Festival Composer Workshop @ Mingara  
21  6:30pm P&C Meeting  
22  8:30am - 3:00pm Netball Gala Day @ Charlestown  
28  Primary Athletics Carnival @ Warnervale Oval  
29  ICAS English Test  
30  11:00am - 3:00pm Education Week Open Day

**August**  
06  9:00am - 3:00pm K-6 Central Coast Public Speaking Finals @ MPPS  
11  ICAS Mathematics Test  
14  P&C Fun Run  
17  PHOTO Day - Sports and Specials  
18  6:30pm P&C Meeting  
24-28  BOOK WEEK - ‘Books light up our world’  
28  Wallarah Zone Athletics Carnival

**September**  
04  7:30am Fathers‘ Day Breakfast  
   Footy Colours Day  
15  6:30pm P&C Meeting  
18  11:45am Primary Awards of Recognition  
   12:45pm Infants Awards of Recognition

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**HOW TO BE SAFETY SMART**  

Here are some tips for you to be safety smart:  

- Don’t go onto Valete Point Power Station property.  
- It’s not safe and it’s not allowed.  
- Tell a parent, teacher or trusted person if you know someone might go there.  
- Stay and play safely close to home.