Thursday 11th February 2016
Principals Report

Class Information Meetings Tonight

Reminder that these very important meetings are being held today. Two identical back to back sessions are being held one commencing at 4:00pm and the next at 5:00. They will start in the hall and then move to classrooms. There will be child minding available for families of young children. This will be in the library, so please drop your child there at the start of the session. These meetings are very important in that they will provide important information about your child’s learning program for the year. I do hope that you can come along.

Parents as Teachers (PAT)

Session 1: Topic: “Our School” The Key Functions of a Modern School
5:30pm - 7:00pm Tuesday 16 February
9:30am – 11:00am Thursday 18 February

This program commences next week, being held in one of the classrooms (directions provided when you arrive). To remind you, the program is being run to assist parents and families in increasing their understandings about our school and about contemporary educational programs and practices. The main intent of the program is to increase parent and family capacities to be able to assist their child/ren at home in their educational development. The first session will be on the topic of ‘Our School’ which will see key staff unpack information about school structures, personnel and curriculum programs. This is an important session as it will provide the context to what we do here at the school. It be held at 5:30pm on Tuesday 16 February in the school’s community room. An identical session will be held in the same week at 9:30am on Thursday 18 February, also in the community room. This session will be the first of twelve sessions we will be conducting across the year. Please try to come along.

P&C Meeting 7:00pm Tuesday 16 March

Our P&C performs a critically important role in supporting the work of the school. Not only do they provide additional resources through their fund raising efforts but they also play a significant role in school governance, particularly in policy areas that directly impact on families e.g. school excursion schedule. The parents who do participate represent the views of the community and I rely on their input in making important school decisions. Our P&C is highly effective in these regards, but they do need to increase the number of parents being involved. The first meeting of the year is a great place to start if you are interested in joining the P&C. Please strongly consider coming along. There are some important business items that will be discussed at this first meeting such as the prospect of the P&C taking on the school canteen.

Out of School Hours (OoSH) Care Program Update

We still appear to be on track to have this program commence at the beginning of next term. The tender process has closed and the evaluation of the tenders will occur over the next fortnight. The successful tender will then be subject to further scrutiny by both the DEC and the national regulatory body which I am told commence set up after this time. I will keep you informed of the progress of the establishment of the program, but I do hope that we have the program available to families in Term 2.
 Ethics Program Update

We are still looking to commence this program in Term 2. Remember the program will be available to students who are registered with the school as non-scripture students. We do have volunteers being trained, but we still require more people to volunteer to become teachers of the program and there is a non-teaching coordinator position available as well. If you might be interested in being involved in our ethics program, I ask you to contact Ms Julie Bell, Regional Manager, Wyong LGA Primary Ethics Ltd M: 0415 697 109. Alternatively enter your details onto the Primary Ethics website under the becoming a teacher tab and that will be sent through to Julie. You may also just approach me and I can put forward your name. Full free training will be provided.

Use of Car Parks

The school car park is to be used only by school staff, delivery drivers and by those parents who have been provided permission by staff to pick up students with mobility issues. No other person should be accessing the school car park at any time. I understand that there are considerable parking issues around the school but the school car park does not have the capacity to allow the general community to access it. I ask for your assistance in this regard.

Students Arriving Early

To all of our families I wish to remind you that the school does not provide supervision to students before 8:30 each day. I ask that you do not send your child to school before this time and make alternative arrangements for them to be minded before school. This is a safety issue for your child and therefore I ask that you have arrangements in place to ensure they are safe. I look to your ongoing cooperation on this matter throughout the year.

School Furniture Available

With the technology room being refurbished we are replacing the current furniture with new and contemporary items that will better suit the needs of students in that learning space. So the old furniture is surplus to our needs. If any family wishes to take a long table or desk or any of the swivel, wheeled chairs they are more than welcome to do so. All furniture is in good condition and would be suitable for study areas at home. The tables might be great for a garage work bench. Please approach the front office if you would like some of the furniture items.

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Stage 3 Fitness

Students in Stage 3 are being tested during Fitness Sessions in 4 areas: Flexibility, Endurance, Explosive and Core Strength. The results from these tests will form the basis for Fitness Groups, which will run twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. For these sessions students may bring joggers to change into (if their regular shoes are not suitable).

Fresh Food Friday

Our vegetable garden is once again producing wonderful fresh vegetables, fruit and herbs (thanks to a group of eager lunchtime gardeners). Each Friday from 2.45pm there will be a stall, under the COLA, selling FRESH produce straight from the garden, at the bargain price of a Gold Coin Donation. All money raised will be used to purchase more seeds and seedlings to restock the garden. This week we have…… mint, basil, rosemary, silverbeet, spinach, beans and hopefully pumpkin. If you would like to pick veges, fruit or herbs at any other time, please sign in at the office, leave a donation and help yourself.

World’s Greatest Shave

One of our year 5 students, Holly Boyd 5/6C, has decided to ‘Be Brave and Shave’ to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. This very brave young lady is going to have her hair shaven (in front of the WHOLE school) on Friday 11th March 2016. To support Holly we are holding a Crazy Hair Day on the same day, where students may colour or style their hair in a crazy way and bring in a Gold Coin Donation. There will also be a donation tin at the office where families may wish to donate a little extra (if you wish to receive a receipt, please put your details on the donation). Holly’s aim is to raise $1100 – but I am sure we can beat that!!

Breakfast Club has started for 2016

Thank you for your generous donations last year! Vegemite and Cheese Spread are very popular and our supplies are running low, donations would be greatly appreciated.
LAKE MUNMORAH NETBALL CLUB

LMNC is looking for players to fill teams for the up and coming netball season, beginning April 2016. If you are interested in joining a well established netball club in your local area, please give us a call or send us an email to obtain registration details.

Players of any level aged from 6 - Adults can register. Phone or text Angela on 0418 606 705 or email to lakemunmorahnetballclub@gmail.com for further infor-
Lake Munmorah Public School Newsletter

Before school child minding
Fun in a safe environment
Breakfast if needed
Your child gets safely to school on time
I have 2 children at Lake Munmorah public school
Approved Working with Children & National Police checks
Call Kathy to secure your spot for term 4
0416 090 593

Guitar Lessons for Beginners
Professional Musician,
HSC Music Graduate
For ALL AGES
Lake Munmorah, 15$ per Lesson
Contact Jared Styan 0467588327

Adding 10 minutes a day to a child’s reading makes a big difference over the year.

A comparison of Year 5 children

10 mins
20 mins
30 mins

Research shows us that the benefits of reading more improve performance in:
- General Knowledge
- Vocabulary
- Reading Comprehension
- Verbal Fluency
- Spelling

Let’s raise readers!

iTutor Learning Systems

If you answered YES to any of these questions, it could mean that you need help.
The Tutor Learning System is professional educational software with individual support for both students and their parents. Students can follow the program at their own pace, building understanding and confidence as they get into the work they love.

As a teacher and a parent, I highly recommend Tutor Learning Systems. If you would like to examine more please contact me at the number below. I would be happy to talk to you and conduct a assessment with your child and show you how the Tutor Learning System could benefit your family.

Christine Adams
Tel: 0423 406 325
Email: cchristine.mcdonald.mark@gmail.com

Book your appointment now!

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School Diary

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TERM 1

February
11 4:00pm & 5:00pm — Parent Information Sessions
16 6:30pm P&C Meeting
25 9:00am - 2:30pm Primary Swimming Carnival @ Swansea Pool

March
2 Zone Swimming Carnival @ Swansea Pool
11 Crazy Hair Day—Gold coin donation
15 6:30pm P&C Meeting
16 Sydney North Primary Swimming Carnival @ Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
18 PHOTO DAY
23 4:45—6:00pm DISCO — Infants
  6:15—7:45pm DISCO — Primary
25 GOOD FRIDAY
26 EASTER SATURDAY
27 EASTER SUNDAY
28 EASTER MONDAY

April
8 LAST DAY OF TERM

TERM 2

25 ANZAC Day
27 STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

P&C Meeting

Tuesday, 16th February
at 6:30pm

All Welcome!