Parents as Teachers (PAT)
This program commenced this week with the executive team presenting on how our school functions in its mission to provide your children the best possible educational experience that it can. An impressive number of parents joined us and I know that they found it very beneficial in learning about how our school operates. Yesterday I received a letter from Ms Vanessa Newman who was present at the Tuesday night session. She wrote a very lovely letter which in part she said:

“I came home feeling fortunate and proud to be part of such a fabulous school. I think the school is heading in a very positive direction and I will do all I can to help spread the word”

A big thank you to all who came along – if you could not get here this week, the PowerPoint presentation with audio will be up on our school website over the next week.

Our next session will be held in a few weeks on the topic of Child Emotional Health and Well Being. This is being conducted so that parents can assist the healthy mental development of their child and build their resilience to deal with the modern world. We are attempting to secure the services of an expert in this area to present on this topic. Please watch this newsletter for more details

P&C Matters – School Canteen
The P&C met on Tuesday night and worked through some important business items, one of which was to consider the opportunity to take on the operation of the school canteen. After a lot of discussion a motion was put and passed unanimously that they would assume responsibility for the canteen from the beginning of Week 6 this term. A canteen committee has been established, being led by Mr Richard Smider and they have already commenced preparations to run the canteen service. There will be a paid canteen manager who will run the canteen and the advertisement for this should be in this newsletter next week. However, a strong canteen relies heavily on volunteer support and a call for volunteers will be made soon. I would like to think that our community will fall in behind the P&C and generously offer time to volunteer help and work in the canteen. It is important to note that there was strong acknowledgement of the work done by Ms Sharon Jaques, the current canteen manager, and recognition of her commitment in offering the children a quality service each day. Sharon has a great love for what she does and I know the children really enjoy having contact with her each day and I know she will be missed.

School Fees
A letter will be sent home in relation to the voluntary school contribution fees that we ask for each year. There has not been an increase in the levy amount this year and will remain at the 2015 level. The school relies on the monies raised through this levy to buy additional resources for classrooms and therefore I would ask all families to do their best in paying the monies as soon as possible.

Parent Volunteer and Visitors
It is a requirement of the Department of Education, that all parent helper/volunteers complete and sign a copy of the Prohibited Employment Declaration form that can be found in the Office. This form needs to be completed each year and filed in the Office. We also require that all parents, visitors and volunteers sign in to the Visitors’ Register when entering the school, and also sign out when you leave. This is a security issue as we need to know who is on the grounds at all times in the case of an emergency or evacuation.
**Class Dojo**
This year all teachers are utilizing the software application called ‘Class Dojo’ to assist in the management of students throughout the day. It is an excellent communication facility and allows families to be connected electronically to information about their child’s participation each week. It also provides the opportunities to inform families about class activities, events and student work under the Class Stories tab. With this in existence there will no longer be a need for a class blog space on our school website and this will cease immediately. If you have any issues about how to utilize the Class Dojo platform at home please speak to your child’s teacher.

**Out of School Hours (OoSH) Care Program Update**
Good news is that this is still on track and the tender evaluation process will be undertaken on the 2 March. From this a service provider will be selected and will immediately commence preparations to commence the service in Term 2. I will keep you informed.

**Classroom Air Conditioning**
We are just finalizing quotes and soon we will installing air conditioning in an additional four classrooms. This is part of an overall program to eventually see all rooms in the school air conditioned. I thank the P&C for their contribution in paying 50% of the costs. Without their support it would be very difficult to achieve installing the units at the rate we are.

**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 School Car Park**
Unfortunately the school car park is still being used by people unauthorized to do so. There are also some cars parking for extended periods in front of the waste bins, impeding the access of pickup vehicles. 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 or 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.

Quality Workers/High Achievers This Week

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‘You Can Do It Too’

Performance at school

Tuesday, 5th April

K-6 students
Cost $5.50 per child

LMPS GIRL
WINTER UNIFORMS

SKIRTS $33
PINAFORES $43

PLACE ORDERS AT THE OFFICE.

ORDERS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO JENNY G. ON 1st APRIL.
LMPS Vegetable Garden

Thanks to Lillie-May, the Smider family and our regular group of helpers we now have tomato, lettuce, snake-beans and beetroot seedlings ready to plant. 1BT grew cucumber seedlings from seeds last year and these are now bearing fruit.

This week’s Fresh Food Friday will have spinach, silverbeet, cucumbers, mint, basil, rosemary and watermelon (accidently picked by one our students – so we are not sure of how ripe it is). Remember – everything is only $1.00!!

We need punnets to put our herbs and vegies in, once picked. It would be wonderful if you could send in punnets of any size (empty and washed please) to the office or to Mrs Caban’s room.

Primary Swimming Carnival
@ Swansea Pool
Thursday, 25th February

Cost: $10.00 per student
(Due 23rd Feb)

Just a friendly reminder that ALL Book Club orders must be back at school by Monday 22nd February.

Thank you for your support.
Happy Reading,
Julie Treharne
Book Club Coordinator
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 lakemunmorahnetballclub@gmail.com for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS
to our
SRC Representatives
for
Semester One 2016

1/2B – Cohen Riddell
2J – Koby Smith, Jemma Cook
2M – Chloe Dalley-Parrington, Tegan Wailes
2/3R – Lani Stone, Jesse Walker
3M – Grace Field, Ella Fairman
3B – Cate Spranger, Callan Lowe
4B – Cooper Severino, Lauren Derwin
4F – Josh Brown, Pink Williams
4/5L – Emily Evans, Jordan Tangaroa
5/6J – Kiana Alderdice, Tali Addison-Hicks
5/6S – Mila McKenzie, Lachlan Turnbull
5/6D – Cheyenne Teora-Caesar
5/6C – Adam Bennett, Eliza Wetherall

Senior Executives
Cameryn Smider
Toby Dowdell
Paris Hosie
Jake Darcy
Sally Whitelaw
Mitchell Bennett
Angie Birkin
Tate Young

Next month, on Tuesday 15th March, the P & C will hold its Annual General Meeting. The AGM will start at 6.30pm and all positions will be declared vacant. Re-elections for 2016 will then commence. The March meeting will begin at the conclusion of the AGM. If you are interested in what the P & C does at our school, please come along.

Look forward to seeing you there.
Clare Smider
President
School Diary

*Please stick me on your ‘fridge’*

**TERM 1**

**February**

19  11:45am - SRC & Sports Captains Induction Assembly
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
24  Easter Hat Parade
25  GOOD FRIDAY
26  EASTER SATURDAY
27  EASTER SUNDAY
28  EASTER MONDAY

**April**

5   ‘You Can Do It Too’ Performance at school, K-6 students
8   LAST DAY OF TERM

**TERM 2**

25  ANZAC Day
27  STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL