Thursday 3rd March 2016
Principals Report

School Working Bee 7:30am Sunday 6 March –
Also Clean Up Australia Day
A reminder about our working bee this Sunday morning. The intention is to upgrade the garden area outside the support classrooms. There is a bit of work to be done to return it to a suitable play area but with a good turn up of volunteers we should be able to finish it within a few hours. Please bring along some shovels, picks and rakes and plenty of energy and enthusiasm. The P&C canteen will be providing sustenance for the workers in the form of sausage sandwiches and drinks. Please try to come along for a few hours and join us.

Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program - Dr John Irvine Guest Speaker
Also another reminder that Dr John Irvine, Child & Family Psychologist B.A. PhD, M.A.C.E., M.A.P.S. will speak on the topic of ‘Supporting your Child’s Wellbeing’ at our next PAT program meeting. He will also be formally launching a new program called ‘Worry Woos’ which addresses anxiety issues in children. This is a tremendous opportunity for our families to listen to the ‘guru’ and expert in this area. It will take place on Tuesday 15 March immediately after school and free child minding is available. Please try to join us.

P&C Matters – School Canteen
Well the P&C canteen has made a terrific start this week with Kristy reporting that there has been pleasing support from everyone. The canteen committee has been very busy behind the scenes in setting up the business processes and things seem to have settled very quickly. If you could support the canteen we would very much welcome you giving some time to volunteer a few hours each week. Please see Kristy if you can give of some time to help.

Expressions of interest are now being taken for the Canteen Manager role. Expression of Interest Applications are available at the front office. Applications will close at 3pm Friday, 11th March

OoSH Tender Progress
Yesterday I was involved in an evaluation process to select a service provider for the OoSH program here at the school from next term. Working with Department asset managers and a P&C representative, I was very impressed with the rigour of the evaluation process and believe the team have made a very good decision in deciding who has been recommended to conduct the service. With approvals needing to be given up the line I cannot announce who the service provider is at this time, but will do so when appropriate. I am confident the program that will be offered will be of great interest and value to all of our families. I very much thank Danielle Blomfield for the giving of her time in assisting with this process.

Air Conditioning
This week I have engaged the services of a local company to install air conditioning units into four classrooms across the school. However, before this happens the school must undergo a power load test prior to installation to ensure we have enough power capacity to carry the additional units. Hopefully it will be the case that we have the capacity and the units will be installed soon. I will keep you informed.

The Making a Difference (MAD) Program
Students in Years 3-6 are this year working with Ms Pilgrim in a curriculum program designed to increase student awareness, interest and involvement in global and world issues. I know many of the children have been sharing their thoughts and reactions with the issues being raised with their families, which is very healthy and a clear sign of the students desire to do something positive to address these issues. Each of the classes have settled on a project where they can
and pollution, doing so in a local practical way. In this newsletter each week, one class will be presenting an overview of the issue they are investigating and describing the project they will be leading and managing. Please take time to follow what the students are doing. This is exciting, project based learning which will greatly assist the students in increasing their awareness and their responsibilities in doing something to address serious world issues, thus preparing them to become active and involved citizens in our 21st century world.

Quality Workers/High Achievers This Week

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Mr Graham Holmes
Principal

Stage 3 Rock and Water Program
Tuesday 8th March

On Tuesday, Stage 3 (including 4/5L) will be completing a day of Rock and Water activities. This program is designed to help children realise their individual possibilities and discover their personal path towards becoming a genuine person.

The day will run as normal and children are to wear their sports uniform. The activities will run on a rotational cycle, covering lessons on:

- Standing Strong
- Rock and Water Attitude
- Breathing Strength
- Rock and Water In The School Yard
- Boundaries
- Rock and Water In Personal Contact

Miss Dry
Teacher
National Young Leaders Day

On Monday 29th February I had the pleasure of taking our 8 leaders to Allphones Arena for the National Young Leaders Day. Along with 6000 others students, from NSW and the ACT, they listened to speakers outlining why leadership is so important and how by “Mastering the Little” they can make a difference.

The speakers on the day included Andrew Scipione (Toby’s favourite), Ben Austin, Nathan ‘Dubsy’ Want, Leticia Lentini, Scott Tweedie (the girl’s favourite), Veronica Murland, Rebecca Keswell and Winter Vincent. These speakers were from many areas including Police Commissioner, champion surfer, TV presenter and cat café owner. Although from vastly different areas they all conveyed the same messages that “Little things add up over time” and to “Break it down – so it doesn’t become too overwhelming”.

As part of the day the leaders were asked to “Close their eyes and dream of something they thought wasn’t fair” then open them and work out something they could do to fix the problem. From much discussion at the venue and on the bus home they have identified a problem they feel needs fixing and are at present working on a presentation to show Mr Holmes to put their plan into action. As soon as their proposal is OK’d details will be announced. I am so proud of these young people; they are putting the needs of others first and working together to make change happen.

Once again, our school attracted attention. Many people stopped to look at our leaders in their new jackets and several people commented on how lovely they looked. I may be biased, but I feel our kids stood out amongst the other 6000.

Each year our students make me proud – and this year was no different!

Mrs Tracey Caban
WORKING BEE
LAKE MUNMORAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH
FROM 7.30AM

PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP US CONVERT THE UNSAFE ROCK GARDEN INTO A GRASSED PLAY AREA FOR THE MULTICAT & EARLY INTERVENTION STUDENTS.

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE WILL BE PROVIDED TO VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE BRING SOME TOOLS WITH YOU IF YOU HAVE THEM. DONT FORGET A HAT & SUNSCREEN.
Clean Up Australia Day

Friday 4th March

This coming Friday, LMPS will be promoting ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ by doing their part around the school.

Each class are assigned a designated area of the school, where each volunteer will help to clean up and maintain our beautiful environment.

The children will be learning about disposing of waste appropriately, including reducing their amount of waste, reusing materials, and recycling accordingly. Held by 5/6D, Friday’s primary assembly will educate children further on the importance of recycling.

Miss Dry
Teacher
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.

FOR SALE
White Polo Sport Shirt
with LMPS old school logo
- variable sizes

Only $10.00 each
Available at School Office

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

K - 6
Easter Hat Parade

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Thursday
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Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2016!
Did you know the Commonwealth Government has announced that the Child Dental Benefits Schedule will continue in 2016?

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule provides eligible children with a $1000 dental benefit to be used over a 2 calendar year period and covers selected services including: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure seals, fillings, root canals and extractions.

To be eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year, and the child or parent/guardian or carer must receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

If your child was eligible in 2014 and received services it may be worthwhile checking their eligibility again as they may now be able to access a further $1000 to be used on selected dental services over another 2 consecutive years. For those who accessed their dental benefit in 2015, if you still have available benefits they can still be utilised in 2016.

Unsure if your child is eligible or has available benefits remaining – we can assist! Simply complete the eligibility form, on our website pacificsmilesdental.com.au and one of our friendly team will call you back and assist with the eligibility check. Please have your Medicare details ready for when we contact you.

*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating Practitioners for treatments provided to eligible patients.
School Diary

Please stick me on your ‘fridge’

TERM 1

March

06  7:30am Clean Up LMPS Day
10  Yarn Up - Afternoon Tea 3:00 - 4:00pm
11  Crazy Hair Day - Gold Coin Donation
15  3:15pm - Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program - Dr John Irvine Guest Speaker
   6:30pm - P&C Meeting - AGM
16  Sydney North Primary Swimming Carnival @ Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
18  PHOTO DAY
21  Harmony Day
23  4:45 - 6:00pm DISCO - Infants
   6:15 - 7:45pm DISCO - Primary
24  11:50am - Easter Hat Parade
25  GOOD FRIDAY
26  EASTER SATURDAY
27  EASTER SUNDAY
28  EASTER MONDAY

April

05  ‘You Can Do It Too’ Performance at school, K-6 students
06  LMPS Anzac Service
08  Awards of Recognition
     LAST DAY OF TERM

TERM 2

25  ANZAC Day
27  STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL