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NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Tallong LPPS News

Week 2 Term 3 2011



Dear Parents and friends,

Welcome back for term 3.

During the holidays an immense amount of work was undertaken here at Lindsay Park Public School.

A projector and screen were erected, heaters were installed and, thanks to our school auxiliary who paid close to \$6,000, new spot, stage and disco lights were installed in the hall.

The boys' toilets were tiled, the weather shed was painted and the beautiful softfall and turf was laid in the top area of our school. I think you would agree that it more than makes up for the play area we lost when the hall was built.

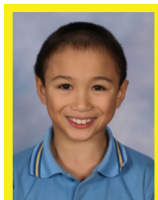
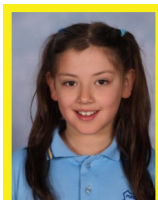
The gutters were cleaned, trees lopped and storm damage was removed by our general assistant, Mr John Lochhead. Bitumen was laid near the hall, behind the canteen and behind the staffroom, as well as at the end of walkways, where deep puddles were forming after heavy rain.

My heartfelt thanks go to Mrs McCartney, Mr and Mrs Moore and Mrs Thompson who spent their valuable time painting and refurbishing the grounds and a huge vote of thanks to Marilyn Bond for carrying out and coordinating these activities. Their ongoing commitment to the school is appreciated by all of us at LPPS. We still have a long way to go but our school is a lovely and welcoming environment in which to learn!

Education Week is a great opportunity for you to come and see these improvements. On Thursday, 4th August, you are invited to our BER recognition ceremony/Education Week Assembly/Open Day. Mrs Sharon Bird, member for Cunningham, will unveil the plaque in our new hall. Some items will be performed by our school choir and parents are invited to classrooms to view work done by our students. There will be a picnic lunch preceding these activities.

This afternoon we presented the 'NED' show which motivates and instils in pupils a love of learning and emphasises the importance of good character and helping others. It also conveys a strong anti-bullying message via the use of yo-yos. There was no cost to attend, however yo-yos will be on sale each morning for a week after the show. These will be accompanied with instruction sheets and a 'NED Zone' will be established for students to practise their skills.

Last week we received the results of the University of New South Wales Computer Skills competition. Overall it was gratifying to have 40 students entering the competition with 23 students gaining Participation Certificates, 13 students gaining Credit Certificates and a special mention must be made of 4 students who achieved a Distinction ranking. These students, all from Year 3, are: Tess, Max, and Ilia. Well done to all who participated in this very challenging competition. I would like to thank Mrs Coomby for organising and supervising these activities.



Coming Events

2nd & 3rd August	District Athletics
3rd August	Auxiliary meeting
4th August	Education Week/BER Assembly and Open Day
5th August	Southern Stars dance practice
9th August	P&C meeting



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

WEEK 1	TERM 3	2011
CLASS	STUDENT	DATE
KP	Grace	21/07/11
KT	William	21/07/11
K-1M	William	21/07/11
1H	Chelsea	21/07/11
1-2C	Ashton	21/07/11
2W	Aaron	21/07/11
3M	Emma	21/07/11
3W	Tyler Benjamin	21/07/11
4C	Blake Abby	21/07/11
4-5W	Luke Christopher	21/07/11
5-6S	Cale Isabella	21/07/11
6M	Hannah Kayden	21/07/11

P&C MEETINGS

In future all P&C Meetings will be held in the school hall instead of the staffroom.

LOST PROPERTY

Please note that all lost property not claimed by next Wednesday will be sold for \$2 per item. Please remember to put your child's name on all items of clothing, bags, lunchboxes, drink bottles etc. so that we can return lost items to the owners.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

School Uniforms: The government is changing the Education Tax Refund so that people can claim their children's school uniforms. This means people will be able to claim school approved uniform items from 1st July 2012.

What do I need to do and when?

From 1st July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

What school uniform items will I be eligible to claim?

Items need to be distinctive and recognised by the school but are not limited to items bearing the school crest.

Who is eligible?

A person who receives the family tax benefit Part A for a child undertaking primary or secondary school studies, independent students in primary or secondary school. People on other allowances may be eligible too.

How much can be claimed?

Those eligible can claim 50% of eligible education expenses up to maximum amounts.

For 2010-2011 financial year the maximum amounts that can be claimed are:

- \$794 for each primary school child—that is, a refund of up to \$397, and
- \$1,588 for each secondary school child—that is a refund of up to \$794

What can be claimed in 2010-2011?

Eligible expenses include the cost of buying, establishing, repairing and maintaining any of the following items.

- Home computers and laptops
- Computer related equipment and repairs
- Home internet connections
- Computer software for educational use
- School textbooks and other printed learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery.

PROGRAM TO AID LITERACY

(P.A.L.) TRAINING COURSE FOR VOLUNTEERS

There will be a training course held in Wollongong for volunteers to be part of the St John (NSW) Program to Aid Literacy, on 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th August.

No experience necessary. If you are interested please call 02 97458738 or email ccb@stjohnns.com.au

If you have any questions regarding this program please feel free to come and see me

Thank you

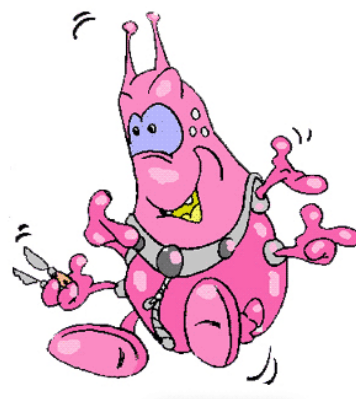
Mrs. Bailey



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The following children have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge, their spaceships will be flying soon. If you haven't finished your challenge yet, it's not too late, so get stuck into your reading!

Connor	Axel	Tyrone
Cameron	Jessica	Kara
Joel	Kane	William
Milan	Paris	Jessica
Grady	Rhys	Madeline
Max	Jack	Ben
Maddison	Lucas	Leah



Computer news

New student portals

Four new student portals have been developed to support the different needs of students: Kindergarten to Year 2, Years 3-6, Years 7-12 and TAFE.

With the success of the Year 7 to 10 rollout, the Years 11 and 12 portal will be available on 25 July, with KIDSPACE (K-2) to follow on 1 August and finally Student Portal (Years 3-6) on 8 August.

The portals will be accessible from both home and school. The new URL is: <http://student.det.nsw.edu.au> so please change all bookmarks and links for the student portal to this new URL.

Enhanced features include being able to search, access and organise information for school tasks via the student portal on computers used at home or at school, at any time. Dates can be added into a calendar portlet as reminders for assessment tasks, homework and other important events and colours can also be customised.

Children will also have the facility to carry "favourites" on their portal allowing easy access to sites they find at home or at school. Once the favourite is added it is only a click away regardless of where in the world they log on to their portal.

Cybersafety

With recent news about the dangers of inappropriate internet use by children and teenagers I would take this opportunity to remind parents of some of the government resources available to them. <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD.PC/pc=INT_PUB_CONTENT_PARENTS <http://www.netaalert.gov.au/home.html>

The best aid of all is to talk to your children about what they are doing on the internet, and ensure your computer remains in a public area of the home where you can be aware at all times of how they are spending their computer time.

Stephanie Cario *Computer Coordinator*

World Vision 40 Hour Famine

A very big thank you to the 30 students and their families who have committed to participating in the Famine from 19th to 21st August. A reminder to parents and children that the receipt books, which are official taxation documents, must be returned to school together with any money raised before September 14 to enable me to have them collated and back to World Vision by the required date.

Each year Lindsay Park School community shows itself to be a very generous one in very many ways, and last year's contribution of just on \$2000 to the famine will be a hard one to match- but the children are very keen to try!

By doing the 40 Hour Famine, you are raising funds that go towards helping people who are chronically hungry and living in poverty.

40 Hour Famine funds support projects that fight hunger in:

- East Timor, Nepal, Cambodia, Laos, Tanzania and Kenya

and help World Vision respond to **emergencies** and other needs around the world. These projects are working to increase **reliable access to food and clean water**; **develop livelihoods through micro-enterprise development and training**; and invest in **agricultural education and development**.

S. Cario 40 Hour Famine Coordinator Lindsay Park



All students competing in the District Athletics Carnival need to have their notes and money to the office by tomorrow, Thursday 28th July.

Any students who have not returned their notes and money may be withdrawn from the team.

PSSA SPORT

PSSA sport is a great way to be active, develop game skills and mix with students from other schools.

Primary students will have the opportunity to participate in Friday morning sport this term. Girls in years 3 and 4 will be playing soccer, girls in years 5 and 6 will do netball. All boys years 3-6 will play soccer.

PSSA begins on Friday 12th August. More information will be sent home next week regarding venues, costs and requirements.

Thank you

R. Colquhoun



BOOK WEEK 2011



The official Book Week this year is August 22nd to August 28th. Due to our school's Southern Star commitments we are going to hold our annual CHARACTER BOOK PARADE on Tuesday 30th August. This is where the students can dress up as their favourite book character. (E.g Specky McGee - football player, horse rider from The Saddle Club series, fairies, magicians, Zac Powers - spy, Harry Potter, Disney characters...etc).

During our Book Week, we will also be holding a Book Fair. This is an opportunity for all children, parents, friends and relatives to purchase and take home a new book (or books). There will be a wide selection available that should appeal to everyone.

During Library this term, we are reading the books/novels that are up for Book Week awards. We look forward to hearing what books will be the 2011 winners.

R.Colquhoun

Librarian ICOS

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Victoria and Elizabeth whose classical ballet troupe came 1st at the Wollongong eisteddfod held at the IPAC. Due to this wonderful award they have been invited to perform at an "invitation only" showcase performance. What a wonderful result for these talented dancers.

Congratulations to Jessica who finished the State Cross Country in 7th place. What a phenomenal result out of so many talented long distance runners and in such wet and slippery conditions. A fantastic achievement Jessica!

CANTEEN ROSTER

THURSDAY	28/07/11 L. Kimberley
FRIDAY	29/07/11 A. Soden, G. Lyons
MONDAY	01/08/11 C. Hepplewhite
TUESDAY	02/08/11 T. Curyer
WEDNESDAY	03/08/11 CLOSED
THURSDAY	04/08/11 L. Thompson, K. Kenny
FRIDAY	05/08/11 T. Purnell, N. Anderson
MONDAY	08/08/11 K. Neumann, H. Kohen
TUESDAY	09/03/10 Kerri-Trish, Jodi
WEDNESDAY	10/03/10 CLOSED

Moshi Monsters is a free online game for kids, where they may adopt a monster and look after it. Kids care for their monster by solving puzzle games, which earn their monster virtual rewards called Rox. Kids can spend Rox on virtual items like food, furniture and other treats and toys for their monster. This site also allows children to accept people as their "**friends**". (Does this sound familiar????) We would encourage parents whose children are on this site to check and monitor who their child has as friends. Talk to them about the importance of only accepting those who they actually talk to in real life.

Also, **this site also allows kids to post comments** on their friends message board. Parents should discuss with their kids never to give away personal information (address, school..etc), be mindful what they post as their message stays in public view **forever**, and to tell an adult if someone is saying something to them online that is inappropriate or hurtful.

Cyberbullying can happen to anyone. It doesn't matter what age. Please take the time to sit with your kids and walk through this site, you may be surprised with what you find.