Dear Parents and Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

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THE CANTEEN IS CLOSED TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

Student Leadership Team 2014

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to leadership positions in our school:

School Captains: Summer Kennedy, Carly-Jo Te Whare
School Prefects: Andrew Wehbe, Nathan Wong

Wattle House Captains: Chantelle Davison, Blake Metcalfe
Wattle House Vice Captains: Jayda West, Jaiydan Beale
Waratah House Captains: Alyssa Fryer, Shane Emmerson
Banksia House Captains: Charm Masila-Houkamau, Shayden Millard
Banksia House Vice Captains: Bianca Brookes, Cherokee Melbourne

SRC Representatives:
Captains: Summer Kennedy, Carly-Jo Te Whare
5/6U: Chantelle Davison, Blake Metcalfe
3/4J: Amahli Te Whare, Beau Pedrana
2L: Sherridan Sidebottom, Simon Sisifa
1H: Sharni-Lee Manning, Lachlan Metcalfe
SU: Tamika McFadyen, RJ Tautolo
Last week saw us Induct our School Leaders into their leadership positions. Our School Captains, Prefects, Student Representative Council (SRC) leaders and House Captains and Vice Captains all proudly recited their respective pledges and proudly had their leadership badges pinned on them in this very special assembly. I spoke to the students about what a privilege their position is and how I look forward to working with them in their respective positions. I also spoke about how all students can be leaders by the way they conduct themselves and participate in school; I have already seen many shining examples of this type of leadership. A big thank you must go to Mrs Bade and Mrs Sutton for their hard work in getting the assembly organised so quickly and assisting the students with their pledges and pins. I would like to extend that thanks to all the staff at Lalor Park PS in their support of this special assembly.

SPORTS IN SCHOOLS
Last Thursday saw us start our Sport in Schools program and it was a hit with staff and students. Our Sport in Schools facilitators came equipped to engage us in all sorts of activities. I had fun watching the Frisbee throwing; the students had smiles from ear to ear as they actively participated in all the activities set up for them. I also appreciate the effort students went to in wearing their sport uniform. We look forward to this week’s session of Sport in Schools. In future newsletters we will have a special feature all about this program, so watch this space.

EXCURSIONS
Ms Wilkie’s class attended a school excursion last week to Blacktown Cinemas. The class saw Walking with Dinosaurs. All reports were that the excursion was a success and an excellent learning opportunity for the students in 2/6W.

BUILDING WORKS/FENCING
As you have all noticed, we are having a lot of building works done around the school. The external school fence is being replaced and as you know already this at times can mean our usual exit and entry points can be inaccessible. I understand that this can cause some inconvenience, however the end product will be worth it. I appreciate your patience with this.

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS OF BEHAVIOUR
I have been constantly talking with the students about our school expectations:
Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be a Learner
I take these school expectations very seriously, as do all the staff at Lalor Park PS. I have spoken to the students about being kind to one another, a characteristic that all humankind should have. The students have been excellent in the way they have been conducting themselves at school. Any behaviour that does not abide by our school expectations will be handled seriously. This goes for adult behaviour too. At all times when at Lalor Park PS, all adults are to abide by our school expectations and the laws that govern our society.

PARENT ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL
In regards to dropping off and picking up your child/ren, staff are on duty from 8.30am. The school’s breakfast club program also runs from 8.15am on Wednesdays and Fridays Parents are expected to kiss and drop their child/ren off. I can appreciate it is an opportunity for a catch up with one another, however if you could move on ASAP that would assist with staff and students beginning their school day positively and ready for learning.
The school gates will be locked from 9.15am through to 2.45pm. If there is a need to be on the school grounds between this time you may call and make an appointment at the front office. It is also protocol to enter the school via the school front office for other reasons beyond dropping off and picking up students from school.
I very much enjoy parents being a positive influence in our school and I believe the school provides many opportunities for parents to engage and be a part of the school community, this includes attendance at assemblies, assistance with special events such as carnivals, celebration days and so on. We invite parents to be a part of various activities and events and I wish to continue this practice. However I must also stress that any unacceptable behaviour will exempt individuals from partaking in school community activities.
THANK YOU
A very special thank you to all the staff and students for their enthusiasm, commitment and conduct in participating in the various teaching and learning programs that are operating in the school. I look forward to my continued visits to the playground at lunch and recess and I am also making my way round to classes. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit with 5/6 U and learning and reading about Rainforests. Keep up the great work!

Until next time remember: Be Kind
Mrs Gardiner
Principal

YEAR 6 INFORMATION EVENING
Seven Hills High School will be holding their year 7 2015 information evening on Thursday the 6th of March 2015. It will be held in their school hall at 7pm. More information will be sent next week.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
The School Photographer will be visiting our school on Tuesday the 25th March to take class photos and family photos. Please make sure your child is dressed in full school uniform on the day which includes the Lalor Park Public School logo on the polo. Polos may be purchased from the school office.
A second photo day will take place on Thursday the 19th June to take photos of the 3 day preschool class and our sporting teams.
An envelope will be sent home soon to place the order for these photos.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY
St Bernadette’s Catholic Parish needs volunteers to assist with the Catholic SRE Ministry. Do you have 30 minutes or more on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday each week during school terms, to “spread the Good News” to our parish children who are attending Kings Langley, Lalor Park, Lynwood Park and Seven Hills West Public Schools?
Training is provided. Your help would be most appreciated.
If you can help, please contact Mrs Julie Daly on 9671 2008.