Wednesday 12th March 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER
Friday 14th March                         PSSA
Monday 17th March to Friday 28 March      School Swim Scheme
Wednesday 19th March                     Whole School Assembly
Thursday 20th March                       Harmony Day
Friday 21st March                         PSSA
Monday 24th March                        Guide Dog Presentation
Tuesday 25th March                        School Photo day

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the assembly on the 5th March:

BRONZE CERTIFICATE
Deakin Warwick KS                         Amelia Baker KS
Maddison Farrell KS                       Cian Baker KS

BRONZE BADGE
Lily Walters 1H                           Hayden Quinlan K2C

SILVER CERTIFICATE
Keelah Stockham 1H                        Alex Walters K2N

SILVER BADGE
Alexander Cooper K4H

GOLD CERTIFICATE
Donatos Ternizis 1H

SPECIAL SCHOOL VISIT
On Tuesday 11 March, we were very fortunate to have a special visitor to our school. The visitor was Mr Phil Walcott. Phil was a student at Lalor Park PS in the EARLY 60’S; he attended from Kindergarten to Year 6. Phil also went on to attend Seven Hills HS. Phil studied at Macquarie University and went on to become a Psychologist. Phil has been working in Alice Springs for over 20 years. He was attending a reunion on the weekend and arranged to take a walk down memory lane at his primary and high schools.

It was a pleasure hearing a bit about the history of the school. The staff and students, who had the pleasure of meeting Phil, enjoyed talking with him.

I would like to thank Mrs Ignacz for organising photos and celebration books from Lalor Park PS for Phil to be able to read and look at.

I would like to thank Phil for the inspirational stories he shared with me about his time at Lalor Park PS.

CAR PARK
Once again I would like to remind those using the car park to please follow the road rules upon entering, exiting and parking. As I mentioned last newsletter we are as a school working on making some safety improvements.

These improvements to take a bit of time but they are now well on their way.
I appreciate your cooperation in using the car park appropriately and abiding by all road and school safety rules.

**ASSEMBLY**

I was extremely impressed with our school assembly last Wednesday. The Captains and Prefects were outstanding in their smooth and professional running of the assembly. Many students received a variety of awards and this was pleasing to see. Keep up the great efforts in learning and behaviour Lalor Park. It was also pleasing to see the attendance of our parents, carers and community, I know they were impressed with the number of awards and in particular the Year 2 Item.

CONGRATULATIONS Year 2! Your item on Friendship was outstanding to say the least. The performance on stage and the video montage that was playing in the background had the entire school community smiling and there were a few tears too, but this was because the message you were sending to everyone was inspirational and so KIND!

I know the class was working extremely hard in their lessons on their unit of work on Friendship. The performance they displayed was a demonstration of all that they have learned in the classroom. To Ms Lyon and 2L – your efforts in teaching, learning and in the performance itself are to be commended and this item should be seen more than once. Thank you again for the powerful message about being nice, being friends, being KIND!

Mrs Joanne Gardiner
Principal

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION UPDATE**

Attached to this newsletter is a form to be completed to update all your information to the school. If you are not sure what to update please complete everything on the form. Having current information helps us contact you in case of emergency. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

**INFECTIOUS DESEASES OF CHILDREN**

We attach an information sheet on some Infectious diseases in children for your information.

**ABSENCES**

We attach to this newsletter an Absentee note which should be completed by parents when your child has had a day off school for any reason. Please send it to school when your child returns.

**KINGS LANGLEY SCOUT GROUP**

The 2nd Kings Langley Scout Group is located at 20 Venn Ave Lalor Park and is restarting its Joey Scout Section (6 to 8 year olds) in 2014. We also run Cub ans Scout Sections. Lots of fun and adventures, with activities suitable for boys and girls from 6 years up. Drop by and see what Scouting is all about. Please call Group Leader Mitchell Anderson on 0447 420 498, for further information or contact 2ndkingslangley@gmail.com

**STAY TUNED FOR THE RETUNE**

The retune is coming to greater Sydney and surrounds on 18 March

As the final step in Australia’s successful move to digital-only TV some free-to-air digital TV channels in Sydney and the greater surrounds including Macarthur and Hawkesbury regions will be changing frequencies on Tuesday 18 March. After the channels have moved, viewers will need to retune their digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder.

These moves will free up broadcasting spectrum so that it can be used for new services such as mobile broadband. Just like the switch to digital-only TV, the retune has been carefully planned to make sure the change is as easy as possible.

On or after greater Sydney and surround’s retune date of 18 March, if people are missing channels, they should retune their digital TVs, set top boxes or digital TV recorder to ensure they continue to receive all available free-to-air digital channels in their area.
The retune will affect most TV viewers in Australia but different areas will need to retune on different dates. The retune is due to be completed nationally by 31 December 2014.

There may be some unavoidable temporary outages to all TV channels in the days leading up to, on the day of, and the day or two after the retune date. These outages are necessary because of engineering work being undertaken at the TV transmission tower. Any outages are unlikely to last longer than a few hours. Viewers should wait until after their expected retune time on 18 March before attempting to retune their digital television equipment.
To check for expected outages associated with the retune, viewers should enter their address in the mySwitch tool at the retune website.

Channel changes should not impact on the quality of television transmission or reception across the area. If people continue to experience difficulties with reception on a particular channel, they should contact the relevant broadcaster for more information about reception issues.

**How to retune**

Retuning is done using the remote. For most systems, viewers should press the “menu” button on their remote and follow the prompts to retune. If they are having difficulty retuning, they should refer to the manufacturer’s handbook or manual, ask a friend or family member to help, call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days or visit the retune website.

- Most people would have scanned for channels when they bought a new television – retuning follows the same process. It is often called “auto-tuning”, “auto-scanning” or similar.
- Viewers should start by pressing the “menu” button on the remote then look for their “set-up” options.
  - Next, they should try to select words like “channels” or “auto-tuning”.

Viewers in Sydney and the greater surrounds might want to write down their favourite channel, program recording and parental lock settings before they retune, as retuning may delete these settings.

Community organisations will also be informed about the retune so they can help spread the word too. Look out for posters and retune factsheets that will be available from the local council.

People living in apartments may be using a shared antenna system. If they are experiencing issues trying to retune their digital TV equipment after their retune date, they should first contact their property manager or body corporate.

The best way for viewers find out when they are likely to need to retune is to visit the retune website and type in their address into the “get retune info” box or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.

**Your support is invaluable**

We would like your help in sharing information about the retune in the local community. There are information leaflets and posters to download here.

You can also forward this email to your friends, family or other people in your community who may find it useful.

In some areas that have a large number of high-rise buildings, channels will be broadcast on both their current and final frequencies for 1 to 3 months—this is referred to as the simulcast period. These simulcast periods give property owners and managers time to check whether their shared antenna system is able to pick up the channel/s on their final frequencies, and, if there are any problems, to seek professional assistance.

**What assistance is available?**

If people are having difficulty retuning their equipment, you can direct them to check their manufacturer’s handbook or manual for instructions on how to retune, ask a friend or family member to help, visit the retune website, or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.
The retune date may vary depending on where people live and the TV tower they are receiving their TV signal from. To check TV tower details and to confirm their retune date, viewers can enter their address into the “get retune info” box on the website. The website also has the option for viewers to sign up for a reminder SMS or email.