Dear Parents and Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

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Welcome Back to Term 2!

It was pleasing to see all students return to school on Tuesday ready for a wonderful term of learning and engagement.

The term started well with all staff participating in their Staff Development day professional learning on Monday. It was a productive day indeed! I would like to thank the staff for their ongoing commitment to ensure students at Lalor Park PS are provided with a myriad of learning opportunities to ensure optimum outcomes for students.

Car Park and Safety

You will have noticed that the car park has not had the scheduled changes to it as yet, re: line markings, extra signage and mirrors. We are on our way with this organisation, however it takes time to ensure we have the appropriate signage and what is required to make our car park and school as safe as possible. We have a person coming to look through our car park and ensure that what is planned is going to have greatest effect.

In the meantime, as always we ask that you respect the rules of entering and exiting the car park and park in marked spaces only.

Reminder: Those exiting the school car park must give way to cars entering from the road.

We will keep you informed of our ongoing work in this area.

Easter Hat Parade and P & C Easter Raffle

What a fabulous day the last day of term 1 was. We had our annual Easter Hat Parade which was organised and coordinated by the SRC.

A huge thank you to Mrs Sutton and Ms Jones for their leadership of the SRC, and thank you to the SRC for such a wonderful event.

All staff and students worked hard in getting ready for the Easter Hat Parade, making hats and masks in class and learning songs and drama skits to perform at the parade. Well done everyone – this was truly an enjoyable learning experience for all. I especially loved the drama skit from the SRC about holiday safety. A wonderful PBL lesson for all. Of course I think we all love seeing the youngest of our school enjoy such a special occasion – well done Pre School and Kindergarten.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the P & C for their organisation of the Easter Raffle. The prizes looked lovely and as always they manage to get their hands on lots of other goodies to make the prizes...
stretch even further, allowing many opportunities for people to win. It takes time to organise such raffles and I am pleased to say the entire school community benefits from the hard work the P & C do – thank you! Finally, I must say thank you to the whole school community. It is the participation of all those that make up our school community that make events successful. I was overwhelmed by the large number of people who attended this event, thank you. I would also like to say that it is the contributions of our school community that make our raffles a success too. Thank you everyone who donated to the Easter Raffle.

**Year 6 Cake Stall**
The Year 6 students also held their Cake Stall on the last day of term 1. There were numerous contributions made to the cake stall, which saw the Year 6 students, assisted by the Year 5 students, in being able to sell a wide variety of goodies to students, parents and staff. Year 6 were very happy to be able to make some money that will go towards their end of year activities. I once again thank all those that contributed whether by cooking, bringing something in and or purchasing the treats for sale.

Mrs J Gardiner

**P & C AGM**
The P & C will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 21st May 2014, at 12.30 in C block meeting room.
All positions are vacant – President, 2 x Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.
Nomination forms are available at the office.

**FREE PARENT WORKSHOP IN BLACKTOWN – BULLYING**
Learning Links are running a FREE parent workshop on Bullying at Blacktown North Public School.
Date: Tuesday 6th May
Time: 11.30am – 2.30pm
Location: Blacktown North Public School 1 Bessemer St Blacktown NSW 2147

**ANZAC Day Ceremony**
The ANZAC Day Ceremony was held today 30 April, 2014. This ceremony was first class. All those who attended were respectful and paid their respects to not only our fallen service personnel, but to all those that have served and are serving in our defence forces.
I would like to thank Mr Urio for his organisation in this special annual event.
Thanks must also go to Ms Roz MacDonald for making our special floral arrangements including our wreath, these tributes are beautiful.
Our School Captains Carly-Jo and Summer and Prefects Andrew and Nathan did an outstanding job of conducting the entire ceremony including helping us learn about the meaning of ANZAC and wars in general. Chase Kenyon recited a poem about ANZAC Day and it was absolutely beautiful, it epitomised what remembering about this day is all about – ‘joy and sorrow’ mixed together to pay our respects. Thank you Chase for such a beautiful recital.
A special thank you must go to Warrant Officer Russell Kerney for his time offered to Lalor Park PS. Russell not only read the ODE, he gave up a generous amount of time to speak with staff and students. An opportunity such as this for our children is remarkable.
I am so proud of the Lalor Park PS community for their commemoration of the 99th ANZAC service. Lest we forget