Dear Parents and Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Thursday 26th June  
Stewart House clothing appeal bags collected from the school  
Early Years Language Development Information Evening 6pm – 7pm in the School Library  
Reports sent home

Friday 27th June  
PSSA  
Last Day Term 2

Tuesday 15th July  
Students Return for Term 3

Tuesday 12th August  
Athletics carnival Charli Bali Reserve

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our assembly on the 21st May 2014:

BRONZE CERTIFICATES
- Zachary Dawes K3H
- Hohepa Koni KS
- Zierra Melbourne KS

BRONZE BADGE
- Lachlan Metcalfe 1H
- Leo Franco 1H
- Dwayne Somauroo 3/4J

SILVER CERTIFICATE
- Sarah Tapuagia 2/6R
- Bianca Brookes 2/6W
- Dwayne Somauroo 3/4J

SILVER BADGE
- Owen Sie K2C
- Lily Jones K4H
- Nicole Perrin-Nag 1H
- Caitlin McNamara 2L
- Dwayne Somauroo 3/4J

GOLD CERTIFICATE
- Mina Tuita 1H
- Taylor Hokin 3/4J

GOLD BADGE
- Sofi Atanasovski K3H
- Donatos Ternezis 1H

PHOTO IN THE HALL OF FAME
- Ethan Hanshaw 1H
- Jaxon Kenyon 1H
- Taniqua Melbourne 2L
- Malakhai Johnson 2L
- Tarnii Lee Coombes 2L
- Joshua McFadyen 2L

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

PERMISSION NOTE
The NSW Department of Education and Communities is collecting data on students with a disability. We are asking all parents to please complete the attached document and return it to us this week. We apologise for the late notice.

‘LEARNING IS THE WORK’
The end of term already, how quickly time goes by!  
Term 2 has been another term that has been filled with many learning opportunities for our students. Many of these I mentioned last newsletter.
Our entire Support Unit attended The Ranch Autistic Learning Centre to observe, interact and learn about farm animals and to explore the sensory garden as well as many other activities. All in all this was a successful learning experience. Many thanks to the parents who supported this excursion assisting in the transporting of students. Without your preparedness to volunteer, the excursion may not have been able to go ahead.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS
Our school held its annual NAIDOC Day celebrations last Tuesday. Mr Hale had organised and facilitated the vast learning opportunities the students were engaged with. The performer Sean Dewar from Pie Productions, was by all accounts outstanding. Sean is from the Yidinji Kimoy Clan of North Queensland. His totem is Gindaja meaning cassowary. Sean has been studying the culture from his elders since he was sixteen years old. Students participated in arts and crafts activities and also learnt about ‘bush tucker’. NAIDOC celebrations are an important part of Australian society and assist our students to understand and appreciate the traditional owners of our land, the Aboriginal people, and their culture and traditions. The feedback about this day has been overwhelmingly positive, a huge thank you to all staff for assisting in the running of the day's events and Mr Hale for a well organised and engaging day of learning.

CHOIR and COMMUNITY
Mrs Milne has been working tirelessly with the school choir getting them prepared for many upcoming events. On Sunday 22 June, the choir led by Mrs Milne, attended St Clements Church to showcase their talents. Mrs Milne was so very proud of the students and I heard only wonderful feedback about the choir by Mrs Milne and St Clements Church. St Clements Church is community minded and play a large role in the Lalor Park Community FOCUS group who look at continuing to build community spirit in Lalor Park. Our school as part of the Lalor Park community are happy to work with all community groups to raise the profile of Lalor Park and work collaboratively to provide opportunities to our families and students. St Clements Church have provided and hosted a Breakfast BBQ for our students and families, provided and hosted a staff morning tea for the staff at Lalor Park PS, which was delicious and well received by the staff of the school, and they have also celebrated Lalor Park PS in last Sunday’s Service. We look forward to continuing this community partnership as well as many other community partnerships we are engaged with and will showcase in future newsletters.

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR DIALECT
Our English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) teacher Mrs MacFarlane, has developed and implemented our schools EAL/D program. This program sees many of our students engaged in additional educational support to assist them with learning the English language. This program has seen many of the students participating in the program make progress with their learning. It is pleasing to see how this additional support can have lasting impacts on all areas of learning for these students. Students engaged with this program will receive an additional report along with their school report to inform parents / carers of their progress.
Ask any LPPS student what the acronym STAMP means to them and they will give you some very simple and effective strategies for dealing with and eliminating bullying.

Andy from Stamping Out Bullying brought to our whole school an array of props, puppets and magic tricks to deliver a very powerful, informative and hilarious presentation to equip our students with important methods to deal with and prevent bullying.

| Stay away - How to avoid bullies. |
| Tell someone - Reporting a bully is not being a ‘dobber’. |
| Always help - The power of peers. |
| Make friends - Including students who are easily left out. |
| Play nice - Making sure that YOU'RE not being the bully. |

These simple steps can assist our students to cooperatively develop their relationship with others. Andy demonstrated through his puppets Brice the Bully and Croc, how bullying behaviour often results in that individual or group of individuals being isolated for their behaviours. A very important take home message through Stamping Out Bullying is that it is much easier to be kind to others than what it is to not be kind.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**
As you may have noticed our PBL signs have been put up around the school. They look fabulous and add to the schools culture. We will be having a regular PBL update in our newsletter and we will also ‘launch’ our revamped PBL framework during Education Week Celebrations next term. Here is one example of the signs you see around the school. This example shows ‘Bluey’ and Lalor Park Public School’s core expectations of:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be a Learner
Playgroup
Please be advised that Play Group is held on Wednesdays from 9am to 11am at Lalor Park PS. There was a mistake in the previous newsletter. Apologies.

CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITORS
Congratulations to our competitors, Kane, Thomas and Blake who represented our school at the Western Sydney Regional Cross Country event held on June 11 at Penrith Regatta Centre. Well done! Their photo appears below.

Happy Holidays!
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday break. Enjoy some much needed rest and family time. Please read our road safety message included in this newsletter. Students return Tuesday 15 July. See you all next term.

Joanne Gardiner
Principal