Dear Parents and Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Wed 30th July  Open Day Celebrations
Wed 6th August  Touch Football Gala Day
P & C AGM
Thurs 7th Aug  Environmentors all classes K to 4
Friday 8th August  I LOVE LALOR PARK evening
Tues 12th August  Athletics Carnival Charli Bali Reserve

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the assembly on 23rd July:

**BRONZE CERTIFICATE**

| Ishmeet Bhullar KS | Dishan Thushanthan 1H | Melissa Higgins K/3H |

**BRONZE BADGE**

| Lily Chown KS | Krish Patel 1H |

**SILVER CERTIFICATE**

| Leyton Thurbon 2/6R | Geoff Vasquez Malqui 2/6R |

**SILVER BADGE**

| Maddison Farrell KS | Sarah Brown 1H |
| Ivy Austin-Chown 2L | Amina Sinno 2L |

**GOLD CERTIFICATE**

| Ethan Ford 1H | Cherokee Melbourne 5/6U |

**GOLD BADGE**

| Oscar Kennedy 1H | Stephanie Wheeler 2L |

**PHOTO**

| Jordan Carter-Pavin 2L |

**EDUCATION WEEK**

What an exciting week this is indeed – Public School Education Week. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, this year’s marks the 60th anniversary of Education Week. I look forward to reflecting on our celebrations in the next newsletter.

**ROAD SAFETY**

We sent a note home about road safety and ensuring students are safe travelling to and from school by abiding by the road safety laws. On the weekend there was a news article that highlights the dangers of not wearing helmets when riding bikes, scooters, skateboards and the like. Acquired brain injury from even the slightest fall is possible. Please be vigilant in talking about road safety with your children and ensure they are abiding by the laws. We do not want an unfortunate accident to happen to one of our students or members of their family.
MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

DOES SPEAKING ANOTHER LANGUAGE AT HOME CONFUSE CHILDREN?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

FLU SEASON IS HERE!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Joanne Gardiner
Principal

P & C News
The P & C AGM will be held on Wednesday 6th August 2014 in C block meeting room at 12.30pm. All positions are declared vacant and nomination forms for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are available from the office. **Nominations must be returned to the Principal by the 1st of August. Nominations received after this time will not be accepted.**

****CANTEEN REMINDER****
****CANTEEN OPEN MONDAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY****
PBL FOCUS - BEING SAFE

Week 1: How are students expected to move through the school?
3/4J modelled to students of LPPS how to move through the school safely. Students demonstrated walking in lines sensibly and quietly. Students are to walk around school as to prevent the occurrence of risk and injury. All students have continued to practise this target and are meeting our core value of being safe.

Week 2: How are students expected to use school equipment?
LPPS has been lucky enough to purchase new sporting equipment for lunchtimes. This coloured sporting equipment allows responsibility and ownership of equipment to the students in each class. In Week 2, students practised how to use this equipment safely and correctly. This includes, walking around the school with equipment, the safe use of the equipment in games and taking care of equipment by returning it to the correct bags or location.

Week 3: What are students expected to do in the 10 minute eating time of lunch and recess?
This week students have been demonstrating great skill and utilising their 10 minutes eating time before play of lunch and recess. Students stay seated for the whole 10 minutes whilst they eat their food. During this time all equipment is kept still and to make sure we are being safe equipment is free of pathways. Once students have finished eating their food they place all rubbish in the bins. This allows them to be respectful of the school grounds, responsible for their rubbish, and safe by minimising any risk of accidents.