Dear Parents and Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Fri 15th Aug  PSSA
Mon – Wed 18-20 Aug Book Fair 8.30 to 9am and 3pm to 3.30pm Also after assembly on Wednesday
Thurs 21st Aug Environment talk years 5/6 and tree planting
Fri 22nd Aug  PSSA
Tues 26th Aug  Zone Athletics Carnival
Tues Wed and Thurs 26, 27, 28 Aug Fathers Day Stall
Thurs 21st Aug Author Visit Tina Matthews
Fri 22nd Aug  PSSA

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the assembly on 6th August:

**BRONZE CERTIFICATE**
- Alyssa Rollo 1H

**BRONZE BADGE**
- Dakota Thompson KS
- Teagan Wheeler KS
- Jai Fryer 1H
- Coopa Jackson K2C

**SILVER CERTIFICATE**
- Amelia Baker KS
- Cian Baker KS
- Deakin Warwick KS
- Chayce Kenyon 5/6U
- Thomas Hokin 2/6R
- Steven Comino 2/6W
- RJ Tautolo 2/6W

**SILVER BADGE**
- Amelia Baker KS
- Elaiza Landingin 3/4J
- Hayden Quinlan K2C
- Christian Capati K2C
- Sarah Tapuagia 2/6R
- Tamika McFadyen 2/6R

**GOLD CERTIFICATE**
- Isaac Sta Elena K3H

**GOLD BADGE**
- Taleb Sinno 1H
- Alexander Cooper K3H
- Danny Patindol 2/6R

**ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS**

Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

As parents and carers you are responsible to ensure your child/ren attend school. If your child has to be away from school you must inform the school of the reason for the absence. This is often done through a note, medical certificate, phone call or visit to the school. A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

- Is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- Is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school.
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Wednesday 13th August 2014

Lateness is also a cause for concern, if on an ongoing basis. It is important for routines and structures for students to be on time. Lateness results in a number of partial attendances and will be dealt with by the Department as full day absences.

For optimum learning outcomes from school, students need to attend school and be on time.

CAR PARK

Please be vigilant at all times in the car park. The car park is a shared zone for both vehicles and pedestrians. Whilst it is a shared zone it is vital that parents and carers take all care when walking with students in the car park. Please hold children’s hands when walking through the car park. There are too many occasions when parents and carers are just allowing children to walk ahead or run off. It is your responsibility to ensure your children are safe in the car park at all times.

HEAD LICE

Recently we sent a letter home regarding head lice. Head lice is a common condition in children of school age. The letter was to inform parents and carers about being vigilant and checking for signs of head lice and to also treat students.

Treatment can be costly, however it would be helpful to try and minimise head lice infestations by ensuring hair is tied back, no sharing of hats and through the use of preventative sprays. If you need more information on what treatments and or how to treat / manage a head lice infestation please do not hesitate to contact the school or ask your local chemist.

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House sent a thank you letter to the Lalor Park Public School Community for the generous donations of clothes in their latest clothing bag appeal. It was wonderful to see our school community give so generously where it is needed.

Stewart House are strong supporters of the Department of Education and Communities and the Department of Stewart House. I look forward to us continuing to support this fabulous organisation.

SMALL TALK WITH THE BIG MAN

Joshua McFadyen recently appeared on Chanel 9’s The Footy Show (NRL). Joshua’s Rugby League Club Doonside Roos under 8’s had won 10 games straight when the filming for the show occurred. It was great to see Joshua and his team represented on the show. Keep enjoying your football Joshua!

ALLERGIES

There are a number of students with allergies who attend Lalor Park PS. This is just a reminder to be vigilant in regards to some foods and other products that your children bring to school, particularly nuts.

I LOVE LALOR PARK

I Love Lalor Park was held last Friday the 8th August. This event is not a school run event, however a large number of our staff, students and parents and carers attended the event. Not to mention that many classes were engaged in preparing art work for the I Love Lalor Park competition and these art works were acknowledged at the event.

Mrs Milne has worked tirelessly for many community events, in particular I Love Lalor Park. The wider community are lucky to have such a community spirited person at the ready to ensure community events are successful. A big thank you to Mrs Milne for her continued efforts in this area.

I would personally like to thank Mrs Hewa, Ms Ryan, Mr Hale, Mr Urio, Ms Jones and Ms Lyon for their outstanding efforts in whole class art work submitted for the event. It was truly inspiring seeing K-3 H working with their iPads and photographing and collating pictures and words to express what they love about Lalor Park. Reading Ms Ryan and Mr Hale’s class’s submissions were just delightful. The combined classes of 2L, 3 / 4J and 5 / 6U saw a creative time capsule come together. Huge congratulations to these classes for their amazing efforts.

It was pleasing to see so many parents and students attend the event. Thank you to all staff who attended and supported the event, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

A very big thank you to the following students who were part of the choir who sang 2 delightful songs for the evening:

Tamika McFadyen, Erin McNamara, Caitlin McNamara, Trinity Carter, Ebony Gammage, Sherridan Sidebottom, RJ Tautolo, Maria Antonutti, Alexia Antonutti and Isabella Long-Swan.

OPEN DAY

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the entire school community for the overwhelming positive response to our Open Day in Education Week. It was a fabulous turn out. We were delighted as a school to welcome many parents, carers and community on the day.

It all started off with Brain Gym in the hall – thank you support unit for being so open to parent and community engagement.
This was followed by a brief presentation on the various programs that our school is proud to be engaged with. Mrs Leigh Bade Assistant Principal delivered this presentation and there has been much positive feedback on this opportunity to hear what is happening at Lalor Park PS.

We then held our formal education week assembly. The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) launch was supported by an outstanding presentation that the PBL team delivered. Thank you to Mr Urio, Ms Jones, Ms Lyon, Mrs Sutton, Mrs Hewa and Mrs Rawding for their informative presentation as well as all that they prepared to ensure Term 3 saw our launch of PBL really move forward in a positive way.

Our picnic lunch saw all of us out on the playground enjoying what was an absolutely beautiful day. The cake stall was a hit with all cakes sold. Between the cake stall and the One Direction raffle that Mrs Ignacz put together rather quickly but expertly, the Year 6 students will certainly have a lovely end of year celebration.

The final part of our day saw Open Classrooms. Thank you to all staff for generously open their doors to have family and friends come and see all the wonderful things the students are doing in the classroom at Lalor Park PS. All the rooms were a hype of activity. All staff commented on how wonderful it was to see so many people visit the classrooms.

I would like to thank the entire school community for the respectful way they approached this part of the day. I would like to remind family and friends that this opportunity just provided a snapshot of what the students are engaged with every day. It is impossible to demonstrate all the learning that the students have been engaged with in such a short time frame and without the luxury of discussions with the teacher. The purpose of Open Classrooms is to get a sense of some of what the students are learning. We provide plenty of opportunities for you to have one on one discussion with the classroom teacher at Meet the Teacher evenings, Individual Education Plan meetings, Personalised Learning Plan meetings, Parent Teacher Interviews and the like. I encourage you to make the most of these opportunities in learning more about what your child/ren are learning at school.

A huge CONGRATULATIOINS Lalor Park for an outstanding Open Day!

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be held from Monday to Wednesday next week. Books for sale will be on display in the school hall between 8.30am and 9am in the mornings and from 3pm to 3.30 in the afternoon. We will also be selling after the assembly on Wednesday.

Joanne Gardiner
Principal

PBL Focus - Being SAFE and RESPECTFUL

Week 4: How are students expected to move in the classroom?

LPPS students have been building up their knowledge of our expectations on how to be safe around our school. This week, our focus was on walking around the classroom. Walking around the classroom allows for safety for all students and staff. When students are walking around the classroom there is less risk of accident and injury occurring. It has been great to see so many students take this target on board and link it with our previous target of walking around the school.

Week 5: How can students be respectful listeners?

Students have learnt and practised how they can be respectful to others by listening to conversations, ideas and onions. Positive listening skills include, making direct eye contact, standing still, acknowledging comments, allowing the speaker to finish before asking questions and engaging with interest to the speaker. These positive listening skills are used when students are in conversation with their peers and with their teachers. A respectful listener makes the speaker feel comfortable, confident and encourages him or her to share more information.
Today we had Education Week Open Morning for our Monday-Tuesday preschool class. Education week celebrates all the wonderful learning that happens here at Lalor Park Public School.

We were very happy to invite our friends and families along to our preschool. The boys and girls have been excitedly waiting to show off their dance moves to everyone. Our friends and families even joined us for a couple of dances. Everyone did fantastic dancing!

Our special visitors then joined us for morning tea. We got to show them our special books with all our learning stories. It was wonderful having our friends and family coming to spend time with us at preschool.

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Thank you all for coming!
Latest news from LPPS Library

Term 3 is our busiest when it comes to library activities.
- We have the Children's Book Council of Australia Shortlisted book awards coming up. This means we have been busily reading and discussing all the books in the running and giving opinions about who should win the Picture Book of the Year.

- August 28 we will welcome Author/Illustrator Tina Matthews to our school library. This is a free event and as in the past I am sure the students and teachers will find her visit both interesting and informative.

- Term 3 also brings with it the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge. Every student at LPPS has been given the opportunity to participate in the Challenge. K-2 Students must read 30 of the many books on the Premier's Reading list and Years 3-6, 20 by the cut-off date of 29 August.

   ❖ I am very pleased to say that EVERY student in our school has engaged with this Challenge both in their library lessons and in their classrooms. K-2 have had their books model read to them with Years 3-6 having around half read to them and the other half they have independently read.

- All students in the Junior and Senior Support classes and all Mainstream K-2 classes have completed the Challenge. Many in Years 3-6 have finished just this week and hopefully the remainder will do so shortly. Certificates will be sent out to school in Term 4 and our Gold Certificate winners (5 Year participants) will receive their certificates at assembly.

Well Done, LPPS. Keep Reading.

Mrs Ignacz