Wednesday 27th August 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

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Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the assembly on 20th August:

**BRONZE CERTIFICATE**
- Isabel Revollo KS

**BRONZE BADGE**
- Erin McNamara 3/4J
- Jah-Ziah Ngahere - Pompey 3/4J
- Izaak Uesele K2C

**SILVER CERTIFICATE**
- Jah-Ziah Ngahere -Pompey 3/4J

**SILVER BADGE**
- Christopher Hokin 2L

**GOLD CERTIFICATE**
- Sharni-Lee Manning 1H
- Alexia Antonutti 2L
- Caitlin McNamara 2L

**GOLD BADGE**
- Sherridan Sidebottom 2L
- Joshus Sleiman K2C

**PRINCIPAL AFTERNOON TEA**
- Malakhai Johnson 2L
- Joshua McFadyen 2L
- Tarnii-Lee Coombes 2L

Congratulations!

Well done to all students who attended the school Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 12 August. The day was a huge success. Thanks to Mr Urio who coordinated the event and to staff, parents, students as well as our Seven Hills High School students who assisted on the day. These days take a lot of organising and hard work and dedication. Thank you to you all involved in the day. Congratulations must go to the following students who made it to the Zone Carnival: Joshua McFadyen, Beau Pedrana, Kane Robards-Harrison,
Blake Metcalfe, Dylan Donaldson, Charm Masila-Houkamau, Stacey Brown, Adriana Koni and Maria Antonutti.

**School Assemblies**

Our fortnightly school assemblies are always a favoured part of our school activities. It is so pleasing to see students be recognised for their learning and making their way through our School Merit System. Class items always engage the entire audience, class 5/6 U's performance at last assembly was a huge hit with everyone. Well done to Mr Urio and 5/6 U for their outstanding skit!

**School Works**

The school still has some outstanding work that will be conducted in the car park; this will include more signage and markings. There has been some improvement in entering and exiting the school which assists in safety for all. Please continue to be vigilant in this regard.

The school is also currently undergoing some tree removal. This task is conducted according to a scope of works undertaken by the DEC.

Wet weather can cause delays in work being completed and staying to scheduled times. We appreciate that at times this work can cause minimal disruption, however it is necessary to do.

**SAS Staff Recognition Week**

SAS Staff Recognition Week is being held next week Monday 1 September through to Friday 5 September, 2014. As we all know the school community is made up of different people, all of whom play a part in the running of schools and the provision of quality education for our students.

School Administration and Support Staff, whether they work in the office, the library, on the school grounds or in a classroom, are all important contributors to the success of the school and our students education.

SAS Staff Recognition Week is an opportunity for us a school to acknowledge the vital role that SAS play in education.

I would personally like to thank all our SAS Staff their ongoing dedication, professionalism and commitment to ensuring Lalor Park PS is a quality educational facility.

We hope you all enjoy this special week dedicated to you all; Jenny Lance, Jenny Mercer, Ann Laundry, Terry Blake, Mary Kehoe, Robyn Alcorn, Lynn McKinnon, Vivien Rawding, Denise Chapman, Ros Dwyer, Maria Nadalini, Teresa Antonutti, Leonie Faccin – all ‘Stepping Up To The Challenge’. 

‘Learning is the work’

We continue to be very excited here at Lalor Park PS with all the learning that has been going on in all the classes across the school from P-6 inclusive. Some of these activities include: Preschool ‘Going to School’ Program, Library lessons in preparation for our Author visit, Brain Gym, Hands on Maths, Language for Learning (L4L), Child Protection DEC lessons and so much more. We look forward to our ‘Deadly Australians’ school incursion that is coming up, as well as Year 5 and 6 visit to Seven Hills High School too.

This week, week 7 has also seen some students involved in the Blacktown Learning Community Sharing Days. These days see students participate in a number of full day workshops across many activities at various schools in the Blacktown Learning Community. I look forward to reporting on the activities of the week in the next newsletter. Our staff continue to engage in their own learning with staff members attending various Professional Learning activities including; Accreditation, iPads in the classroom, XO’s, Curriculum Driving involving all Key Learning Areas as well as specific English and Math Syllabus training and so on.

Remember: ‘Learning is the work’.

**Apologies**

I must apologise I overlooked one class from the newsletter last week in recognising contributions to ‘I Love Lalor Park’, Ms Wilkie’s class 2/6 W also submitted a fabulous entry to this event and were recognised along with the other classes published in last week’s newsletter, at the assembly last week. Once again congratulations and thanks to all the classes for their contributions and support of this event.

**P & C NEWS**

The P & C committee has disbanded for the remainder of 2014. The interested parties have now formed a small fundraising committee to continue to provide our school community with some of the regular activities conducted by the P & C. From time to time they will be calling for volunteers to assist with activities as they arise. Please read each newsletter to see if there is anything you can do to help out.
**Fundraising Committee Slice Drive and Bus Shopping Trip**

Attached to this newsletter are two fundraising activities for our school. One is a slice drive from Heather Brae Bakery. We have had this fundraiser before and it was very successful, the slices are very good. Please complete your order form and return it to the office by Wednesday 17th September. We will then place the order by the end of the term and delivery will be in the first week of term 4.

The second fund raiser is a bus shopping trip arranged for the Saturday 27th September, yes this is in the school holidays. Please complete the form and return to the office with your payment as soon as possible to secure your spot!

**I Love Lalor Park**

Please find below an open letter from Mrs Milne regarding I Love Lalor Park. Mrs Milne is quite active in the local community and this event is something she puts quite a lot of effort into.

Joanne Gardiner
Principal

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**I Love Lalor Park**

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be involved in the organisation of the **I LOVE LALOR PARK** competition and event and although I didn’t feel I could enter the competition because I was helping to run it, I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinions about Lalor Park.

There are many things at Lalor Park that we are fortunate to have, but when I really thought about **WHAT I LOVE ABOUT LALOR PARK** I realised that it isn’t the things I love, it’s the people that I love most.

We have some fantastic people here at Lalor Park. Take for example the parishioners at **St Clements**. They believe in Lalor Park so much that they get out there and show it. They came to Lalor Park Public School and provided a free sausage sizzle, worked at the working bee, put on a morning tea for the teachers and staff and invited the school to come to a celebration service in honour of the school. Every week they, and other members of local churches come to the school to give scripture lessons to our pupils but they weren’t looking for thanks - THEY wanted to **THANK** and Support US. **I LOVE THEM!**

At the **Community Garden** I meet a group of caring, community minded people of all ages. I am constantly learning, thanks to the diverse group that go there. I feel privileged to know them and **I LOVE THEM TOO**! On Monday afternoons after school I go to the garden and with Graeme Summerset invite young people to come with their parent to plant seeds and seedlings, water and care for the garden and sometimes do craft or cooking. During the school holidays we put on at least one day of children’s activities. I love being a part of that group.

On Tuesday night I meet with people of all ages who live in, or near Lalor Park, to sing with the **Lalor Park Community Choir**. We meet at no charge at St Clements hall and throw in a gold coin, not taken, but saved for a social evening at the end of each term, by our fantastic Choir Teacher, the very talented Lucy Fisher. It is a joyful group, always open and welcoming to new members. **I LOVE THEM!**

Every month I am part of a group of people from different organisations who attend a **Lalor Park FOCUS** meeting to work with each other and support each other’s endeavours to make Lalor Park a better place to live. I think it is working and **I LOVE THEM!**

Through this group I met the **Kings Langley Lions Club**, realised how much they were willing to do for the community of Kings Langley and Lalor Park as well as many charities and causes, so I joined them and **I LOVE THEM!**
One of the groups represented there are the Common Groundz Café, a community café with ‘soul’. They not only run partly with volunteers, they run free barista courses to help young people in Lalor Park get training and an opportunity to find paid work. They are often the first port of call for people having trouble in their life. I LOVE THEM!

Every day when I come to school to teach at Lalor Park Public School, I am greeted by smiling happy children who rush to say good morning to me. They sing with joy in our school choir, they work diligently at Garden Greenies and for the most part are ‘Respectful, Responsible, Safe, Learners’ I LOVE THEM!

The parents of students of Lalor Park Public School, who respond to my greetings, help at working bees, do their best to raise their children and join with us to encourage them to be SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS put a smile on my face and give me hope for the future of Lalor Park. I LOVE THEM TOO!

The wonderful, caring, supportive teachers that I work with make it a pleasure to come to work each day, not only because they genuinely care about me and the students, but because they work with each other to be the best teachers they can be and help me to do that too. I LOVE THEM!

I am thankful every day for the opportunity to work in, learn from and serve the community of Lalor Park. I LOVE LALOR PARK!

Bev Milne