Dear Parents/Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER 2015

Please refer to the Term Planner for other events.

Thur 27th Aug  Zone Athletics Carnival
Tues 1st Sept  Fathers Day Stall
               Animal cares 12.30-3pm Yrs 3 - 6
Wed 2nd Sept  Fathers Day Stall
               3/2G and K4H to Australiana Pioneer Village

CANTEEN OPEN: MONDAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the assembly on 19th August:

SILVER CERTIFICATE

| Damanpreet Singh 1H | Isabel Revollo 1H | Ciara Stockham 3/4J |

SILVER BADGE

| Ethan Yu 1H |

GOLD CERTIFICATE

| Dakota Thompson 1H | Sandra Oller 3/4J |

GOLD BADGE

| Teegan Wheeler 1H | Geoff Vasquez-Malqui 2/6R |

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| Elaiza Estanislao 3/4J | Maria Antonutti 5/6U | Thomas Hokin 2/6R |

PRINCIPAL AFTERNOON TEA

| Sherridan Sidebottom 3/4J |

Learning is our work

Week 6 and week 7 see us continuing our learning journey as a school. Last week kicked off with The Bully is Back, a termly performance as part of our school anti-bullying program, followed by The Salaka African Drumming Performance. The African drumming
performance had the entire school engaged in beating drums, the feeling during the performance and after was euphoric, and smiles adorned the faces of everyone. I would like to thank Ms Wilkie for coordinating this event and Miss Jones for her continued coordination of the anti-bullying performances.

Ms Ryan coordinated Backyard League this term and the students have been and will continue to be engaged in this activity. It is a very popular activity that teaches many skills in both fine and gross motor areas as well as developing independent and team based skills.

Mrs Hewa coordinated the Book Fair again this year and this was a success. We would like to thank our parent and carer community in supporting this annual event. I would also like to thank the other staff who supported Mrs Hewa in ensuring mornings and afternoons provided people with an opportunity to see the book fair.

The Zone Athletics Carnival is on this Thursday and we look forward to hearing how our students perform at this event, but are encouraged already by the position in the zone athletics team. PSSA continues every Friday and the students love giving feedback to the whole school on how they performed each and every Friday.

Healthy Fruit and Veg Month is upon us. Ms Ngahungahu has been busy gathering resources for all classes to engage in healthy Fruit and Veg month. Our school engages in Crunch and Sip and we are using Fruit and Veg month to reinforce the expectations around Crunch and Sip and to continue to support the learning of our students in healthy and nutritious eating. So please support your child/ren in packing healthy snacks of fruit and veg. You can also visit the AtoZ schools website for healthy lunch box tips.

There are a couple of excursions coming up for our Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 3/2 G and K3 H class. So please ensure you have seen these notes if they apply to your child/ren. It takes a lot of organisation to arrange these learning activities for our students and we need permission notes and money paid in a timely manner to ensure that everything can be organised for the best possible outcomes for our students. 

Nina Scott AP Hearing, Miss Jones and I attended

the annual Women in Educational Leadership Conference last Friday and it was a very valuable learning experience for all of us. I just wanted to thank Mrs Scott and Miss Jones for their ongoing leadership in education and for their attendance at this conference as I know they will be implementing many aspects learnt from the conference throughout the rest of their educational careers, as I will be.
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A HUGE thank you to Miss Jones, Miss Ching and Mrs Ignacz for their superb efforts in their background work in preparing our dance and choir groups for the Blacktown Music Festival (BMF). The BMF was outstanding and our students were thoroughly engaged and performed their hearts out on stage. All the Blacktown Schools showcased tremendous talent and we all have a lot to be proud of. I am so very grateful to the parents and carers of our students, every student had someone attend to cheer them on. As I said to our teachers last night these are the school memories that live forever in the hearts of our students. I would also like to make mention of Mrs Milne who was coordinating the choir prior to Mrs Ignacz, her efforts are also appreciated. Mrs Milne also attended last night and she thoroughly enjoyed the night and we were pleased to see her there. Well done Lalor Park!

Reminders:

Under our School’s Code of Conduct it clearly states what is regarded as appropriate behaviour for all those that make up our school community. If you do not adhere to these expectations you may be deemed unable to enter on site. At no time is it appropriate for an adult to approach another child other than your own child/ren.

Remember to visit our school’s website for information. We have been working on our website to make it current, relevant and improved; this continues to be a work in progress. However there is a feature on the website ‘Latest News’ that has lots of information provided by the Department of Education to assist you in partnering with schools and supporting your child/ren’s educational needs.

Thank You

I just wanted to thank the fund raising committee, Mrs Jenny Lance and Mrs Jenny Mercer for all the work that went into organising the Slice Drive. Once again the school raised some much needed funds. Thank you also to the many families and friends of the school who purchased slices and biscuits.

Thank you also to the many parent volunteers that have been working in the garden to keep it tidy and ensure our produce does not go to waste. I would like to make a point that these volunteers are doing this of their own free will and whilst signing in and out of the school is a protocol for them, they have taken their own initiative and are responsible for any children they may have with them. So please be mindful that they are not able to be watching out for other children who should not be in that area as it can be quite an unsafe area with various risks. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Be Kind

Mrs Gardiner
LUNCH AND RECESS

There have been a number of students coming to the office claiming to have “no food”.

Please ensure that your child has enough food for both lunch and recess each day. Please note that the canteen is closed on Tuesday and Wednesdays. From time to time we are unable to staff the canteen and a note will go home on those occasions.

THE BULLY IS BACK: ANTI-BULLYING INCURSION

The Bully is Back was a school funded incursion on Monday 17th August which focused on teaching our students resilience skills and strategies.

The Bully is Back is the third and final play in the bullying trilogy.

1. Bully No More - Focus Emotions
2. Return of the Bully- Focus Strategies
3. The Bully is Back - Focus Resilience

What is Resilience?

The International Resilience Project came to the conclusion that the definition of resilience is:

Resilience is a universal capacity which allows a person, group or community to prevent, minimize or overcome the damaging affects of adversity.

Three sources of resilience

To overcome adversities, children draw from three sources of resilience features labelled: I HAVE, I AM, I CAN. What they draw from each of the three sources may be described as follows:

I HAVE

- People around me I trust and who love me, no matter what.
- People who set limits for me so I know when to stop before there is danger or trouble.
- People who show me how to do things right by the way they do things.
- People who help me when I am sick, in danger or need to learn

I AM

- A person people can like and love
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- Glad to do nice things for others and show my concern.
- Respectful of myself and others.
- Willing to be responsible for what I do.
- Sure things will be all right.

I CAN

- Talk to others about things that frighten me or bother me.
- Find ways to solve problems that I face
- Control myself when I feel like doing something not right or dangerous.
- Figure out when it is a good time to talk to someone or take action.
- Find someone to help me when I need it.

A resilient child does not need all these features to be resilient, but one is not enough. A child may be loved (I HAVE), but if he or she has no inner strength (I AM) or social, interpersonal skills (I CAN), there can be no resilience. A child may have a great deal of self-esteem (I AM), but if he or she does not know how to communicate with others or solve problems (I CAN), and has no one to help him or her (I HAVE), the child is not resilient. A child may be very verbal and speak well (I CAN), but if he or she has no empathy (I AM) or does not learn from role models (I HAVE), there is no resilience.

The Bully is Back is the final incursion for the trilogy series for students in Kindergarten – Years 6. Students in Years 3 to Years 6 will participate in a Cyber Bullying Incursion later in Term 4.

BLACKTOWN LEARNING COMMUNITY - SHARING

Through Week 5, students from Year 1 - Year 6 represented Lalor Park Public School in a variety of Blacktown Learning Community (BLC) Sharing Courses. The BLC is a group of 28 schools focused on
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improving student engagement and strengthening community. Sharing Courses are programs provided by the BLC which provides an enriched curriculum experience to students who have demonstrated special talents and interests in public schools. The Sharing program provides participants with an opportunity to experience a stimulating and challenging program with ‘like minded’ students from different schools.

A big thank you to Mr Hale, who facilitated a BLC Sharing Course at Lalor Park Public School and welcoming students from across the district into our school in the Manipulate Me Course.

Congratulations to participating students who embraced this wonderful opportunity!

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WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN STICKERS

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths until Tuesday 8 September 2015. Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. Thank you for your support!
2015 Touch Football Gala Day, Kareela Reserve Doonside

Students from Lalor Park Public School were invited to participate in an all day touch football gala day, run by the NSW Touch Association on the 6th of August. Two teams of years 2-4 students and years 5-6 students were chosen to participate in the competition which was held at Kareela Reserve.

The weather was kind to us and we had a great day, out in the sunshine playing short 15min games. The improvement made by all players throughout the day was remarkable and the sheer joy on faces when a Lalor Park team managed to score a try was overwhelming.

Comments from parents the event organisers referred to the positive energy and exuberant spirit of our children. Well done to all involved.

I was very impressed with how quickly the children learnt the rules and strategy of the game and how much of this they were able to apply in game situations on the day. It was great fun coaching such keen beans!

I'd also like to acknowledge the effort all the parents who supported our team on the day.

Mr Galloway-Smith and Ms Ryan

HEAD LICE

The school has experienced several cases of head lice recently. Please refer to the attached information sheets and check and treat your child’s hair regularly.

BLACKTOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our choir and dance group who last night performed at the Blacktown Music Festival. The night was a great success. Thank you parents and carers for your involvement and show of support for all the hard work our students have put into their performances.
How can LPPS students be responsible at school? All students should be ready to follow the instructions from teachers. By following the instructions of staff students can ensure they are acting in a safe manner and learning to the best of their ability at all times. When a student follows the teacher’s instructions is also shows to the teacher that the student is being respectful. It is important that students are ready to listen to instructions by practising their positive listening skills. 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.

Safe: Play where a teacher on duty can see you

It is crucial that students remain safe at school. One way they can do this is by playing where a teacher on duty can see you and ensuring that a teacher is always able to see you. This includes staying in places and areas where a teacher can see you and expects you to be. It is the responsibility of all students that they bring with them their belongings to lunch and recess, such as their food, water bottle and hat. As our school site is so large we are unable to send students back to classrooms to collect any belongings they have forgotten.
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