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Wednesday 29th July 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER 2015  Please refer to the attached Term Planner for other events.

Wed 29th July   Education Week Open Day BBQ Picnic
Thu 30th July   CARES excursion for years 3 and 4
Fri 31 July     Slice drive orders to be in today
                Group Photo orders to be in today

CANTEEN OPEN: MONDAY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the assembly on 24th June:

BRONZE CERTIFICATE

| Rossina Sevan 2/6W   | Joshua Ahmed 2/6W |
| Alexander Cooper 2/6W | Jayda West 5/6U |

BRONZE BADGE

| Madison Rhodes 2/6W   | Hayden Quinlan K4H |

SILVER CERTIFICATE

| Joshua Mcfadyen 3/4j  | Helen Aotele 1H       | Lola Cameron 1H |

GOLD CERTIFICATE

| Isabelle Long-Swan 2/6R | Jai Fryer 3/2G |

GOLD BADGE

| Steven Comino 2/6W     | Owen Sie 1/2C        | Blake Metcalfe 5/6U |

PRINCIPAL AFTERNOON TEA

| Joshua Sleiman 1/2C   | Adam Guerrini 1/2C |

Learning is our work

I just wanted to thank all the staff at Lalor Park Public School for their active engagement in ongoing professional learning that continues to build capacity and ensures our school’s continuous growth. We have been engaging in the Disability Standards, New Curriculum, Non Violent Crisis Intervention, Data Analysis and much more. Our staff demonstrate such a
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professional, positive approach to their continued development and in striving to improve student learning outcomes.

In this newsletter you will find information about many other student focused learning opportunities, through our PBL focus, our BLC Public Speaking competition participation and our LaST Update. So happy reading!

**Slice Drive**

Slice Drive orders and money need to be in by this Friday. Last year this fundraiser was a huge success and the Fundraising Committee is hoping this year will be the same.

**Photos**

Order envelopes have been sent out to students who are in special group photos. These include, School Leaders, House Captains, SRC, Cross Country Representatives, Senior Boys Softball, King League Tag, Junior Boys Soccer, Junior Boys T Ball, Junior Girls T Ball, Junior Girls Soccer, Senior Girls Soccer, Junior Girls T Ball, Senior Girls Softball. Please give your order to the school office by Friday 31 July. Samples of the original colour photos are available from the office.

**Car Park**

Thank you to all our supportive parent, carers and friends of our school who have noticed the new line markings in the car park and who read the last newsletter. It is so important that we provide as safe an environment as possible for our students and all those that enter our school. Please adhere to the line markings. We always have plenty of spots for you to park appropriately.

**Reminder School Gates**

Please note that the school gates on Northcott Rd and Heffron Road (Pedestrian Access) are closed at 9.15am and reopened at 2.45pm in the afternoon. The school is accessible via the Heffron Rd Car Park entrance all day; this is a shared vehicle and pedestrian access area so please drive safely in this area. The closure of the gates is for safety of our students.

**Reminder Contact Information:**

Could you please contact the office if you have had changes to contact details. It is very important that the school has the correct information in case of emergencies.

**Issues or concerns**

Please note that there are necessary appropriate ways of managing and dealing with any issues or concerns you may have. If you have a concern about your child/ren your first line
of enquiry should be with the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher is best equipped with the knowledge about your child/ren and respond accordingly to the concern you may have.

If the classroom teacher is unavailable you can contact their supervisor to discuss the concern.

**The supervisors are as follows:**

- Preschool **Mrs Gardiner**
- Kindergarten, Year 1 and EAL/D **Mr Galloway-Smith**
- Years 2, 3 and 4 **Mr Jeff Urio**

The Support Unit **Mrs Chris Wilkie**

Of course the entire executive team are available to assist in addressing any concerns. The Executive is as follows:

**Assistant Principals:**

Mrs Chris Wilkie, Mr Galloway-Smith and Mr Jeff Urio

**Under no circumstances should a parent and carer of a student approach other children about anything. This can often lead to misunderstandings and further problems beyond the original concern.**

Also please understand that the teachers have extremely busy days, ensuring you approach staff at an appropriate time to speak with them, will assist. It is always advisable to contact the front office to arrange a meeting time with teachers.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter and always aim to assist in resolving any concerns you may have.

**Be Kind**

Mrs Gardiner

**Learning and Support Team Update**

The Lalor Park Learning and Support Team has been busy in term 3 putting together strategies to maximise learning outcomes for all students. The team comprises of people from all areas of the school and is able to tap into the expertise of staff and the wider resources of the Department Of Education and Communities to address the learning needs of students.
EAL/D Buddy Reading Program

A huge thank you to Mrs McFarlane for establishing our first ever EAL/D Buddy reading program. In this program older students can read with younger students. The Buddy Reading program helps model good reading and promote the basic skills reading comprehension. As with any skill, reading needs to be practiced on a regular basis, and with this practice as well as modelling, students can improve their skills.

A reading buddies program allows older students the opportunity to develop fluency as well as a sense of pride in their accomplishments. In addition, they often come to see the value of reading. Students can not only promote good practices but gain self-esteem. Repeatedly reading easier books has been shown to improve reading abilities in poor readers, and this program provides students with a reason to read easier books.

Reading to younger students can help them develop a love of reading and a greater motivation to read. Younger students should also read to their older buddies each week, as this allows younger readers to feel a sense of accomplishment while they build fluency. Because the program provides success in literacy, students often become more positive about their ability to read and may also improve their reading skills.

K-2 Maths Program

At Lalor Park we are always looking at innovative ways to maximise our students progress and achievement. The term 3 Maths Program will see students from K-2 group according to achievement on the numeracy continuum. Maths is one of the subjects in which there are such a wide range of abilities in one class. It is in essence a linear subject where concrete knowledge and understanding of a particular concept are keys to moving to the next level. Therefore, gaps in understanding can hinder a child's overall progress. This program will mean teachers will be better able to individualize each student’s learning and in turn maximize student learning.
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Furthermore, Fridays will see hands on K-2 Maths workshops in the hall. Each week there will be a new focus with the aim to be giving our students the opportunity to participate with hands on maths games in mixed ability settings to learn from and grow with one another.

Great work Mr Hale, Ms Lyon and Miss Gardiner.

If you have any time to be a parent/care helper simply inquire at the office or see any of our dedicated staff

Warm Regards,

Mr Tim Galloway-Smith.

BLC Public Speaking Competition

Dusan Miletic, Amahli Te Whare and Chayce Kenyon represented Lalor Park Public School on Thursday 23rd July at the Blacktown Learning Community (BLC) Public Speaking Competition. These three students each represented Lalor Park in their own year divisions by delivering a prepared speech to participants, guests and judges at The Meadows Public School. All three students presented high quality speeches and were outstanding on the day. It was great to see such a wide variety of speeches from our students. Dusan, Amahli and Chayce were each selected for their high performance during the class assessment. Congratulations to our students on their high achievement and participation in this BLC initiative!
Week 2: Respectful – Use water and toilet paper responsibly

Our boys were tested last week when their toilets were temporarily unavailable. Our students had to use the hall toilets throughout the day and were able to demonstrate how to treat the environment with care and respect. When students respect the space by using water and toilet paper responsibly the toilets remain clean and resources aren’t wasted.

Week 3: Learner - Go to the toilet before class, at lunch and at recess

It is so important that the time we have in the classroom can be dedicated to learning! As such, students are encouraged to use the bathroom before school, at lunch and at recess. When students hear that first bell at the end of play they know they can use the time to get a drink for the bubblers and use the bathroom. Maximising our time spent in the classroom maximising our learning.