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"With heart, soul, mind & strength"

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NEWSLETTER

Issue 2

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the P&F will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 8 March in the Junior School library. At this meeting the Executive positions are declared vacant and an election is held for those nominated. If there is only one nomination for a position, that person is declared elected. Please note that candidates for an Executive position must be willing and able to attend an Executive meeting in the week before each monthly meeting. Please see the attached information about the Executive positions.

The P&F, with my advice, has chosen to support with its fundraising this year a new practice court area to the immediate south of the hall. This area tends to remain fairly boggy, which restricts the area on which Senior students can play. The P&F has already committed \$20,000 to this but more is needed to make it possible. Proceeds from the Canteens, Spring Fair, Trivia Night and other fundraising activities will go towards this project this year. We hope that the courts could then be constructed over the Christmas holidays. Your support of your P&F by attending meetings and sharing the workload in its activities would be very much appreciated.

CANTEENS

The Senior Canteen badly needs volunteers – please consider giving a small amount of your time to help if you can. Many thanks to the new volunteers in the Junior Canteen – your help is much appreciated.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Thank you to the families who attended with their Kindergarten child last Sunday. It was an enjoyable time with so many children in church. The Kindy kids were as cute as ever in their uniforms and they sang beautifully. **The next service is for Years 3-6** on 13 March and we invite all families with children in those year groups to join us at the Lakes Anglican Church at 9.30am on that date. More information to follow closer to the day.

SENIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This was an enjoyable day on which the students were well-behaved, respectful and supportive of their College competitors. This was Mr Beecroft's first carnival as the new Co-ordinator of SS sport and I congratulate him on its very smooth running. Congratulations to all the age champions and the winning College – Lightfoot. See the Sports news for the details.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jack (Year 9) and Emily Riches (Year 8) who this week competed in the NSW Junior State Cup for Touch Football.

Hannah Cliff (Year 12) Hannah qualified to dance in the BJP Physie Senior National Finals at the Sydney Opera House over the holidays. She has worked for many years to get to this level and making it to nationals has been one of Hannah's goals. Hannah won her section - she is a national winner for her age group. This is a very prestigious accomplishment in her dancing life. By winning Hannah has also been selected to perform in the 2016 BJP instructional DVD for this year's dance syllabus which will be filmed in April.

Michael Hannah (Principal)

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YR 10 INFORMATION

Last Tuesday we hosted a Year 10 information night about the Year 11 subject selection process, career information, Morrisby Testing (psychometric testing for career guidance and advice) and forward information about the Year 10 focus week. At the evening we handed out an information booklet about the Morrisby Test. If you missed out, please contact Mrs James to get a copy.

YR 12 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The first Parent – Teacher interviews will be held for Year 12 parents on Monday 22 February, from 3:45pm. At the same time we will be holding an information session to provide information for parents about what to expect over the year for Year 12 including university choices and entries. Please put this date in your diary. Further details will follow closer to the event.

K - 11 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent / Teacher interviews for K – 11 are held over two nights on Monday 14 March and Tuesday 29 March. Information about how to make your bookings through 'Parent Lounge' will be sent in the next few weeks. Please try and keep one of these dates free to come and see your child's teachers and to discuss their progress.

HSC DISABILITY PROVISIONS

A reminder that some provisions are available to students who suffer disadvantage due to a medical or some other disability in the HSC. Disability provisions include a reader, a writer, rest breaks and the provision of food for diabetic students etc. If your child is completing an HSC subject this year and wants to avail themselves of these provisions, the applications need to be completed and sent to BOSTES by the end of this term. Please contact the school as a matter of urgency if you need more information, or if you are wanting to commence the application process.

DETENTION NOTIFICATIONS TO PARENTS

When a student in the Secondary School receives a detention, an email is automatically sent to the child's parents. Hopefully you won't receive one of these, but if you do, the emails will contain a brief reason and the referring teacher's name. If you need further details about the detention, please contact the teacher concerned or your child's Year Adviser.

SCHOOL EVACUATION POINTS

Please note that the evacuation points in the case of an emergency (such as a fire) are the grassed area outside the tennis courts on the Junior site, and the Senior School oval on the Senior site.

We do have regular evacuation drills over the year and have already practised a lockdown drill. Please remember that ALL people on site at the time of an evacuation will need to move to the evacuation assembly area.

CHANGE OF SUBJECTS

Please note that all changes to elective subjects (from one subject to another) need to be finalised by the end of next week. Year 11 or 12 students may drop subjects throughout the year, if they have sufficient units. All changes are made through a form located in the Senior School Office.

Ian Samways (Deputy Principal)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yr 12 Parent/Teacher interviews 22 February
K-11 Parent/Teacher interviews 14 & 29 March
P&F Easter Raffle – drawn 18 March
Grandparents Day 24 March
Easter Chapel Service 24 March

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



A continued welcome back to a new academic year and to our second newsletter for 2016! It has been a pleasure to spend these first few weeks catching up with children and parents and to see everyone so happy to be back.

BUILDING LEARNING POWER

We are continuing to work on our Building Learning Power program in classrooms. The diagram below shows the four areas of our 'Building Learning Power' program (Reach Out, Look Within, Think Clearly and Believe in Ourselves) which link in with our school motto 'With Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength'.

A number of learning actions which are associated with each area are listed around the outside of the circle.

LAKES GRAMMAR HABITS

The Junior School utilises the learning framework of *Lakes Grammar Habits* to effectively integrate our Building Learning Power, Positive Behavior for Learning and Virtues programs.

- Building Learning Power develops the capacity of students for learning, their curiosity, craftsmanship, creativity and collaboration.
- The Virtues program develops children's Christian values, moral harmony and moral integrity, including kindness, honesty, trustworthiness, service, empathy and moral courage.
- Positive Behaviour for Learning develops our student self-regulation and self-awareness to demonstrate respect, responsibility and care for themselves and others.

The Junior School collectively focuses on a Habit each week drawn from one of the three programs whilst concurrently working with students to develop a range of habits and capacities in the day-to-day life of the school.

Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on the following concepts. These are also recorded in the Student Diary for each week:

Week 5: Collaboration – learning with and from others

Week 6: Bullying: what to think, say and do

STARS OF THE WEEK

Demonstrating our Lakes Grammar Habit of being 'Prepared and Organised for Learning'

Claudia Alcock, Angelina Amarin, Mala Patil, Brayden Croucher, Ayva Belgre, Carter Thomas, Indianna Lourens, Hamilton Dobson, Clair White, Ashley Inwood, Daniel Foreman, Amelia Collins, Kai Garvey, Ellena McGarry, Alyssa Durham, Holly Willsher, Chloe Collins, Lachlan Murray, Emma MacDonald, Jessca Gardiner.

Demonstrating our Lakes Grammar Habit of 'Generosity'

Ashlyn Hanson, Jack Asquith, Sara Olivieri, Dafne Shevket, Carter Davidson, Isla Yager, Casper Huisken, Mekenzie Jones, Keira Carlson, Ryan Wenger, Phoebe Talbut, Nicholas Squires, Suzannah Ashby, Liam Wallace, Harrison Cross, Molly Blackshaw, Emerson Goodenough, Mikayla Daly, Blake Waldon, Alex Voigt.

YEAR 6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

It has been a pleasure to see the Student Representative Council for the Junior School begin to take shape under Mrs Amanda Holland's dynamic leadership. We have an enthusiastic and keen group of SRC Class Representatives from Year 6 in 2016 and look forward to them officially taking office after being presented with their badges by The Hon. Karen McNamara MP at our Year 3 -6 Assembly and Chapel on Thursday.

Our 2016 Year 6 Student Representative Council Representatives from Year 6 are:

6A – Jayden Galea and Alyssa Miller

6G – Justine Hughes and Liam Hambrook

OC – Alex Voigt and Ellie Rudder

These Year 6 leaders will visit Year 1 – 5 classes over the coming weeks to explain the role and structure of the SRC and voting will then take place for SRC representatives from each class in these year groups.

WELCOME BBQ AND MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Thank you for all the families that were able to come along to the Welcome BBQ, it is always a highlight of Term 1, and a special thanks to the P & F for all their efforts in supplying a BBQ dinner.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 1 - 6 this week and we hope that you found them informative. We understand that it is difficult for some families to attend these sessions so please feel free to touch base with your child's classroom teacher for any handouts or information that you may have missed. The Curriculum Booklets for each year level, Kinder – Year 6, are now available on Parent Lounge for those of you who would like to know more about the programs on offer at the School.

If you were unable to make the evening, your child's class teacher has also sent home a copy of the handout from the evening along with the Curriculum Handbook for your child's grade.

Many of your children will be participating in our extensive extra-curricular programs and you will have received communications from the teachers administering these activities about the arrangements for each of these. The staff are working hard to support the children to be organised about their attendance at these and we are encouraging them to note these in their diary. It would be helpful if parents could also give the children a reminder about any clubs or activities that they should be attending at the start of the day for the next week or so.

JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP DAY

The Junior School Leadership Day at Treetops on Wednesday, 17 February was a wonderful success with the Year 6 School Leaders working through the activities on the day in a mature, intelligent and reflective manner. We are blessed to have such a talented and capable team of student leaders to commence 2016 with the brainstorming of a number of initiatives for the School community. Thanks also go to our Chaplain, Peter and Mr Johns, whose organisation of the Leadership Day and ongoing work with the School Leaders contribute immensely to the development of such a successful team each year.

The day presented a good opportunity to work with our Chaplain, Peter, to reflect on Biblical perspectives of leadership, develop our communication skills, challenge ourselves to think and communicate under pressure, try new things and to work as a team on the high ropes course as well as developing some plans for the Junior School as a leadership group in 2016. We enjoyed the opportunity to grow together as leaders and to plan for a range of initiatives whereby the students are able to carry out their roles within the school this year.

A huge thank you to the leadership group for the example they are setting to others in the classroom, the playground and in a range of co-curricular activities.

MACY WILLIS – YMCA SWIMATHON FUNDRAISER

Each year for the last 4 years (since she was in Kindergarten), Macy Willis of Year 4 has participated in the YMCA Swimathon.

This Community Charity Event is aiming to raise much needed funds to support more than 1,600 kids and adults with disabilities to enjoy the water and learn to swim safely.

Last year in 2015, Macy swam 120 laps of Toukley Pool (or about 3 kilometres) in 1 hour with her raising double the funds that she had set out to and many more laps than her initial goal as well! This helps to put Macy's fundraising message for this year into perspective...

I am doing the YMCA Swimathon on the 28th February 2016 to raise much needed funds to support the YMCA community assist those who want to learn to swim but need specialised equipment to do so.

Please help me in this great cause and sponsor me today.

I have chosen to do this because I love to swim and I don't want anyone who wants to swim to miss out.

*My goal is to swim **130 laps of Toukley pool in 1 hour** and raise **\$300**.*

\$20 - can provide one swimming lesson for a child with a disability

\$60 - can purchase a neck flotation collar for a child with a disability

\$250 - can provide training and qualifications for swim instructors to teach learners with disabilities

\$500 - can purchase a float suit

\$2,000 - can purchase a water wheelchair.

This is the link for donations/sponsorship:

<https://ymcaswimathon-toukley2016.everydayhero.com/au/macy>

REMINDERS

Uniform

Summer uniform is worn in Term 1. Students MUST wear a hat at all times when outdoors. I would encourage all parents to ensure that their child's hat is clearly labelled with their name and to have a spare hat in their child's school bag in case one goes missing. We do not encourage children to share their hats with others for creepy crawly reasons!

School Arrival Time and Before School Care

As you would be aware, the School opens at 8.00am and teachers are on duty to receive children in the Main Courtyard underneath the COLA from this time. While many teachers are on the premises before 8.15am, they need to use this time to prepare for the day ahead and to meet with colleagues or parents.

Please ensure that your child is not dropped off at school before 8.00am unless they are booked into Sunbeams for Before School Care. There is no supervision available before 8.00am.

New Play Equipment

A reminder that the new play equipment area is not open for use by children until 8.22am each morning. This is to ensure that we minimise the likelihood of accidents occurring during the morning period. I have also reminded the students that the use of the equipment before this time is not acceptable. I would ask that you assist us by ensuring that younger siblings refrain from climbing on equipment in this space while waiting to drop off K – 2 students.

Dogs

A reminder that we also have a "no dog" policy on the School grounds.

Traffic and Parking

My sincerest thanks for your patience this year with the traffic and parking congestion around the school. The first weeks are always busy with children needing assistance with bags and the like and families enjoying a catch up in the grounds. To ensure that drop off and pick up times remain as streamlined as possible, I would ask for your assistance with the following.

- Please ensure that when using Kiss and Go that children get out of your vehicle on the kerb side only, with their bags. Getting out of your car to assist with bags from the boot and hugging your child goodbye can hold up the queue considerably during busy periods. It is dangerous for any child to get out of their car on the road side of 'Kiss and Go' as they are close to the through traffic.
- Please use only the marked pedestrian crossing directly in front of the school to come and go from the carpark. A lot of families are using the speed humps in the carpark as pedestrian crossings... but these are not pedestrian crossings and it is dangerous to cross the road through the Kiss and Go queue.
- I would also like to request that parents refrain from standing directly in front of the metal gate at the front of the school when using Parent Park as this obstructs the 'Kiss and Go' and Bus groups from exiting the school in the afternoon.
- Please wait until children are seated before collecting them from Parent Park as this helps our teachers to ensure that all students meet their parents safely.

I hope that the start of the year has been a smooth one for your family and I look forward to a busy and engaging year with your children.

Will Wallace (Head of Junior School)

AFTERNOON MESSAGES are given to students immediately after lunch. Please be aware that the school reception area is a very busy time at the end of school and it is unreasonable to expect that a message can be taken out to students who have already departed their classrooms for the day to stand in bus lines or parent pickup. **If you need to get a message to your child regarding alternative travel arrangements, please contact the school reception prior to 1.30pm.** Students in parent pick-up lines who are not collected on time will be held in the office until your arrival.

JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

BORROWING

All K-6 classes are now borrowing. It is wonderful to see so many students, especially our new students and K-2 students, borrowing regularly.

PRC 2016

PRC 2016 notes went home during library lessons this week. I encourage all students to take up this challenge to be committed to reading. If you are taking up the 2016 PRC, please return the completed note for Mrs Tennant to register you.

Don't forget to record all books read using the log. Happy reading!!



LIBRARY HELPERS TERM 1

Congratulations to Tahlia Moore / Jaydee Lourens (Mondays), Tahlia Royle / Isaac Robinson (Wednesdays), Harrison Cross / Jackson Roffey (Fridays), Rylee Baxter (reserve). These wonderful Year 4-6 students have volunteered to be our library helpers for this term. We had a huge turn out for the positions and I am sure they will do a fine job.

WHEELERS eBOOKS

Has your child accessed our Wheelers eBook facility yet? If they are in Years 4-6 and have an iPad, Android or similar device, they can read our growing collection of eBooks either online or downloaded. They can also borrow an iPad from the JS Library at lunch. Please see library staff for more details or grab a brochure from the JS Library.

LIBRARY BLOG

Once again I will be utilising our JS Library BLOG to see what students have been learning about in the JS Library. This BLOG will be updated when needed. Access the link below:

<http://danielsummers.edublogs.org/>

OPENING HOURS

The JS Library opening hours are from 8:30am to 3.30pm Monday and Friday and 8.30am to 4pm Tuesday to Thursday. Students are also welcome to use the JS Library at lunchtime (2nd half) each Monday to Friday. PLEASE NOTE: any student using the library between 3-4pm must sign in and be picked up from the library and signed out by their parents. This time is for RESEARCH / HOMEWORK / STUDY use only. It is not a place for children to wait for parents to collect them in the afternoon.

Mr D Summers (JS Teacher Librarian)

PRIMARY CHESS CLUB



Hi, my name is Andrew Giblin and I will be the chess coach at Lakes Grammar for 2016. As well as being a chess enthusiast and coach, I am also a fully accredited primary school teacher and look forward to applying my expertise to help the students grow in their chess knowledge and passion for the game. If you would like to join these lessons, we would love to have you! Students of all ages and abilities are welcome. I hope to see you this year for an exciting chess experience at Lakes Grammar.

Nathan Crumbley (Co-ordinator)

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Matt's Mutterings

In Week 3 of this term I had the privilege of accompanying our Year 7s as they went on their 3 day camp. At Point Wolstencroft they were faced with all sorts of challenges; high ropes courses, a giant swing, raft making, sailing, canoeing or logical problem solving initiatives. They also had to live with a bunch of other students and not eat home-cooked meals. Having known some of these students for many years now I was thrilled how they rose to each challenge and encouraged each other. It was brilliant to watch how our new Year 7 students have quickly been made a part of the student cohort and brought their own personalities to the mix. Each student seemed to have their strengths drawn out through the activities and experiences of camp. Quite a few students attempted tasks that they had never done before and did so with real courage. I'm really looking forward to seeing how they continue to grow and develop.

Speaking of growing, we had our Blessing of the Backpacks service at Lakes Anglican on Valentine's Day. Here Kindy families were invited to gather together as we honour our youngest students and ask for God's blessing on their lives. The students were encouraged to fill their backpacks with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. For many of the students and some of their parents too, it was their first time at church. I hope and pray that they felt welcomed and that they will remember that they are born on purpose for a purpose. The Kindy students certainly had that cute factor cranked up to 11 and in no time it will be 2023 and they will be heading off to Year 7 camp to take on some more challenges together. Who knows what amazing experiences they will have in their life's backpack by then.

Bless ya!

Rev'd Matt Shorten (Chaplain)

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING

TUTOR SESSION FOCUS FOR 2016

Each fortnight Senior School students participate in tutor group sessions which are based on colleges within each year group. The focus of the sessions this year will be on learning about, and utilising, personal strengths. Positive achieving people focus on their strengths and using those to attain personal goals. It can, in life, be a trap for people to dwell on their weaknesses and stagnate. It has been interesting hearing from many of our recent graduates and how they have become aware of their own strengths and where they are heading in life - a former captain who obviously has a strength in leadership and has recently graduated from ADFA, a student who saw her inner carer self and has now started studies in child care, a young man who was interested in engineering but through activities in his senior years at Lakes realised he liked organisation and so enrolled at uni, instead, in project management. On assembly last week I spoke with students about finding their 'inner awesome' and seeing the 'awesome' around them.

YEAR 7 CAMP AND PEER SUPPORT LEADERSHIP.

Last week Year 7 were on camp, which gave them a great opportunity to get to know each other as well as some key teachers. See Mrs MacLarty's report in this newsletter. As part of this the Year 11 Peer Support buddies for Year 7 came along and joined in activities with their buddy groups on the Friday morning before a session in the afternoon to de-brief and talk about the start to senior school. Occasions like these help build valuable bonds across the year groups as well as help the Year 7 students really see themselves as a connected part of our Senior School community. It is also great for Year 7 students to know they have an older student they can always go and talk to about anything.



STUDENT LEADERS CONFERENCE

This week our Captains and Prefects attended the GRIP leadership conference. This conference provided the students with valuable skills and ideas of how our leaders can make real positive contributions as leaders of the school. Our leaders, along with a number of other Year 12 students, began the year really well already with the Valentines Roses and Heart lollipops that they sold at school last Friday in preparation for Valentine's Day last Sunday. Activities like this really add to the 'life' of the school and are wonderful contributions from our students, with the added bonus of raising money towards end-of-school celebrations.

CAMPS COMING UP

In the next few weeks Years 9, 11 & 12 will be heading off on their camps. Notes have been sent home with students and planning should be happening now. Parents may want to check in with their child if this is news!

Brant Maslen (Director of Student Well-being)

YEAR 7 CAMP – POINT WOLSTONCROFT



Our fabulous Year Seven students have just spent an amazing 3 days away at the fantastic facilities of Point Wolstoncroft at Gwandalan. Our students had the opportunity to participate in a range of outdoor activities, face challenges, get to know each other and have a great time! Each challenge they faced was designed to help them develop perseverance, to work as part of a team, learn from and listen to each other and to get in and give it a go! I am very happy to report that our students threw themselves into their activities – some more literally than others!

Our students faced their fears, dared to go higher on the ropes course, giant swing and rock climbing wall than before. Some learnt to sail faster than before and others learnt how to manoeuvre canoes and run on water! They learnt to shoot an arrow faster and further and how to solve the most interesting of problems. I have seen our future leaders, our future problem solvers and our future humanitarians – well I have seen their early beginnings. From little things, big things grow after all.

Our students also had the pleasure of 'hanging out' with their peer support leaders and had the chance to get to know them much better. I'm sure our peer support sessions at school will now be much more meaningful, so thank you to those year 11 students who gave up their class time to share themselves with our younger students.

Here are a few pictures of some of the things we got up to!



What a fantastic start to your first year in the Senior School Year 7, it was a pleasure to share this time together!

Mrs Alison MacLarty (Year 7 Adviser)

DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORT

COGNITO IS HERE - UNLOCKING OUR STUDENTS' TALENTS'



It is with great excitement this week that I can finally reveal to you the 'Cognito' program in the Senior School. The 'Cognito' program is a cross faculty initiative and has been designed to enhance and bring to the fore our students' talents! The programs and competitions on offer have been chosen to give students opportunities to immerse themselves in areas which may interest them and expand their critical and creative thinking skills and problem solving abilities. Many of the activities on offer allow students to participate in solving real world problems. We are very excited about the wonderful program we have designed for Semester 1 and encourage you to inspire your children to become part of the 'Cognito' program.

Following is the list of the activities and competitions on offer in Semester 1. If you would like to know more please contact the teacher in charge as indicated or please feel free to contact me at school.

In the following week students will be provided with a comprehensive booklet which outlines what each activity is about and when they will take place. A copy will also be emailed out to all parents.

COGNITO OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES BEING OFFERED FOR SEMESTER 1 YEARS 7-12

ACTIVITY	STUDENTS ELIGIBLE	TEACHER IN CHARGE
In Cognito Newsletter	Years 7-11	Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Smith
What Matters? (Writing)	Years 7-11	Mrs Smith
Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition	Years 7-12	Mrs Rocks
English Honours Program	Year 9 & 10	Mrs Manners
HICES Debating	Years 9 & 10	Ms Roche
Law Society Mock Trial Competition	Year 11 Legal Studies	Ms Mellare
Model United Nations Assembly	Year 11 Legal and Geography students	Ms Mellare
Geography Interest Project	Years 7-10	Ms Mellare
Da Vinci Decathlon	Years 7-10 (selected students)	Ms Mellare
Australian History Challenge	Year 9 & 10	Mrs Crawford
National History Challenge for Australian Students	Years 7-12	Mrs Crawford
'Momentum' – STEM	Years 7-10	Ms Charker
RACI National Chemistry Quiz	Years 7-11	Ms Charker and Miss Francis
RACI Crystal Growing Competition	Years 7-12	Ms Charker and Miss Francis
Science and Engineering Competition	Years 9-10	Ms Charker
Space Design – Terra Forming Mars	Years 7 & 8	Mr Sewell
Climate Adapted People Shelter Design Competition	Years 9-11 D&T Students	Mr Hampson
Studio Art	Year 7 & 8	Mrs Hobden
Visual Arts Master Classes	Years 9-12	Mrs Hobden
Stage Band	Years 7-12	Mrs Gallen
Sinfonietta Ensemble	Years 10-12	Ms Abdilla
YIPA Concerts	Years 7-12	Ms Abdilla and Mrs Gallen
Maths Focus Groups	Years 7-12	Mr Benn
Sydney University Gifted and Talented Holiday Program	Year 8 & 9	Ms Charker
Forensic Camp	Year 8	Ms Charker

LAKES LEARNERS

Last week we celebrated the learning goals of our senior students whose names appeared in our last newsletter. It was encouraging to see our Senior Students volunteering to stand up at assembly and be proud of what their goals are for this year. We have created a Lakes Learners Goal Wall in the library where each fortnight the students' goals will be added for all our students to be able to read when they are in the library. A big thank you to Mrs Nicholls for creating this space.

This year we are encouraging our students to build their resilience when learning. For students to build their academic resilience they need to focus on becoming absorbed in their learning; managing distractions around them; noticing details in their lessons and persevering when things get tough!

Recently through teaching a unit about Relationships with my Year 11 Advanced English class, it became very apparent to me how much our students are distracted by social media. As a class we each recorded overnight how much time we spent on social media. Although I knew the figure would be high, I was not prepared for how many hours my students were spending on social media (mainly Facebook) a night. Hours ranged from 1-8 hours, with the average being 3 hours on this particular night. For our seniors, managing this distraction is an imperative for them to be able to become absorbed in their learning and therefore achieve their full potential.

This Weeks Lakes Learners.....

Year 12

"To get better than I did in grades in Year 11" – Eve Muscat

"To achieve over 70% in all the tests" Joshua Green

"I achieve an end result that I am proud of" – Olivia Brodbeck

"To achieve an ATAR of 90%+" – Hannah Wright

Year 11

"My goal is to achieve high grades and complete all my work on time" – Taylah Abberton

"To extend my knowledge in English language techniques" – Jarrod Dodds

"To pass all my exams and be more organised with my studies" – Gabby Ridgewell

"To stay on top of all my homework, assignments and school work without falling behind" – Michaela Writer

Michelle Smith (Director of Teaching and Learning)

SENIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

Yr 12 students, please see the flyer attached towards the end of the newsletter re Wyong Shire Libraries HSC workshops. There are various workshops running in either Tuggerah or Lake Munmorah library branch locations, starting next Monday, 22nd February, at 4pm. Numbers are limited, so bookings need to be made at www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/events. Each session runs for either 60 or 90mins and only costs \$3 per session.

They are very popular, so get in quick!

If you have outstanding overdue books from last year, your borrowing rights may be withdrawn for any further borrowing, until these books are returned, replaced, or paid for. Overdue reminders will be printed out for students, and emailed to parents, over the next two weeks.

Anne Marie-Nicholls (Librarian)

CAPA NEWS

The Creative and Performing Arts Department (CAPA) extends a warm welcome to all members of our school community in 2016. We have a full program of events planned for the coming year and encourage parents to support these creative activities. It is very exciting to have Year 11 Drama commence in CAPA this year. Miss Newton will guide our young actors as they approach the HSC in this new subject for our school. The Senior School Visual Arts staff includes Mr Langejans who teaches Year7, Year8 and Year 11 and Mrs Baker who is teaching Year7 and Year 8 Visual Arts and Y9 & Y10 Photo Digital Media. Mrs Hobden is also with Year 7, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 Visual Arts. Our Music Staff includes Mrs Gallen who teaches all Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11. Miss Abdilla is with Year 8, Year 10 and Year 12 Music. She is also the organising Teacher for Music Tuition. Please contact Mrs Hobden, co-ordinator of CAPA if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's involvement in Secondary Creative and Performing Arts courses.

Anne Hobden CAPA Co-ordinator

New York Tour - CHORAL CONVERGENCE FESTIVAL

Our School Choir and Visual Arts students leave for the United States on the 16th of April, where they will experience a tour of New York, visiting Art Galleries, Ellis Island, The Statue of Liberty, The Empire State Building and many other sites in the city. The Music students have been invited to perform at the famous Carnegie Hall where they will join with school Choirs to sing a series of beautiful pieces in the Choral Convergence Festival. It is quite an honour to be involved in such a prestigious event, being a once in a life time experience.

They are off to a great start this year already, with many upcoming performance opportunities for the Choir during Term 1. They are working hard in rehearsals to develop their repertoire and perfect their stage presence.

Mr Langejans will be meeting with the Visual Arts students to inspire and prepare them for the tour.

We are drawing close to take off and need to have all documents and other arrangements finalised very soon, including putting things in place for spending money in New York. We are pleased to invite you to attend a New York Tour Update Session where we will go through all of the document requirements, packing ideas, travel cash card information as well as answer any new questions you may have.



Carnegie Hall, New York

HISTORY NEWS

Learning is off and running in our History classrooms around the school and with that, all year groups from Yr 7-11 will be issued with their first assessment task in the next week or two. This is an opportune time to talk to your children about the importance of effective time management to ensure successful task completion and to encourage them to set goals for their learning and achievement in History. As some of the tasks are the first History projects of the year, we look forward to seeing what the students produce. The type of task and due dates are as follows:

Yr 7 – Source Study (Wk 10)

Yr 8 – Historical Investigation (Wk 10)

Yr 9 – Source Study (Wk 9)

Yr 10 – Historical Investigation (Wk 9)

Yr 11 Modern History – Source Analysis & Presentation (Wk 7)

Yr 11 Ancient History – Source Analysis (Wk 8)



Q. Albert Einstein was offered a presidential seat in Israel in 1952.
True or false???

Fiona Crawford (History Co-ordinator)

ENGLISH NEWS

Welcome back everyone. It has been great to see all of your students return enthusiastically to the English classroom. In all classes we have hit the ground running and are well underway with our first topics:

Year 7: Diagnostic Testing and Getting to Know You

Year 8: Tomorrow When The War Began or 1984

Year 9: Power of Persuasion

Year 10: Australia (Film)

Year 11 Advanced: Taming of the Shrew

Year 11 Standard: Crow Country

Year 12 Advanced: Area of Study

Year 12 Standard: Area of Study

All students have been provided with a scope and sequence and assessment schedules. All Year 10-12 assessment schedules are available now online and Years 7-9 will be uploaded in the coming weeks. I encourage you to sit down with your child and take time to read through the upcoming English assessments so you can support them in either completing them or preparing for them. I always encourage parents to read the same books that their child is reading in class. This is a great way to engage with your child and to be hands on with their learning in the English classroom.

We welcome all our new Year 7 students into our English classrooms. We hope that they find them a place where they can enrich their minds through enjoying the journeys and experiences we encounter, as we immerse ourselves in the world of texts. In the first three weeks of term, the Year 7 English Teacher Team will be carrying out a number of diagnostic tests to help us understand the needs of our students. As a parent, please contact your child's teacher if you feel like there is something they need to know regarding your child's literacy needs.

We also welcome three new or returning staff members to our English and History team:

- Mrs Erin Sequeira nee Nicholls and Mrs Lucy Williams-Caller. It is wonderful to have Mrs Sequeira return to us after being away for four years living in Germany. She will be job sharing with Mrs Lucy Williams-Caller whilst Mrs Tamara Gallagher is still on maternity leave. Mrs Williams-Caller will take classes Monday- Wednesday and Mrs Sequeira Thursday-Friday.
- Ms Kristy Gorham: She is joining us for this year from Northlakes High. She will be teaching English and History.
- Mrs Jane Rocks: We welcome Mrs Rocks back for another year whilst Mrs Hart is on maternity leave.

We welcome all our new staff to our team and hope that they will enjoy the time with us.

Baby News!

Mrs Serena Hart and her husband Matthew welcomed their baby girl Kayden Jade on Sunday, 17 January. She is just divine and we cannot wait to meet her. We congratulate both Serena and Matt on the arrival of their baby girl. That makes 7 children under 10 in the English and History Faculty.... and counting, with three under the age of 1!

Michelle Smith (English Co-ordinator)

SCIENCE NEWS

What a great afternoon. Last Wednesday, Year 7 packed up the dip nets and data loggers and set off to analyse the quality of a few of our local water ways. The students were broken up into three groups and headed off to the creek beside Warnies, the creek at the Old Wyong Dairy and the river running through the middle of Wyong. For some groups time was very short, however, this just seemed to challenge the students to become more focused, completing all of the water quality tests they needed to have done in order to be able to analyse the overall quality of the water in that area.

All of the Science Faculty staff would like to thank the students for the mature manner in which they approached the field trip, conducting themselves like a real scientific team. Well done! I would also like to thank the staff who assisted the students as they performed the necessary tests and collected the required data and look forward to finding out whether the water in these areas of our catchment is safe to 'drink'.

Ms J Charker (Science Co-ordinator)



HSIE NEWS

The HSIE Faculty have had a very busy start to 2016 planning to provide students with a range of learning experiences and new opportunities this year. We are currently in the process of selecting a team of Year 11 Legal Studies students to represent the school in a Mock Trial Competition, new geographical fieldwork opportunities in Geography and a market day for Commerce. In Business Studies and Commerce we are continuing to connect with business professionals to develop a greater understanding of contemporary business issues, if you run or work for a business that could be a useful case study for our students please do not hesitate to contact me at Rachel.mackillop@lakes.nsw.edu.au or at school on 43934111.

Rachel MacKillop (HSIE Co-ordinator)

CAREERS NEWS

Welcome to another great year at Lakes Grammar - An Anglican School. This year with Careers there will be a Year 10 Careers Day in May. Year 11 will have an opportunity to "Try-a-Skill" in June and attend the School Expo for Careers in May. Year 12 will be guided through the all important UAC applications later on in the year. All Year 10 students will be interviewed by me (Mrs James) either in Term 1 or Term 2 to start guiding them in their subject selection process and Career Path. Year 11 or Year 12 students can come and see me or email me for an appointment if they require assistance.

Please remember to look at the Lakes Grammar Careers Page: lakesgrammarmacareers.com

This contains a wealth of information. There are pages for Parents as well as Students. Particularly useful this year for Year 12 is the Calendar. This will not only inform them about timing for their UAC application but gives the dates of University Open Days. This is a good idea for students to get on top of now as they don't want to be panicking when their examinations are on top of them. This is a good time of year to start thinking about courses, options and opportunities.

Looking forward to a great year and enabling students in their career path.

Cathy James (Careers Advisor)

SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT: Mr Darren Beecroft sssport@lakes.nsw.edu.au for all issues and questions concerning sport within the Senior School.

SENIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING: The Senior School Swimming Championships were held in wonderful warm conditions on Monday, 15 February at Wyong Pool.

Age Champions were as follows:

12 Years	Alexander Bell	Nyah Small
13 Years	Bradley Freeman	Tiah Vale
14 Years	Bracken Walls	Charlotte Akhurst
15 Years	Benjamin McKechnie	Olivia Glanville
16 Years	Bryce Glanville	Whitney Akhurst
17 Years	Logan Moore	Caitlin Hodges
18 Years	Jacob Stevens	Courtney Jeffery

Open Event Champions:

Open Boys	Fletcher Cunningham
Open Girls	Olivia Glanville – new record time 30.68

Belly Flop Champion Eric Webber

College Pointscore:

1 st	Lightfoot
2 nd	Cranmer
3 rd	Tyrrell
4 th	Ridley

NEW RECORDS

Charlotte Akhurst 14yrs girls 200IM in a time of 2:52.18
Olivia Glanville 15yrs girls 50m backstroke in a time of 36.26
Benjamin McKechnie 15yrs 50m breast stroke in a time of 37.74
Logan Moore 17yrs 50m breast stroke in a time of 35.08
Tiah Vale 13yrs girls 50m freestyle in a time of 30.83

Congratulations to all swimmers - an excellent day of competition and a great deal of fun. Well done Lightfoot – yet another very convincing victory!

A representative team has been selected as follows. This team will compete at the HRIS Swimming Championships on Thursday, 10 March at Lambton Pool in Newcastle.

Charlotte Akhurst	Camryn Kendall
Whitney Akhurst	Samuel Kentwell
Bailey Allen	Samantha Livingstone
Jackson Barnes	Joshua Locchi
Alexander Bell	Lachlan McCarron
Jake Benson	Benjamin McKechnie
Ryan Bentley	Samuel McKechnie
Eliza Carruthers	Benjamin Minness
Jacinta Clark	Logan Moore
Fletcher Cunningham	Caitlyn Park
Jamie Durham	Trinity Robards
Lily Everson	Frederick Rodak
Bradley Freeman	Hannah Roth
Sean Freeman	Nyah Small
Bryce Glanville	Jacob Stevens
Olivia Glanville	Aimee-Jane Strawbridge
David Goodman	Nelson Strawbridge
Kynan Henson	Elizabeth Thomas
Caitlin Hodges	Tiah Vale
Lara Holst	Bracken Walls
Courtney Jeffery	

The efforts of the College Leaders were outstanding, ensuring that their college was well represented in each event. The amount of noise generated by some colleges ensured their competitors in the pool were well supported. This did not detract from the standard of swimming with many records broken. I would like to thank all students for making the day not just successful but a lot of fun!

A big thank you to all staff and parents for their wonderful assistance.

WEEKLY SPORT: I would like to remind parents and students that the correct uniform is to be worn each sport day. The correct uniform is the school sport shirt, school sport shorts, white school socks and joggers. Street shoes or slip on shoes are not appropriate for sporting activities as they do not do up tightly enough to support the ankle and foot and do not support the heel. If your child is having issues with uniform please write a note or place a message in the child's diary explaining the issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRIALS: The following HRIS Trials are coming up.

Secondary Tennis junior
Secondary Hockey trials and gala day
School Netball teams
School Futsal teams
Secondary Netball
Secondary Touch Football
Secondary Football
SURFEST CONTEST

If you would like to attend please see Mr Beecroft for the nomination details.

A reminder that trialists have to be at Representative level as Lakes Grammar can only send limited numbers.

SELECTION IN LAKES GRAMMAR TEAMS: I would like to remind all parents and students that there are certain criteria that must be fulfilled to gain selection in school teams. My common catch cry is: "I will consider the child for selection but there are no guarantees". This allows me to look at all results and performances before making a decision. For Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics, results go up on the Sports Noticeboards and seven days later a team is selected. This allows students and parents to find any omissions or errors before the school team is selected.

As a Sport Co-ordinator there is nothing worse than having to tell a child they cannot compete because an omission was not picked up, so please ask your child to check their results.



Swim for the Disabled

On 28 February Ben McKechnie of Year 9 will be taking part in a national YMCA Swim-a-thon to raise money to support people with disabilities who want to be able to enjoy the water. Ben is hoping to raise \$500. If you would like to support Ben to reach his goal please donate through the following link: <https://ymcaswimathon-toukley2016.everydayhero.com/au/ben>

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT: Mr James Cantor jssport@lakes.nsw.edu.au for all issues and questions concerning sport within the Junior School

ELLIE RUDDER - EQUESTRIAN

A big congratulations to Ellie Rudder (OC), who recently competed at the NSW Show Horse Council Pacific Coast Hack Championships; winning Smartest on Parade for the 2nd year in a row and also Top Ten in her section with Farleigh Calypso. She ventures off to the Royal Canberra Show in two week's time, followed by Sydney Royal. Best of luck Ellie!



Ashley Pernecker (6L) has had an extremely busy time of late in Athletics. She competed at Regionals last weekend and was awarded Silver in all 3 events for the 400m, 800m and 1500m. She is now off to State Championships. During January, Ashley also attended the NSW Country Championships where she managed to get:

- Gold – 1500m
- Silver – 800m
- Silver – 80m Hurdles
- Silver – High Jump
- Bronze – Long Jump

LAKES GRAMMAR SWIMMING CARNIVAL – MINGARA 3/2/16

What a wonderful day was had by all at the Annual 2-6 Swimming Carnival at Mingara on the 3rd of February. There was great sportsmanship, behaviour and competitiveness displayed by all who attended the event. The annual Lakes Grammar Swimming Carnival was held at Mingara on

Wednesday. A special congratulations to the following Age Champions for the day:

Keira Carlson (5-7 girls), Dexter Rodak (5-7 boys), Giselle Simon (8yr girls), Josef Aad (8yr boys), Elodie Jewell (9yr girls), Jake Freeman (9yr boys), Macy Willis (10 yr girls), Ashton Croft (10yr boys), Tegan Lynch (11yr girls), Samuel Cook (11yr boys), Ashley Pernecker (12 yr girls), Cameron Stanfield (12 yr boys).

Congratulations to Lightfoot as well for overall College points.



The above students plus some others will now go on to represent Lakes Grammar at the HRIS Swimming Carnival at Maitland Pool on Thursday 25 February. A reminder that the bus will leave at 7:10am and students are required to be at school by 7am. Lakes Grammar swimming caps are to be purchased prior to the day for \$10 (paid to the office).

CENTRAL COAST MARINERS VISIT – 11/2 and 12/2/16

Year 1,2 and 3 students were lucky enough to have Adam Kwasnik, ex-player from the Central Coast Mariners, conducting the Active Schools program during school last Thursday and Friday. Students had a blast and received some great merchandise too!

3-6 SCHOOL SPORT – TERM 1

School sport is now up and going and running smoothly. Please let Mr Cantor know if you have any questions. Please remember to wear appropriate sports uniform of hat, joggers and water bottle on Tuesdays.

HRIS / CIS TRIALS

Throughout the year, there will be trials held for various HRIS / CIS sports outside school hours. For this, if your child plays at a representative level and would like to trial, please see me for more information. I will regularly announce upcoming trials at assemblies and in the newsletter.

However, these trials are open to Years 5/6 only.

COMING UP IN TERM 1:

- HRIS Swimming Carnival – Maitland Pool 25/2
- HRIS Boys Football trials – SPCC Cessnock – 10/3 and 15/3 (5/6 Representative players only)
- HRIS Netball trials – Newcastle – 16/3 (5/6 Representative players only)
- Lakes Grammar X Country Carnival – 16/3
- CIS Swimming Carnival - 22/3
- CIS Boys Football Gala Day – 4/4

Mr D Summers (K-6 Primary Sports Co-ordinator)

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

It's been great to hear of some open competition results coming in from events around the state. Good luck to all those students competing at Canberra Royal in the coming week, have a great time.

I have listed some events that are listed for the coming months below. I will continue to add events as they come up. Please note, you may enter Interschool events via nominate yourself. Contact me to let me know you have entered and I will ensure all relevant school paperwork is forwarded on to the organisers.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Cynthia.jobe-parker@lakes.nsw.edu.au

2016 Competitions

5th March 2016 - Central Coast Grammar School at Matcham Valley Pony Club grounds. Entries close 27/02/16.

<https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Event.aspx?event=5742&eventlist=5>

12 March 2016 - Arndell Anglican College -Show Jumping and Derby Day - Dural Pony Club Grounds, Bannerman Road, Kenthurst. Open to riders K-12 Entries via Nominate

<https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Event.aspx?event=6156&eventlist=5>

3rd April 2016 - Oxley College Equestrian Day - Araluen, Hume Highway Berrima. Entries close 26 March 2016. Competition will include Hacking, Dressage, Show Jumping, Sporting and the popular Derby. Entry details to follow.

23rd June to 26 June 2016 - Equestrian NSW State Interschool Championships - Sydney International Equestrian Centre

26th September - 2 October 2016 - Australian Interschool Championships, Sydney International Equestrian Centre

Ms Cynthia Jobe-Parker

NETBALL CLUB:

The 2016 Netball Season is fast approaching and after a successful season in 2015 our Lakes Grammar Gems Netball club are looking forward to an even better 2016 season. Online registrations have now closed but we are still looking for players in the following age or year groups. Kindergarten & Year 1 or under 7s and 13 – 17 year olds. Grading days and times will be announced shortly. You can keep updated on all that is happening with our Netball Club at their Facebook page Lakes Grammar Gems Netball Club. If you have any questions regarding Netball or you are interested in playing in the age groups we are looking for players in please email enrolments@lakes.nsw.edu.au

CANTEEN NEWS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



The Senior Canteen is struggling this year with volunteers. We have had some of our regulars leave the school as their children have moved on and our little band of volunteers are not able to come every day – which means that our wonderful canteen manager never gets to see her children in daylight hours!

If you or a relative / friend can spare half a day either weekly, fortnightly or monthly (we are not choosy) please, please, please consider volunteering in the canteen. Di would love to have your company. We are an equal opportunity employer so, Dads - the challenge is there for you as well.

As you will be in contact with children you will have to go through the simple process of obtaining a Working with Children check. Please don't let that put you off, it's required by law for all volunteers in any child related setting.

Please help Di Hattam to spend more time with her own kids! Please contact Di on 43934167 or email dianne.hattam@lakes.nsw.edu.au

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the P&F will be held on 8 March at 7pm in the Junior School Library. At the AGM, the election of the new Executive takes place as well as the reporting of the previous year's activities. All positions are declared vacant and nominations are called for. Nominations must be received in writing with the agreement of the nominee or sent by a nominee, by 7 March. Please address these to the Principal via admin@lakes.nsw.edu.au, by mail or hand in at Junior School Reception

The following Executive positions are available:

President:

The role of the president is to ensure that the monthly meetings are run in accordance with the Constitution, and to attend to matters that arise from time to time that concern the P&F, such as the canteen. The President is also expected to help set the agenda at the executive committee meetings. The role of President is also to ensure the progression of the P&F, that the executive committee functions in accordance with the constitution and to promote the P&F Association as best they can.

Vice-President:

The Vice-President's role is to assist where necessary the President and to help as part of the executive committee. The Vice-President is expected to attend the monthly meetings and also attend executive committee meetings to help put the agenda together.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer is responsible for all accounting for the financial activity within the P&F association as well as the Canteen. The Treasurer is expected to present a monthly set of financial figures to the P&F meeting each month in accordance with the constitution. The P&F and canteen accounts are audited once a year, and the Treasurer is expected to have the financial situation of the P&F and Canteen under control for this. MYOB is used for the keeping of accounts, the data entry and the reports. As part of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer is expected to attend P&F meetings as well as the Executive Committee meetings to put together the Agenda for the meetings.

Secretary:

The Secretary of the P&F has as their main role to take minutes of the monthly meetings, record attendance and publish the minutes. As a member of the Executive Committee, they are also expected to attend the executive committee meetings to assist in putting the agenda together.

Spring Fair Co-ordinator:

The role of the Spring Fair Co-ordinator is to be the main contact person for the annual spring fair. They will liaise with the school and report to the P&F on the fair. They are able to set up sub-committees for the fair and delegate roles within it. The Spring Fair co-ordinator is expected to attend the monthly meetings and also attend Executive Committee meetings to help put the agenda together.

Deputy Vice-President:

The Deputy Vice-President's role is to assist where necessary the other members of the Executive. The Deputy Vice-President is expected to attend the monthly meetings and also attend Executive Committee meetings to help put the agenda together.

School Banking Account Opening Day

Lakes Grammar is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking day is Thursday.



We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

Time: 8.30am – 9.30am

Date: Monday 29th February

Location: Entrance to junior school quadrangle

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Events especially designed for
kids in years 6 - 8 at school.
A fun time to build friendships
with each other and God.

DATES FOR 2016

February 7th Family

March 6th

April 3rd

May 1st

June 5th Family

August 7th

September 4th

November 6th

December 4th Family

Further Information
Annette Shorten 0411818942
Children and Family Worker
Matt Shorten 040261964
Chaplain Lakes Grammar- An Anglican School

Time 5pm - 7pm
Lakes Anglican Church
Wallarah Rd Kanwal
43931333



P&F Easter Raffle



Dear Parents

The P&F are again running their very successful Easter Raffle and are asking each student/family to bring in an Easter egg to help make up some fantastic prizes to be raffled just before Easter.

Donations would be appreciated by **Friday, 18 March** to assist in preparing our beautiful Easter prizes.

Books of raffle tickets will be sent home to Junior School. Simply sell as many tickets as you can, place the money in an envelope (cash only please) and return it to the office no later than **Friday, 18 March**. The winners will be drawn on **Monday, 21 March** for prize collection in time for Easter.

Even if you can't sell all your tickets, every ticket sold helps. Just return any unsold tickets to the office. And remember, you can always get more raffle books from the office if you need them.

We appreciate all your efforts in helping raise funds for our school.

Thank you on behalf of the P&F.

Sunday February 28

Come down to "Splash Out for a Great Cause" at this year's Annual YMCA Swimathon!

The YMCA Swimathon is an annual national fundraising event where people come together, swim laps and raise funds, or simply come along for a great day to support people in YOUR LOCAL Community with disabilities learn to swim at their YMCA.

Join us for **KIDS GAMES & ACTIVITIES**, enjoy a tasty sausage sizzle at our **BBQ**, let loose with some **INFLATABLE FUN** and party style **MUSIC** and win yourself some cool prizes with the **SILENT AUCTION!**

Featuring **LIVE** entertainment by **Brad Hughes & Taylah Theakstone**

10am til 2pm

Toukley Aquatic Centre
Heador Street, Toukley NSW 2263
(02) 4366 6373
ymcasnsw.org.au/toukley
facebook.com/ymcatuskley



The Uniform Shop
(02) 4392 9128

lakesgrammar@alinta.com.au

Uniform Shop opening hours during school terms are:

- Monday 8.00am – 10.00am -
- Wednesday 8.00am – 10.00am
- Thursday 2.30pm – 4.30pm
- Friday 8.00am – 9.30am

The uniform shop can be contacted during these hours by phone or email:

lakesgrammar@alinta.com.au

Payments can be made direct to Alinta Apparel on the day of purchase. Alinta will take payments in the form of cash, credit card, or debit credit card.

Uniform price list & online shopping available at:
www.alintaapparel.com.au



Wyang Lakes Magpies

Don Small Oval, Tacoma

2016 Registration Days

10am – 2pm Sunday 21st February – McDonalds Wadalba

10am – 2pm Sunday 28th February – Lone Star Tuggerah

We Play Sunday Footy

Auskick (Boys and Girls 5-7 year olds)

Boys: U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's, U17's

Youth Girls: U16's

For further information please contact Simon Wood on 0414 286 074



Or head to playafl.com.au

Stress free HSC!

To help students calm their nerves, while maximising their potential and results your local library is hosting a range of events designed especially for Year 12 students during this critical year.

This is an incredible opportunity for students to get hints and tips from professionals for only a fraction of the cost!

- **Exploring the Discovery Theme through Poetry**
Monday 22 February, 4-5.30pm
Tuggerah Library
- **How to Get a Band 6 in HSC English Creative Writing**
Thursday 10 March, 4-5.30pm
Lake Haven Library
- **Max Your HSC Marks – Secrets to HSC Success Revealed**
Wednesday 6 April, 4-5.30pm
Tuggerah Library
- **Acing the Trial HSC exams – Effective Exam Preparation**
Thursday 12 May, 4-5.30pm
Lake Haven Library
- **Tips for a stress free HSC**
Wednesday 25 May, 4-5pm
Lake Haven Library

Each workshop costs \$3 per person, per workshop.

Numbers are limited at these very popular events.

Spots can be reserved online at www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/events

Find your nearest library!

Tuggerah - Westfield Shopping Town - Woolworths end - 4350 1560

Lake Haven Shopping Centre - near the bus stop - 4350 1570

Bateau Bay Shopping Centre - near the Medical Centre - 4350 1580

Toukley - Main Rd, near the community hall - 4350 1540

The Entrance - near the traffic lights opposite the Plaza - 4350 1550

Greetings from the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop!

Happy Term 1! We hope your little people have settled in smoothly, are making friends and loving school! If you've noticed they've grown and their uniforms are looking a bit snug, the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will be open next on Thursday 18th February from 8am – 10am. You can find us by going into the Junior school through Reception, and we set up in the breezeway to the right. You can pay by cash, cheque or credit card (through the schools Flexischools system). PLEASE sign up beforehand if you know you'll be paying by card! Please do not use the Flexischools system for pre-ordering uniform items. Remember that the items available at the 2nd hand uniform shop vary, depending on the donations we receive. Items in high demand (such as Kinder sizes) can come and go on the same day, and we may not always have what you need.

For those dropping off pre-loved items, you can download the 2nd Hand Uniform Sales form from "Links" in Parent Lounge, accessible from the school's website. Make the most of the direct deposit option and have the funds for your pre-loved items deposited directly into your bank account within a few days rather than waiting for a cheque to be sent out (which can take up to 2 weeks).

NOTE: Due to the large number of older style uniforms that remain unsold, we will no longer be accepting Noone brand summer tunics, Noone brand formal shorts, Mr Charles ladies size winter tunics, VIP blouses and long sleeve girl's blouses without the school logo on the collar.

Opening dates for Term 1 2016 are fortnightly on Thursdays from 8am-10am:

Thursday, 3 March 2016

Thursday, 17 March 2016

Thursday, 31 March 2016

See you on a Thursday!

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

TUESDAY 10 MAY	WEDNESDAY 11 MAY	THURSDAY 12 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading	Numeracy
Writing		

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 13 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.

