

## **Thursday 10th December 2015**

### **Principals Report**

#### **Student Reports**

Yesterday ALL students in K-5 received their Semester 2 report. I trust that you have had it handed to you by your child/ren. We have published the report in a new format to, not only improve its appearance, but to also to bring it into line with the new Australian curriculum requirements. Our staff spend many hours preparing your child's report and work hard to ensure that it is a true and accurate reflection of your child's progress in their learning over the semester. Please take time to discuss the report with your child and reflect on their achievements and where there needs to be a greater focus for improvements to occur. The report is not a point in time document and therefore should be referred to over the first semester in 2016 to assist your child in setting learning goals and staying focused in their efforts. If you have any questions in relation to your child's report please do not hesitate making an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

#### **Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program**

An information flier about this program went out with student reports yesterday. Please read this document carefully and put it somewhere you can refer to it during 2016. The program will run throughout the 2016 school year and will cover various topics that will enable Parents to provide greater support for their child(ren) at home. The program will consist of three information sessions scheduled for weeks 3, 6 & 9 of each term. A total of twelve information sessions are currently planned for 2016, however, additional sessions may be arranged based on Parent / Teacher feedback and demand. We are hoping to get strong involvement in this program in 2016.

#### **Staffing 2016**

This week we have been informed that Mr McFarland has been appointed to the position of Relieving Principal at Caves Beach PS for the 2016 school year. This is a tremendous opportunity for Mr McFarland and we wish him all the best in this role. I am pleased to announce that Mr Darren Rowe will be performing the role of Assistant Principal in Mr McFarland's absence. I know he will add significant value to the leadership team of the school. A new teacher to our school, Ms Melinda Moore, has been appointed to undertake the teaching duties on the class Mr McFarland was to take next year. Mr Robinson will move into an off class role for 2016, being set the task of reviewing and updating the school's curriculum program. Ms Pam Quinn has been offered and accepted the position of the school's Learning and Support Teacher for next year. Ms Quinn has vast and extensive experience in learning support programs, most recently being seconded by the Federal Government to implement a key government program, the Positive Partnerships Program, across the Central Coast. We are extremely lucky to secure her services. Hopefully our staffing has all but been determined for next year meaning we are well placed to deliver an excellent educational program to your children in 2016.

#### **2016 Class Visit Day – Next Tuesday**

Next Tuesday the students will be visiting the class they will be in next year. The purpose of this is to allow our staff time to commence their planning for next year and facilitate good handover processes as students move from one teacher to the next. It will also assist those students who may get a little anxious about changing teachers from one year to the next. They will return home next Tuesday being able to tell you who is teaching them for 2016 and who will be in their class with them.

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### **Lake Munmorah Public School Concert Band Program**

We're now up to 49 students - the largest start up band numbers the Conservatorium has ever had (previous was 42), so congratulations to our school community! It's amazing to see this level of interest. It is not too late if you want your child to join the band as long as they will be in Years 3-6 next year – just complete the expression of interest and return to the school office as soon as possible. It will be exciting to watch our school band develop over the coming year.

### **Students Leaving at End of Term**

Our planning very much hinges on knowing our enrolment number for next year. If it is your intention to leave the school at the end of this year can you please let us know as soon as possible? Please inform the office or your child's teacher. This will also allow us to contact your child's forwarding school and provide them with valuable information to support your child into that school.

### **Last Newsletter for 2015**

As this is the last newsletter for the year I want to thank everyone for their tremendous support throughout 2015. It has been a very successful year where the school has continued to make a significant contribution to the growth and development of our students. The children have been in very settled learning environments, in the hands of very competent teachers, being exposed to outstanding learning programs where I know all of them have grown enormously in both their learning and as people. This is a positive, safe and happy school community and it is a real credit to our teachers and ancillary staff that the children can enjoy this environment every day.

I trust you have a happy Christmas and enjoy spending quality time with your family. I look forward to be amongst you all again next year and working hard to offer your children the very best educational experience and opportunities we can provide. Please take care and enjoy the holidays.

Merry Christmas.

Mr Graham Holmes  
Principal

### ***Family Fun Night Thank You***

*Many thanks to all the wonderful families who joined us for the Fun Night the other week. The sponge throwing proved very popular after such an extremely hot day! Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donated prizes, time and equipment to make our night a success. Once again the community pulled together to ensure a wonderful evening was had by all.*

*A HUGE thank you to our wonderful P&C for all their time and efforts and thank you again to our brilliant staff who continually go above and beyond the call of duty. Our fabulous teachers give up their own family time to ensure LMPS has the best for their students and families.*

*With the combined funds of our school stalls and the revenue from all the additional stall holders LMPS raised over \$ 3,500. This will be fantastic to add to our budget to up-date the technology room for all students to use in the future.*

*LMPS was packed with families and friends enjoying themselves.*

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## Library Books Need To be Returned NOW!!!

**Thank you to those who have already returned their books. The winning classes for the ice-block rewards— “first to have all books returned” are K-6R, 5/6G & 1MS. Congratulations!!**



### LMPS Giving Tree

To help spread the Christmas spirit, LMPS has a giving tree located in the library. This year we are supporting a local refuge for families that have been affected by domestic violence or homelessness over the Christmas period.

If you would like to help we would **greatly** appreciate donations of new toys or pampering items. Thank you for spreading love and kindness to families in need.



### Commonwealth School Banking

Has Ended for 2015

Looking Forward to  
Banking Together in  
2016



# School Diary

*Please stick me on your  
'fridge'*

2015						
			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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**TERM 4**

**December**

16 Last Day for Students

**TERM 1 2016**

**January**

28 Students Return



**Crazy Times at Luna Park**



**Week 10**

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