31 January 2017

Every Day Counts! Give your child the best possible chance in life!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are back into another school year at Lakes Creek State School. Welcome back to all students, parents, carers and teachers returning in 2017. I would also like to welcome new students and families to our school as well as new staff members Nadine Henderson (Year 3/4), Emily Christie (Prep/1), Tae Sumihara (LOTE), Fiona Dobson (Instrumental Music) and Sally Freeman (School Guidance Officer). This year we will continue to deliver quality teaching to cater for all student needs as well as being a united school community. To demonstrate this we have developed a new slogan ‘Quality Teaching, United Community’ that we will be on all school newsletters, notes and signage from now on.

2017 School Focus
At Lakes Creek State School we look to improve student results across all learning areas, however in 2017 we will have a particular focus on improving student reading. To improve student reading we will have structured explicit instruction reading lessons supported by three reading rotations a week. In the lower year levels we will also be supporting students with our new phonics program Sounds, Speech Pictures (SSP). To further boost the reading program we have boosted teacher aide time in the classroom as well as budgeting for new readers and other resources.

Student Social and Emotional Wellbeing will also be a high priority this year. My goal is that all students are coming to school happy and excited for the day as well as feeling safe. To help us cater for this priority we are continuing to implement Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) across all classrooms and the playground, we have also appointed a school guidance officer to visit and support students one day a week. On top of all of these programs we will participating in Friday Afternoon Sports as well as other extracurricular activities. Grammar and Punctuation (G&P) is our other school priority this year. The school has planned to see large student gains in G&P in NAPLAN testing, particularly in year 5 testing. We have a sharp and narrow focus to improve G&P with classes from Prep/1 to Year 5/6 all having the same weekly focus, this week it is proper nouns.

Friday Afternoon Sport
Late last week a note was sent out to year 4, 5 and 6 students seeking interest around Friday afternoon sports. If students wishing to participate in Friday afternoon sports could return these notes it would be appreciated. This Friday Afternoon Sports Season will be Soccer. Lakes Creek will be looking to enter numerous teams into the soccer competition. The season will start on the 10th of February, with the hope that most of our games will be held at the Nerimbera Football Clubs grounds. Please get the expression of interest in before the 1/2/2017.
Textbook Payment
This year Lakes Creek State School will be using the Soundwaves spelling book to help implement the schools spelling program. Soundwaves aligns with the achievement standards outlined by the Australian curriculum and will be utilised on a regular basis in the classroom. The school has heavily subsidised the book bringing the price down to $5 (usually $16-$18). Books will not be given out to payment is received, so if the $5 payments could be made as soon as possible it would be appreciated. A simple plan of $1 a week can also be established if you see Michelle in the front office.

We have had a great start to the year both academically and with student behaviour. Let’s keep following the values of being a learner, safe, respectful and responsible.

Regards

Lachlan Moore
Acting Principal
‘Quality Teaching, United Community’

ATTENDANCE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>PREP/1</th>
<th>1/2</th>
<th>2/3</th>
<th>3/4</th>
<th>4/5</th>
<th>5/6</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>98.6%</td>
<td>94.4%</td>
<td>91.17%</td>
<td>95.5%</td>
<td>98.6%</td>
<td>100%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CONGRATULATIONS 5/6!!!!!!!!!!!!

MISSING (SCHOOL)= MISSING OUT

UNIFORMS

School Shirts - $25.00
Red Hats - $8.00
Prep Shirts - $23.00
Red Shorts - $18.00
Red Skorts - $20.00

OPEN MONDAY’S, WEDNESDAY’S AND FRIDAY’S

CHAPPY NEWS

Enclosed is also our current TUCKSHOP PRICE LIST AND ITEMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT PRESENT IN OUR TUCKSHOP

Thanking you for your support. Welcome back to our families and new families to our school.

Hello, for those that don’t know me yet, my name is Josslyn Cathcart and I am the school chaplain at Lakes Creek state school. I have been in this role at Lakes Creek since 2014 and I love being a part of the Lakes Creek community. As a part of my role as a chaplain I work at two local primary schools, Lakes Creek state school and Bajool state school.

A school chaplain’s role is varied from school to school because each chaplain runs programs and activities to suit the needs of their schools and their communities. Some of the main areas of a chaplain’s role include social and emotional support, role modelling, mentoring, educational support, spiritual support and supporting the school community.

It is hard to describe what a normal day as a chaplain looks like because it varies so much from day to day. At Lakes Creek I run several programs, such as the Lego program and the Breakfast program, as well as run smaller programs and activities throughout the year. I also spend a lot of time in the classrooms and playground helping with activities and talking with students.

If you ever have any questions about the programs I run or would like to come and have a chat, I work at Lakes Creek every Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank
you to the Lakes Creek state school community for your support in 2016 and I am looking forward to 2017 and all the exciting things it holds for Lakes Creek.

**ABSENCE NOTIFICATION**

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the department. Parents need to know if their child hasn't turned up for school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent.

State schools are required to notify parents on the same day that any student is absent from school without explanation.

**Contact details**

- There are times when we may need to contact parents and carers. Do you have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 49 326 333 OR EMAIL US AT admin@lakescreekss.eq.edu.au so we can update our records. These details include parent/carers’ name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details change.

**Absence notification process**

- Please remember to call the school on 0749 326333 or email at admin@lakescreekss.eq.edu.au early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child’s absence can be recorded correctly.

**Same day notification**

- Our school will contact parents as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and we don’t know why. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by replying to the text, phoning 49 326333 or email us at admin@lakescreekss.eq.edu.au to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received.

**What can you do at home?**

Download SSP spelling piano App for I-pads

1. **Click Play**

   ![SSP App Image]

2. **Choose your level and activity**

   - Piano activity
   - Writing activity

3. **Piano activity**

   Press the piano keys, listen to the sounds then make your choices to spell the word.

4. **Writing activity**

   Write the word. Press show word to check your spelling. Make changes if not correct.

Debbie Mallory
Every Monday | Parade 2.30 – 3pm
---|---
Every Friday | Playgroup 9 – 11am

10 Feb | Leadership Badge Ceremony
10 Feb | Friday Sports Start
6 – 24 Feb | Parent Information Sessions
30 March | Cross Country

Rockhampton Touch Association is holding their annual Development Day for juniors interested in learning more about Touch footy. This is open to every child from the ages 9 to 16 no matter what experience or skill level they are.

Date: Sunday 6 February 2017
Times: 9.00am till 12.30pm (8.30 arrival for registration please)
Bring: Hat and water bottle and wear shoes and sunscreen
Provided: Morning tea is provided
Cost: No cost
Please contact Denise at admin@rockytouch.com for more information.