25 October 2016

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

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

At Lakes Creek State School we have had a great start to introducing our 2017 Preps to the school through Prep Orientation days and our Step into Prep program. There are still spots available if you would like to attend both days. Don’t forget to book in a Prep interview at the front office as well. The interview is to help establish the expectations of student, staff and parents as well as addressing our school values and finding out the students interests and strengths.

**Positive Behaviours for Learning - Parent Information Morning**

We have great students at Lakes Creek State School and it is important to provide them with the best learning environment so they can meet their highest potential. To help improve our learning environments we will be becoming a Positive Behaviours for Learning School (PBL). The PBL whole school approach is about educating students on the correct way to engage with others, deal with problems encountered and handle different social situations. Instead of reinforcing negative behaviour occurring we will be demonstrating, focusing on and rewarding positive behaviour.

For more information about the PBL school wide approach I encourage you to attend our information morning tomorrow (26th of October) at 8.30am. The meeting will be held in the SMART with PBL Coordinator Ngiare Hutton running the information morning. I encourage all parents and caregivers to come and attend the morning and become a part of our Lakes Creek PBL team.

**After Hours School Watch**

Unfortunately over the weekend two schools in our CQ region experienced arson attacks with Biloela State High School experiencing significant damage losing an entire block. These events are a reminder that we need to keep an eye on our school after hours and over weekends. If there is any suspicious activity after school hours please call the School Watch hotline (13 17 88). A reminder that any person on school grounds after hours needs to gain permission from the school beforehand. Remember look, listen and report.

**Reporting**

Report Card will be handed out Tuesday 6th of December this term and it is important to know what the grades on your child’s report card indicates. Year 3-6 students will be reported on using an A-E scale. It is important to know that a grade of C means your child is working at an age appropriate level.
• A - Evidence in a students work typically demonstrates a very high level of knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures, and application of processes.
• B - Evidence in a students work typically demonstrates a high level of knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures, and application of processes.
• C - Evidence in a students work typically demonstrates a sound level of knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures, and application of processes.
• D - Evidence in a students work typically demonstrates a limited level of knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures, and application of processes.
• E - Evidence in a students work typically demonstrates a very limited knowledge and understanding of concepts, facts and procedures, and application of processes.
• N - Insufficient evidence to make a judgment.

Parent and caregivers I encourage you to make an appointment for parent teacher interviews later in the year to discuss your child’s progress.

Regards
Lachlan Moore
Acting Principal
Lakes Creek State School

Our next meeting is today October 25th all welcome.

Early this year we decided at a P & C meeting we would have for the end of year function a Carols’ Night with a big multi draw raffle drawn on the night, sending tickets home for selling mid-term. We will be looking for donation for this big multi draw. So if you can ask a business for a prize it would be appreciated.

Thanking you for your support.

DON’T FORGET OUR NEXT PREP ORIENTATION DAY IS TOMORROW 26 OCTOBER 2016 AT LAKES CREEK STATE SCHOOL STARTING AT 9 AM.

Hello. Just a quick update, the Operation Christmas child boxes are due back by the 28th of October. Thank you to those who have shown interest. If you would like to know more or to fill a box please contact me through the office ASAP as they are due back this Friday. This is a great opportunity to talk to your children about helping others.

The Lakes Creek School Choir has started up again this term for Grade 3-6 students. We are hoping to be ready to perform some items before the end of the year, if all goes to plan! Also Lego club is open every week on a Wednesday first lunch for grade prep-3 students this term in the library. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Chappy
Bandanna Day is 28 October 2016.
Bandannas will be on sale Thursday after school and Friday before school for $4 each.
Sales will not be accepted at any other time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Hello everyone,
Last week I travelled to a school in Bundaberg called Thabeban State School. I was there to meet Miss Emma and learn about a new phonics, spelling, reading and writing program to be implemented at Lakes Creek next year, 2017. It was a 3-day event meeting many colleagues, some from as far as NSW. I am so excited about this new program that I have already started using it in our classroom and the kids and teacher-aides are loving it. You may notice some of the children sounding out differently and using what we call duck hands to say the sounds. Next year I will hold workshops using this new approach for parents and carers to attend.

*Download the free SSP Spelling Piano app and you will find out how words split according to speech as the app follows the order of teaching the code.*

What is SSP?
The Speech Sound Pics (SSP) Approach to the teaching of reading and spelling is based on over a decade of research relating to ‘the reading brain’. The biggest predictor of reading and spelling success or failure is Phonemic Awareness, the ability to hear, identify and manipulate (change) sounds. Without good Phonemic Awareness, children will struggle to understand Phonics, the written sounds. In SSP each student is taught in the way that is most effective for them. SSP activities and readers are appealing to boys and girls, and can be accessed by parents and carers at home, for free, on tablets or computers.

**Duck Hands**
Students use their hands to show speech sounds as they say them going from their left to right. It helps focus on placement/segmenting so they can see the order of the speech sounds. Each time our mouth changes it is a new speech sound.

**Lines & Numbers**
When we say a word students need to hear and work out how many sounds are in that word.

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**Code Levels**

School Shirts - $25
Red Hats - $7.50
Prep Shirts - $22.50
Red Shorts - $18
Red Skorts - $20

OPEN MONDAY’S, WEDNESDAY’S AND FRIDAY’S
Lakes Creek State School

Prep Orientation-October 2016

We would like to invite you and your child, to our 2017 Prep Orientation Activities

Prep Orientation Days  9.00am – 11:15am (includes lunch break)
➤ Wednesday 19th October
➤ Wednesday 26th October
➤ Wednesday 2nd November

Induction activities give parents and Prep students the opportunity for staff and parents/caregivers to discuss Prep and for the child to become familiar with our surroundings.

A Prep Handbook and enrolment forms for 2017 will be available. If you are seeking to confirm enrolment please bring proof of your child’s date of birth to complete the Application for Enrolment.

Should you not be able to attend any of the activities, but would still like your child to be enrolled in Prep for 2017, please notify the school and we shall forward all the necessary details to you and arrange a suitable time for an interview.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any queries.
Phone: 49 326 333
Spooky Spectacular Disco
27th Oct

Come dressed in your favourite ghostly costume.

6.00pm to 7.30pm

$4 per student
Or $10 for a family of 3 or more.
**CALENDAR**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FAMILY FUN DAY!**

SUNDAY 23rd October 2016
9am to 1pm

- Adults $2 (14yrs+), Under 14 FREE
- Pridey Steams Train Rides $2.50
- Ride on the world’s only Purge Steam Train (operates 10am to 1pm)
- Heritage railway carriages: steam & diesel engine, rail memorabilia, exhibits, live music, market stalls, vintage/old classic cars, lots more.
- Food on sale

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