10 August 2016

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Olympic spirit is alive and well at Lakes Creek State School! We are getting ready to get on our bikes for ‘Ride to School Day’ on Friday the 26th of August and getting our dancing shoes on for the Aussie, Aussie, Aussie disco on Thursday the 18th of August. I hope to see as many students, parents and carers as possible for these fun upcoming events.

NAPLAN Results
Year 3 and 5 students have received their NAPLAN results from the testing they participated in earlier in the year. There were some great results and all students should be proud of their efforts. Well done to the teaching staff as well for their efforts improving student results. Keep up the quality teaching. From a school and year level perspective we also had some great results as well:

- Year 5 writing and spelling results showed that we are working at a level statistically similar to the nation!
- 55% of our year 3 students achieved a band 4 result in writing, one band of being in the top 20% of students in the nations (Upper two bands)!
- More than 22% of our year 3 students were in the upper 2 bands for reading!
- In nearly all strands of NAPLAN Lakes Creek State School is at or statistically similar to other school in the amount of students above the national minimum standard!

We have achieved some great results in NAPLAN testing for 2016, but we need to now have higher expectations. Let’s strive to have all students above the national minimum standard, let’s be greater than the nation when it comes to reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and numeracy. We also need to look away from NAPLAN and focus on improving our A-E results on report cards. Well done Lakes Creek State School! Let’s continue to set the bar high, dream big and continue to be a great school.

Writing Focus
We have been continually been working on our writing at Lakes Creek State School, with students engaged in Explicit Instruction lessons involving sizzling starts. Our classes from year 1 to year 6 have been developing sizzling starts together and are well into constructing a sizzling start all by themselves. Remember a sizzling start contains:

- Onomatopoeia
- Dialogue
- The senses of sight, feel, taste, smell and touch
- Starts where the action is!
As part of our writing focus this term we want to see improvement in students writing samples completed early in the term. The school has a few aspirational goals when it comes to the students completing a writing sample at the end of the term. These goals include improvement of 2 marks (40 mean scale score points) in NAPLAN writing resits from baseline data collected at the beginning of the term. A total of 80% percent of students achieving improvement/relative gain from baseline to week 10 test. A total of 80% percent of students improve in both the orientation and text structure components of the NAPLAN writing rubric and decrease in the amount of students below National Minimum Standard, and an increase in the amount of students in the U2Bs.

ICTs

I have been looking to improve the schools ICT’s capability by purchasing 19 new desktop computers and 5 new iPad Air2’s. The purchasing of the new desktop computers will free up the older ones to be shared amongst the classrooms. We will also be purchasing new projectors to update our interactive whiteboards as well as purchasing more iPads. Students at the school have also started to do some coding/programming. They have been writing codes to get robots to do certain actions. Coding skills will be an important and desired requirement when it comes to gaining future employment. I will be looking to purchase even more ICTs equipment in the future with the P&C currently writing up a grant to receive $35,000 worth of funding to continue the upgrade of our ICT devices. Thank you P&C!

Regards

Lachlan Moore

Acting Principal

Lakes Creek State School

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coming up in August is the Chaplaincy Auction! The Chaplaincy Auction is held once a year to support Chaplains in their schools. The event is held on the 26th of August at 6:30pm and is $5 entry. Come along and bid for a wide range of wonderful items as well as enjoy yummy finger food. If you would like to make a donation to the Auction or if you know a business who would like to donate an item please get in contact with me through the school or contact Nev Thwaite on 0400197644.

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Tuckshop is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Uniforms sales from 8.45am to 9.00am on these days if possible only these times thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS ONLY ONE SIZE OF WEDGES SOLD – SMALL WITH SOUR CREAM OR SAUCE FOR $3.50 OR PLAIN $3.00**

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**P & C NEWS**

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**Premier’s reading challenge**

The challenge is a great opportunity for children to improve their literacy and encourage them to read widely for pleasure. The reading period for schools is from May 16th to August 26th. The challenge will link with our school’s PAWS Reading Program.

For more information please contact Mrs Helen Allenby or visit this link …

Have You Filled a Bucket Today?
A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids
Years 1/2 have adopted the idea of becoming “bucket fillers”.
We are hoping to create a more rewarding and positive culture as we increase our kindness, respect and courtesy within our classroom and our school.
We hope to decrease mean-spiritedness and negativity.
We aim to learn how to keep our bucket filled by understanding and rising above occasional negativity.
A-Ask if you can help
B-Be a bucket filler
C-Cheer up a friend
E-Excited to fill buckets
F-Friends have fun or hang out
G-Give a little of your time
H-Heroes look out for others
I-Invite someone to join the fun
Children write positive messages for each other and place it in another’s bucket. On Friday we read our messages and glue them into our bucket book.
Reading our messages makes us feel happy and appreciated.

Kind regards
Debbie Mallory

HEADLICE
HEAD LICE ALERT!
PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME TO CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HEAD FOR HEADLICE AND TREAT ACCORDINGLY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
If you have any questions regarding photos please contact MSP Photography on 07 49 213355 or schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au

BOOKWEEK
Week 7 - 22-26 August, 2016
“Australia - Story Country”
AUSTRALIAN MUSIC DISPLAYS
ACTIVITIES
IN THE SMART MONDAY TO THURSDAY FIRST BREAK
Aboriginal Display, Gum Branches with Australian Animal puppets in branches and more.
Mural Boards - Students draw anything Australian
Make your own pet dog
Gumnut Babies
Make a Piranha
Make puppets from the book “The Cow Jumped over the Moon”
Colour a bookmark - Aboriginal Art, Australian Animals. Flags
Make Australian animals with playdough or plasticine
Logo display by Pastor Keith

One Competition - Colouring in of Bookweek Poster for each class. 1st Prize to be presented on Parade Monday, 29 August 2016

2/3 NEWS
Year 2/3 Red have had a busy start to the term so far!
All students participated in the National Tree Day planting activities that took place in Week 3. All students enjoyed working with an older peer to plant our trees.

This term we have started Geography and we are currently learning about ‘Place’. We have looked over our Australian States and Territories and had a particular focus on where we live in Central Queensland.
This term in our number facts we have started division. I am seeing many improvements in our weekly testing with our number facts! Keep up the good job. Remember it is important to always complete your homework and bring it back to school daily so that it can be looked at, marked and the home readers changed. Our home readers get changed every two days.

In 2/3 this term we have been looking at Retells in English. The students and I constructed a wonderful retell of The Lorax by Dr. Seuss that the students are very proud of. The students then wrote their own individual retells and did a spoken presentation to the class. Each student did a fantastic job!

Just a reminder to all 2/3 students that library books are borrowed and returned weekly. If the student does not return their book, they are unable to borrow.

We have started learning our dance performance for Dancing Under the Stars which will be performed in Week 9.

So far all students are very enthusiastic and are excited to put on an Olympic themed performance for you all in that week.

Kirra Ireland
Year 2/3 Teacher
Lakes Creek State School

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