14 September 2016

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of Term 3 is nearly upon us yet we have lots of exciting things happening around the school. It is still important that we make every day count and get to school every day. We have the drumming circle workshop happening tomorrow with drumming Matilda coming in to work with the students. Many of our classes are still completing assessment pieces and testing as well, which will be important for term 4 report cards.

Step into Prep
Is your child starting Prep next year? Would you like some help preparing your child for school? Step into Prep with Playgroup Queensland is a new FREE eight-week program available to children who aren’t in childcare or Kindy. It will be run at Lakes Creek State School starting in week 3 of term 4 and will help your child to:
• get ready for school through play
• make friends
• get to know the school and school staff
• feel welcome
Participants with regular attendance will also be given a free Lakes Creek State School uniform and backpack making them Prep ready for 2017.

The program will be run by a qualified teacher and supported by a Teacher Aide, with students engaged in conversational reading and learning games. Participants will also be provided with morning tea as well. If you are interested in enrolling please contact the school on 49326333, email principal@lakescreekss.eq.edu.au or come and visit us at the school, the address is provided below.

Venue: Lakes Creek State School – 445 Paterson St, Koongal, QLD, 4701
Dates and Times: 9:00am Every Tuesday

| 21st October | 18th November |
| 28th October | 25th November |
| 4th November | 2nd December  |
| 11th November| 9th December  |

What to Bring: sun smart hat, water bottle, closed in shoes, spare change of clothes.

Prep Enrolments and Transition Days
On top of the Step into Prep Program we will also be running some transition days for our Preps later in term 4. Below are the dates and times we will be having our Prep 2017 transition days. If you haven’t already enrolled for Prep in 2017 there is still plenty of time. Come to the office and get an enrolment pack or if you prefer email we can email the pack to you.

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To also clarify whether your child is eligible for Prep next year, the child needs to have been born between the 1st of July 2011 and the 30th of June 2012.

**Transition Days**

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Themes for the Transition days include:
- Teddy Bears Picnic
- Grandparents Day

**Dancing Under the Stars**

Well done to all the students that participated in Dancing Under the Stars this week. The dance routines constructed by all the classes were great with matching choreography to our Olympic theme. Thank you to all the parents, carers and helpers that got the students to the event at short notice after an initial date change. Well done to all our Teachers and Teacher Aides for their work organising the students, your efforts are appreciated. A big thank you also needs to be given to Mrs Allenby and the P&C for running the event, the steak burgers where great!

Stay safe over the school holidays from all Lakes Creek State School staff. We look forward to another great term!

Regards

*Lachlan Moore*  
*Acting Principal*  
*Lakes Creek State School*

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**Congratulations 5/6 GREEN AGAIN!!!!!!**

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**3/4/5 P NEWS**

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**P & C NEWS**

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**Have a Good Holiday**

Holidays are always better after being well earned from hard work. Hope everyone has a good holiday and a healthy one. Lots of exercise and lots of healthy food will make you feel good and help you have more fun. Healthy eating gives more energy for holiday activities or anything you may be doing over the holidays. The body craves what it’s used to, so it’s good to get your body used to healthy food especially at an early age. Craving nutrition is a good habit to get into at any age. With a bit of creativity, healthy food can taste great. Hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday.

*Mr E.*

**BIG THANK TO ALL THE HELPERS LAST NIGHT WHICH MADE A SUCCESSFUL NIGHT FOR OUR DANCING UNDER THE STARS. Profit of $650 was made. Special thanks to our cooks which made the night run smoothly.**

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**P & C NEWS**

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**Our next meeting is after the holidays October 25th all welcome. SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

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.**

Hello everyone! This term is quickly coming to an end so there are a lot of exciting things coming up. In the school holidays there will be a SU (Scripture Union) camp for Grade 5- Grade 8 students in Yeppoon. It runs from the 19th-23rd of September and the cost is $300. I will be attending this camp as a leader and it will be a fun week of activities and games. If you would like more information please contact me or visit the website.


Operation Christmas Child has come around very fast again this year. If you are interested in helping with Operation Christmas Child this year please read the information below and contact me through the school on 49326 333, on either a Tuesday or Wednesday. Operation Christmas Child is a great initiative as it encourages young people to think outside of themselves and help others in need. It is also a great opportunity to share time with your children. Feel free to drop boxes in at the school at any time.

I hope that you all enjoy a wonderful break over the school holidays and are refreshed and ready for a new term 😊

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - Information for parents

For those who haven’t heard of it before Operation Christmas Child is run by an international relief organisation called Samaritan’s Purse and involves sending a shoebox of Christmas gifts to those in need in South East Asia and the Asia Pacific Region. The basic idea is that we fill up shoeboxes with items to send, pay a small amount ($9 per box) and give it to someone in need.

You can fill your shoebox with one or more items from each category: something to love, something to wear, something to play with, something for personal hygiene, something for school and something special, plus a note from you. When you finish filling your box you can choose what age group it is best suited for and if it would suit a girl or boy.

It is essential that you read the information on the brochure carefully as there are some items that cannot be sent such as but not limited to: items that leak or melt, food or lollies and things that are breakable. All the information you should need is in the brochure but if you forget to pick one up before the holidays you can look on the website. https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

If you have any enquiries please feel free to contact me through the school,

Thank you,

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The African Drummers provide a hands-on rhythm based event, an open space for any group of people to create synergy through rhythms. They use African drums and percussion instruments to create a fun playful energising activity that gives immediate gratification and feedback while encouraging self-expression. No prior experience or skill is necessary. The focus is on the ‘music-in-the-moment’ rather than playing culturally specific rhythms. Share your rhythmical spirit and create unity through music. They have a different performance designed for various age groups. For children they use African animal masks and they rotate to their next instrument to the sound of didgeridoo. They take part in making music the first time around while actively playing 8 different kinds of quality percussion instruments, not toys. After a short warm up they all play up to 35 adult drums together in unity forged together as a group keeping the same intricate rhythms. Drumming is fun and according to contemporary scientific and medical research it provides fantastic health and wellness benefits.
Access to a quality education for students with disability is an important issue for many local families. The Department of Education is currently undertaking a wide-ranging review into disability policy in Queensland state schools. The review will take an honest look at what schools are doing well and areas in which the department can better support teachers who have responsibility for teaching students with a disability. I would encourage all interested parents and students to complete the survey before 30 September at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/disability/qld-disability-review.html

Congratulations on a successful Term 3 and I wish you all the best for a relaxing and safe holiday.

Brittany Lauga
Member for Keppel