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

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Lakes Creek State School we are well on the Journey to creating Awesome Authors (if they aren’t already), with students engaged with writing across all year levels and classes. As a school we have specific areas of improvement that we will be focusing on when it comes to writing. We are also using the ‘Seven Steps to Writing Success’ program developed Jen McVeity. The program is designed to break up the writing process making it easier to write large chunks of text. The seven steps to writing success are:

- Plan for Success
- Sizzling Starts
- Tightening Tension
- Dynamic Dialogue
- Show, Don’t Tell
- Ban the Boring
- Exciting Endings

This term we will be focusing on two of the steps with sizzling starts being the first step we work on.

Writing – Sizzling Starts

This week all classes will be engaged in lessons around creating a sizzling start. A sizzling start in a story should incorporate:

- Start where the action is: Do you see James Bond waking up in the morning brushing his teeth first thing in a movie? Or is he climbing a wall trying to break into a military compound.
- Dialogue: Funny, interesting or meaningful talk between characters.
- Onomatopoeia: Bang! Crash! Owwww!
- Write to the senses: What do I hear, feel, touch, taste and see.

Classroom teachers are doing a great job developing anchor charts on sizzling starts as well as creating word walls based on writing stimulus. Keep up the good work teachers! Please read on further in the newsletter where we have published some awesome authors work!

National Tree Planting Day

This Friday (29th July) Lakes Creek SS will be participating in National Tree Planting day activities. Students will be planting native trees donated by the Rockhampton Regional Council around the school. The tree planting activities will be a great opportunity for students to learn about a number of things including the importance of looking after our environment, the life cycle of trees and life skills around gardening. We will also have Councillor Williams visiting our school and being part of the special parade we will be having at 2.00pm. All parents are encouraged to attend and be part of the tree planting day. Hope to see you there!
Quality Teaching
We have also been working hard as a teaching staff to continue quality teaching at our school. Lots of professional development has been occurring around the ‘Seven Steps to Writing Success’ program with fortnightly presentations occurring at the school. We also have had two of our teachers (Mrs Mallory and Mrs Ganly) accepted into the mentoring beginning teachers program. Well done to these teachers! Over the coming weeks we will also have teachers attending professional development in regards to managing iPads in the classroom. Thankyou very much too all the teaching staff with their efforts in continuing quality teaching, it shows that they value the ‘Live through Learning’ philosophy we have at the school.

Regards
Lachlan Moore
Acting Principal
Lakes Creek State School

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CONGRATULATIONS 1/2 Y !!!!!

UNIFORM/TUCKSHOP

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.

A new Tuckshop list was sent home last week in the newsletter. We have changed a few lines and prices – Corn on Cob $1.80ea Garlic Bread $1.00 – Toasted Ham and Cheese $4.00 – Puffy Dogs $1.20ea. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE NEW PRICE LIST AND NOT THE OLD ONE. THIS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TUCKSHOP OR OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE A NEW LIST. THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR TUCKSHOP.

P & C NEWS

NEXT P & C MEETING is today Tuesday 23 August at 3.30pm in the Staffroom. ALL WELCOME.

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 …

http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readinchnage/
Lakes Creek State School is having a special parade on Friday at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2016

School Photos are almost upon us again! Lakes Creek State School has engaged MSP Photography to create your school photographic records for this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

Your child should have brought home a personalised order envelope this week. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

For those of you ordering online, you will notice a new, improved version this year. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log on to www.msp.com.au to enter your child’s shootkey.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for separated parents, blended families and grandparents. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.

THE SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The School Opinion Survey closes Friday 29 July 2016. Please take the time to complete. Thank you.

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the department’s State Schools Division to obtain the opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve. Students will be taking part in the survey at school. Parent/Carer Survey will be sent home shortly. Thank you for co-operation in completing the Survey.
The next two pages are examples of our awesome writers we have here at Lakes Creek State School.

**The Giant Underground**

It is time. I feel the fresh air on my face for the first time, in a long time. It was hard work but I’ve finally make it out. I am free from this dreadful underground prison cell. I think I have been under for hundreds of years. I don’t like it!

I am not your ordinary fairy tale giant. My body is grey-hard and cracked. I am made of stone. I don’t eat people. I don’t climb beanstalks in fact I don’t eat at all… until now.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! The stone made giant has bashed out from the ground and is STARVING for food and he is about to eat me!!!!!

*By Isabella*

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**The Unicorn**

The Unicorn went for a journey because it wanted to see the university.

She found a rainbow horrifying monster and she attacked it with her powers.

The monster was dead.

The unicorn saw a butterfly. She chased the butterfly and she was laughing and then she found her family.

*By Alysha*

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**The Baby Unicorn**

The baby unicorn was with no-one and she was looking for her family.

She looked behind her because she heard something.

It was a big, bad snake. She caught the snake and ate him!

*By Julie*
**The Dog Who Wanted to Play.**

SPLASH! SWOOSH! SPLASH! SWOOSH! Bruce the dog and his owner Jack were on their way to the beach! VROOM! “Come on Bruce lets go were here”. Jack said as he jumped out of the car excitedly, he opened the door and Bruce BOLTED! “BRUCE”! Exclaimed Jake as he turned around. He slammed the door and ran after Bruce. BRUCE! BRUCE! He called as he ran after him. Oh Bruce where are you? He walked down to the beach front and guess who was there!.. It was Bruce. BRUCE! Where have you been?! He said angrily. Bruce was asleep on his back on the worm sand. BRUCE! What are you doing? RUG! Ruff! “Come on lets go”. He said as he shook his head in confusion. They walked up a mountain and stood at the edge of the cliff. Come Bruce let’s do this”. They jumped and landed straight into the water. BRUCE! BRUCE! Where are you? SHOOOOO! UH OH! Jack looked up and saw Bruce but this time instead of looking down at him Bruce was looking down at HIM! Bruce i-is that you? Bruce looked down at him and turned his head. He put down his head and Jake climbed on. Bruce walked back to shore and put Jake down on shore. Bruce stood back and started chasing Jake! They ran and ran all around the beach. Soon ...Bruce was tired he stopped chasing Jack and lied down on the sand. Jack walked up to Bruce patted his overgrown head. He sat up and started puffing at Jack with his tongue out and Jake realised that Bruce was just trying to play. But he still didn’t know why he was like this. He turned his head and saw a scientist trying to change the colour of the sea but instead his potion turns whatever animal that touches the water turns humongous, and that is how Bruce got big!

By Isabelle

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**The Blank Face**

“Blake, do you see that!” trembled Sarah. You won’t believe what happened on the railway track! It was horrifying!

Sarah and Blake were cousins, both thirteen, Sarah was a beautiful girl with long wavy hair the colour of butter, Blake was a little taller that Sarah with short stylish brown hair. They had missed the train and were following the railway track, luckily it was only a ten minute walk to their house. They often missed the train so they followed the track a lot. They were walking at a slow steady pace when suddenly .... Sarah saw something. Slowly emerging from the dead trees was a misty silhouette of a girl. She walked closer until she was only a metre away from Sarah and Blake. Sarah slowly inched backwards. The girl was more clear to see now, she had long curly hair that flowed down her back. She had a single flower behind her ear, she was wearing a casual white dress. She seemed to float off the ground. Sarah and Blake were too nervous to move. The girls face had no expression, she stared at the cousins with a blank face. She raised her hand to the setting sun and pointed to lots of black clouds. She only said three words “Hurry, she’s coming” she said in a worried voice. Before they could ask who was coming, the girl slowly started to disappear until she was gone.

The clouds started rumble across the sky towards them, lightning the colour the colour of violet flashed through the sky. They started running faster and faster desperate to get home. A flash of purple lightning struck in front of them and a horrid old looking woman with lots of wrinkles appeared in front of them. The cousins froze in place. The old woman spoke with a crackly voice. “It is not wise to be out when Hagatha is around, because I can assure you, you’ll never be found”.

Sarah and Blake didn’t know what to do, they just stood there speechless. Somehow a silver sword so shiny it was blinding was in hand, was engraved with detail patterns. A golden bow and arrow appeared in Sarah’s hand matching the engraving with Blake’s sword. Sarah aimed for Hagatha and Blake raised his sword both ready to attack. Hagatha raised her wooden staff with it’s shiny ruby and … BEEP, BEEP, BEEP, “Mum you won’t believe it, I just had the craziest dream!”

By Tea
Nerimbera Football Club Quiz Night Saturday 6 August 2016
Nerimbera Clubhouse – Horner St
6:30 pm for 7:00 pm start.
Teams of 6 – Prize for best dressed team.
$10 per person; $5 U12 (includes light dinner)
Bar Open
Teams nominated by Wednesday 3 August
Bookings can be made:
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