October 2016

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome parents, carers, students and community members to term 4! As I always say we have a busy term coming up with camp for the year 5/6 students, assessment and reporting, school disco, swimming, year 6 graduation, prep transition days and our end of year awards ceremony. To keep on top of all of our events please check our school website, facebook page and of course the rolling calendar in our newsletter.

- Website: www.lakescreekss.eq.edu.au

Term 4 School Focus
We are continuing to focus on writing, curriculum and quality teaching for term 4. With the focus on writing, Lakes Creek SS will continue to work on developing student’s ability to construct an engaging narrative story. We will be focusing on literacy devices based on the ‘7 Steps to Writing Success’.

These literacy devices include:
- Dynamic Dialogue
- Ban the Boring Bits
- Tighten the Tension
- Show, Don’t Tell
- Ending with Impact.

A special mention also needs to be given to all staff in their contribution to developing a new and improved whole school curriculum plan. In particular our learning support teacher Elizabeth Ganly and Regional Curriculum Pedagogy Coach Jenny Jones. This new curriculum plan is already being enacted upon for term 4 with a detailed plan to be ready for the 2017 year.

In regards to quality teaching, teachers this term will be observed and engaged in Essential Skills to Classroom management. Lakes Creek State School has also started the process of being a Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) school. A parent/carer information morning about PBL will be held on Wednesday the 26th of October at 8.30am in the SMART. I encourage all parents and carers to attend and even express interest in becoming part of the PBL team that we are developing at Lakes Creek SS.

Step into Prep
Don’t forget Step into Prep will begin on Friday the 21st of October. We will have Emily Christie running the program every Friday morning for 8 weeks. The program is for boys and girls that will be attending Prep next year that haven’t attended kindergarten this year. Our goal is to have them confident and Prep ready for the start of the 2017 school year. All participants that regularly attend the program will receive a Lakes Creek SS school uniform and school bag.
Please don’t hesitate to ring the school with any enquiries or to register for the program. Spots are limited so get in early!

Venue: Lakes Creek State School – 445 Paterson St, Koongal, QLD, 4701

Dates and Times: 9.00am Every Tuesday

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

Swimming
As part of our Physical Education program, swimming lessons will be starting Friday the 14th (next week). I expect all students to participate, unless a reasonable reason is given (Medical). Being able to swim is an essential skill that our students need not only now but for the rest of their lives. If permission slips could be returned by Thursday the 13th of October it would be appreciated. Swimming will take place at Caribbean Swimming School and will cost $40. Payment plans can be arranged throughout the term if needed. If there are any concerns or queries please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Regards
Lachlan Moore
Acting Principal
Lakes Creek State School

Welcome back to what is shaping up to be a very big term for the 5/6 class, with Camp, Senior Badges, Disco, Graduation and Awards Ceremonies just to name a few.

Camp:- Students are expected to be out the front of the school no later than 6:15 am on Monday 10 October. Bus will be departing at 7:00am. It is anticipated that students will arrive home on Friday 14 October around 4 pm. I will endeavour to let the school know if we are running late. There will be a parent information session on Friday 7 October at 3:30 in the 5/6 classroom to go over any questions/queries that you may have, If you can’t attend and have a question please feel free to call the school or send a note with your child.

All forms – need to be signed and returned – or will not be allowed on the bus. If you have misplaced forms please let me know. Please also make sure that all money has been paid.

Looking forward to an excellent time on camp and the rest of Term 4.

Regards
Cindy Smith
5/6

Below is The Food Pyramid which represents healthy foods that can be given to your children for lunches.

HEALTHY LUNCHES

P & C News

Our next meeting is 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.

CHAPPY NEWS

Chappy Dinner
The Rockhampton Chaptality Committee is responsible for 10 Chaplains who work in 20 schools in Rockhampton and the surrounding areas. To maintain the level of support these Chaplains provide within the schools where they work, we need to raise in excess of $100,000.00 this year. This is not an easy task but the Committee members are committed to continue providing for our Chaplains.

You are limited!!!

Come and join us for a delicious 2 course meal at the Thai Taste Restaurant where you can enjoy some time with friends or meet some new people.

Help us keep your Chaplains

Where: Thai Taste Restaurant
636 Norman Road
North Rockhampton
Cost: $25.00 for the meal.

When: Thursday 20 October
Donations for chapping will be welcomed and a tax invoice will be provided on donations received on the night.
Time: Gathering from 6.30pm
for a 7.00pm start.

The guest speaker for this Dinner will be Ann Vassos, Chaplain at Furnessville State School.

* RSVP is required on or before 16 October *

To find out more information or reserve your place contact Allan at chappydinner@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

AFS Community Support Fund

Is your School / P & C Association seeking a simple way to help financially support itself?

AFS has the Answer!!

How: With a club member chosen to obtain their health needs from any Rockhampton AFS Pharmacy (or the Independent Living Superstore), a proportion (8%) of the value* will be donated back, to financially support the School / P & C Association.

How simple is that!!!

Simply register your School / P & C Association (see attached form).

Upon successful approval your School / P & C Association will be issued with special purchase tags (for members) for scanning at the cash register.

Why: AFS is a “community owned” organisation, who proudly wishes to “give back” to the local community which has supported AFS for over 130 years.

Positive Partnerships

Working together to support school aged students on the autism spectrum

Free two day workshop for parents and carers

Additional follow up session available

Workshop: 16-17/03/16
Location: Rockhampton QLD

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning.
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your young person.
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school.
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school.
- Highlight the policies, system and processes that contribute to the educational environment.
- Increase your capacity to maximise your young person’s learning at home and school.
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers.
- Support small group discussions on a range of topics relevant to young people on the autism spectrum and their families.
- Provide an opportunity to review your progress and plan next steps during an additional session one month after initial workshop.

Workshop details

Venue: The Freshwater Sports Club
129 Clifton Street
North Rockhampton QLD 4701

When: Two day workshop – Tuesdays 15 and Wednesdays 16 October 2016 (2 consecutive days)
9.30 am – 3.30 pm (Registration from 9.00 am)

Online registrations for the Two Day workshop open on Tuesday 5 September 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have any questions please register directly through our secure website www.positivepartnerships.com.au. You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships infoLine 1300 881 971 or email parentandcarer@faaphampton.org.au

Additional session – will be held on Wednesday 23 November 2016, 9.30 am – 12.00 noon (registration 9.15 am onwards).

Registration for this session will be taken at the initial workshop days and details about venue will be shared on these days.

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**5/6 CAMP**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING BACK ALL FORMS AND MONIES FOR CAMP!!!!!

YAY CAMP IS NEAR!!!!!!!

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**CALENDAR**

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