17 March 2015

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Cyclone Marcia has been and gone, but is far from being forgotten. The school ovals are beginning to resemble play areas once again, however, the shade of the beautiful trees will be sadly missed for a long time to come. Both Adventure Playgrounds no longer have shade covers over them. A decision will be made by Building Asset Services, as to whether the shade cloth covers will be replaced by fixed structures, as both shade cloth covers have been damaged by storms before. My sincere thanks to everyone who have overseen the clean-up of the grounds and the assessing and future repair of any damages.

I received the engineers report on the SMART today. It has by far and away, sustained the main damage at school. There are numerous items to be repaired, however, the building is able to be repaired. At this point however, I have no timeframes for the beginning date or the completion date of the project. The end of the SMART that was damaged was cleaned yesterday and today and it has made a huge difference. Many thanks to everyone for your support, understanding and patience

On a sad note for us, but a happy one for Mrs. Ganly and her family, we bid her farewell, while she awaits the birth of her second child in the very near future. On behalf of the staff, I’d like to express our sincere thanks for the wonderful job she has done and wish her all the very best.

On happy note, I’d like to welcome Mr. Geoff Joyce, who will join our staff next week, taking over from Mrs. Ganly. I hope you will join with me and make him very welcome.

This Thursday evening, you will need your dancing shoes on, for the first disco of 2015. Starting at 6.30 p.m. and concluding at 8.00 p.m. sharp, all current Lakes Creek students are invited to attend. Hope you are able to come along and join in all the fun.

Mrs. Allenby is enjoying some Long Service Leave. Mrs. Susan Hiley is filling in while she is absent.

Thought of the week:
P & C UPDATE

NEW TIME FOR OUR P & C. MEETING THEY WILL BE 3.30PM. IN OUR STAFFROOM ON TUESDAYS.

Next Meeting of our P & C is 21 April 3.30pm Staffroom. ALL WELCOME.

Our Easter Raffle tickets are selling well. If you require more please see the office. Please return by Monday 30 March, all sold and unsold tickets.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS RAFFLE.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THIS RAFFLE OF EASTER GOODIES. They can be left at the office.

FACEBOOK

LAKES CREEK IS NOW ON FACEBOOK. FOLLOW US FOR UPDATES ON WHAT IS GOING ON AT SCHOOL AND OUR COMMUNITY.

SCHOOL DISCO

DISCO
Thursday 19 March (No Theme)
6.30 pm to 8 pm
$4.00 per child or $10 for a family of 3 or more

Food available
Lakes Creek Students ONLY

NEW TEACHER 2/3G

Hello my name is Mr Geoff Joyce. I have lived in three capital cities (Sydney, Canberra & Brisbane) and many regional towns like Rockhampton. My wife and I have two sons aged 5 and 7. My family has lived in Rockhampton for five years now and we love it here. When my sons were smaller we enjoyed coming to Lakes Creek State School every Friday for playgroup with Mrs Mason. I enjoy playing and coaching all types of sports, especially cricket. I have been very fortunate to have worked for the Australian Sports Commission and Queensland Cricket in the past and have taught children all over Australia. I have been teaching primary school children for more than twelve years and enjoy seeing young people learning new things in and outside the classroom. I look forward to meeting and speaking with more families from the Lakes Creek and surrounding community throughout the year.

Speak soon,
Mr Joyce

PREP / 1

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The children have settled very well into the Prep routine despite the many daily challenges due to the inclement weather and are now feeling very confident within the school grounds regularly navigating the walk to and from the bottom oval during and at toilet break time.

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CURRICULUM FOCUS FOR PREP WEEKS 7 AND 8

TERM 1

The children are continuing their Social and Personal Learning by learning to identify and explore their own and others roles, rights and responsibilities within their group through conversations, discussions and play. We will continue to revisit their classroom and school rules, the consequences of not following them and the expectation for showing respect for others and the environment.

Literacy and language are an important component of the Prep program and the Preps are learning to recognize and write their own and their friend’s names.
Our ICT learning found children logging on, logging off and exploring with ipads during our literacy and numeracy sessions on the school computers. Book borrowing has begun on a regular basis each Wednesday.

Early Mathematical Understandings have included counting to 10 and sorting and classifying objects within their classrooms.

It is great to have so many parents volunteering at Prep. This is a huge help to the teacher as they are able to help prepare materials and work with small groups of children.

- **No Play on Outdoor equipment before Prep** — Lakes Creek Policy is no play before 8.30 and after this time children can access their classrooms. Please assist your teacher by ensuring your child does not play on the Prep equipment before school.

- **Please ensure ‘Goodies/Junk’ your child brings into Prep are washed and clean** — if it is dirty and smelly we are unable to use it.

- **Behaviour Management** — The focus is on recognizing and encouraging the positives and working with those issues that need to be addressed.

- **No Hat No Play** — Please ensure students have hats as we do not have any spare hats at Prep to loan.

- **Show & Tell** — Please check for your child’s day and help with the organisation. This is a very important part of our oracy Program.

- **Fruit Break** — Preps are having difficulty eating apples—especially if they have a wobbly tooth—please cut apples into manageable pieces. Fruit/vegs. only are eaten during this time.

- **Drink Bottles** — Water only please.

- **Parents are encouraged to collect their child from Prep promptly as teachers have regular meetings to attend after school.**

  Thank you for your continued support

Debbie and Helen

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Everyday Counts

Is your child at school today?

Every day counts

Children do better when they go to school all day, every day

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