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

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Queen Elizabeth said a few years ago, about her, ‘annus horribilis,’ and I believe that this is mine, with regards to staffing. I have been liaising with Regional Office Staffing Officers and contacting teachers on the TeacherSupply list, as well as contacting teachers who we all know or have contact with, but to no avail. Year 2/3 have had a difficult year with regards to teachers who enjoy a challenge, however, students have to also ‘be learners,’ follow instructions, display exemplary behaviour and want to learn. Lakes Creek students have always had an outstanding reputation with regards to behaviour, but this must be maintained and built upon at all times.

I had the pleasure of teaching Year 2/3 yesterday and I had a terrific day. Consistency and continuity go a long way to producing great behaviour and learning outcomes.

At our Staff Meeting yesterday afternoon, we discussed how we can meet the learning needs of all students, especially those in Year 2/3, who have had numerous teachers this year. *I invite Year 2/3 parents to come and speak with me, as many of you already have.*

I’d like take this opportunity to remind all parents, that they are their child’s first teachers.

As teachers, we line up behind you. You teach your child to walk and talk and support their learning. Please assist us by listening to your child to read each night, help with homework, teach them manners (we’ll reinforce these at school) and teamwork. We’ll achieve a great deal more, if we work together and communicate with each other.

I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Damian Bryant who has been appointed as our Physical Education teacher. Damian works at a school in Gladstone, but will travel every Friday to teach PE at Lakes Creek! Yippee! Finally a win for us. Damian visited the school yesterday and said that he had heard wonderful things about our school.
**Disco Dancing:** Join us on Thursday evening, for a night of fun, laughter and dancing. The theme is animated characters.

6:30pm-8:00pm
$4 per child or $10 a family of 3+
Only current LCSS students invited

Each child learns at a different rate and in different ways, with different strengths, problem areas etc. When you multiply this, by at least twenty-five students, you can imagine the complexities of teaching a class.

**Learning**

Next week is Book Week: Books Light up our World

The students will be participating in numerous fun activities during this week. Encourage your child to read out aloud every night.

Regards,

Lea Ryan
Principal

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**ATTENDANCE**

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**ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK**

Well done Prep/1 M!!

**CHAPPY NEWS**

Two weeks ago I had the amazing opportunity to go to the annual Chaplaincy Conference. This year at conference over 700 school chaplains met together for training and networking. Chaplaincy conference is always an amazing experience, not only did I get to learn new skills from the electives and key note speakers; I also had the opportunity to network with other chaplains from across the state and hear about what they are doing in their schools.

If you are looking for something to do in the September school holidays SU QLD (Scripture Union Queensland) will be running Blast camp. Blast camp is an annual camp held in Yeppoon for children in Grade 5 to Grade 8. This camp runs from Monday the 21st of September to Friday the 25th of September 2015, and applications are open now. I will be attending Blast camp this year as a leader. If you have any enquiries please feel free to contact me or you can browse the SU QLD camps website, where you can find more details about blast camp and other camps in the region such as “Beach Bash” for Grade 8- Grade 12 students. The website address is www.sucamps.org.au

In September the Rockhampton Local Chaplaincy committee will be running its annual Chaplaincy Auction. It will take place on the 11th of September at the South Rockhampton High School hall and is $5 per person. If you would like more information about this event feel free to contact me through the school, or you can keep up to date with all school chaplaincy fundraising events on their Facebook page, Rockhampton School Chaplaincy Events.

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**PREP 2016 ENROL NOW**

IF YOUR CHILD TURNS FIVE BY JUNE 2016, ENROL NOW. Information and enrolment packs are now available from the office.

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P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting today Tuesday 18 August 2015
3.30pm in staff room. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

HELLO FROM PREP/1

Students are making steady progress with their Magic 100 Sight words which is enabling the students in their reading progress.

Every morning we practice reading and writing before the bell rings. Some of the Preps have completed their first 100 words and certificates were given out on parade yesterday, well done!

Curriculum Focus - TERM 3

The children are continuing their Social and Personal Learning with the focus this term of exploring our local Lakes Creek community and discussing the people who live in our community and those who help us in our community.

We are continuing our Literacy and Language awareness looking at the letter recognition, beginning and ending sounds to make words, letter writing, continuing our journal writing, and immersion in literature through exposure to stories, songs and rhymes.

In ICT learning children will be writing their names, letter and number recognition and drawing.

Our Early Mathematical Understandings have included counting to 20, number recognition to 10, writing numbers, concepts of measurement—longer than and shorter than, more and less and the idea of repeating patterns and growing patterns.

Reminders:

Thank you to parents who are able to help in the classroom. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. If you are able to come along in the morning to listen to reading and sight words it would be greatly appreciated. Preps are delighted when mum or dad is able to come to school.

✔ Water Bottles—A number of children are arriving at Prep without a water bottle. Hydration during the day is very important even in the cooler months. Please check that your child has a bottle each day filled with fresh water.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND MARKETS

The next Christmas Fair and Markets Meeting is Tuesday 25 August, 3.30 pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Our Fair will be held this year on Friday 4 December, 2015. It is only 4 months away we need your help.

DONATIONS: If you can ask a business for prizes for our major Multi Draw Raffle we would be appreciated. i.e. Vouchers for Meat, Hair, Gym, anything. If you require a letter to give to the business they will be in the office.

If anyone would like to hold a stall at our Fair or know of someone who can, application forms for stall holders are also available in the office.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

Fathers’ Day Stall on Friday 4 September from 9AM

HELPERS REQUIRED TO help sell gifts to students as they come down in class groups to purchase. We have purchased some gifts but also would like donations as we did for the Mothers’ Day Stall. Gifts will be $4 and $5 each.

DONATIONS can be sent to the office eg. Shampoos/mugs and lollies/chocolates/photo frames etc. so we can sort and organize by Wednesday 2nd. Thanking you.
Science, this term, is all about the weather. Talk to your child about the weather and ask their opinion about what they should wear on a cold day or a hot day. Link the talk with the seasons. I’m sure their answers will surprise and enlighten you.

You may have noticed that the children are very busy and creative with their 3D maps of the school for Geography. Please continue to collect and bring in your “junk” materials especially cardboard boxes.

Wanted
- Cards, wrapping paper.
- Pretty material, laces, ribbons.
- Styrofoam trays
- Felt, leather, fur pieces.
- Cylinders / large sized boxes.

Fruit Break — fruit (cut up please to avoid waste and encourage eating) vegetables, or eggs. If your child is having Tuckshop, they will still need something for fruit break. Prep without fruit are very hungry by first break. This is their brain food to kick start the day.

All the best from Debbie and Helen ... and keep on reading.

BOOK WEEK

Bookweek
Week 7 - 24-28 August, 2015
“BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD”
ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

PRIZES FOR COLOURING IN, COMIC CREATIONS AND MATCH THE DESTINATION
BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST
BEGINNING AT 10:30AM
FUN, FUN, FUN, FUN, FUN

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Road Safety Message from your local police

School children are one of our most at-risk groups when it comes to road trauma and the whole community must play a part in keeping kids safe in and around schools.

This year, the Queensland Government is launching a state-wide road safety event – Queensland Road Safety Week – from August 17 – 21. This weeklong event is an opportunity for all Queenslanders to be directly involved in making our roads safer for everyone.

‘Speaking up for road safety’ is this year’s theme, and we’re encouraging the whole community to have their say on road safety. It’s about encouraging all Queenslanders to talk about important road safety issues with one another – with their kids, their families, their friends and colleagues, and in the context of the education environment – their students.

Each day of the week focuses on a different road safety behaviour or issue. The focus for Thursday 16 August is ‘sharing the road’. There will be a strong emphasis on vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists – making it a particularly important topic for discussion within the school community.

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is back!!!! From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. Bring in your stickers or completed sheets into school. The more stickers we collect, the more exciting resources for our school and our students.

BOOK FAIR

Date: 31 August – 3 September
Time: 8 – 8:45am
3 – 4 pm
Where: Library
While we should be mindful of road safety in and around schools all year, Queensland Road Safety Week is a great opportunity to promote road safety responsibilities with parents, carers, teachers and students.

Throughout the week, we are encouraging everyone to make a pledge – to commit to improving a single road behaviour.

There are many ways to stay safe and keep others safe on the roads. You could pledge to:

- Switch your phone off, put it on silent, or boot it before you drive
- Buckle up every time you get in the car – even when travelling short distances
- Take regular breaks on long trips and avoid driving when tired at all times
- Put the brakes on speeding – regularly check your speed, drive to the conditions, stay within the limits
- Make a plan before you drink - stay at a mate’s house, catch a cab or public transport, designate a driver for the night or organise a lift
- Share the roads with others – be patient, let somebody in, give a wave of thanks to others doing the right thing, keep a look out for bicycles, motorcycles and pedestrians, know and follow the road rules
- Have a conversation about road safety with your loved ones, friends, or colleagues be a better ‘role model’ to your kids on the road – it’s where they learn most of their future driving behaviour!

For more information please visit jointhedrive.qld.gov.au/road-safety-week. Everyone is invited to personally pledge their support for road safety via the site and we’re encouraging all schools to participate in the week’s events, particularly those focused on child pedestrian safety.

Having tolerance not only improves our relationships with people but it also opens up more opportunities in education, business, and many other aspects of life.

Live it: Children develop their own values, in great part, by mirroring the values and attitudes of those they care about. Parents’ attitudes about respecting others are often so much a part of them that they rarely even think about it. Parents who demonstrate tolerance and respect in their everyday lives give out a powerful message – I accept and respect your uniqueness. As a result, their children learn to appreciate differences in others as well as themselves, as well as acknowledge and respect differences within their own family.

Talk about tolerance and respect: When media or life experiences present opportunities regarding tolerance or lack thereof, talk to your child about the values you would like them to exhibit. Answer your child’s questions about differences honestly and respectfully. This teaches that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect. Point out and talk about unfair stereotypes that may be portrayed in media.

Remember that tolerance does not mean tolerating unacceptable behavior. It means that everyone deserves to be treated with respect — and in turn should treat others with respect as well.

Provide opportunities: Give your child opportunities to play and work with others of diverse backgrounds. Children learn firsthand that everyone has something to contribute and we really aren’t that different in our thinking and living.

Select books, toys, music, art, and videos carefully. Keep in mind the powerful effect that the media and pop culture have on shaping attitudes.

Build self-esteem: Help your children feel good about themselves. Children who feel badly about themselves often treat others badly. Children with strong self-esteem value and respect themselves and are more likely to treat others with respect, too. Help your child to feel accepted, respected, and valued.

Learn about traditions: Learn together about holiday and religious celebrations that are not part of your own tradition.

Honor your family’s traditions and teach them to your child — and to someone outside the family who wants to learn about the diversity you have to offer.

When parents encourage a tolerant attitude in their children, and talk about their values, and model the
behaviour they would like to see by treating others well, children will follow in their footsteps. If we all could take on board that:

EVERYBODY IS DIFFERENT
EVERYBODY IS SPECIAL
EVERYBODY IS IMPORTANT
the world would be a better place.

Adapted from Kids Health -
http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/talk/tolerance
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