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

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 2 is drawing to a very speedy close, as we endeavour to complete the reporting process and print the Report Cards, which you are waiting eagerly to see. I hope you are pleasantly surprised.

The weather has certainly cooled down and we are finding that students are cold and do not have a warm jumper. Can you please ensure that they have a jumper in their bag …… just in case.

Congratulations to all students for a wonderful Sports Day. Those students who have made the school team for the District Sports, have been nominated for the events in which they qualified. Further information will be forwarded, as the day gets closer.

To ensure that everyone has their belongings before the holidays, could you please check Lost Property, as there are large number of items that can’t remember where they live.

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

In the past, Lakes Creek has performed very well and I am hoping that this will continue.

More information about the surveys will be provided closer to the opening date.

Mrs. Joy Edwards will be conducting a “Meet and Greet,” tomorrow afternoon in her classroom. Please come along and meet your child’s new teacher.

I would also like to sincerely thank parents who have been very patient, as I have endeavoured to get the right teacher for your children.

Just a reminder to keep a watchful eye on our school over the holidays. There is a great deal of work being done on the grounds over the holidays, so as usual, please contact School Watch on 13 17 88 if you have any concerns.

Many thanks for your continued support. Have a relaxing holiday and we will see you back on 13 July for Term 3.

Regards,

Lea Ryan
Principal
Getting Kids to School on Time!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or prep on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents. Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year. How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✔ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.

✔ Identify and remove distractions such as television. If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✔ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✔ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✔ Model a good routine.

It’s pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!

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Christmas Fair and Markets Meeting

The next Christmas Fair and Markets Meeting is Tuesday 28 July, 3.30 pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Our Fair will be held this year on Friday 4 December, 2015.

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

The Next P & C Meeting will be held Tuesday 14 July 2015 3.30pm in staff room. ALL WELCOME.

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LOST PROPERTY

Please check lost property box before school holidays. The items are mounting. This can be found at office.

Woolies Earn and Learn

Support your local school

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.

Lakes Creek State School is holding a Free Dress Day on Wednesday 24 June 2015.

The theme is—wear blue for Lizzie.
Cost—a gold coin donation.
Lizzie Hiley is a past school captain of LCSS. Her siblings currently attend. Lizzie and her Mum, Susie (one of our Teachers’ Aides) are currently in Brisbane. Lizzie has been diagnosed with a germ cell brain tumour, thankfully the prognosis looks very promising; however the family will be required to be in Brisbane for at least the next 8 months for treatment.
There are many fundraising events out there, and this free dress day is Lakes Creek’s way of helping the family.

WHAT: WEAR BLUE FOR LIZZZIE
WHEN: Wednesday 24 June 2015
COST: Gold Coin Donation.

JOY THE BREAK.

SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY 13 JULY 2015.
Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call School Watch on 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.