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

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have all had quite a wild ride in the past week, haven’t we. We have been at the mercy of a very powerful woman named ‘Marcia.’ Very few people were spared her fury, however, our wonderful old school buildings were strong enough to withstand the onslaught, however, the new SMART building was severely damaged and will remain closed until further tests can be conducted to ascertain its structural integrity. Students will remain in their rooms, however, the Library and computers will need to be relocated, so they can at least be accessed.

I’d like to sincerely thank the entire staff for their total support during this time, especially Miss Walker, who insisted on me attending the Principal’s Conference in Brisbane last Thursday and Friday.

As a staff, we’d like to extend our thanks for your support throughout this very trying time. As a community, we must support each other and ensure that we speak about, and discuss with our children, the events of the past week. We must reassure them that everything is OK and will soon be back to normal.

Many thanks to Building Asses Services, all of the contractors and especially to Chappy Joss and the CARDNO staff who assisted with the oval clean-up. Many thanks.

Assistant Regional Director David Roach visited our school today to see first hand the damage to the school, but to also ensure the well being of all staff and students. The grounds are certainly different now, with a large number of beautiful old trees being lost, however, we now have a new canvas that we can make as beautiful as the previous one.

As you may have heard, our school was broken into at some stage during the cyclone. The mower shed was broken into and fuel syphoned from the tractor and the ride-on mower. The ride-on was also damaged when a fork was put through the fuel tank to ensure that all the fuel was accessed. The Tuckshop was also broken into and the contents of the freezer taken and the safe was also stolen. This is so disappointing.

Thank-you to Mr. Stephen Ryan who made the Fried Rice for lunch. It was delicious.

We also had an unwelcome visitor to our school today: a rather large Eastern Brown snake, which was removed by professionals and relocated.

There is a lot to catch up on in this term, with only a few short weeks to go before the end of term. Let’s work really hard and ensure that this term ends on a high.
Thanks everyone.

Regards,

Lea Ryan
Principal

P & C UPDATE

Firstly we hope all our community have come through the cyclone and are recovering from the effects that Marica has caused us.

The P&C AGM for 2015 was conducted on Tuesday 17/02/15 at 5pm in the staff room. All executive positions were filled for 2015 with the President, Treasurer and Principal reports also presented.

**New executives 2015**
**President** – Mrs Angela Blomfield
**Vice President** – Mr Stephen Ryan
**Secretary** – Mrs Susan Hiley
**Treasurer** - Mrs Helen Allenby
**Auditors** – Shanahan Swaffield Partners

Budget in excise of $20,000 for 2015 was tabled and Fundraising discussed. Our First Fundraiser will be our Easter Raffle drawn on Thursday 2nd April. We will be looking for donations and a note to sell tickets will be sent home also.

On a sad note besides losing our food products in our fridge and freezer we also had a break and enter into our tuckshop after the cyclone but we have restocked and are open for business once again.

Thank you to all those families who support our tuckshop.

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

NEXT MEETING IS A CHANGE FROM THE THIRD TUESDAY it will be the 10 MARCH AT 3.30PM.

HOPE TO SEE SOME NEW FACES.
NEXT MEETING WE WILL BE DISCUSSING OUR TUCKSHOP AND FINALISING OUR FUNDRAISING.

FACEBOOK

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

CLASSROOM MAKEOVER

Lakes Creek has registered for the Morning Bulletin’s $5000 Classroom Makeover. Please cut out tokens and send them to the school office.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
- Nelson Mandela
UNIFORMS FOR SALE
Our uniforms are sold Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from our Tuckshop between 9.00 am and 9.30am.

TUCKER TUESDAYS
FRIED RICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT $2.50 A CONTAINER. Please see Miss Walker to order.
Icy Cups every Friday available from the cooking room.

HELLO FROM PREP/1 M
The Prep students have been learning how to write their name and recognising other children’s names. We have started our Show And Tell to present to the class on their rostered day. The Children are engaged in sharing stories about friendships and families and how we are all different. Students will be also be engaged in looking at a variety of texts including information texts and how they are different to fiction. Ask your Preppie about fiction and non-fiction!

Language learning and communication - We are reading when we recognise our names. We are looking at different types of print around us, at home and at school and this is called environmental print. As we are learning our friend’s names we are also seeing the written form and discussing the different letters that make up their name. We are talking about the different sounds we make and encouraging children to make eye contact when speaking. We are learning to wait our turn.

Social and personal learning - Prep children are learning to be responsible for themselves. Over the next few weeks they will be sharing, taking turns, packing and unpacking their own bags, following rules and have respect for others and own property. Lunch time is an important learning time in this area and is part of our curriculum

Active Learning Processes - The children will be learning many songs to help increase their memory capacity. Daily, children will be involved in decision making - where to work, what I need, where do I start. Daily group discussions involve counting, days of week, weather etc.

Early Mathematical understandings - Maths is a big part of our day. When we look at our calendar we are discussing time, counting the days, discussing concepts such as before and after. We use counting songs and games as part of our transition time - that is when we need to move into our lunch routine. We will have lots of opportunities to create our own pictures, collages, and paintings of ourselves and our family and friends.
We have a busy few weeks ahead in the prep/1 classroom.
Thank you for your support.

Deborah Mallory & Helen Allenby

DISTRICT PRIMARY SPORT
District Selection Trial for 12 Yrs girls Football (Soccer) will be held on Sunday 8 March and Sunday 22 March 2015 from 10 am – 12 pm at Bouldercombe State School.
Please see office for more information.

STOP BULLYING
National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence cybersafety workshops
As part of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on 20 March 2015, the Department of Education and Training is offering a series of interactive online cybersafety workshops for parents, teachers and students entitled “Mind your step”.

Brett Lee, creator of Internet Education and Safety Services (INESS) and the department’s Cybersafety team will facilitate six interactive online safety workshops from 10 – 20 March 2015.

Register now for the online workshops.
