6 October 2015

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

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

I sincerely hope that you had an enjoyable holiday, spending quality time with your family. I spent some relaxing time in the garden, encountering two rather long brown reptiles, who had decided to make under the pavers their home. Luckily they were safely removed and I went about gardening, although very tentatively. Our dog had a vet visit after the first encounter, but survived.

I’d like to welcome Miss Kirra Ireland to our staff for the remainder of 2015. Miss Ireland will teach co-operatively with Miss Papworth. Miss Papworth will work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, while Miss Ireland will work on Thursday and Friday. We can now move forward confidently, knowing that we have consistent and quality staff, who have the best interests of your child at heart.

Congratulations to parents and students who have assisted us, to improve the overall attendance of students at our school. Please remember that **EVERY DAY COUNTS! By missing just one day per week for a year, your child misses out on 40 days – 8 weeks of school!! Let’s work together to ensure that your child has the best possible chance in life.** However, if your child is genuinely ill, the best place for them is at home with you.

As a school, let’s set a goal of 95% attendance. **Come on……we can do it. Let’s work together.**

As you can see, the school sign, has been completed. A different design was chosen, due to difficulties with the previous one. I hope it does the job. Please use the newsletter, website and Facebook to keep up-to-date with what is happening in our school.

Contrary to some gossip I have heard, Lakes Creek State School is going to be around for a long time. If you are satisfied with our school, then shout it from the rooftops or text your friends. We need your support. Many thanks.

Just a reminder also, that school uniforms are expected to be worn. Please contact me if you require assistance in this regard. We are very proud of our school uniform and it is expected that our students will wear it with pride also.

As a school and community, it is important that we work together to ensure that our students are working to the best of their ability and beyond. Please assist your child with their homework and listen to them read. Work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s learning. Successful partnerships make for successful learning for your child.

Co-operation is the way to go!
Enjoy your week and remember Education opens many doors!

Enjoy your week

Regards,

Lea Ryan

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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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CHRISTMAS FAIR AND MARKETS

The next Christmas Fair and Markets Meeting is next Tuesday 13 October, 3.30 pm in the staffroom. All welcome. Our Fair will be held this year on Friday 4 December, 2015. It is only 2 months away we need your help. Lots to be done.

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.

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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. Thank you to those people who have already donated prizes for our Multi Draw Raffle.

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P & C NEWS

Our next meet will be on Tuesday 20 of OCTOBER 3.30 IN THE STAFFROOM All Welcome.

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CHAPPY NEWS

Welcome back to a brand new term at Lakes Creek State School. I hope that you have had a relaxing holiday break and that you are ready and excited for term 4. Over the September holidays I had the privilege of going on an SU camp called Blast. It was an amazing week full of fun activities and team building for children in Grades 5-8. It was great to see the kids having fun and making new friends with children from other schools/towns.

Operation Christmas Child has come around very fast again this year. If you are interested in helping with Operation Christmas Child this year please read the information below and contact me through the school on 49326 333, on either a Tuesday or Wednesday. Operation Christmas child is a great initiative as it encourages young people to think outside of themselves and help others in need. It is also a great opportunity to share time with your children. Boxes are due to be returned to the school in the next 2-3 weeks. Feel free to drop boxes in at the school at any time.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Information for parents

For those who haven't heard of it before Operation Christmas Child is run by an international relief organisation called Samaritan’s Purse and involves sending a shoebox of Christmas gifts to those in need in South East Asia and the Asia Pacific Region. The basic idea is that we fill up
Calendars Events
Update Details
PLEASE ENSURE TO FILL OUT STUDENT DETAIL FORM AND HAND BACK INTO THE OFFICE ASAP. THE FORM WAS SENT HOME WITH THE NEWSLETTER TODAY. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ALL INFORMATION IS UPDATED ON OUR SYSTEM IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

1 / 2 S
1 / 2 S are looking for donations for their Trash and Treasure Stall. No electronic toys and games please.

3 / 4 N
3 / 4 N are also looking for donations for their stall. Any old keys that are no longer useful would be appreciated please.

Calendar Events

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Student Council

Student Council is looking for donations for the bottle stall at our Christmas Fair.
We are looking for small items, eg pencils, erasers, toiletries etc.
Thank you
Bridget Walker and Student Council

Shoeboxes with items to send, pay a small amount ($9 per box) and give it to someone in need.

This year we will once again be preparing boxes to send. If you would like to prepare a box to send there will be brochures available at the office or you can contact me on a Tuesday or Wednesday to get more information.

You can fill your shoebox with one or more items from each category: something to love, something to wear, something to play with, something for personal hygiene, something for school and something special, plus a note from you. When you finish filling your box you can choose what age group it is best suited for and if it would suit a girl or boy.

It is essential that you read the information on the brochure carefully as there are some items that cannot be sent such as but not limited to: items that leak or melt, food or lollies and things that are breakable. All the information you should need is in the brochure but if you forget to pick one up before the holidays you can look on the website. http://operationchristmaschild.org.au

As soon as you have finished filling your boxes you can bring them into the school, the final day for box collection has not yet been set, but it will be in the first few weeks of term 4 (it will be in the next newsletter). If you don’t have a shoebox, feel free to bring in the items in a bag and we will provide a box (but make sure that your items are small enough to fit in an A4 size box).

If you have any enquires please feel free to contact me through the school,

Thank you,

Chappy Josslyn
COMMUNITY NEWS

GLENMORE HOMESTEAD HOEDOWN

Friday 9th October
6pm
Glenmore Homestead
Admission $30
Come along for a night of Bush Dancing and a good old fashioned meal.

Mini Auction+ Multi Draw+ Raffle+ Games + Giveaways
Tickets on sale now from Rockhampton Special School
Phone 07 5533 3333 or 0412 432 312
Get in early to avoid disappointment

Rockhampton Special School P&C

SWIMMING

SWIMMING NOTES AND MONEY DUE BY WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2015.