

# Lansdowne Public School

## Weekly Newsletter Number 24

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012



Year 5 & 6 getting a taste of high school on the recent WOW Days at Chatham High School



## Principal's Message

*Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,*

### **Lansdowne Celebrates**

We will be having a combined celebration during Week 6 to include Education Week, Book fair and Book Week. Our main event will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and will include open classrooms, delicious morning tea and lunches, group activities and games. We would love to see as many of our friends; family and community join us on that day. Please spread the word and put this important occasion in your diary. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

### **Kindergarten Enrolments 2013**

Please ask about your neighbourhoods for any new enrolments in kinder for next year. We are going to begin our transition program in week 6 and don't want anyone to miss out.

### **Chatham High Orientation Day**

Our stage 3 students attended Chatham HS last Thursday accompanied By Ms Richardson. By all accounts it was a great day. Our students came back very excited and eager to share their experiences.

### **A reminder about our Parent, Carer and Community Workshops**

Bernadette Gammon is our Parent and Community Consultant based in Port Macquarie District Office. Bernadette supports Priority Schools with strategies to engage school communities in enhancing the educational outcomes of students. Bernadette will be at school on **Friday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am** to run a workshop on how you can support your child's learning at home.

### **Complaints, Complements and Suggestions**

I thought it might be helpful to remind you that the department does offer a service and a process if you have complaints, complements or suggestions. I have included the link below. Of course if you have any concerns relating to our school I would hope that you feel comfortable enough to approach your child's teacher or myself initially. If for some reason you don't feel confident with that option it is important to know that there are other avenues for you to voice your concerns. There is a very clear and fair process should complaints need to go further and all the information is either available from the school or is contained on the department website at the following address:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/how-we-operate/how-we-handle-complaints>

*Kind regards, Christine Wild*

### TERM 3 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WEEK 4	Friday 10 August	<b>Zone Athletics Carnival</b>
	Friday 10 August	<b>School Assembly 2:20pm</b>
WEEK 5	Tuesday 14 August	<b>Mrs Gilchrist attending Professional Learning</b> – Ms Richardson relieving
	Thursday 16 August	<b>Mr Price attending Professional Learning</b> – Ms Schneider relieving
<b>BOOK FAIR – EDUCATION WEEK 6</b>		
WEEK 6	Tuesday 21 August	<b>P&amp;C Meeting 6pm.</b>
	Thursday 23 August	<b>OPEN DAY</b>
	Friday 24 August	<b>School Assembly 2:20pm</b>
WEEK 7	Tuesday 28 August	<b>Mrs Gilchrist attending Professional Learning</b> – Ms Richardson relieving
	Thursday 30 August	<b>Father's Day Stall</b>

### P&C NEWS

**P & C MEETING** – The next P&C meeting will be on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 6pm.** Everyone welcome.

**FATHER'S DAY STALL** – will be held on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August.** Donations would be appreciated and can be left at the school canteen on Monday or Fridays.

**COUNCIL ELECTION DAY / MINI MARKET** – will be held on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**

We are looking for any saleable items in clean and reasonable condition. Items can be left at the school canteen on Monday or Fridays.

Thank you, Margaret Haddon



Dear Parents,

Children in K/1/2 require a 2 litre cleaned milk bottle with lid and a square 2 litre ice-cream container for an upcoming project. Please send these into class over the next two weeks.

Thank you Mr Bulley and Mrs Gilchrist



**Tips, and ideas for parents**

## Educating our children - Parents Matter

How can I best help my child do well at school?

Come along to the session on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 9am.

We will cover:

- what the research says about the role of parents in education
- share great tips and ideas for supporting your child's learning at home.
- take time to look at and explore a great online resource for parents.
- question time and suggestions for future sessions.

Come and join us for a cuppa in the Library







# YEAR 5 & 6 WOW DAYS CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL 2012



## School Banking – Every Monday

Don't forget school banking is every Monday, just bring your money and book to the school office for processing. Remember just a little savings banked each week or month can add up to BIG savings.



## Asthma awareness

Does your child suffer from asthma? Asthma affects about 1 in 9 school-aged children. The Asthma Foundation has great information for parents of children who suffer from asthma. For more information on how you can support a child with asthma, go to <http://www.asthmafoundation.org.au/>.

## Cycling fun

Cycling is a fun and healthy activity for people of all ages. The NSW Government has set up the Bicycle information for NSW website. The site includes information of what to look for when choosing a bike, suggestions on great bicycle paths around NSW and safety tips. Go to: <http://www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/index.html>

## Play at Powerhouse

The Powerhouse Museum's Play at Powerhouse website has a range of fun and interactive activities and games for primary school children. Activities range from how to make your own musical instrument to easy science experiments. Kids can also choose to play a number of interactive games designed to develop fine motor skills and problem-solving. Go to: <http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/>

## **St John Ambulance, Australia (N.S.W) Manning Great Lakes Cadet Division**

Is currently recruiting new Juniors and Cadets aged from 8 to 17 years of age to join their great organisation.

St John provides opportunities for all cadets to develop management, life and leadership skills, as stepping stones for any career.

By combining first aid and youth orientated activities, St John aims to develop self reliant and self confident young people who take their place as responsible members of their community.

The members of our division learn more than just first aid. They also do proficiency courses which allow them to learn many other interesting skills. We currently meet weekly, during school term, on a Wednesday night starting at 6:30pm till 8:30pm at the Taree Scout Hall, Rifle Range Rd Taree which is off Woola Rd Taree.

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