

Lansdowne Public School

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Tuesday 14th August 2012



Award winners Week 4
56W-Selena Fletcher, Georgie Locchi, Niki Worth, Nathan Moore and Jayden Knott.
34P-Georgia O'Grady, Katlyn O'Connor, Lachlan Moore, James Morrison, Lee Smith and Connor Outtrim
K1G-Colby Gill, Molly Stuart and Graham Morrison. Absent Suvannah Bell and Rickie Lee Choppin.
12B-Nicholas Locchi, Hayley Callaghan, Daisy Wares, Tashanah Knott, Dejuan Kemp and Connor Potts.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members, **Lansdowne Celebrates Education and Community**

Included with today's newsletter is an invitation to all our families and friends to join us for a day of celebration of education. Please pass the word around and come and join us on Thursday 23rd August.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2013

We have ten new students ready to join us next year in kindergarten. If you know of any other girls and boys in our neighbourhood please ask them to contact the school. We will begin our welcome next week with kindergarten orientation starting on Friday 24th August. Our new families and students will also be welcomed to participate in our celebration day.

Another 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 31st at 9:00am** to run a workshop on how you can support your child's learning at home.

56W Families

As we are making the most of our fundraising opportunities during our big celebration day on Thursday of next week I would love to hear from our 56W families as to how they can help on the day. Either through donations of slices, cooking the spaghetti bolognese, serving on the day etc. It is really important I get as much help as possible please. All our profits will go towards subsidising the camp and in trying to keep the cost at \$100.

I will be out of the school on Friday to attend the Taree Primary Principal Association meeting being held in Taree. Have a great week everyone.

Kind regards, Christine Wild

TERM 3 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER		
WEEK 5	Tuesday 14 August	<i>Mrs Gilchrist attending Professional Learning – Ms Richardson relieving</i>
	Wednesday 17 August	<i>Mr Price attending Professional Learning – Mrs Walker</i>
BOOK FAIR – EDUCATION WEEK 6		
WEEK 6	Tuesday 21 August	<i>P&C Meeting 6pm.</i>
	Thursday 23 August	<i>CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION – OPEN DAY 10:30-3:00pm</i>
	Friday 24 August	<i>School Assembly 2:20pm</i>
	Friday 24 August	<i>Kinder 2013 Transition 11-1pm</i>
WEEK 7	Tuesday 28 August	<i>Mrs Gilchrist attending Professional Learning – Ms Richardson relieving</i>
	Thursday 30 August	<i>Father's Day Stall</i>
	Friday 31 August	<i>Parent Workshop Educating our Children- 9am in the Library</i>
WEEK 8	Friday 7 Sept	<i>Kinder 2013 Transition 11-1pm</i>
	Friday 7 Sept	<i>School Assembly 2:30pm</i>
	Saturday 8 Sept	<i>Election Day</i>
WEEK 9	Thursday 13 Sept	<i>Mrs Wild attending Principal's Day – Ms Richardson relieving</i>
	Friday 14 Sept	<i>Parent Workshop in Library 9am with Bernadette Gammon</i>
	Friday 14 Sept	<i>Kinder 2013 Transition 11-1pm</i>

P&C NEWS

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

FATHER'S DAY STALL – will be held on **Thursday 30th 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 8th 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



TAREE ATHLETIC CLUB INC

2012/2013 season will commence with Registration Days at 4.30pm - 5.30pm on 3.9.12 and 7.9.12 and 10.9.12 and 14.09.12 at the basketball side of the Taree Recreation Ground.

The cost will be : Tiny Tots and U6's \$60.00 and U7 to U17's \$70.00.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on Nola Bath 0419237715 and Robyn Phillips 0407620676.



Come to our Book Fair

Celebrating National year of Reading
It's a Reading Celebration! Thursday 23 August.



**National
Year of
Reading
2012**

Educating our children - Parents Matter

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

Come along to the session on Friday 31st 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



Coles & Woolworths Vouchers

Woolworths vouchers finished last Sunday and Coles vouchers finish today. Please place all vouchers in the boxes provided at the school ready for processing.





Local Schools, Local Decisions

A MESSAGE TO SCHOOL COMMUNITIES FROM THE NSW MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Right now the New South Wales Government is working with schools to advance the most far reaching changes to school education in this state in over a century – changes that are going to help all our public schools meet the challenges of education well into the future.

Nothing better illustrates this than the new way we are going to fund our public schools. We are putting students at the heart of all decision making.

On July 23 I announced the new Resource Allocation Model, known as the RAM. This delivers on my promise to change the way NSW public schools receive their funding. School communities need to have this important information.

The new RAM is central to the Local Schools, Local Decisions reform. Under the new model schools will see more of the total public school education budget and they will have more authority over how to spend it.

In NSW we are increasing the funding that goes directly to public schools to more than 70% of the total public school education budget, up from the current 10%.

The RAM takes into account the fact that students and school communities are not all the same; they have different needs and will need different levels of support. We cannot improve outcomes for individual students with an out-dated cookie cutter funding model.

The new model will provide certainty of funding for schools to employ teachers in order to adhere to the class sizes policy. No principal need worry about the cost of a teacher, principals will be able to choose teachers based on their quality and skills required to best meet the needs of their students.

The RAM will also reduce red tape. I want our principals to be innovative educational leaders, free from the constraints of too much bureaucracy. Instead of hundreds of small funding buckets to be managed and reported on, schools' resource allocation will be divided into two components. The first will see money quarantined for staffing purposes only. These resources cannot be used for anything else. The remaining component will fund all other operational requirements of the school and any discretionary needs, which may include employing additional staff.

I am sure that you will be wondering if this is going to be better than the way schools have been funded in the past. It was always an issue for schools and their communities when a small change in enrolment numbers meant a significant change in resources. Under our current model, one or two students leaving can result in the loss of a teacher and changes to classes that impact on the students and the school community. The RAM will help fix this problem but it won't happen overnight. It will take two to three years for implementation across all of our schools.

These changes need to be right for every school across NSW so before we finalise the model we are rigorously testing it across a range of school settings. When new funding under the RAM is received in the first group of schools it will be fairer, more transparent, and it will enable schools to plan more effectively with their communities.

If your school is part of the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership, some changes will happen faster than in other schools. These schools will be the first ones to be funded under this new model and will be able to involve their school communities in the allocation of resources to identified areas. Other schools will be funded by the RAM over the next two years.

The RAM will include loadings for socio-economic status, Aboriginality, English Language Proficiency and students with disability, as well as loadings for school size and location. It will provide a loading for each of these factors to ensure equity for our students.

This is a funding model that is student focused. It is simpler, fairer and transparent. And it will give schools funding stability so a small change in circumstances doesn't lead to a big change in resources.

It is the critical financial enabler of everything we are trying to achieve under Local Schools, Local Decisions; build an even better public school culture; one that promotes creativity and innovation, where the staff in our schools are willing, and supported, to try out new things.

A culture that supports a principal with ideas, energy and a willing school community, to innovate and know they'll be supported, not second guessed by head office.

It's a big change and a long overdue recognition of the capability and professional judgement of the leaders in our schools and of the importance of local decision-making in ensuring NSW continues to have a great public school system.

You can find more information about the RAM on the Local Schools, Local Decisions website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/lsls. Over the coming months there will be regular updates on this site.

Adrian Piccoli MP
Minister for Education



Celebration of Education

Thursday 23 August



Please join us for a day of fun, design, sharing and delicious food.

Our day will look like:

10:30 - 11:00 Open classrooms

Visit our exciting classrooms and join in with the teacher and students.

11:00 - 11:30 Morning Tea



Our stage 3 students are raising money for their school camp and are offering tea/coffee or milo and a delicious sweet treat for **\$3**

11:30 - 1:00 A fantastic design and make activity which will finish with a FASHION PARADE! Want to know more?

Come and join us on the day! Help our students with their designs and make your own.

1:00 - 2:00 Lunch



Our Stage 3 students will be serving a delicious spaghetti bolognese with garlic bread for **\$4** - again with the profit to go towards our camp.

All in together!

2:00 - 3:00 Tabloid

Mr Price will devise fun and entertaining activities for everyone to join in.

