

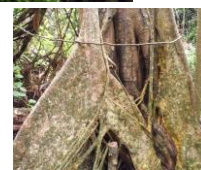
Lansdowne Public School

Weekly Newsletter Number 10

Wednesday 1 May 2013



The Senior class went on a wonderful excursion on Wednesday of the last week of Term 1 and had a marvellous time. They had a volunteer guide who took them around the walk and told interesting stories about the flora and fauna of rainforests.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back to another busy term.

OC Class for 2014 - Applications for expression of interests are available on line.

A separate note has gone home to students in Year 4.

School Voluntary Contributions - Invoices were sent out at the end of last term. All voluntary contributions received will be directed towards our whole school swimming program in Term 4.

Updating Family Information - We are sending home a form for each family to fill in and return to the office. This form will give us the most up to date information for contact with our students and their families, particularly in emergency situations.

There is also some other **VERY IMPORTANT** information we need to update that may have changed since your child was first enrolled. This information is important in determining our future funding from the department under new changes that will be starting next year. It includes your current occupation. Another important piece of information is your year level of education and/or current qualifications. This information was included on your child's enrolment form when they first started school and may have changed since then. Please fill in the form and return it to school. If you have any questions about this or require any assistance please contact me.

Mother's Day Stall - On Thursday 9th May our P & C will be holding the stall to continue their fundraising efforts. If you are able to make donations of gifts I know they would be greatly appreciated.

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) - On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students in Year 3 and Year 5 will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

Continuing Principal's Message.....

All students in Year 3 and Year 5 are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild

P&C NEWS

The P&C volunteers have been working very hard organising a **Mothers' Day Stall** for our children to be held at the school on Thursday 9 May, next week. There will be items for the children to purchase from the stall ranging from 50c to \$5.00. Donations towards the stall would be very welcome and much appreciated. If you have something you can send in, or even a money donation, then please forward to Margaret in the Canteen on Friday or Monday, or leave it at the office.

There will also be a **Mothers' Day Raffle** which will be drawn during the stall on Thursday 9 May.

A separate note and tickets with more information will be sent home by the P&C tomorrow to all our families. Please return all tickets, with money as well as unsold tickets, to the school by the morning of the stall, Thursday 9 May next week.

All these activities are being organised to help raise funds for our children at Lansdowne School. Some of the important events to benefit will be the swimming program for every child at the school and also the senior camp for Year 5 and Year 6 students. So, as you can see, all your assistance is really valuable to every child in the school.

TERM 2 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WEEK 1	Wednesday 1 May	Students return to commence their studies for Term 2
WEEK 2	Wednesday 8 May	Our first School Assembly for Term 2 commencing at 2.30pm
	Thursday 9 May	P&C Mothers' Day Stall and drawing of Mothers' Day Raffle Prize
WEEK 3	Tuesday 14 May	NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5 from 9.00am to 11.00am
	Wednesday 15 May	NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5 from 9.00am to 11.00am
	Thursday 16 May	NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5 from 9.00am to 11.00am The May P&C Meeting will be this morning, commencing 9.30am
	Friday 17 May	Senior Class Waterwise Excursion from 9.00am to 12.00pm
WEEK 4	Wednesday 22 May	Whole School Assembly commencing 2.30pm
WEEK 5	Wednesday 29 May	Lansdowne School Athletics Carnival on our oval
	Thursday 30 May	Stage 3 Science Challenge Day at Taree Racecourse

COMMUNITY NEWS:

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF RAIL TO THE MANNING, FROM 1913 TO 2013.....100 Years!!!

There will be a Re-enactment of the arrival of the Steam train to Wingham and Taree Railway Stations on Saturday 11 May. Steam Train Rides will be operating:

- from Taree Station to Melinga Station and return
- from Taree Station to Killawarra Station and return

These will all be happening on 11 May, 12 May and 13 May and tickets are available. Please contact the Taree Railway Station for any further information and have a great train ride on the days of the Centenary Celebrations.

Colouring Sheets showing a happy steam train are being distributed to our children to take home and enjoy colouring in before the event.

Attachment to newsletter: Family Details Update Form to be returned to school asap please.



LANSDOWNE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Cnr Cundle Road and Macquarie Street Lansdowne

Please return this sheet to school as soon as you can so we can update your details.

Dear Parents and Carers

It is important that we keep our records up to date. We therefore ask you to complete this information sheet, both sides, for your family and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Should your details change throughout the year we would appreciate immediate notification, preferably in writing.

FAMILY DETAILS AND CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES FOR 2013

Students Name: 1. _____ Class: _____

Student's Name: 2. _____ Class: _____

Student's Name: 3. _____ Class: _____

Student's Name: 4. _____ Class: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Work: _____ Mobile: _____

Mother's Occupation - _____

Mother's Year of Leaving School - Yr 12____ Yr 11____ Yr 10____ Yr 9____ Before ____

Mother's Highest Qualification - Bachelor Degree ____ Advanced Dip ____ Cert 1-1V ____

Father's Name: _____ Work: _____ Mobile: _____

Father's Occupation - _____

Father's Year of Leaving School - Yr 12____ Yr 11____ Yr 10____ Yr 9____ Before ____

Father's Highest Qualification - Bachelor Degree ____ Advanced Dip ____ Cert 1-1V ____

PRIVACY NOTICE: The information provided on this form is being obtained for the purpose of maintaining the school's records concerning your child's enrolment. It will be used by the Department of Education and Communities for general student administration and communication and other matters relating to the education and welfare of your child. Provision of this information is voluntary. If you do not provide all or any of this information it may delay matters of communication and matters related to the welfare of your child. This information will be stored securely. You may access or correct any personal information provided by contacting the school.

Information on current occupation and school qualifications will be important to ensure our school is funded in the future.

Please ensure that you also complete the reverse side of this form.

Emergency Contacts:

Please note your preferred order of contact in an emergency.

Name	Relationship to family (e.g. grandparent, uncle friend)	Daytime Phone	Mobile

MEDICAL INFORMATION: Special instructions for emergency action.

Further information may be requested by the office. Children requiring medication in school hours **MUST** report to the office on arrival with the medication **WITH** written details from parent/s.

Child's Name	ALLERGIES:	Particulars Regarding Allergies
Child's Name	ASTHMA:	A Separate form may be sent home
Child's Name	EPILIPSY:	Particulars regarding Epilepsy
Child's Name	OTHER:	Particulars regarding other medical problems

Doctor's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Doctor's Address: _____

Student/s' Medicare Number/s: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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