

Lansdowne Public School

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Student of the Week Awards at our last Assembly went to Luke Clapham, James Morrison, Kiara Guerin and Indira Ryan



Merit Certificates were presented to Aaron Moore, Suvannah Bell, Cheyenne Witchard, Lana Smith, Kaila Morrison, Kaios Baker, Zach Nielsen and Keoni Ford.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Updating Family Information - These forms are slowly coming in but we need to ask all families to make sure they complete the forms and send them back to school. As an incentive for students to help with this we are doing a weekly draw for a free Wednesday lunch voucher for each child in the family if they have returned their sheets.

Mother's Day Stall - Thank you to everyone who supported our stall. I know the P & C were thrilled with the response and the funds raised.

Stage 3 Wednesday Lunches - We got off to a great start with our fundraising idea. We raised \$90 towards stage 3 camp. This week Rebecca and Anne are going to tempt us with a delicious Chinese Chow Mein and it will be served with a crispy crouton. The cost remains at \$2. It is a great opportunity to encourage our students to try some different options for lunch. If your child tries the lunch offered that day and doesn't like it we will make sure they have something else so they don't go hungry. Please support this initiative and send your child along with \$2 for their Wednesday lunch.

Athletics Carnival - A reminder to put Wednesday 29th May in your diaries for our Athletics Carnival. We expect the carnival will kick off at about 9:15 am. The canteen has some great ideas for the lunch menu which I am sure they will let you know about shortly.

NAPLAN - These assessments are being carried out this week so there will be some changes to normal class routines for stage 2 and stage 3.

Absenteeism and Lateness - I feel it is timely to ask all families to carefully consider the need for students to be absent from school. It is a family decision but I am asking that the impact of missing too many days of school has on student's achievements and success be part of that decision making process. I know there are times that children show reluctance to come to school for a variety of reasons. In these cases it is vital that whatever the reasons, problems or reluctance is, together we try and solve the issues at school. It is also important to realise the cumulative effect of consistent lateness in the mornings. The beginning of the school day often has very important information delivered at assembly. We ensure that

lessons begin as quickly as possible in the mornings to make sure we get the most out of our instructional time and school day. Missing the first 10 or 15 mins can have a much bigger impact that perhaps parents and family realise.

I thank you for your support in this matter.

Learning Positive Strategies - As a school which focusses on positive behaviours and strategies to underpin our behaviour and welfare policies we have seen the need to introduce a program to support students experiencing some difficulties with following school behaviour expectations in a variety of situations such as playground and classroom. Identified students will have an opportunity to sit with teacher(s) during break time and discuss their behaviour, future choices and /or extra assistance they may need to be able to modify their choices and build stronger social skills.

We began this program last week and are very happy with the progress so far.

P & C Meeting - This will be held this Thursday at 9:30 am if you can come along.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild



Literacy Award: Madison Gill and more Merit Awards were presented to Liberty Wares, Blake Atkins and Luke Smith



Merit Certificates were also presented to Lachlan Moore, Selena Fletcher and William Neale. Our talented Artists this week were Bantiva Baker, Jayden Knott and Darryl Morrison, Tashanah Knott and Chloe Worth.

AWARD WINNERS FROM OUR ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY 8 MAY:

Class K1G: Student of the Week was awarded to Kiara Guerin for her mature attitude to school. Merit Awards were presented to Cheyenne Witchard and Aaron Moore for doing their best in all activities and the Fast Maths Award went to Savannah Bell for excellent effort. The Artist award went to Chloe Worth for her very good picture of a burnt tree.

Class 12B: Student of the Week certificate was presented to Indira Ryan for always being on task and having an excellent standard of work. Merit Certificates were won by Lana Smith for excellent work in story writing and being kind to others, Kaila Morrison for being a quiet worker and having great presentation skills, Keoni Ford for her good concentration levels and making solid progress in maths. The Fast Maths award went to Zach Nielsen for good solid progress and Tashanah Knott won the Artist award for a wonderful woven mat.

Class 34T: Student of the Week was awarded to Luke Clapham for trying hard in all areas. Merit Certificates were won by Liberty Wares for working steadily, Luke Smith for effort in Maths and the Fast Maths Merit award went to Blake Atkins for progressing up a level. The talented artist in 34T was Bantiva Baker for his line design.

Class 56W: Student of the Week certificate was presented to James Morrison for making a much greater effort with his school work. Merit certificates were presented to Lachlan Moore for great thinking in maths, William Neale for terrific effort with reading and the Fast Maths award went to Selena Fletcher for being a champion of number facts. Darryl Morrison and Jayden Knott combined to win the Artist Award with their rainforest diorama.

Madison Gill won the Literacy Award for her effort in spelling.

NIT ALERT!!! Thanks for your help in this matter

One or two of our teachers have alerted the office that these pesky little insects are visiting one or two of our classrooms at the moment. Please check your child/ren's hair using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health on their website at

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp>

Please do not use insecticides, methylated spirits or kerosene on your child's head. The comb and conditioner method is the most effective method. If you find any lice please commence treatment.

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting – The May meeting of the Lansdowne P&C will be held Thursday morning this week, 16 May. The meeting will be a Morning Meeting, commencing at 9.30am. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

A big thank you to everyone who helped either with donations of items or helpers on the day for our Mothers' Day stall. The children had a ball selecting their gifts. I hope that all our mums enjoyed their gifts which were so carefully and thoughtfully chosen by the children.

P&C Raffle Tickets are being sent home today... (I know, "another raffle"), but there are three great prizes. 1st Prize is a meat voucher for \$50, 2nd Prize is a meat voucher for \$30 and 3rd Prize is a meat voucher for \$20. Tickets are \$1 each.

Athletics Carnival 29 May – a special menu is being sent home today for the Athletics Carnival. It is essential that orders are sent in as soon as possible for catering purposes. You can pay on the day if you wish, or send money in with orders.

TERM 2 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WEEK 3	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	Tuesday 21 May	NSW Cancer Council "Biggest Morning Tea" for Lansdowne Public School staff and community will be held this morning at 11.00am. <i>Please bring a small plate and a donation towards the Cancer Council.</i>
	Wednesday 22 May	Whole School Assembly commencing 2.30pm
WEEK 5	Wednesday 29 May	Lansdowne School Athletics Carnival on our oval. Special Canteen Menu!
	Thursday 30 May	Stage 3 Science Challenge Day at Taree Racecourse
WEEK 6	Wednesday 5 June	University of Newcastle Discovery Day for Stage 3 students
	Thursday 6 June	Soccer Knockout at Gloucester
	Friday 7 June	Small Schools Athletics Carnival



Would \$500 help you pay for school uniforms, books or a laptop?

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, through Saver Plus.

You may be eligible if you have:

- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular income from work (you or your partner).

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BUSH DANCE

1st June, 2013
as a Fund Raiser
for the
Lansdowne Fire Brigade

Enjoy family fun and music of local bush band
Red Cedar
Time: 6pm to 11pm
Venue: Upper Lansdowne Hall

\$15 for Single or
\$25 for a family

BBQ – \$3.00 sausage sandwich
\$4.00 steak sandwich
Tea/Coffee 50c with damper or cake.

Lucky Door Prize and Raffle



Bookings by 24th May, 2013
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