

Lansdowne Public School

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56W students had a lovely time at Sandy Point on the Lansdowne River last week. Kylie from Waterwise took them on a finding and testing mission. Logan Sunderland and Kyle O'Connor found a little black crab! Phoebe Luxton, Niki Worth and Selena Fletcher had great fun fishing around with a catching net.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

There are so many different opportunities for our students coming up in the next few weeks. Many of them are for our seniors and their families. It is important that we have all permission notes in as soon as we can so organisation and transport can be arranged.

Stage 3 Wednesday Lunches - Thank you for your support so far. This week is spaghetti bolognaise and garlic bread. Again only \$2. I would welcome any assistance on Wednesdays with the preparation and serving if anyone is available. Next week is our Athletics Carnival so our canteen will be serving lots of great food on that day.

Stage 3 Excursion - The cost of our excursion, with lots of bargain hunting will be approximately \$325 per student. This includes, travel, accommodation, food and activities for 3 days. Families are being asked to pay \$125 which leaves a balance of over \$4000 to fund raise. Our P&C have donated \$1500 towards our efforts, a very generous and appreciated contribution. That leaves stage 3 and their families with \$2500 to fundraise. So far we have managed to earn \$800. Still a long way to go. Anyone who can organise any other ideas or activities (especially our stage 3 families), we would love to hear from you. To all families thank you for your support so far and as you can see our P&C work very hard for all the students at our wonderful school.

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. We hope the weather is kind to us and we are lucky enough to have one of these wonderful autumn days.

Merit Selection - Our current enrolment numbers allow us to have a 4th teacher permanently appointed. After discussions with staff we are able to use the merit selection process to fill the position. I will be convening the selection panel over the coming weeks. Staff has elected Garry Bulley as the staff representative and P&C have nominated Rebecca Moore as the parent representative.

Student Well-being Policy - The well-being of our students academically, socially, physically and emotionally is our prime focus. Our policies and procedures are contained within a single document called Lansdowne Student Well-being Policy. It is a rather lengthy document but is inclusive of all student welfare policies. The document is available on our website. If you would like a paper copy please come and see me and I will be very happy to print one for you. It is important that our policies and procedures stay relevant and are regularly re-evaluated and revised to continue to meet all the needs of all our students.

Kind Regards,
Christine Wild

P&C NEWS

The P&C were happy to be able to hand over a **\$1500 cheque** to our School Principal at our last P&C meeting. The cheque will go towards the Senior Class Excursion in Term 3 this year. We have been able to do this because of everyone's support for the P&C Fundraising efforts. A list of those effort and funds raised is as follows:

2012 Presentation Day Raffle	\$489.00
Easter Raffle	\$353.00
Mothers' Day Stall	\$481.50
Mothers' Day Raffle	\$243.00
Sales of Uniforms	\$116.00

The P&C is now working on raising funds to help the **Whole School Swimming Program** for every child at our school. We have started by sending home raffle tickets to be drawn at the School Athletics Carnival next week on Wednesday 29 May. The tickets are \$1 each and 1st Prize is a \$50 meat voucher, 2nd Prize is a \$30 meat voucher and 3rd Prize is a \$20 meat voucher. The child who sells the most tickets will receive a \$5 voucher to spend in the School Canteen. Tickets need to be back at school as soon as possible please, both sold and unsold tickets.

Athletics Carnival - The Canteen Athletics Day order forms have gone home. If you are ordering either recess or lunch the order forms for the children and the family members need to be back at school by this Friday please.

Helpers and donations of cakes and slices on the day would be very much appreciated.

14 September is Election Day - The P&C will be holding a fundraising day on Election Day at the school. Donations of cakes, slices, craft, fresh produce, clean saleable pre-loved items, books, CD's, DVD's, kitchen items, ornaments or any saleable items we can put on a stall would be gratefully received. Here is a great opportunity to have a clean out at home. Items can be left with Margaret in the school canteen or contact her if anything needs to be picked up.

Plants or plant cuttings are also needed so that we can pot them up and have them ready for the day of the stall.

TERM 2 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WEEK 4	Tuesday 21 May	The "Biggest Morning Tea" for Lansdowne Public School staff and community was held this morning at 11.00am. Thank you to those members of our community who came along and donated money and had a cuppa with us. We raised \$112 for the Cancer Council.
	Wednesday 22 May	\$2.00 fundraising lunch for the senior excursion..... "spaghetti bolognaise" 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 No School Assembly today
	Thursday 6 June	Soccer Knockout at Gloucester
	Friday 7 June	Small Schools Athletics Carnival for qualifying students
WEEK 7	Monday 10 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY TODAY
	Friday 14 June	Small Schools Soccer Gala Day at Wingham Sporting Centre
WEEK 8	Wednesday 19 June	Whole School Assembly commencing 2.30pm
	Thursday 20 June	School Photographs to be taken today , wear full school uniform please
	Friday 21 June	Manning Zone Athletics Carnival for qualifying students
WEEK 9	Wednesday 26 June	Student Reports are sent home today
	Thursday 27 June	Student of the Week Morning Tea for Term 2 at 11.00am today
	Friday 28 June	Last day of Term 2 for students and staff

Family Details Update Sheets are attached for those families who have not yet returned them.