

Lansdowne Public School

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Principal's Message



Our brand new Kiln
was installed today!

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Recess and Lunch Times - We are trialling some changes to our break times and the order we do things. We have noticed quite a few students wanting to eat their lunch at the first break time and that the girls and boys are full of energy after a very busy morning working on literacy and numeracy. For the next few days we will be trialling playing first and then eating, as well as having our main break first.

The times will look like this to start with:

11:00 – 11:45 am

Break 1

Play first for about 25 mins

Eat lunch for about 20 mins

1:15 – 1:45 pm

Break 2

Play first for about 15 mins

Eat snack for about 15 mins.

We have also included some more structured activities and resourced them to encourage creative, imaginative and physical play. These activities include craft supplies, construction toys, sand play toys, gardening, dance and sports equipment. In the coming weeks we hope to include a puppet theatre and drama activities using some small portable stages. All of these changes are designed to give our students optimum opportunities to build strong group and relationship skills, to meet their play and nutrition needs and to respond positively to issues as they arise in our school life. This is in keeping with our student welfare policy of positive behaviours for learning. We will be talking with students and fine tuning our organisation before any permanent changes are put in place. Stay tuned!

Toilet Upgrade - We had some very happy news last week when I received a call from Asset Management to inform us that our student toilet block would be upgraded during the Christmas holidays.

Kiln - Again we have been very fortunate to have been selected to have a space appropriate for a kiln built behind the toilet block. Today we took delivery of a new kiln and we will be able to include ceramics and pottery into our creative arts program.

P&C Donations - Again I think it is important to acknowledge the generosity of our P&C and their fundraising efforts. They have donated \$1500 to our stage 3 camp. This has meant that each child has nearly \$70 each subsidised towards the cost of their camp. With the class trying to raise a further \$2000 (\$90 each) this has allowed the cost of the excursion to be reduced from \$285 down to \$125. We still have to run the BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 11th August and would like parents and families to volunteer to man the BBQ for 2 hour shifts starting at 8:00am. Could you please let Mrs Wild know if you are able to help. Please remember NO CHILDREN are allowed behind the BBQ. We also will be starting a new raffle of the giant chocolate from Cadburys and a delightful basket of goodies for 2nd and 3rd prize generously donated by Mrs G's family. Hopefully these final 2 fundraisers for stage 3 will get us up to the \$2000 mark.

However this will not be the end of fundraising for our P&C. They will now be turning their attention to raising as much as they can to bring the price of our swimming program cost to families down as low as we can get it. If you can help by supporting their activities and functions with time, donations or purchases I know they will be very grateful and every family will benefit.

Great start to the term with lots of exciting new things to keep us busy and happy!

Kind regards, Christine Wild

TERM 3 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER		
WEEK 2	Wednesday 24 July	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 3	Friday 2 August	Zone Athletics Carnival for those students who qualified
WEEK 4	Wednesday 7 August	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 6	Wednesday 21 August	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 7	Thursday 29 August	Fathers' Day Stall at school in the morning
	Friday 30 August	Hunter PSSA Athletics at Glendale for those students who qualify at Zone
WEEK 8	Book Week, Book Fair and School Open Day	Days to be advised, Whole School Assembly on Wednesday at 2.30pm
WEEK 10	Monday 16 September to Wednesday 18 th	Senior Class Excursion to Sydney accompanied by Mrs Wild and Mrs Gilchrist
	Friday 20 September	Last Day of Term 3.

P & C NEWS:

Because of the support towards the P&C's fund raising efforts we were able to hand over a \$1500.00 cheque to our School Principal Christine Wild which will go towards the senior class excursion later in this term.

A list of those efforts and how much they raised follows below:

Presentation Day Raffle (2012)	\$489.00
Easter raffle	\$353.00
Mothers Day stall	\$481.50
Mothers Day raffle	\$243.00
Sale of uniforms	\$116.00

NOW – News about events that are in the planning stages:

The P&C is now working on raising funds to help with the **Whole School Swimming Program** which benefits every child at our school. We now need your support to raise the \$2000.00 which the P & C have committed to help with this program.

We have three fund raising events planned which we hope that everyone will support.

At present we are looking at holding a **Pie Drive**. More news about this will come home when we have more details.

The next will be our annual **Father's Day stall** will be held on Thursday, 29 August. If anyone would like to donate a gift or gifts for the stall it would be very much appreciated. We usually have gifts from as little as .50cents up to \$5.00 each. Even if we get bits and pieces eg: combs, washers, soaps, bags of lollies, mugs or anything that would be OK for dads or grandfathers. We can make them up into little parcels. Items can be left with Margaret in the canteen on Mondays or Fridays.

We may also have a **Father's Day Raffle** to be drawn on the day of the stall.

The other event will be our big **"ELECTION DAY MARKET"**. This will be held whenever the Parliament decides on a date for the election.

We would like lots of help with the market. We will be looking at getting lots of donations for the market that we can put on the stalls. Lots of cakes and slices. If you cannot cook then maybe you could donate cake ingredients to the canteen so that Margaret can have a cooking day in the canteen. We are looking for lots of clean saleable pre loved second hand items, new items, books, toys, craft, fresh produce, CD's DVD's, fruit and vegetables, fresh eggs, plants, kitchen items, ornaments, tools, anything at all that we can sell would be gratefully received. Here is a great opportunity to have a clean out at home. Items can be left with Margaret in the canteen or contact her if anything needs to be picked up.