

# Lansdowne Public School

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Tuesday 6 August 2013

Aaron and Chloe  
with the big Choccie  
Raffle First Prize



## Principal's Message

**Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,**

**Parent Survey of New Break Times** - Please find attached to the newsletter an opportunity for you to respond to our new break times and arrangements. The majority of staff and students have given the changes the "thumbs up" and we would like to ask you for your opinion. Please fill in the survey and return it to school as soon as you can.

**Planning for Positivity** - Each classroom has negotiated learning behaviour expectations, which are consistent across the school, and has in place systems to support students meeting these expectations. A reminder of acceptable behaviour when a student is off track is generally the first intervention by a teacher. This should be sufficient for students to adjust the inappropriate behaviour but when it is not there may be a need to re-position the student away from distractions or distracting others, even conference with the teacher at the next break. There are occasions when it is appropriate for the student to work in a "buddy class" for a while. If these interventions do not result in an improved situation, the student may be referred to a time during their break(s) where more in-depth discussion and planning are required. The use of this strategy will be on a need basis as determined by myself and the teacher using our professional judgement. In some cases it would be beneficial to seek your support if our student(s) do not successfully modify their behaviour. We feel these strategies and interventions are in keeping with our policy of **POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING**. I am very happy to discuss any issues, inquiries or points of clarification you have.

**Stage 3 Fundraising** - The Big Choccie Raffle tickets went home yesterday to all families seeking your support for our final big fundraising push. (The raffle will be drawn at our Open Day on Wednesday 4 September.) We also sent home a plea for help at our big Bunnings BBQ on this Sunday 11 August, all day. Volunteers are needed as well, to slice a **LOT of onions** on Friday afternoon after 2:00pm in the canteen.

**Lansdowne Celebrates Education** - Our celebration of education will be on Wednesday 4 September and is turning into an all-day event. The day's activities look like this so far:

9:15am - 11:00am	Open Classrooms
11:00am - 11:30am	Community Morning Tea
11:30am - 12:45pm	FREE Electricity and Magnetism Show Y 3 - 6
	Group Activity with Friends and Family Y K - 2
12:45pm - 1:30pm	Community Lunch
1:30pm - 2:30pm	FREE Electricity and Magnetism Show Y K - 2
	Group Activity with Friends and Family Y 3 - 6

This is also our **BOOK FAIR WEEK** and the library will be packed with lots of reading fun, entertainment and information for families to purchase.

**Personalised Learning Plans and 3 Way Conferences** - With the year flying by it is hard to believe we are ready to review and re-negotiate our students' learning goals. We have timetabled in Thursday 29 August and Friday 30 August for these important partnership meetings. It is a very valuable time to highlight successes and progress but also to refocus on skills, knowledge and behaviours that could be improved in the second half of the year. Again Mrs Robinson weaves her considerable organising talents into a timetable that allows families to move from one timeslot to another when multiple classes are involved. The times and confirmation advices will be coming home next week. If the times we have allotted are not suitable please let us know so we can make a new appointment time.

I will be leaving the school tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 pm to travel to Coffs Harbour for the North Coast Principal Conference on Thursday and Friday.

**Kind regards,  
Christine Wild**

<b>TERM 3 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER</b>		
<b>WEEK 4</b>	Wednesday 7 August	<b>Whole School Assembly 2.30pm</b>
	Sunday 11 August	<b>Bunnings BBQ all day</b> as a fundraising project for the Senior Excursion
<b>WEEK 6</b>	Wednesday 21 August	<b>Whole School Assembly 2.30pm</b>
<b>WEEK 7</b>	Thursday 29 August	<b>Fathers' Day Stall</b> at school in the morning
	Friday 30 August	<b>Hunter PSSA Athletics at Glendale</b> for those students who qualified at Zone
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>Book Fair this week</b>	
	Wednesday 7 Sept.	<b>OPEN DAY will be on Wednesday 4 September</b> (Choccie Raffle drawn today)
<b>WEEK 10</b>	Monday 16 September to Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Senior Class Excursion to Sydney</b> accompanied by Mrs Wild and Mrs Gilchrist
	Friday 20 September	<b>Last Day of Term 3.</b>

### **P&C NEWS:**

#### **P&C Meeting -**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday evening the 20<sup>th</sup> August. The meeting will be held in the seniors' room and will commence at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If anyone has anything that they would like to be on the agenda please contact the secretary Margaret as soon as possible so that it can be added.

Agenda: Fund raising. (Election Day market)

#### **Fathers' Day Stall -**

The P&C will be holding their annual Fathers' Day stall on Thursday morning 29 August. We have received a few donations for the stall which we appreciate as it helps keep the cost down. We sell items from .50cents up \$5.00. If anyone would like to donate items that would be suitable for dads or grand dads we would be very grateful to have them. Also if you would like to help out on the stall we would love for you to come along. We will commence at around 9.30am.

# LANSDOWNE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## P & C MARKET DAY

### ELECTION DAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

At last we have a date for our Market Day. This is our opportunity to raise the much needed funds to help with the cost of the **Whole School Swimming Program**.

Thanks to responses to our request for items for the Market we have some really nice items already. **BUT** we need **MORE!** The more items that we have to sell the more money we get.

We cannot let such a perfect opportunity slip through our fingers. Lots of people have to attend our school on the 7<sup>th</sup> September to vote for the Federal Election and if we can persuade a lot of them to stop and purchase a cake or a sausage sandwich or something from our stalls we are winners.

We desperately need everyone to come on board and support us.

Remember this is to raise money that will assist every child at our wonderful school.

#### **What do we need to make it a successful event?**

- We need helpers on the day, even if only for an hour. People to help with getting set up on the morning. Helpers to man the barbecue throughout the day. Helpers on the stalls and people to sell tickets in our raffle and also to help in the canteen.
- We need **lots of cakes, slices**, fresh produce, fresh eggs, craft, books, kitchen items, ornaments, toys, plants, even flowers that we can make into bunches that we can sell, clean usable pre-loved items, that can be anything from clothes, DVDs, CDs, jewellery, kitchen items, hand bags, or **anything** that is saleable. You can leave items with Margaret in the canteen on Mondays and Fridays or phone me on 65567146 if you need anything picked up.
- Also if you cannot do any baking you can leave ingredients with me in the canteen so that we can have a cooking day in the canteen.
- I am also going to need a hand to get everything that I have been collecting the last few months taken to the school. We will need a trailer at least. A big trailer.

**With your help, we can make this a fun day and a profitable day.**

**Please tick below and let us know if you can help with any of the following:**

**NAME** .....

- Can help with setting up from 7.00am onwards .....
- We will be cooking on the barbecue from 8.00am – Yes, I can help with the barbecue throughout the day if even for an hour (please put a time).....
- Donating cakes slices etc.....
- Donating other items for the stall.....
- Do you need to have anything picked up?.....
- Donating items for cooking.....

Please return this slip to Margaret in the Canteen, or to Sue in the office as soon as possible.