

Lansdowne Public School

Weekly Newsletter Number 25

Tuesday 20 August 2013



We had a lovely visit from Mr Ray Hurst recently. Ray's late wife Patricia Davis-Hurst was the author of "Sunrise Station" published in 1996 and also "Sunrise Station Re-visited", published in 2010.

Ray has donated from his own collection 15 copies of the latest book, "Sunrise Station Re-visited" for our school to use as a class set. Thank you very much Ray.

"Auntie Pat first published this book in 1996. It was targeted for the Taree and surrounding regions, yet it has been circulated both nationally and internationally with many using her experiences as the basis of research and discussion." (quoted from the forward to the book).

We have several great-grandchildren of Ray Hurst and Patricia Davis-Hurst at our school and they enjoyed a first look at our new books while in the school bush tucker garden.

Nyah Roberts, Kulan Roberts, Alkira Roberts, Phoebe Luxton, Monique Davis-Marr and Tristan Luxton.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Parent Survey of New Break Times - We have had approximately 60% of families respond to our survey. 88% have been in favour of the change. Some clarification of some points raised. Students are still able to play in the designated areas on the oval and we have been providing at least two sets of different equipment each break. The choice is up to the students. As with all types of play we encourage cooperation and safety where ever students are playing. While we are encouraging students to eat their "main meal" during the longer break 1, again it is a choice for the student. On canteen days we are encouraging purchases, other than orders, to be made at one time and taken back to the eating area and allowing sufficient time to finish eating their purchases.

Stage 3 Fundraising - The chocolate raffle will be drawn on our "Celebration of Education" open day on Wednesday 4th September. Please return sold books and money before then. This raffle has proven to be very popular so if you would like some more books to sell please see Sue at the office.

Lansdowne Celebrates Education ~ Reminder of program for Wednesday 4 September

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 - Many families have returned their acceptance slip and/or requested an alternative time. We would hope that all families can attend this very important meeting at some time. Please return your acceptance slip as soon as you can. We have also attached to this newsletter a Parent Satisfaction Survey about our school. Could you please complete this survey and return it to the office as soon as you can, or bring it with you to the 3-way conferences at your interview times.

Professional Learning - Mrs Gilchrist, Mr Bulley and Mr Price will be attending a three day professional learning course on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Mrs Horrobin and Mrs Saunders will work with 12B and K1G, there will be no literacy support class on these days.

P & C Meeting Tonight - This will be held in 56W classroom starting at 6:00pm. Please come along if you can.

Hats - As the weather starts to warm up please support our "sun safe" policy by encouraging your child to bring a suitable, wide-brimmed school hat each day so they have all the play choices they may want.

Kind regards, Christine Wild

TERM 3 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER		
WEEK 6	Tuesday 20 August	P&C Monthly Meeting at 6.00pm at school tonight.... Please come along.
	Wednesday 21 August	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm
WEEK 7	Thursday 29 August	Fathers' Day Stall at school in the morning PLP and 3 way Conferences at notified appointed times
	Friday 30 August	PLP and 3 way Conferences at notified appointed times Hunter PSSA Athletics at Glendale for those students who qualified at Zone
WEEK 8	Book Fair this week	
	Wednesday 4 Sept.	OPEN DAY will be on Wednesday 4 September (Choccie Raffle drawn today)
	Friday 6 September	PSSA Zone Touch Knockout
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

The next P&C Meeting - will be held **this evening**, Tuesday evening 20 August. The meeting will be held in the seniors' classroom and will commence at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fathers' Day Stall – the P&C will be holding the annual Fathers' Day Stall Thursday morning 29 August. Thank you to those who have sent in items as this helps to keep the costs down. Items on sale will be from 50c to \$5.00

We always need helpers to wrap items and sell on the stall so any assistance on that morning would be great. We start at about 9.30am and you will have a pleasant morning watching how the children enjoy picking out a present. Morning tea will be provided for all helpers.

Election Day Market on Saturday 7 September – A big thank you to everyone who has already donated items and offered to help on the day. We are hoping to raise at least \$1000 so please keep those items rolling in. All funds raised will go towards the Whole School Swimming Program which will benefit every child at our great school.

Keep those items rolling in and come and talk to Margaret at Canteen on Mondays or Fridays if you can help.



Taree Amateur Swimming Club

Taree Amateur Swimming Club meets on Monday evenings from 5:45pm during the Summer Season. The club caters for all ages and abilities, from 15 metre swimmers to distance swimmers in all strokes.

Come and Try Day: Sunday 25th August, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Registration Days: Monday 16th September, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday 29th September, 10:30pm – 12:30pm

Summer Season: Monday 14th October 2013 at 5:45pm
through until April 2014

Registration for the 2013/2014 season can be made online from September 2013.

Go to www.nswswimming.com.au, go to the Members Portal and follow the prompts.

Enquiries: Wendy 0410 276 340

Attachment to the Newsletter:

Lansdowne Public School
Parent Satisfaction Survey
Please return to the office
or bring it to your 3-way
interviews next week.

TAREE ATHLETICS CLUB INC. – The 2013/14 season will commence with Registration Days at 4.30pm-5.30pm on 4, 6 and 11 September at Taree McDonalds beside the MEC. The cost will be: Tiny Tots and U6's \$60. U7 to U17's \$70. Please do not hesitate to contact Robyn Phillips 0407 620676 and Tracey Sewell 0410 548029 for further information. Or you can check us out on facebook at Little Athletics Taree.