

Lansdowne Public School

Weekly Newsletter Number 27

Tuesday 3 September 2013

This week is Child Protection Week

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Uniform Amendment - We have had just over 35% of families respond to our survey on the amendments to the uniform code which would include the option to wear the sports top on any school day and to formally include tracksuit pants in the winter wear options. We will include the survey clipped to the front of this newsletter just to give the families who have not responded another opportunity to do so.

PROPOSED CHANGES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

- Add tracksuit pants to winter uniform for girls and boys
- Add to both boys and girls uniform that EITHER white polo shirt OR sports shirt can be worn

Join us tomorrow for LANSDOWNE CELEBRATES EDUCATION ~ Reminder of our program for tomorrow:

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** 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 - Thank you to staff, students and families for the engaged and positive way everyone participated in this very important educational partnership. There was lots of discussion of our Fast Maths support program which assists students in knowing how competent they are at instant recall of number facts. Many families ask how they can help their children at home and this is definitely a great place to start. Students can help learn their number facts by writing them on scrap paper or a whiteboard and trying to memorise the facts. The internet is a great place to find websites with fun and interactive games based on multiplication facts. Don't forget every student has a Mathletics website account that the school has purchased on their behalf. The Fast Maths sheet is then a valuable tool to find out how well the student knows the facts within a set time limit.

Raffle Tickets for Stage 3 Fundraiser - MUST BE RETURNED BY TOMORROW! The draw will be happening at the community lunch break.

The CHOOKS are STILL MISSING!!! - We have been informed that one of our precious chooks has been found and is seeking safe haven with one of our students. We hope some of her friends will also come forth and they can be reunited. Please keep a look out.

Kind regards,
Christine Wild

PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

NEIGHBOUR
Talk to your neighbours & take the time to build relationships with families in your street, apartment, building or community.

TEACHER
Engage students & families in school activities to create a shared space where children can learn & grow.

POLICE
Be approachable & involve yourself in community events to build trusting relationships with families, children & young people.

AUNT/UNCLE
Spend time with the children in your life. Make your influence positive.

DOCTOR/NURSE
Check in with parents & families on how things are going & link them to local services.

**PLAY YOUR PART
START A CONVERSATION TODAY**

**TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR ROLE
VISIT NAPCAN.ORG.AU**

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Following is a wonderful composition by Jay Rickett.
We thought this was worth sharing with everyone.

My Farm

As I walk out of my house the wind whispers away. The farm in the afternoon is like Heaven to me. It's silent and pleasant. It's where I could always be. The cows' soft chatter is carried through the air. The track leads to the creek.

The tractor roars as my Pop turns it on, it bellows and bellows as it starts to go. Faster, faster and faster it goes. The cows stop their chatter and give me a friendly moo. The grass rustles at my feet and the Eucalyptus trees swish and sway. The wind whispers away.

My eyes catch a tree falling to its doom. The sight of a bright green Eucalyptus tree takes my focus away from the cow, who has a calf. I notice the luxurious creek, water rushing down the stream, the heart of the land. Fresh running water catches the attention of a cow who slurps noisily.

My ears pick up the laughter of the colourful birds. They sing their song of pride and joy. A rabbit peacefully hops by, heading to its hole. It's scared by a hawk. The sound of running water never ends.

I catch the scent of a beautiful rose gleaming red with delight of being noticed. The sound of a hammer on nails draws me to the 100 year old house, also known as my home. The afternoon sun glares in my eyes as it says "Goodbye". My farm is a special place for the animals and me. It's my farm!

by Jay Rickett

P&C NEWS

Father's Day stall - Thank you for all your support and hope all our dads had a great day.

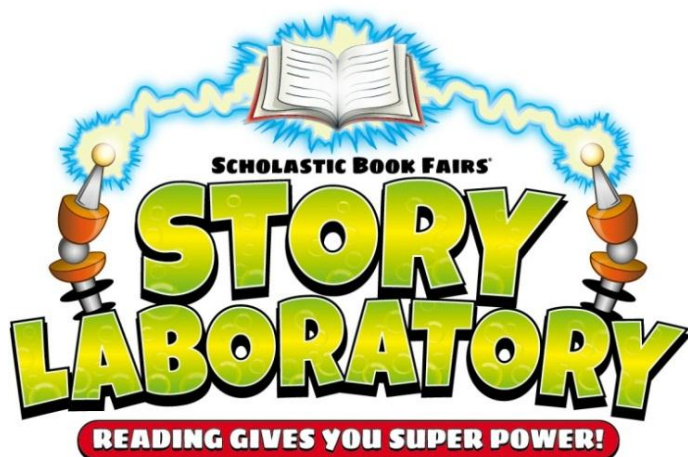
Election Day Market this Saturday 7th September, We are still accepting items for the stall on Saturday and thank you to all those who have sent items in already. Hoping that we get lots of cakes and slices on the morning. We need helpers on the day, even if only for an hour and we have lots of things for sale.... Computer monitors, shelving, books, clothes, ornaments, lots of other donations, too many to mention. But please send in more if you can and also come along on the day and have a look at what is for sale and support the P&C if you can.

OPEN DAY - Tomorrow is our Education Open Day. We will be having a community morning tea and a special lunch break. It would be appreciated if parents would please make a cake or slice or something savoury for the morning tea. Lunch will be Hot Dogs for \$2.50 and mixed sandwiches for \$2.00 per plate. Drinks as usual. Payment for Hot Dogs is on the day.

The Book Fair is also on so come and have a cuppa at the canteen and have a browse of the books for sale in the Library tomorrow.

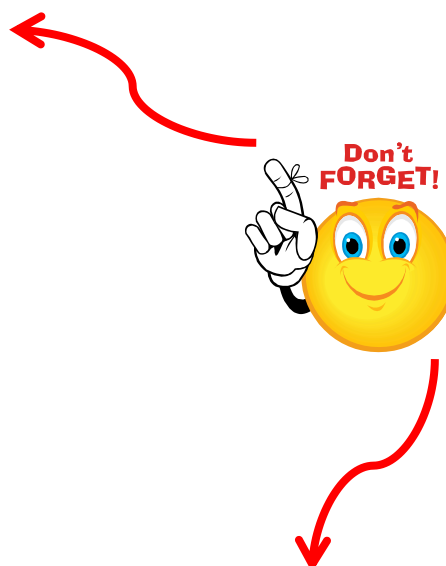
THANK YOU to Tanya McLaughlin - The P&C would like to say a huge thank you to one of our parents, Tanya McLaughlin, for the sizeable donation she has made to go towards the Whole School Swimming Program. The students, staff and Parents and Community really appreciate your thoughtfulness Tanya.

TERM 3 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER		
WEEK 8	Book Fair this Wednesday 4 September.... “Story Laboratory”	
	Wednesday 4 Sept.	OPEN DAY tomorrow, Wednesday 4 September (Choccie Raffle draw)
	Friday 6 September	PSSA Zone Touch Knockout
WEEK 9	Tuesday 10 September	Fire Safety Talks in the morning for K-2 then 3-6
	Wednes 11 September	56W at Chatham High School Orientation Day with Ms Richardson
	Thurs 12 September	Student of the Week Morning Tea with our P&C Canteen great caterers
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.
Term Holidays – Have a good break		
TERM 4 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER		
WEEK 1	Monday 7 October	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Labour Day
	Tuesday 8 October	Students return to commence work in Term 4



Don't forget our Book Fair at the school tomorrow, Wednesday 4 September, which is also our Education Open Day.

Come on over to the school library on our open day and purchase some fantastic books for your children at reasonable prices.



Comboyne Village Fair

Sunday 15 September 2013

For the kids

Fairground rides, pony rides, market stalls, food and treats. Face painting, crazy hair, skittles, sandpit and craft activities. Troppo Bob with four magic shows. Remote controlled helicopters and off-road 4WD racing.

www.comboynevillagefair.com



Much more for mums and dads!

Children free
Adults \$5

*Uniform Proposals Questionnaire is attached to the front of this newsletter:
If you did not return the slip last week could you please complete this one and return asap.*