

# Lansdowne Public School

Weekly Newsletter Number 4

Tuesday 18 February 2014

## Principal's Message



There is a great deal of  
information in this week's  
newsletter....  
Lots of reading!!

*Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,*

**Whole-school Assembly** - Is on this week and everyone is invited. Please come along if you can.

**District Swimming Carnival** - Well done to all our competitors! Mrs G reported high levels of enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Thank you to the families that offered transport to help our very large team participate.

**Playground and Positive Behaviours** - This week's safety focus is walking on concrete areas. Beau, our Minister for Sport and Leisure, made a terrific poster to help remind students about moving safely around the school. Beau and Billy will be watching our play times throughout the week and will nominate a student who has followed this message for a special prize.

**Senior Citizens Week Celebrations** - The local hall committee has generously invited us to a special celebration at the hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Our senior class will help set up the hall and then all students will enjoy talks from our town's senior residents about the many changes Lansdowne has seen over the years. We will then join them for a morning tea.

**P & C Meeting** - Our first meeting will be tonight in 56W room at 6:00pm.

Please come along if you can.

**Scripture** - Our scripture classes start today and will be held from 10:30 - 11:00 am.

KG ~ Mrs Everingham

12B ~ Mrs Archer

34P ~ Father Steve

56W ~ Pastor David

**Family Information Updates** - During the next few days we will be sending home a form for you to complete to update student contact information and family employment information. Both are extremely important and we would ask that you return the form in the envelope provided. All information remains confidential and is used to determine some of our school's funding entitlement.

**Personalised Learning Plans and 3-Way Conferences** - We have scheduled these for Thursday and Friday of week 6, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Robinson has developed a timetable.

Please check and if these times don't suit we can arrange an alternative. It is important that the acceptance or change requests are returned so we can finalise timetables.

**BOTH THE INFORMATION UPDATE AND CONFERENCE ACCEPTANCE/CHANGE REQUEST CAN BE RETURNED IN THE SAME ENVELOPE IN WHICH THEY ARE PROVIDED.**

I will run a reward incentive prize draw to encourage students to return their family's information.

**Mrs Janine Stephen** - will be working with 56W on Fridays for the rest of the term.

She will also be in on Mondays to team teach with me.

Have a fantastic week everyone.

*Kind regards, Christine Wild*

## P&C NEWSLETTER

**P&C MEETING** – The first meeting of the Lansdowne School P&C for 2014 will be held this evening, Tuesday 18 February commencing at 6.00pm. The meeting will be held in the Seniors' classroom and everyone is very welcome to come along as there will be a lot of planning for the school year and everyone's input is always appreciated.

**A BIG THANK YOU** - to Michelle Williams as she will be doing the Coles shopping for our "Crunch and Sip" and Breakfast programs. Michelle is taking over this major task from Mrs Gilchrist, who did all our shopping last year.

**P&C RAFFLE** – the raffle tickets need to be back at school sold or unsold by next Monday 24 February please. Tickets are only \$1 each and prize is a Bunnings Voucher valued at \$100. Only a few tickets have been returned to the school so far so could you please see if you can sell as many tickets as possible to friends, neighbours and family and return them to the school before next Monday. Extra tickets are available at the school office.

**DONATIONS** – A reminder that donations of fresh fruit, vegetables, cereals, ingredients or anything that can be used in the school canteen is always appreciated. I can promise you that any and all donations will be put to good use. Items can be left at the canteen on Mondays or Fridays or at the school office anytime.

**CANTEEN** – Some wonderful mums and grandmothers have put their names in to help with canteen. However, more helpers are always a blessing, especially with the Break 1 time. If anyone else would like to help out if only up to the first break it would be appreciated. I am always in the canteen on Monday and Fridays, so come along and have a cuppa and see what we do in the canteen. You can have a firsthand look at what is involved. It is not hard work and the more hands we have the easier it is.

### 2014.....TERM 1 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WEEK 4	Tuesday 18 February	<b>P&amp;C Meeting to be held at the school</b> commencing at 6.00pm. All welcome.
	Wednes 19 February	<b>Whole School Assembly</b> commencing at 2.20pm. All community welcome
WEEK 6	Wednes 5 March	<b>Whole School Assembly</b> commencing at 2.20pm. All community welcome
	Thursday 6 March	<b>PLP and 3 Way Conferences</b>
	Friday 7 March	<b>PLP and 3 Way Conferences</b>
WEEK 8	Tuesday 18 March	<b>10.00am – Senior Citizens' Celebrations at the Lansdowne Hall</b> Our children will all be attending and taking part in small group workshops <b>P&amp;C Meeting to be held at the school</b> commencing at 6.00pm. All welcome.
	Wednes 19 March	<b>Lansdowne Public School Cross Country Carnival</b>
WEEK 9	Friday 28 March	<b>Lansdowne Small Schools PSSA Cross Country Carnival</b>

### COMMUNITY NEWS:

#### LANSDOWNE LIONS SOCCER CLUB

'40 Years of Football in 2014' Register Now!

Online @ [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) or contact Carol Potts on 0428567063  
Pay Direct or Online before 28/2/14. Bank Details CBA bsb: 062603 acc: 10456645  
Ages 5-7 **\$70** 8-11 **\$95** 12-18 **\$110** Seniors **\$200**  
Coaches, Managers and Volunteers also welcome



#### Taree City Netball Club – 2014 Registrations

Tuesday 18 February from 4.00pm to 6.00pm  
Thursday 20 February from 4.00pm to 6.00pm  
AT THE NETBALL COURTS BLIGH ST TAREE.  
Further Enquiries from Kelly on 0412 202 145  
Or email her on [tareecitynetballclub@hotmail.com](mailto:tareecitynetballclub@hotmail.com)



#### Harrington Netball Club Registrations

There will be another Registration Afternoon on  
Wednesday 19 February from 3.00pm to 4.00pm  
At Harrington Public School.  
Anyone in our surrounding area is invited to join  
Information: Mrs Woodward on 02 6556 1267

We have received information from the **Rural and Remote Education Blueprint for Action**, a NSW Government Initiative, which we have been asked to pass on to our parents and carers of our 2014 Year 6 students.

Please find attached a letter for our families to follow up on if they are interested.

This is an online selection process and there is a closing date so take care to complete all steps before 28/2/14.

Also attached to the newsletter is a small brochure with information about a free family friendly event, **"Cinema Under the Stars"** to be held at Forster at 5.30pm on Saturday 1 March 2014.



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## ***LETTER FROM THE RURAL AND REMOTE EDUCATION UNIT***

Dear Parents and Carers at Lansdowne Public School

Applications for Year 7, 2015 entry to the virtual selective class provision are now available for gifted and talented students at this school.

Students successful for entry to this virtual class will be enrolled at a local class for the majority of their subjects but will be taught English, mathematics and science in a virtual environment together with other gifted and talented students in rural and remote areas through the creative use of communications technologies. This means that they can access a challenging academic program without leaving home and friends to do so. Further details are available on the following web sites:

[http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss\\_virtual.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/ss_virtual.php)

<http://www.xsel.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

If you wish to apply for this provision on behalf of your child you will need to complete an online application at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) urgently.

Although the web site indicates that these are late applications they will not be considered late by the selection committees if you apply before 28 February 2014.

All candidates for the virtual selective class provision must take the Selective High School Placement Test on 13 March 2014 and you will be advised directly by the High Performing Students Unit about the test centre you will have to take your child to.

If you have already applied for a selective high school on behalf of your child and now wish to change one of your choices to the virtual selective class provision, **please do not complete another application** but write directly to the Unit to make that change.

If you do not have access to the Internet please contact Lansdowne Public School for assistance.

Yours sincerely

Christine Wild  
Principal