

# Lansdowne Public School

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Some of our children getting ready for their events at the Lansdowne School Cross Country last week. Logan Bradley, Thomas Newman, Kaleb Ryan and Hayden Callaghan line up ready for a run.



Daisy Wares and Shtiki Baker ready to run for Waratah



Students of the Week at last week's Assembly: Hayley Callaghan, Makenzie Sunderland and Beau Williams

## Principal's Message

*Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,*

It is hard to believe the term is nearly over with still so much to do and look forward to.

### *Cross Country*

What a wonderful day we had even though the weather was quite hot, with the rain the next day I would say we had a lucky escape. There were so many family members here to support and again thank you to Margaret and her helpers for our delicious treats.

The staff have been discussing ways in which we could improve fitness levels of students and so next term we will trial fitness sessions for K-6 just before break 1.

Good luck to our 27 competitors who are participating at Coopers Creek this Friday. Mr Price will be managing the team on the day. At the conclusion of the carnival all students should return to school. If you are taking your child home please let Mr Price know so he can inform the office. Mrs Stephen will supervise 56W and Mr Price will supervise 34P after the 2<sup>nd</sup> break at 1:45pm.

### *Staff Professional Learning*

For the next two Wednesdays all teachers will be involved in training in criteria marking of writing work samples. I will be running the training in the library.

I will also be out of the school next Monday as I attend NSW Teachers Federation Principal Conference. Mrs Stephen will be relieving on 56W.

*Kind regards,*

*Christine Wild*

## STUDENTS WHO WON AWARDS AT OUR ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK:

**Class KG:** Student of the Week Award was won by Beau Williams for his excellent effort in all areas. Merit Awards were won by Logan Bradley for always writing his name neatly and Kaleb Ryan for improved effort in task completion. The Fast Maths Award was won by Hayden Callaghan for trying hard in maths and the Artist Award went to Thomas Newman for his wonderful triangle collage.

**Class 12B:** Student of the Week Certificate was presented to Savannah Bell for her excellent efforts in literacy. Merit Certificates went to Brendan James for his terrific effort in maths and Caleb James for extra effort in his presentation of his work. The Fast Maths Award went to Savannah Bell for her sustained effort and success in fast maths and the Artist of the Week was William Moss for his wonderful Gruffalo forest picture.

**Class 34P:** Student of the Week Certificate went to Hayley Callaghan for her excellent work in all areas. Class Merit Awards were presented to Kaios Baker for trying hard to complete work and Bantiva Baker for excellent work in literacy. The Fast Maths Certificate went to Madison Gill for progressing 5 levels and the Artist of the Week Certificate was presented to Indira Ryan for her portrait of Mrs Cuddles.

**Class 56W:** Student of the Week Award was won by Makenzie Sunderland for a committed effort to team work. Ryan Moore won a merit certificate for improved positive attitude to his school work and also Emily McLaughlin won a Merit Award for trying hard to bring positive attitude to all aspects of school. The Fast Maths Award went to Mitchell Lunney for encouragement to go hard in fast maths and Shani Bell won the Artist Certificate for her good design with hatching and decoration.

**GOLD AWARDS:** Jessica Pike won her Gold+2 Award and Connor Potts his Gold Certificate. Well done!



Jessica Pike and Connor Potts won Gold Awards



Merit Certificate Winners: Savannah Bell, Caleb James, Brendan James, Logan Bradley, Kaleb Ryan, Hayden Callaghan, Emily McLaughlin and Mitchell Lunney



Talented Artists: William Moss, Indira Ryan, Shani Bell and Thomas Newman



## P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – was held last week and the following people were elected to positions: Jayne Stuart was re-elected as President, Margaret Haddon re-elected as Secretary, Katie Harges is Vice President and Rebecca Moore will resume the position of Treasurer at the next P&C meeting. Margaret is once again the Canteen Manager.

We are looking for someone to take up the position of Uniform Co-ordinator. There is not much work involved so if someone would like to take it on please let Margaret know so you can discuss what is involved.

The Next P&C Meeting will be held on 19 May at the school, commencing at 6.00pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**BIG THANK YOU** –to everyone who sent in cakes and slices and helped in the canteen and barbeque on the day of our school cross country carnival. Your help was very much appreciated and there was quite a lot of laughter going on in the canteen on the day.

2014.....TERM 1 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER		
WEEK 9	Friday 28 March	<b>Lansdowne Small Schools PSSA Cross Country Carnival</b> for those children who qualified after our own carnival. Notes have been sent home and we need these to be returned tomorrow so we can organise transport please. This will be at Coopernook and Mr Price will be attending.
WEEK 10	Wednes 2 April	<b>Whole School Assembly</b> commencing at 2.20pm. All community welcome
WEEK 11	Wednes 9 April	<b>Science Challenge Day for Stage 3 Students</b>
	Thursday 10 April	<b>Student of the Week Morning Tea for Term 1</b>
	Friday 11 April	<b>ANZAC TALK at 9.00am</b> with a representative from the Taree RSL Club. This is the last day of school for Term 1
2014.....TERM 2 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER		
WEEK 1	Monday 28 April	<b>Staff Development Day for all staff</b> – this is a pupil free day
	Tuesday 29 April	<b>Students Return</b> to commence studies for Term 2

### STUDENTS WHO ARE PROGRESSING TO THE LANSDOWNE PSSA CROSS COUNTRY AT COOPERNOOK THIS FRIDAY 28 MARCH:

**8/9 Girls:** Indira Ryan, Daisy Wares, Alana Goodwin and Nyah Roberts

**8/9 Boys:** Connor Potts, Kaios Baker, Zach Nielsen and William Moss

**10 Girls:** Katlyn O'Connor, Liberty Wares, Hayley Potts and Shani Bell

**10 Boys:** Bailey Knott, Bantiva Baker, Kyle Leet and Wyatt Goodwin

**11 Girls:** Makenzie Sunderland and Emily McLaughlin

**11 Boys:** Blake Atkins, Kokoda Baker, Jacob Moss and Mitchell Lunney

**12/13 Girls:** Tabitha Wares and Ashley Newman

**12/13 Boys:** Logan Sunderland, Beau Evans and James Morrison

Mr Price will accompany our students and we hope you all have a wonderful day at Coopernook.

Be careful of Heartbreak Hill and don't forget to be there at 9.00am to walk the course. This is now compulsory for all competitors as part of WHS Regulations.

### Community News:

- This is a **message to our parents** from the Deputy Principal of Chatham High School, 20 March 2014. "Dear North Manning Learning Community partner schools, Please accept our warmest thanks for your continued support of Chatham High School. The recent EXPO Open Evening proved to be a worthwhile and positive experience for our prospective parents, carers and students. Over 150 people attended the evening. The feedback we received was very positive and our teachers enjoyed it as much as our guests. Peter Denton also reinforced this message by his positive statement on 2RE, looking forward to his child starting at Chatham High School next year. We look forward to continuing our successful partnership that benefits all of our school communities".

Kind regards, *Manfred Sonntag, Deputy Principal, Chatham High School*  
*"You won't know 'til you have a go"*

- HARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE/MARKETS DAY** – This will be held on Sunday 30 March, end of this week! Come along to the Harrington Public School grounds in High Street Harrington from 8.00am to 2.00pm. There will be many and varied stalls: art, craft, food, homewares, games, clothing, jumping castle, auctions, rides, psychic readings and much more. We are raising funds for Years 3 to 6 students to attend an excursion to Coffs Harbour and also to purchase additional school resources for Kindergarten to Year 2 students. Please come along and support our day. There will be plenty of things to see and do to keep you busy. For more information please ring the Harrington Public School.
- Attachment to this newsletter** – Letter to Parents explaining the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014 for students in Years 3 and 5. (NAPLAN 2014)  
Please read this information and if you have any questions about this annual assessment program for children in Year 3 and Year 5, please see our Principal Mrs Wild.

# National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

## LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

TUESDAY 13 MAY	WEDNESDAY 14 MAY	THURSDAY 15 MAY
<b>Language Conventions</b> (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)  <b>Writing</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Numeracy</b> (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent\\_Carer\\_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).