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### Principal’s Message

**Cross Country – change of date**

Please note that due to wet weather being forecast for Friday and most of next week, we are changing the Cross Country to tomorrow, Thursday 3rd April. It will begin at 11:30 am. We apologise for the late notice but feel this decision is in the best interest of all the children.

**Skoolbag App**

We have 39 families utilising the new Skoolbag App on their i-phone. I have purchased this App and hopefully by Friday it will be available for all android users as well. The feedback received has been very positive.

Today I could push a notification alert out to all users about the cross country tomorrow and I was very happy that within 10 minutes of this a parent phoned to let us know she had received the alert and to confirm a time. It is great to have such a quick and convenient way to communicate with parents.

**Late Arrivals and Student Absences**

Our start time here at Lake South is 8:40 am. Students need to be here by the bell each day. If your child is late you must accompany them to the office or provide a note of explanation. When children are late to school their arrival time is noted for legal reasons. Students who are consistently late are monitored and often referred to the Home School Liaison Officer. Did you know that if your child is 10 minutes late each day, this equals nearly 6 full days in a school year. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.

If your child is absent from school you must provide a note of explanation and it must be returned to school. For absences of three days or more where the student is sick, a Doctor’s Certificate is required. If you are intending to go on holidays, please notify the office prior to your holiday in writing. For long absences you will need to seek pre approval and an exemption form. We are legally required to monitor and report on student absences. If your child is absent from school on a consistent basis without reason, you may be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer. Please ensure your child is attending school regularly. If you have any questions about your child’s absence record, please see Mrs Piggott.

**Annual School Report**

The 2013 ASR is now available for viewing on our school website.

Have a great week.

* Please check out the back page of this newsletter for important information *
LAKE ILLAWARRA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY 2014

**When:** Thursday 3rd April 2014  **From 11.30 am** starting with Kinder, then in this order:-
7 yr’s, 8/9yr’s, 10 yr’s, 11 yr’s and 12/13 yr’s  **Weather Permitting**

**Where:** School Grounds

**What to Bring:**
- Wear House group coloured T-shirt
- Wear Hat and sunscreen
- Wear Comfortable shoes to run in
- Drink Bottle of water

We are running our Cross Country on Thursday 3rd April 2014 (weather permitting).
The course will be on the school grounds. In the case of wet weather, the scheduled back-up carnival will be Tuesday 8th April.

It is hoped that all children from K - 6 will participate in our school’s Annual Cross Country.

Children need not push themselves beyond their abilities. Anything from a brisk walk to an enthusiastic jog is acceptable. It is hoped that parents will encourage their children to participate and enjoy themselves.

S Fuller (Sport Co-ordinator)
Thank you for your continuing support of Lake Illawarra South Public School

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**GOTCHA**

**Weekly Class Winners**

For week ending 28/3/14

- Jayden C  K/1GC
- Tiffany T  KW
- Tahlia R  1/2E
- Paige P  1/2P
- Anton C  2B
- Riley M  3/4F
- Blake B  3/4O
- Liam K  4/5S
- Ky R  5/6H
- Reece C  5/6R
- Anton C  Canteen Voucher Winner
- Laura C  Movie Voucher Winner

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**EASTER HAT MAKING AND PARADE**

Wednesday 9th April 2014

The children in K/1GC, KW, 1/2E, 1/2P & 2B will be participating in our Easter Hat making and Parade on Wednesday 9th April.

Parents and Carers are invited to come to our classrooms at 11.10am to assist the children in making their hats. They will then parade them in the COLA at 12.00pm.

Pre school children are also invited to participate in the parade. The children in K - 2 classes can wear sensible play clothes - ie a Mufti day.

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**EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS**

Tickets have been sent home, for our HUGE EASTER RAFFLE.

After returning books of ‘Sold’ tickets, extra books may be picked up from the Office.

We ask that books of ‘unsold’ tickets be returned to school please.

Please place tickets and money in an envelope with your child’s NAME, CLASS and amount of money, clearly written on the front.

Please return all tickets by Monday 7th April.

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**THANKYOU**

A Big Thankyou to the 4 Mums (Antoinetta Coppola, Tanya Debono, Sharon Kerr and Jaime Teal) who came on Monday afternoon to make the Easter baskets.

We have a large number of beautiful baskets for the raffle, so make sure you bring your tickets to school to be in the draw.

T’Gallagher/C Cooper

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**GOTCHA AWARD DAY**

All the staff are very pleased to announce that the children at L.I.S.P.S. have earned enough GOTCHA awards to have a REWARD DAY!

This Friday 4th April we are having a pyjama and movie day.

The children will be watching “Despicable Me” in the Hall. There will be two sessions: K - 2 (9am - 10.30am) and Yr’s 3 - 6 (11.30am - 1pm).

Due to the reward session there will be no Assembly this week.

Well done to all our students, wear your pyjamas, bring a pillow or cushion and be prepared for a great day!!!!

The children may bring one packet of chips or popcorn (no chocolate or lollies).

Please wear proper shoes. You may wear slippers in class only.

Mrs Perceval

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Students should not enter the school grounds until 8.15am
- The School Office is opened at 8.15am
- Students must be collected from school by 2.40pm
- Parents must send in a note when students are Absent or Late.
- Notify the office of any changes to phone numbers or address
- Pets are not permitted on the school grounds

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**Excursions and Incursions**

As part of our school program, children will have the opportunity to attend both excursions and events outside the school and incursions and events inside the school. Attendance at these events requires parental/guardian permission and in most cases an associated cost. If at any time a parent or guardian is experiencing financial difficulties and there is an event you wish your child to attend, please contact Mrs Piggott where a payment plan can be arranged.

There is a closing date for all excursions. **For all future excursions the closing date will be one week prior to the event.** After this date, children who have not returned their note and money (unless a previous arrangement has been made) will not be able to attend.

It is the **school’s responsibility** to:

- Ensure notes are prepared in time to give parents and guardians sufficient notice about an excursion/incursion
- Monitor the return of notes and money
- Remind students who have not returned notes and provide additional notes or information if required

It is the **student’s responsibility** to:

- Ensure notes are given to parents/guardians when they receive them
- Talk to their parents/guardians about the excursion/incursion
- Return their note and money to the class teacher by the due date
- Ask for a second note if they cannot find the original

We are currently working towards ensuring that all permission notes are attached to the school website. If your child has an excursion and you can’t find the note, please go to the website, click on Permission Notes where you will be able to download the information.

If you have any questions regarding excursions please speak with your child’s teacher or make an appointment with Mrs Piggott.

Thankyou