Welcome to our first newsletter for 2015. It has been an exciting first week back!
We have been very fortunate in being able to move into our new classes very quickly this year. We hope to maintain these. The following are our classes for 2015:

**KM** – Miss McGowan  
**KP** – Mrs Perceval  
**1/2B** - Ms Bowden  
**1/2T** - Mr Shannon  
**2H** - Miss Hale  
**3S** - Mrs Silvey  
**3/4R** – Mrs Sewell  
**4/5G** – Mrs Gibson Dean  
**5/6K** – Miss Koerner  
**5/6O** – Miss Olender  

**Library & Reading Recovery** - Ms Sue Lewis  
**Learning and Support** - Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Hockey  
**Senior Administration Manager** - Mrs Gina Kampas  
**Office Staff** - Ms Gaby Mayo – front Office  

This will be the one and only printed newsletter in 2015. From next week we will return to our online access of the school newsletter. You can download the Skoolbag App on your smart phone and also access the newsletter weekly via our school website:  
http://www.lakeillaws-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Kinder
Our new Kinder students began on Monday and have settled into the school routines very well. The parents and caregivers held it together on Monday and I believe a cup of tea and Freddo Frog was the order of the day when a last wave was given at the classroom door.

School Calendar
We are working to improve the way we communicate planned activities to parents. With this newsletter I have included a printed Term One Calendar. We have added all planned activities that we know about for the term. This can be kept on your fridge at home to help you plan. A more up to date calendar will be available through our school website and also through our Skoolbag App. Please note that sometimes we need to make changes and add additional information as it comes to light. The electronic calendar should be available from next week.

Meet the Teachers
A green note went out yesterday for our Meet the Teachers afternoon next week. It will be held at school between 3:00-5:00pm. Child minding is available for school aged children.

Canteen
Please read the very important Canteen information further on in this newsletter.

Have a great week!!
When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Wednesday 18th March 2015

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night. Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
The St George Illawarra Dragons are taking some time out of their pre-season training to visit our school on Thursday 19th February, as part of the NRL Community Carnival.

A contingent of 14 Dragons players dispersed on schools to present the game's powerful “Tackle Bullying” program, through an interactive whole school assembly, which will be delivered to 300,000 children across Australia over the coming weeks.

Dragon’s lock, Trent Merrin, was amongst those in the community spreading the message as well as opening up about his experiences dealing with bullies.

His story has been transformed into a practical lesson plan that helps children identify the signs of bullying and was delivered by the Dragons.

The Dragons will continue championing the Community Carnival and the “Tackle Bullying” Program over the coming weeks by visiting schools within the Bega, Illawarra, South Coast and St George regions respectively.

We thank them for their valuable time given to our students.

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**P&C NEWS**

The P&C will be holding their first meeting for 2015 on Monday night 9th February in the school Library at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

At these meetings, we discuss fundraising that we would like to hold throughout the year, any concerns parents would like to raise, and ways the P&C can assist the school.

It would be good to see new faces, we hope to see a good turnout in support of these new meetings.

Thanking you in advance and look forward to seeing you.

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**SPORT NEWS**

Beginning in Week 5 on Tuesday 24/2/15, Miss Hale and Miss Olender will be holding a Cross Country Session on Tuesday mornings, starting at 7.50am in preparation for the Cross Country which will be held in Week 9 (5 weeks training).

Please make sure students are only dropped off from 7.50am to the front gate, we will open this gate.

Participants can wear comfortable clothes but will need to make sure that they bring their full school uniform to get changed into.

The students will need to get changed straight after the training session ready for school.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Miss Hale & Miss Olender

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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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Thank you for your continuing support of Lake Illawarra South Public School

Oak Flats & Shellharbour
Community Bank® branches
Canteen

Our school canteen is currently closed. We need volunteers to work in the canteen on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please complete the short survey and include your availability to volunteer in the canteen. Without volunteers, the P&C will not run a canteen in 2015. Volunteers don’t need to work a whole day. Please indicate what you would be able to do.

If volunteers are not available, I will convene a meeting separate to the P&C to make some final decisions about the canteen’s future.

How often do you use the canteen?

☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Recess ☐ Lunch ☐ Never

Are you able to volunteer to work in the canteen? Yes / No

Name: ______________________________

Availability: ___________________________________________________________

If it was on a volunteer basis would you be willing to be part of a canteen committee?

☐ Yes ☐ No
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