THE NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 4

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NEWSLETTER

You can do it!

The newsletter is available on the school website, go to: www.lakeillaws-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Principals Message

Reward System 2015

We are currently evaluating and reviewing our welfare policy and reward system at Lake Illawarra South Public School. This review began in 2014 where we introduced the three school values of Safety, Respect, and Responsibility.

This year we are making changes to our reward system at school. These changes will be made throughout the year and there will be a time of transition between the current rewards and a new system that is aligned with our school values.

What will this look like?

Star Awards and Job of a Student awards will still be given in Term One and Term Two. By the beginning of Term Three, these awards will be replaced by awards expressly related to our school values.

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards and 10, 20 & 30 Star Awards will no longer be presented at the K-6 assembly. If children receive these awards, they will be presented at either the K-2 Assembly or Recess Assembly for 3-6 students in Term One and Two only.

Each week, merit certificates will be presented in the K-6 Assembly on Friday. This will begin in Week 5. Students will be recognised for their achievements across a range of areas. Student names will be in the school newsletter each Wednesday if they are receiving an award on the Friday. We will trial this new merit presentation for Terms One and Two and will adjust if necessary.

There will no longer be a Recognition Assembly at the end of each term. There will be a Presentation Day K-6 at the conclusion of the school year in Term 4.

Gotchas will stay in place and each week a student will be “drawn” from weekly class winners and the whole school barrel. There will be two prizes – a bouncy ball for the overall class winner and a movie ticket for the whole school weekly winner.

Through our reward system review, we are continuing to build on a positive framework where our school values of Safety, Respect and Responsibility are demonstrated through everything children do at school.

If you have any questions or comments, please come and see, email or write a note to Mrs Piggott.

Canteen News

On Monday we had our canteen meeting. I would like to thank the three parents who came to discuss the future of our school canteen. While we have had volunteers come forward, it is not enough to sustain the running of the school canteen long term. I have sent home a survey today to every family that needs to be returned by Wednesday 25th February. There will be three options, attempt to lease the canteen, have special days – eg a pie day or an icee day every few weeks or close the canteen. If leasing is to become a viable option, we need the majority of families to return the survey and indicate this.

Have a wonderful week!!
Sports News

Term 1 has started with a rush of sporting events! Last Tuesday over 40 Lake South students competed in our annual school Swimming Carnival. It was great to see so many students involved and what an excellent day it was. Over 20 students were selected to go onto the Mid South Carnival last Friday. All the best to those students who have now been selected to represent the District at the Regional carnival on March the 6th at Dapto.

CONGRATULATIONS to our overall swimming champions.

Junior Girl Champion- Kelly Blair
Junior Boy Champion- Max Subotic

11yr Girl Champion- Jorja Haddon
11yr Boy Champion- Reef Ashburner

Senior Boy Champion- Will Starling
Senior Girl Champion- Sadi Malakooti

We have also had some students selected to attend the Illawarra Zone sports trials in Cricket (Robbie Hodgson) and AFL (Ryan Dragarski). There is a wide variety of trials still to come for those students in Stage 3 this term.

Our Cross Country carnival is fast approaching; don’t forget we will be holding training on Tuesday morning from 7.50am, starting next week.

Well done & good luck to all sports people.

Miss Hale

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

SALE! SALE! SALE!

Old Polo shirts and Sport shirts are now on Sale for $10 each.

The Uniform shop will be open this Thursday 19/2/15, but will be closed on Monday 23/2/15. It will then be open on Thursday 26/2/15, and operating as normal after next week.

Thankyou Anne Roberts (Uniform Co-ordinator)
MUSIC LESSONS

Please be advised that music lessons for this Thursday 19th February have been cancelled, due to the Dragons visit.

Thankyou

PAYMENTS

Please be advised, that all money for excursions etc., needs to be in an envelope, clearly marked with the child's name, class and activity on it, with the correct money. We do not hold money at the office and therefore, do not have change to give, at any time.

All payments need to go into the money folders, which are held by the class teachers. All payments need to be in by the Due Date.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Road safety

Key points to remember around schools

2 Driving near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.

This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wиг wag lights on the bus flash.

Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.

As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h.

Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

3 On and off the bus safely

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk.

Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) At the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.

Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.

STOP! One step back from the kerb.

LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.

LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.

Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.

While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb.

Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.

Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
Thank you for your continuing support of Lake Illawarra South Public School

**Key points to remember around schools**

**Hold your child’s hand**

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath.
- in the car park.
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

**Helmet and safety on wheels**

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

**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.
As we are having difficulty maintaining volunteers and a canteen coordinator, we need to make a decision as a school community about the future of our canteen.

Currently it is run by the P&C in a voluntary capacity. Running the canteen is a full time job and requires a coordinator to timetable volunteers, order products, liaise with companies and plan menus. The canteen does not make enough money for the P&C to put a paid coordinator into this role full time. Currently any profits made are returned to the P&C.

The P&C is looking to lease the school canteen to an external provider. By doing this, the school liaises and establishes the lease where running costs are covered by the lease, and any profits are returned to the external provider. In a lease, the P&C no longer coordinates the canteen as it becomes a school responsibility.

We hope that we will be able to continue to provide a canteen in some form at Lake Illawarra South. It is important that we receive your feedback so we can make collaborative decisions.

Survey is printed on the back of this note. Please return this survey by Wednesday, 25th February

Thank you.

Jacqui Piggott
Principal
Please circle or tick the best response.
If you have 2 or more children at the school, please circle all relevant years.

Kinder       Year One       Year Two       Year Three     Year Four     Year Five     Year Six

How do you rate our school canteen:

☐ Excellent    ☐ OK    ☐ Poor

How often do you use the canteen?

☐ Daily   ☐ Once per week   ☐ A few times each week   ☐ Never

Which days do you use the canteen?

Wednesday    Thursday    Friday

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

How should the canteen be run?

☐ Outsourced (lease) - external provider, managed by the school
  Canteen will only be available Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Lease costs must
  cover electricity, water and replacing equipment in the canteen. P&C no longer
  coordinates canteen.

☐ Single, one off special days - eg a pie day, icee day - run by parent
  volunteers and advertised through school newsletter as a planned event. Money
  raised is returned to the school via the P&C. Regular canteen days and lunches
  will not be provided.

☐ Close the canteen

Comments: