Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final Newsletter for 2013, which is filled with reflections of the school year from every class. We know that our students are keen to share them with you.

2014 has been very exciting with many achievements and memories. This is the week that we formally recognised all of our students’ achievements at our Presentation Assembly. Congratulations to the students who received academic, sporting and extra-curricular awards. We also announced our 2014 Captains and Vice-Captains. We welcome Chloe Lovegrove, Tyler Manua, Andrew Anae and Batul Dennaoui, who will lead our student body next year and thank our outgoing Captains for their dedication and commitment to their role this year.

We would like to thank our school community for your generous support towards our Annual School Raffle. As you are aware, there were 76 prizes drawn and we thank the businesses and individuals who kindly donated the fantastic prizes. We extend our gratitude to Mrs Leanne Hedger, Mrs Jodie Dearne, Mrs Meyer and Mrs Jamil Fares for their persistence and organisation with this important fundraising event. We are pleased to announce that the raffle raised $2083.20 and these funds will go toward purchasing a pod of iPads in order to support student learning.

Farewell

Often at this time of year we have to say goodbye to some of our staff members. Mrs Julie Petrie has worked in our Preschool for many years and has been on leave for the majority of this year. We wish her all the very best in her retirement and thank her for her commitment and dedication to the youngest students of Lurnea Public School. We also wish Mrs Robina Maharaj and Mrs Kelli Blanchette all the very best as they welcome their babies into their families.

Thank You

We would like to thank all of our students for striving to be the best they can possibility be and ensuring that they follow our school motto of being a safe, respectful learner. It gives us great pleasure in seeing each and every one of you develop a life-long love of learning.
As always, we would like to acknowledge our amazing staff. We are extremely fortunate to lead a group of such talented and committed professionals. Our staff consistently dedicate their time and effort to ensuring that all students’ individual needs are met and that teaching and learning programs are delivered to a high standard. Our school is a better place because of each of you!

Preschool Graduation
A big thanks to Ms McEvoy, Mrs Grayson and Mr Plumridge. Not only this week with graduation but throughout the year have made impressive improvements to our preschool in line with the Early Learning Years Framework. Big thanks to our parents, carers and friends of preschool for your continued support..... It is certainly a place of being, becoming and belonging. We look forward to meeting new families in 2014.

And finally to you, our community, without your continued support and valued input, many of our innovative programs would not be the success they have been. As our logo represents - the three main stakeholders in a child’s schooling is the child, the teacher and the parent. A strong home and school relationship is vital for a positive school experience for a child.

Happy Holidays!

Have a safe and relaxing break with your loved ones! We have thoroughly enjoyed leading our great school while Mr Sim has been on leave this term. See you in 2014 for another fantastic year at Lurnea Public School!

Lauren Dunlop and Lisa Stipanovic
Relieving Principals

Raffle Update!
The 2013 Annual Raffle set out with the objective of raising money in order to provide more opportunities for the students in regards to their learning. The school staff and the community banded together in order for the raffle to reach its objective.

Due to all the organisers and the enthusiastic support of the community, this year’s raffle was a wonderful success. I would like to thank Jodie Deame and Natalie Constable for their continuous support and efforts with sourcing prizes, the total amount of donated prizes was 76, what an amazing outcome! With your support we were able to raise over $2000 which will go towards purchasing iPads for the students. I would also like to say thank you to all the businesses that donated prizes and to all that supported the school by purchasing raffle tickets.

Lurnea Public School students showed their support by selling raffle books; this participation was motivated as the student that sold the most raffle books received an iPod shuffle. Each raffle book that was sold by a student automatically went into the draw to win another iPod shuffle. The winners of the student incentive were Taylah Jessop and Rachel Walter. Congratulations to all our winners for the 2013 Annual Raffle and we look forward to another school fundraiser.

Jamily Fares
Community Liaison Officer
2013- A Year in Review

From Kindergarten to Year 6, our students and teachers have worked hard from start to finish! In their own ways, they have reflected on 2013 and the learning that happened in their classrooms. We hope you have enjoyed the journey with us this year – we certainly have!
2013 saw 5/6T on the beginning of the journey of preparation for high school for the Year 6 students and the beginning of new relationships for the Year 5 students. We settled in with Mrs Velardi very quickly. She had high expectations for us. And now that it's almost the end of the year our learning is almost complete. Even though she said we still have lots to learn. In Term 1 we met Chris Olsen who came to give us a unique Antarctica experience without visiting that unique pristine land. Mr Plumridge was one of the new members of staff at LPS in 2013 and he came to teach us when Mrs Velardi was getting professionally developed to improve our learning.

She always had that famous question for us “What is the social skill of the week?” We developed our leadership skills and responsibility in learning. In particular we became responsible for our learning when we took on the new roles in Reciprocal Reading. This made us confident in our learning. Mrs Velardi always reminded us that everything we learnt was of great importance and that we would definitely use it when we left high school.

We had many support staff visit our room. Miss Thomas always came in for one reason or another. She was always proud of what we were doing, whether it was reading or writing. Another visitor to our classroom was Mrs LLoyd. She came with lots of knowledge about how to support and teacher students who had English as their second language. However, she always helped all of us. Jade even made her cry with a particular piece of writing about whaling in Antarctica. We also welcomed Mrs Barilla and all the other support staff.

We continued to improve our writing throughout the year. Some of our writing was included in the school newsletter on many occasions. We sometimes thought that writing was Mrs Velardi’s favourite thing to teach, but we soon realised that she was passionate about teaching all subjects to prepare us for our life beyond school.

The beginning of Term 2 we said good bye to Andrew. We hope he has enjoyed his new school. We learnt about lots of different topics. We went panning for Gold and EUREKA we struck it rich in our learning. Then in Term 3 we said good bye to William and welcomed Corey. We learnt about Democracy and Government and we visited State Parliament House in the city. We performed a mock sitting of parliament and Joshua was the Speaker in the House of Representatives and Jade in the Senate. But Term 3 shaped out to be the bigger than Ben Hur production with a cast of thousands in a ‘A Futuristic World’ Extravaganza The final production was a culmination of all Stage 3 students pulling together to present the very best performance of our lives.

Now, we are nearly at the end of Term 4 and we are very proud of what we have achieved. We visited the Powerhouse Museum and learnt about electricity. We made circuits when we designed our models for our Science Fair. We are still working on them as we speak. We will be sad to say good bye to our friends. The Year 6 farewell was one of the highlights for this term but in reality it was the highlight for all of the 7 years of primary school. However, we are looking forward to our holidays. We wish each other good luck on the next part of our journey. Most of all we thank our teachers for all their love and support throughout this year and keeping us on track.
K/2 Dignity
Oh! What a year…

“We acted out Mrs Wishy Washy. We got dirty and then did the washing.”
David

“Ted and I are reading about a snake.”
Ari

“Cooking is fun. Spaghetti is yum!”
Liyan

“We saw a camel at the farm. I had fun looking at the animals.”
Lewis

“We saw a lion, alligator, giraffe, monkey and elephant at the zoo.”
Mario

“We went to the city to the Christmas party. I got a present.”
Hoang
Oh What A Year!

By 1K

This year the students in 1 Kindness have been very busy learning lots of fun things with Ms Thorley. As we have come to the end of our journey together this year, the students have been reflecting on our time together and their learning. The students’ favourite activities are:

**Rayyan**: I liked learning my numbers to 1,000.

**Levi**: I like playing the iPad in class because there are lots of apps you can play.

**Hayden**: I liked learning about the different plants we saw on our excursion at Mount Annan Botanical Gardens.

**Sara**: I liked when we played games during Mathematics to learn more about maths like counting games.

**Eowyn**: I liked doing craft activities this year. It was lots of fun.

**Sky**: Skip counting by 2 and learning about odd and even numbers was my favourite activity.

**Alana**: Reading is cool because it helps me get better at writing too.

**Ben**: I liked writing because it is a cool way to learn new words.

**Najwa**: I love After School Activities because it is so much fun.

**Oliver**: Writing was my favourite activity this year because if I see a tricky word in a book when I do my reading, I can try to find it in my writing book. I can check to see if the tricky word is in my writing book. If I cannot see the tricky word, I need to sound it out to understand it.

**Ellie**: I liked learning about SVO (subject, verb and object) sentences. Together they make a simple sentence.

**Elijah**: I liked learning how to skip count by 10’s. I can find numbers to 100 on a number chart by counting by 10’s and 1’s.

**Malek**: I learnt lots about different animals.

**Tevita**: I loved skip counting by 2’s, 5’s, 10’s and 50’s.

**Jamie**: My favourite activity was working out the Mathematics problem of the day.

**Martina**: I like playing with my friends.

**Nayfa**: I liked becoming a better reader and writer in Reading Recovery and in class.

**Tyson**: I like playing maths games in class.

**Adnan**: I like to play maths games and computer games.

**Claire**: I like playing in the playground with my friends Sara and Mya.

**Halima**: I love reading to the class.

**Mya**: I like making new friends at school and learn something new every day.
Justice in Year 4!

It’s been a very busy year for 4 Justice. They started the year learning about the human body and how to keep healthy, they learnt a new song and performed it to parents and carers at the school Extravaganza and did a fantastic job!

This year 4J also learnt a lot about our country, from its geography, its native flora and fauna to its beginning, which was way before British Settlers arrived. Students have seen the changes to the landscape and talked about how this has impacted the environment.

All students of 4J were enthusiastic to learn new things throughout the school year and were very excited to present to the class what they had learnt. Students also took time out of the classroom and visited the Powerhouse Discovery Centre where they got some hands on experience with simple machines.

They took charge of their own learning when they decided to perform a dance for the Primary Assembly, I was proud to see students teaching their peers traditional dances such as the Huka, and they spent time in their lunch breaks practicing to ensure their dance was perfect.

We have been working very hard on our Maths word problems to make sure that we are not just reading the questions, but understanding what the question is asking us to do.

Throughout the year our class has become very close and we all worked together to make sure everyone was included.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and see you in 2014!

Mr Vaccaro & 4J
Kicking along with K/1Care

K/1 Care : A Friend is a Treasure
A friend is someone we turn to, when our spirits need a lift.
A friend is someone we treasure, for our friendship is a gift.
A friend is someone who fills our lives, with beauty, joy and grace.
And make the world we live in, a better and happier place.

http://www.kidsgen.com/events/friendshipday/poems.htm

“It has been a pleasure to work with such a wonderful and unique group of students this year. Best wishes for 2014”. Mrs Blanchette

3 Acceptance’s Year in review

3A have had some amazing excursions throughout the year. We went to see the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and Weird and Wacky Machines. At the Orchestra we saw lots of different kinds of instruments like the bassoon, saxophone, flute, harp, tuba, violin, double bass, piano, trumpet, trombone and percussion. Our favourite song was the March of the Trolls. At Weird and Wacky machines we saw lots of different kinds of cool machines like a mouse trap maker. It could make 1000 mouse traps in an hour!

In 3A we do lots of amazing, fabulous artworks. We use our imaginations to create different kinds of artworks. We try new techniques every lesson and use a variety of materials. We work together as a class and appreciate artists’ works as well as each other’s. We learnt to use wire, clay, material, paint, oil pastels, crayons, paper, cardboard, wool and edicol dye to create a variety of artworks.
3A has a special afternoon each Friday where students who have showed that they are SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS all week and have completed all their work they get to attend FREE TIME FRIDAY. This is a special reward for those students. 3A does many fun things during this time like board games, marble race, giant snakes and ladders, uno, colouring, drawing, dress ups, cooking cars, reading and jaw bones. We have learnt to be good sharers, how to cooperate with each other, help each other, take turns, speak politely have calm bodies and calm minds.

In 3A we look after our pets. Earlier in the year we had Sunny our budgie who was really noisy. He liked to tweet a lot when 3A talked too much he would be noisier. We then got some quieter pets, our hermit crabs. Their names are Spikey and Goldie. They have a little house that they live in. We make sure that they have enough food and water. They like to swim in salty water. We like to hold them, they tickle your hand when they walk along. Spikey loves to climb the trees in their special environment.

3A has a friendly learning environment they always respect each other. We learnt lots of fun maths games like nine man’s Morris and fun symmetry pictures. 3A has had a fun year with Miss Hayman. They work hard and always try their best.

By Miss Hayman and 3 Acceptance

3/6 RESPECT’S YEAR IN REVIEW

S.I.E. was informative
Our class was fun
Learning was plentiful
P.B.I.S was encouraging
Each Day was full of learning
All our books are neat
Yahoo!!
School is over for 2013

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.
A Year in 5/6G

This year in 2013 I am in year 5 with lots of friends. This year has been the best and let me tell you why. I have had two teachers and I have done lots of fun too. This year I have learnt that Antarctica has so many penguins and beautiful creatures. I also learnt about gold. We got our gold mining license and learnt to mine gold.

The have loved doing creative arts the most, especially the abstract art, Ned Kelly, and paper mache penguins. My two teachers Mrs Wocjinski and Mrs Peenz have taught me a lot. So have the excursions, the Powerhouse Museum and the State Parliament. My favourite was the Powerhouse Museum.

Over the terms I have learnt about the Government, Science, Antarctica, Gold Rush, Narratives and most of all Sport and Math. By Chloe

In the year 2013 I was in year 5. In the beginning of the year I was in 5/6 Generosity and my teacher was Mrs W. During term 1 Mrs W. taught me and the other students about Antarctica. We made Penguins out of newspaper, bottles, glue and paint. We also had maths groups. On the last day we watched a movie and had some free time.

During term 2 we got our mining license and got to go mining. I found 43 gold nuggets when I went mining. Also the year 6’s were learning about Super Buddies. We also made gold nuggets. During term 3 Mrs P taught us about Government and I learnt that there are three levels of Government. We also had extravaganza and went on an excursion to Parliament House. During Term 4 we learnt about electricity. We made circuits and also went on an excursion to the Powerhouse Museum. By Alexander

Our year 2013 was the best year of my school days. Not only my last primary year, but my last year to make the most of it. This year I spent time with my friends and learning as a year 6 student at Lurnea Public School.

This year all the year 6 students attended the Year Six Farewell. It was located at Liverpool Catholic Club on the 3 of December 2013. I was so grateful and happy to be invited. I knew it was going to be the best night of our lives and everyone was dressed very elegantly.

The night of the farewell came so quickly. I felt like a princess. I got my hair done, dressed up very nicely and my Dad drove me to the farewell. I got out of the car and took pictures with all of my friends. After everyone had arrived we went inside and had a seat at our tables. For dinner I had Lasagna and chips with a beverage, which was a good meal. Then came some mini cupcakes and desert which was ice-cream. After the food we just danced and it was so much fun. At the end of the night we watched a PowerPoint and received our yearbooks and cake pops. It ended at 10pm when my Dad took me home. It was a memorable night.

This year we also had our presentation night for students receiving awards. At the presentation night lots of students received awards. I received four awards altogether. My family was very proud of me, I didn’t expect it. By Natalia
With a little Kinder Hope!

K Hope 2013

our first day

we have learnt a lot

And had fun along the way.

We have made lots of friends.

we love learning!
A sense of belonging with IB

My favourite thing this year was the Sunset art we did. By Farah.

My favourite thing this year was going outside and looking at shapes in the playground. By Felissety.

My favourite thing this year was making halves from circles. By Sulaiman.

My favourite thing this year was learning to play cricket during sport. By Zahira.

My favourite thing this year was always winning in number games in maths. By Vasu.

My favourite thing this year was learning to play cricket. By Vesa.

My favourite thing this year was making artwork on storms. By Chelsea.

My favourite thing this year was playing handball with my friends. By Hadi.

My favourite thing this year was always writing so neatly in handwriting. By Shaymaa.

My favourite thing this year was painting during Art. By Yizhate.

My favourite thing this year was doing the science experiments. By Bronaia.

My favourite thing this year was writing about food. By Lucas.

My favourite thing this year was painting. Ibrahim F.

My favourite thing this year was writing to convince my parents to buy me a robot. Ibrahim D.

My favourite thing this year was seeing my friend wear a bonnet on his head during our excursion. By Wassim.

My favourite thing this year was playing footy with the year 6’s. By Zein.

My favourite thing this year was playing Rugby with 4J. By Larry.
A pictorial by 3P

Practising for assembly!

Learning is fun

Creative artworks using paint
This year was a really exciting year!
We’ve had lots of learning adventures in 2013 and some very memorable moments.

This term we’ve learnt a lot about electricity and have been having fun making model lighthouses, cars, houses and apartments. Earlier this term we went on an exciting excursion to the Powerhouse Museum where we participated in an electricity workshop.
We also worked in groups to plan, act and film a series of ‘Epic Fails’ to share with our fellow students at our school assembly. Our planning paid off! Our film was a success and we learnt a lot along the way, too.
5/6 I really enjoyed 2013 with Mrs Soh, Miss Thomas and Miss Mistry, we will all really miss them, especially the Year 6’s in our class who are going on to high school.
K/6P
2013 was a very busy year for us.

**LEARNING**

**FUN**

**Friends**

Sadly, we say goodbye to Fatima and Salaymatu as they leave for high school next year. Good luck and best wishes!
A Year with 5/6O

This year has been an amazing year in 5/6O, from having amazing students in our class to the two best teachers in the school. This year our focus topics have been Antarctica, Democracy and Government, the Gold Rush and Electricity. Our teachers have made all of these topics very interesting and fun with hands on experiences and excursions. Our first excursion was to NSW Parliament House and our second was to the Powerhouse Museum. We had a great time at both excursions and learnt heaps of new things. One of the things the students have enjoyed is the Year 6 Farewell, it was a night where they could enjoy a great year with all their friends and teachers. We had a great year in 5/6O, we would like to thank both our teachers Miss Horne and Mr Fleming, and all the students from 5/6O. Looking back at our past experiences at Lurnea Public School we have definitely made some lifelong friends.

By Marwa, Taylor and Abir. 😊
Wow! What a loyal year of Learning by 1/2 Loyalty!

We have had an amazing action packed year! Many memories have been made and all of children have been dedicated and eager in their learning.

Education is not just learning about facts, but learning how to think and participate in the big world. We have participated in many activities that support this thinking.

Twenty Thirteen in short- Easter Hat parade, Mt Annan excursion, dressing up for book week, NAIDOC week, community workers visits, assembly performances, Jump Rope for Heart, athletics carnival, Coles visit, Elizabeth House excursion and performing in the Lurnea Extravaganza.

We have enjoyed getting to know each one of you and wish you all the best for the New Year!

Mrs D. Pintabona, Mrs D. Robertson
2Q wish everyone at Lurnea a safe and happy holiday! We hope these lucky koi fish drawings bring you all the best for 2014.
Succeeding with 2S

Oh What A Year!

2013, oh what a year!
Students working hard
Understanding new things
Cooperating with each other
Creating and learning
Excursions helped us learn
Success in all areas
So much fun!
Excelling with 4E

My favourite subject spelling, I can do it all day

I also love excursions, they are really fun and interesting

My favourite subject spelling, I can do it all day.

My favourite memory was going on the excursion because we saw some cool machines. We went on the bus and then we got to watch a movie. When we got there, we saw some cool and weird machines. After seeing the machines, we had lunch. I sat with my best friends, it was fun. My other favourite memory was participating in class discussions. We were watching BTN and I offered my predictions all the time!

Viana

I was happy at the beginning of the year as I found out I was having Mr Sullivan. During the year, my favourite thing was BTN, for example, we had a story about chocolate and energy drinks, dinosaurs and Uluru. We also had to colour in a 3D picture, then we had to write a story to go with.

Our first excursion was to the Sydney Symphony and we saw an orchestra play. The music was awesome. Our next excursion was to the Powerhouse Discovery Centre and we saw some weird, old and wacky machines.

So overall, this year was awesome and Mr Sullivan was the best. He makes me learn quicker and I have enjoyed being in his class.

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