Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic year 2013 has been for Lurnea Public School! It has been an absolute privilege to lead such a great school towards continuous whole school improvement. This is something in which we take very seriously and strive to ensure that our students participate in quality teaching and learning programs which prepare all students for a 21st century world.

Student Achievement
Well done to the students who received their Gold Medals at this Monday’s Ceremony. We are pleased to announce that there were over 120 students who were recognised at this prestigious event. Congratulations in advance to students receiving special awards and recognition at our Presentation Assembly next Monday evening in our school hall. We were lucky enough to sign all the awards this week and there are many students who have made outstanding progress throughout the year. We would also like to make special mention to students who have made progress in their learning this year. We were fortunate to read the Semester 2 Reports that you would have received today. Congratulations to the students who have demonstrated persistence and commitment to their learning, we are proud of your achievements!

Farewell
There are a few staff members who will be leaving our school due to transfers and new opportunities. These include Mr Jeffrey Reid and Mrs Donna Robertson. We thank them both for their hard work and commitment to the students of Lurnea Public School. We also bid farewell to all of our 2013 Year 6 students as they begin their journey to high school. It has been a privilege to watch you grow and mature into the young adults that you are. We wish you very success in the future and hope that you remember the values of Lurnea Public School.
Upcoming Events
As always, the end of the school year is a busy time. We encourage you keep up to date with our Facebook page and our website for information about these exciting occasions. Feel free to contact the office at any time if you need any further information.

From the both of us, we wish all of our students, families and staff a restful holiday season. May the new year bring each and everyone one of you much health and happiness. We are both looking forward to spending some quality time with our respective families.

And finally, we would like to thank you, our community, for your ongoing and tireless support of our school. It certainly makes our jobs as educators much easier when there is a common goal to improving student outcomes.

See you all in 2014!

Mrs Dunlop and Mrs Stipanovic

Relieving Principals

From the
Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy year and term! I would like to thank all of our teachers for their hard work and relentless approach to improving the learning of every child in the school. Our teachers have engaged in many professional learning activities throughout the year and we are seeing the benefits for your children.

In 2014, our Instructional Leader – Marion Assagaier will continue to lead our professional learning activities in collaboration with our Assistant Principals and myself. Marion has also been a real asset to our school and the academic results of our students have seen some significant improvements as a result of her educational leadership and hard work.

Our SLSO staff have been excellent this year in providing support to our students and teachers. We are all thankful for their efforts and commitment towards our students. Additionally, our office administration staff, Aboriginal Education Officer, Community Liaison Officer and our General Assistant have also done a wonderful job of caring for our students and ensuring that everything runs smoothly.

I would also like to thank all of the parents and carers for your support throughout the year. The positive relationships we build with you pay big dividends for your children. Your child’s report card should have arrived by now, this is another opportunity to reflect on your child’s learning. If you would like more information about your child’s learning I encourage you to call our office and make an appointment to see your child’s teacher, they will be happy to meet with you and provide further information and advice.
On Monday we will have our first Presentation Assembly held outside of normal school hours. It is looking like a positive move already, with many parents, carers and family members indicating that they will be able to attend. On a personal note, I hope that this enables many more fathers to attend the assembly. The children will love seeing both of their parents there to encourage them and celebrate their achievements with them. This will be one of the benefits from the move to an evening assembly that I anticipate will be an excellent celebration of your children’s achievements and the hard work of our school in providing them with a quality education. Dads, make sure you get there!

Lastly, I would like to give a huge thank you to Kristy Longbottom and Tiffany Hayman for their meticulous organisation of our recent Gold Awards Assembly. The assembly went smoothly, had great parent and carer attendance and was an extremely positive experience for our best behaved students in the school. Mrs Ingles, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Wyles, Mrs Farez, Aunty Jennie and Mrs Wyles also made notable contributions on the day. Well done to the 126 students who received their Gold Medallions for outstanding behaviour and effort all year!

I wish you all a restful and happy holiday season and look forward to working with you all in 2014!

Jason Clarke – Relieving Deputy Principal

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**Student Wellbeing Update**

Students need to develop skills and attitudes that enable them to use technology in positive and productive ways.

The Australian Government Department of Education recognises the importance of the relationship of Australian schools, families and communities to all have a responsibility to provide safe online environments and teach children how to use technology in positive and productive ways. [http://education.gov.au/cybersafety-schools](http://education.gov.au/cybersafety-schools)

Many resources have been developed to support your children use technology in safe, healthy and positive ways. Please find links to these resources below:


Test your knowledge about what children are doing in their digital world. Learn about what children do online and some strategies to help them be cybersmart as they grow up. This includes tips for young kids (up to age 7) kids (up to 12 years) and teens (up to 18 years).


[https://www.facebook.com/cybersafetyhelp](https://www.facebook.com/cybersafetyhelp)
STAYSMARTONLINE


The Easy Guide to Socialising Online

Other resources:

Australian Federal Police - cyber safety top ten tips for youth


Please spend some time familiarising yourself with important information and issues regarding being online. Monitor and discuss with your children their safe, appropriate use of online technology.

Compiled by John Joy, Assistant Principal

Itchy Itchy Scratchy Scratchy!

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. You’ll find these little critters at every school across Australia - and probably the world - at some point during the year! While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything at a glance you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. At a glance:

- Head lice and nits only live on human heads.
- They don’t care if the hair is long or short, clean or dirty.
- Head lice are an unavoidable fact of life for all school-aged kids.
- The best and cheapest way to remove them is with inexpensive conditioner and a nit comb.
- You will need to re-treat your child several times before all the eggs will be gone.

More information can be found on the NSW Department of Health website here:

Enrol now for 2014

Enrolments are now being accepted for Kindergarten in 2014. Our staff can help you any time with your enrolment.

For more information, please follow the link to our website:
Raffle, Raffle, Raffle!!

The annual school raffle will be drawn on Monday 9 December at the Presentation Ceremony. Tickets are still available for purchase, remember to return your raffle books to school on Monday to be in the draw. Raffle prizes will be available to be picked up from D Block from Tuesday. A big thank you to the businesses that have donated fabulous prizes in support of our school.
Gold Awards Ceremony

On Monday 3 December, we celebrated the achievements of 129 of our students, as they were presented with their Gold Award and medallion in recognition of them being safe, respectful learners. These students have displayed safe and respectful behaviour, both inside and outside the classroom each and every day. It is a special achievement – well done to you all!
From the Students

The end of the year is upon us and it is nearly time for us to say goodbye to our precious children as they embark on their new journey onto formal schooling.

The children have enjoyed a very busy two months. They have learnt about road safety, water safety and sun safety. We have also continued to teach the children about sustainable practices and caring for our environment, plants and animals throughout the year.

We have had lots of drawing and writing at the writing table and messy play, where they have had lots of fun developing their fine motor skills. They have also enjoyed building with the construction toys and extending on their imaginative skills in the home corner with the different scenarios we have set up including our fruit and vegetable shop and doctors corner.

We can see growth and development and skill acquisition in all children. I am impressed with the attention span that they are able to demonstrate. It is not unusual for them to sit for over twenty minutes to half an hour during group time.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. We feel a close partnership with our parents and we send you our best wishes.
Year 6 Farewell

What an extraordinary night! The farewell started off with a blast. Everyone settled in around 6.00pm, the boys looked handsome and the girls were pretty as peaches. Mrs Stipanovic and Mrs Dunlop introduced the evening with a speech, after that Miss Thomas talked about our years and memories at Lurnea.

We ate, we danced, we laughed! Overall, we had the time of our lives. We got rewards presented to us (yearbooks), after that we got our pictures taken with all our class and teachers.

At the end of the night we watched a slide show of us. We shared the memories with our fellow classmates. After the slide show we have a big group photo with all our supportive teachers and wonderful students.

We will all miss you very much. We have made so many friendships over the years. We wish everyone the best of luck in high school

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You’ve got to be in it to win it!
We have a range of prizes to be won in our annual school raffle! They include restaurant vouchers, kitchen appliances, toys, beauty products, wildlife family tickets and many more.

Tickets are just $1 each or 15 for $10.

Prizes will be drawn on Monday 9 December 2013 at the Presentation Assembly. Winners will be announced on Tuesday 10 December.