Dear Parents and Carers

Can you believe that we are half way through Term 1? It was great to see so many parents and carers attend our Meet the Teacher afternoons last week. As I have said before, your child’s education is a partnership between the school and home, and we really value the overwhelming support that we continually receive from our community.

**EFTPOS**

I am very pleased to let you know that we will soon be accepting EFTPOS and credit cards at our school! We are just waiting for the system to be delivered and installed – we will notify you when this is complete. We have listened to feedback from many parents and carers who expressed how much they would like EFTPOS to be available at our school.

As always, we are trying hard to make things as easy as possible for families. We hope this new EFTPOS service will be helpful when making the necessary payments for your child’s education.

**Focus on Reading – Weekend training for teachers…..**

This Friday, our Years 3 - 6 class teachers will attend a professional learning conference in the Southern Highlands. The team will participate in intensive Focus on Reading workshops, which will strengthen their understanding and develop new skills on how to continue to teach primary children how to read. We are fortunate to be able to provide our staff with such important training. I thank the team for their dedication and time by giving up their weekend to attend.

**Class Values**

As always, we are continually striving for excellence at Lurnea Public School and as such, you may have noticed the change to our class names. This year, we have introduced Values as the foundation of our class names.
Each class has been assigned a value, which relates to the qualities we hope will influence our whole school thinking and behaviour. They “represent deeply held beliefs that are not easily changed and are primarily learnt in the home”.


Throughout the year, classes will also participate in weekly PBIS lessons that look deeply at their class name. Class names for 2013 are as follows:

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Curriculum Contribution

Finally, a reminder to parents who still need to pay their child’s Curriculum Contribution. The contribution includes 2 major excursions and all in-school experiences for 2013. We have a strong belief that 100% of students should attend any excursion or activity that links directly to the curriculum content being taught in class.

Your assistance in finalising any outstanding payments by contacting the school office is appreciated.

Have a great week.

David Sim
Principal
Dear Parents and Carers

We are so pleased to see all of our classes settled and students engaging in rich teaching and learning programs. We are excited to announce that all classes now have interactive whiteboards and access to an iPad in their classrooms. Our teachers have participated in professional learning opportunities to develop their skills and use of technology as we teach our 21st Century learners. Our school is very fortunate to have this amount of technology in our school to engage our students in their learning.

Our new Kindergarten students have been busy learning about school, meeting new teachers, making lots of friends and learning new routines. It has been great to see so many happy, smiling students who have settled into school. Our students have now joined the K-2 playground during break times and have enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends. It has been especially nice to see all of the Kindergarten students ready each morning waiting punctually in lines for the assembly to commence.

Our Home Reading program commenced in Week 5, which sees your child bring home one or two readers that your child can independently read at home. We encourage parents and carers to sit with your child each night and listen to them read their home reader. This is a great opportunity for your child to develop positive reading habits and for students to develop into confident readers.

The Department of Education and Communities has a great website with lots of information for parents and carers. There is some great information about how to help your child with reading at home. Head over to www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading

It is always great to see so many parents and carers attend our morning assemblies. This is a vital time for students and parents/carers alike to hear important information for the day. For parents and carers unable to attend our assemblies, be sure to visit our school website or Facebook page for regular updates. We also provide copies of all notes sent home on our school website. Click on our calendar to download a PDF file copies of notes sent home.

We always love to see volunteers in our classrooms, so please see Mrs Leanne Hedger if you are willing to come along to your child’s classroom for an hour or two. We certainly value parents or carers volunteering at school.

Yours in learning

Lisa Stipanovic & Lauren Dunlop

Deputy Principals
Student Wellbeing

Head Lice

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: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx

Supported Play

At Lurnea, we have our Supported Play during each of the lunchtime breaks, to allow students to play and socialise in a supported environment. The activities include: ball sports, art class, movie madness and Friday fun. All students have access to various equipment around the playgrounds, like the Chess set and skipping ropes.

Newsletter Editions

Our exciting newsletters are published in Weeks 3, 6 & 9 each term. The first edition of the year will be printed for each of our students as well as placed on our website. All subsequent editions will be found on our school website - http://www.lurnea-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

We also have a facebook page where you can keep up to date with all information going on around the school, at the touch of your fingertips. This enables the school to alert you to happenings at the school and links to our website. Our facebook page can be found here - http://www.facebook.com/LurneaPublicSchool
News from the CLO – Leanne Hedger
Uniform Shop

School Hats

You may have already noticed that we are experiencing a problem with our new school hats fading at an unacceptable rate. We are taking this issue very seriously as it undermines the positive image that our new school uniform projects and the pride that our students feel when wearing it.

The problem has been taken up with our supplier and it would appear that our hats have been made from a faulty run of material. The manufacturer has accepted responsibility for this problem and will be replacing all hats in due course. We would like to thank you for your patience as we work towards resolving this problem.

Winter Uniform pieces

With the unpredictable weather conditions recently, there has been a very high demand for long sleeve polo shirts and jackets. Both items are now available in the Uniform Shop and back orders are being filled as quickly as possible.

School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank is offering a new range of rewards for students when they make ten deposits through the School Banking program. When a student is close to making their tenth deposit, a new Reward card will be sent home for them to choose which reward they would like to claim. The card simply needs to be returned with their ten tokens in their bank book the next week.

If you would like to view the rewards, please call into D Block and see our School Banking Coordinator, Mrs Leanne Hedger.

Please remember, School Banking day is Wednesday and bank books should be dropped into the front office before 10am.

50th Anniversary Pavers

We are anxiously awaiting delivery of our second round of pavers which are due soon and will be used to complete the Commemorative Garden bed at the front of the school.

Unfortunately there has been some delay in production but as soon as the bed is complete, participants will be notified and photos will be posted on the school website and facebook page.

School A-Z

The Department of Education and Communities has developed a fantastic new website which provides parents with practical help on areas such as homework and study, Mathematics, English, assignments, bullying, technology use, relationships and wellbeing.

Just go to www.schoolatoz.com.au. It is definitely worth taking a look!

Alternatively, you are always welcome to call into D Block to see Mrs Leanne Hedger who will be happy to show you the site and what it offers.
**Photo Permission**

From time to time the school has the opportunity to promote the wonderful achievements of our students and its programs to the wider community. This may involve the use of a student’s photograph or their work for the School Newsletter, School Website, School Facebook page or promotional brochures and posters.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child’s photograph or work to be used for this purpose, please notify the school as soon as possible by completing the attached permission note.

Parental permission will always be requested for specific events that involve the media such as the newspaper or television.

**School Kids Bonus**

If school expenses are weighing you down, the Schoolkids Bonus can help lighten the load. It replaces the old Education Tax Refund and it is simple: there’s no need to collect receipts or claim it through your tax.

Each year, eligible families and students will receive:

- **$410 a year for each primary student** ($205 paid in January and $205 paid in July)
- **$820 a year for each secondary student** ($410 paid in January and $410 paid in July).

**Stewart House**

You will soon receive a Stewart House envelope, pictured, from your child. Stewart House is an organisation that supports public school students across New South Wales and the ACT. To continue its wonderful work, it relies on donations from the community. All we are asking for is a gold coin donation – simply place the coin into the envelope and return it to the school.
From the Students!

Students in 2S have been developing their computer skills, using Microsoft Word to publish their writing. Here are some:

My favourite animal is a kangaroo because they feel soft. They have a pouch for their babies. Sometimes dingoes eat kangaroos. Their babies are called a joey because they're small. Kangaroos bounce really high. They eat heaps of grass. They're brown and different colours. The kangaroo can listen with its ear so they know dingoes are coming. Kangaroos are on 20 cent coin.

By Amerita

I like sharks because they live under water.

By Braidan

My favourite animal is a dog because it sleeps in the night on my bed. In the day it plays with me.

By Kasey

My favourite animal is a monkey because they are funny and they are brown. They eat bananas. They have a long tail and they live in a tree. Monkeys swing on the branch.

By Kawsar

My favourite animal is a seahorse because they are cute. They also lay lots of eggs. Their eggs are very tiny and golden. They live in the ocean.

By Raghida
What’s Alive?

2Q are studying the Science topic “What’s Alive”. They began an investigation into whether or not plants were alive after having a class discussion. The discussion raised questions – ‘Are plants alive?’ ‘Do they drink?’. The pictures below show the results of their investigation.

The investigation showed that plants indeed are alive! The celery stalks began to turn red as they absorbed the coloured water. From this, the class discussed the results and then described the experiment in a report.

What an exciting learning moment in 2 Quality!
It’s Academic!

On Tuesday February 26, 17 Year 5 and 6 students were offered an amazing opportunity to go to the Foxtel Studios and be on the Channel 7 program called “Its Academic”, accompanied by Miss Thomas and Miss Agostino.

There were 5 groups with 3 students in each competing against Miranda Public School and Drummoyn Public School. We have 5 wonderful captains leading each group with respect and pride.

We had a great day and by the time we got home everybody had a smile on their faces. We would like to thank Miss Thomas and Miss Agostino for planning an amazing day for us. Stay tuned for the episodes to be shown in November!

Amila, Taylor & Shayla

High School Visit

On Thursday 21 of February, Year 6 had a trip to Lurnea High School. We walked in the hot sun and were supervised by our excellent teachers Miss Agostino, Mr Fleming and Miss Thomas.

When we arrived we were greeted by some high school teachers as well as Year 10 students and we were split up into 4 groups. The Year 10 students guided us around the high school and helped us find our way.

Each group got to experience different subjects, like Library, Mathematics, Cooking, Science, and animations on computers.

Some of us also had a brush with fame and saw Safwan Khalil, the Olympic Taekwondo champion. We also saw our friends who started Year 7 this year.

All Year 6 students and teachers enjoyed their trip to Lurnea High School and wish we could go back again! ☺️
Australia! You’re standing in it

4 Excellence have been keeping very busy this term. In HSIE, we have been studying Australia and what it means to be Australian. To help us gain a deep understanding around this topic, we took a look at Dorothea McKellar’s famous poem ‘My Country’. We visualised by using the language in the poem to help us build pictures in our minds.

![Image of children's drawings]

We have also been training our brains – completing tricky maths questions and working them out in different ways!

![Image of a boy holding up a piece of paper]

3 Purpose

3 Purpose have been studying modality to use later in their persuasive texts. Here is a sample of children’s work where they have been practising writing sentences, using different words of modality to give their views. Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Banerji have been working with 3 Purpose together in this.
Fitness is Fun!

The students in the Support Unit start each day with a fitness lesson. The idea is for the students to be active and get their brains and body ready for learning. The students have been enjoying the opportunity to exercise as well as develop their teamwork skills.
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Greg Howe
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0421 064 047
Easter Family Night
Thursday 21st March 2013
6pm – 8pm

Bunnings Hoxton Park will be having a huge Easter Egg Hunt at the end of night. There will be plenty of chocolate for all of the children.

There will be heaps of entertainment in store with Jumping Castle, Clowns, Fairy Floss, Popcorn, the Laughing Clowns Game and of course our Kids DIY Workshop.

Bunnings Hoxton Park will also be accommodating for the Adults as well. Hosting an interactive and hands on Painting DIY workshop. There will also be Prize Grab and Spin n Win for the adults.

Special visit from the Easter Bunny

Refreshments will be provided on the night however Bookings are essential to ensure you don’t miss out.

For further enquires or to make a booking feel free to contact the store on the below details

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