Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the families who have paid the Curriculum Contribution. This payment is so important for our school as it enables us to send ALL children to excursions and special learning experiences throughout the year.

This belief in 100% participation underpins all our actions at Lurnea Public School.

EFTPOS
I am pleased to announce that our new EFTPOS machine has been installed and is ready to be used.

You will notice from now on that any notes that we send home to request payment will have a credit card tear-off slip at the bottom of the note (including uniform order forms). If you choose to pay in this way, we request that you place the note in with the details on it in an envelope and send it directly to the school office. Once your payment has been processed, you will be provided with a transaction receipt and the credit card details slip will be destroyed.

Alternatively, you can pay over the phone using your credit card details. Please note however, that all SAVINGS account EFTPOS transactions need to be made in person.

NEW LEARNING
Over the last few weeks, I have been extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to attend a number of important conferences and professional learning experiences. Whist this has kept me away from school for a number of days, I am excited by the learning that I have been involved with.

As the educational leader of Lurnea Public School, I believe it is my responsibility to keep informed about world-wide trends in education and to stay up to date with the latest teaching, research and...
resources. This learning has enabled me to be witness international leaders who are making a significant impact to students learning in dynamic school communities all over the world.

To give you an idea of some of the ways my thinking has been challenged, I have included a link to a fascinating video about how technology can affect student learning. I encourage you to take a few minutes to watch it....

http://www.ted.com/talks/sugata_mitra_build_a_school_in_the_cloud.html

TERM 2
I would like to remind you about the slight change to the beginning of Term 2. As you know, we normally have a Staff Development Day on the first day of the term and the students begin school on the second day.

In Term 2 however, THERE WILL BE 2 staff development days. This means the staff will return on 29 April for 2 days of training related to the new Australian Curriculum.

STUDENTS WILL RETURN ON WEDNESDAY 1 MAY.

Please make a note of this important information in your diary.
As always, I encourage you to keep up to date with what's going on at our great school. Please check our website and Facebook page for important information about your child's education.

Finally, we also bid farewell to one of our longest serving staff members, Mrs Janet Psaila who has accepted a transfer to Harrington Street PS. Janet has worked at Lurnea P.S since starting in 1999 where she taught Kindergarten. It was then in 2000 that Janet was appointed as our Preschool teacher. She has dedicated countless hours to the Preschool and served generations of families. We wish her the very best of luck at her new school and thank her for her commitment to Lurnea P.S over the years. Families of Preschool students will be informed of the staffing arrangements for next term via a separate letter home.

I wish you all an enjoyable Autumn Vacation. I hope you get to enjoy some quality time with your families.

Have a great week.
David Sim
Principal
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to another jam packed newsletter. We are really proud of the quality of the newsletter that we produce in weeks 3, 6 & 9. We are conscious of the environment and now make our newsletters available online each Friday of each published week. Should you like a hard copy, please feel free to pop into our office to collect one or head to our website to download a copy.

Website

Be sure to head over to our website which is regularly updated with information. Under the School Years tab, you will find information specific to your child’s class. Just search for your child’s class under the correct year.

ICAS Competitions

Students in years 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Computer Skills, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics competitions. All students who participate receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for National tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses. Should you wish for your child to participate, please complete the permission note and return the correct money. Further information can be obtained on our website or from the front office.

Kurrajong Learning Community

As part of our Kurrajong Learning Community of Schools, we have will be offering our staff a series of professional learning workshops early in Term 2. Staff will have the opportunity to select and attend workshops that further develop their knowledge and skills in Literacy, Numeracy, Information Communication and Technologies and that’s just to name a few!

Finally, a reminder to all parents and carers of students in Year 6. Please ensure that you have returned your child’s “Expression of Interest” form for high school in 2014 to Miss Thomas to ensure your child’s placement at your preferred high school.

Wishing you all a safe and restful Autumn holiday break.

Yours in learning

Lisa Stipanovic & Lauren Dunlop

Deputy Principals
**Student Success Term 1**

Our **Student Engagement and Attainment Team** have been working hard to ensure that Lurnea Public remains a positive and caring place where all students can achieve. We have continued to provide weekly PBIS Lessons to all classes that focus on important rules, social skills and values that we expect to see from all students. The grid below shows the topics we will have taught across all classes by the end of Term 1:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week 1 – Dignity &amp; Hope</th>
<th>Week 5 – Respecting property</th>
<th>Week 9 – Being Responsible and Consequences</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Week 2 – Purpose, Opportunity and Personal Learning goals</td>
<td>Week 6 – Being Safe at School</td>
<td>Week 10 – Giving and receiving compliments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 3 - Expectations Matrix &amp; Playground Rules</td>
<td>Week 7 – Being a confident learner in uniform.</td>
<td>Week 11 – Being Resilient</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 4 - Being Punctual</td>
<td>Week 8 – Harmony Day – Respecting Everyone</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Our **Supported Play Program** has been operating during the lunch breaks to ensure that our playground is enjoyable and engaging place for all students. This program will continue in Term 2 with different activities to be announced soon. There has been wonderful feedback from the students for following the activities in Term 1:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mon-Fri</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Various Equipment - Mrs Barnaby</td>
<td>Art Express– Mrs Pintabona</td>
<td>Hall Time Fun - Mrs Maharaj</td>
<td>Movie Madness – Mr Sullivan</td>
<td>Ball Games Bonanza – Mr Fleming</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Various</td>
<td>1/2L’s Room</td>
<td>Hall</td>
<td>4E</td>
<td>Back Paddock</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Our team will also be holding another **PBIS Relaunch** this year during **Week 10 of Term 2**. There are already rumours circulating that there are some new PBIS Super Heroes about to emerge........all will be revealed at the Relaunch! Stay tuned, more information to come.

I will be remaining in the role of **Assistant Principal – Student Success** throughout 2013. In this role I will continue to work closely with Executive staff, Leanne Hedger- Community Liaison Officer, classroom teachers, the School Counsellor, other agencies such as Anglicare and The Salvation Army, as well as parents and carers to provide support and advice. If you have any concerns please see your child’s teacher, but I am also happy to assist and provide advice concerning your child when you require.

Jason Clarke
Assistant Principal
Student Success
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.

- 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:

Art Shirts

Our students love participating in Creative Arts lessons throughout the year, but with that comes the possibility that they may get paint on their uniforms. To ensure we keep the uniforms clean and free from art materials, we ask that you provide an art shirt for your child. This can be a designed art smock or simply one of your old t shirts – not too big for our littlies, but big enough so that it covers both a dress or shirt and shorts while they are completing their artwork.

Please place their name on it, send it to school where it will remain and that will allow art to continue without the stress of paint on the uniforms.

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.

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

Lurnea Parent Café

When: Wednesday mornings
Where: D Block
Time: 9.00 am – 11.00 am

Our Parent Café got off to a great start this Wednesday with Jason Clarke leading a discussion on homework. Parents who attended were able to gain an insight into the school’s direction on the setting of homework and were able to ask questions and contribute their ideas in a comfortable and friendly setting.
Each week we are planning to host a mix of informal topic discussions and workshops for parents on subject areas that interest you.

Next Wednesday, 3 April will be a “drop in” morning for parents and a chance to meet another member of the School Executive. As a result of the discussions this week, parents are invited to bring along any potential fund raising ideas.

On Wednesday, 10 April we will host another topic discussion on the school uniform and talk about what is coming up in Term 2.

So if you have some spare time, please drop by to enjoy a cuppa and chat to other parents while you find out what is happening around the school. We truly value your contribution.

Please remember, preschoolers are always welcome!

School Banking

It is great to see so many students saving regularly and collecting their Dollarmite tokens.

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 together with ten tokens in their bank book the next week.

If you would like to view the rewards or find out more about how the School Banking program works, 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.

Woolworths Earn and Learn program

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again in 2013. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. At the end of the program, we will redeem the points for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point.

Pop the points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once the sheet is completed, just drop it into the Collection Box in the front office. The more points we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we would love to get lots of new gear for our students. Thank you for your support and we look forward to another successful year!

Mother’s Day Stall

It is getting close to that time of year when all mums deserve to be treated to something special in celebration of Mother’s Day. Look out for a letter coming home soon on the range of gifts that will be available on our Mother’s Day stall, to be held early on Thursday, 9 May. There is sure to be something to put a smile on every mum’s face!

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Leanne Hedger in D Block or by phone on 0467 960 428.
From the Students

Last week at Lurnea Public School we celebrated Harmony Day.

Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

The Harmony Day theme for 2013 is "Many Stories - One Australia". Every Australian has a special story to tell and each story is an important part of Australia's past, present and future.

Students from 3P are using their bodies to create a statue that shows the message "Everyone Belongs".
Kindergarten News

What a wonderful Term 1 we have all had! While it has been a busy 9 weeks for our Kindergarten children at Lurnea Public School, it is still so great to see them arrive happy at school every day.

A BIG thank you to the parents and carers who came along to help at our Easter Hat making afternoon in Week 8. Mr Plumridge was delighted to see so many willing hands on deck to assist the children in decorating their hat for our very special Parade.

This term we have focused on making a smooth and positive transition to school. Students have been introduced to the concept of letter-sounds and now have an increasing bank of sight words. It is exciting to listen to the talking and listening that is now occurring in each of the Kindergarten classrooms and witness the application of spoken words into writing. We have also focused on developing number knowledge and number sense throughout the Term, as well as exploring 2D-Space, Position, Time and Data.

The Early Stage 1 teachers would like to remind you to visit your child’s class webpage for updates and changes to the class timetable. If you have any questions please feel free to chat with your child’s teacher! Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Early Stage 1 Team

2Quality

This term 2Q learned about warm and cool colours. They also experimented with lines and shapes and explored how these can be used to create different emotions. Students created bright, beautiful peacocks.
Pre-School News

We have had a wonderful term at Preschool. The children in both groups have been busy exploring the Preschool learning environments. All children are definitely developing confidence and a sense of belonging in the Preschool environments.

Some of our favourite activities at Preschool include easel painting, rolling the play dough into a balls and flattening the play dough out using the rollers, building and constructing in our block area, creating at the collage table, climbing outdoors on our climbing equipment, digging, scooping, molding, pouring and scraping in the sandpit and listening to stories.

During Group Time we have read a variety of fiction books that have focused on teaching social skills and that have revolved around the life of our favourite bear ‘Roger’. Our favourite book so far has been ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt.’ After listening to this story, we acted it out. This has been one of our most memorable activities this term.

Happy Birthday!

**February**
Jacqueline turned 4

**March**
David turned 4
Lynda turned 4
Owais turned 4
Sarim turned 4
Hooda turned 4
Zain turned 4

We love to celebrate your child’s birthday at Preschool. If you would like us to celebrate this special occasion with your child, please come and talk to one of our friendly staff members so arrangements can be made for your child’s special day.
Gala Day Cricket

On Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} of March, the Lurnea cricket teams played their first Gala Day matches. Almost all children in both the Junior and Senior teams had never played cricket before and with only one training session behind them, travelled to Raby with a great deal of uncertainty.

The Junior team were competitive in all three games and enjoyed the experience of learning the rules, practising bowling and batting and competing against other schools.

After being introduced to the hard ball and batting equipment the Senior team got off to a nervous start. Despite the heavy loss I was proud of the way the team listened to the rules of the game, cheered on and encouraged their fellow teammates and helped the Captain in making decisions. This great attitude and some fantastic fielding resulted in Lurnea winning their two remaining games.

Special mentions must go to Hassain and Dani who played some powerful strokes when batting. Abdullah and Corey for accurate bowling and to Chloe and Eddie, who saved many runs with sharp fielding. A spectacular run out from Ben changed the momentum of a closely fought game, along with James’s determined effort when continuing to bowl despite an injured finger.

All children returned on the bus with smiles on their faces and a desire to return to training to prepare for the next Gala Day.

Mr Fleming

Gala Day Oz Tag

On Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} March, a group of primary students represented Lurnea Public School at the first OZTAG Gala Day for 2013. The bus ride to Victoria Park was filled with excited chatter and laughter.

Our Junior team consisted of Year 3 and Year 4 students, many of them making their debut in Gala Day sport. Unfortunately, we were unlucky and did not come away with a win however the students displayed great sportsmanship and had a fun day all the same.

Our Senior team had a number of students returning for another year of Gala Day sport. They played hard and strong and ended up winning 3 out of their 5 games, which was a fantastic effort!

All students’ represented Lurnea Public School with pride and both Mr Gray and I were extremely impressed with their behaviour. We cannot wait until Gala Day 2 which will be held in Week 10. Wish us luck!

Miss Agostino
Stage 2

This term in 4J, we have been learning about Expositions. One of our topics was ‘Does Australia need a new flag?’ Students argued whether or not they supported a change in the nation’s flag. Students then designed their own flag using various symbols of Australia. Here are a few of our attempts at redesigning the Australian flag.

3 Acceptance

3A looked at Pablo Picasso’s paintings and then created their own artworks based on his style. These are some of the artworks that they produced. Can you guess which 3A students are depicted in these portraits?
Support Unit

I don’t know about you, but every time we send out the Newsletter, the students (and teachers) seem to be busy, busy, busy! This edition we see 3/6R using an old fashioned method of communication, 1/6F using the Smartboard, K/2D continuing to develop their numeracy skills and artwork from 3/6P!
Swim Scheme

Over the past two weeks, 100 of our students from Years 1 – 6 have been participating in the Swim Scheme program, teaching them vital water safety skills. The students have been learning how to float, skull, strokes and survival skills, both in and out of the water.

Each of the students have progressed from their first lesson, enjoying it and working hard. It has been fantastic to watch the personal achievements of them. The swimmers have shown great behaviour throughout the program.

I would like to thank Luke Fleming who has done a great job as our swimming teacher, along with the support of John Joy, Tiffany Hayman, Annette De Leo, Tracey Love and Robin Clinghan. This has been a great opportunity for the students of Lurnea, but it would not be possible without the dedication of our staff – thank you to you all.

This program has been developed and endorsed by the Department of Education, implemented by fully qualified swim instructors and has proven very valuable to our students. It will be running again in 2014, look out for the information at a later date.

Melanie Thomas

Upcoming Dates

Week 10: Summer Gala Day 2

Public Holidays

Monday 2 April

School Dates

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 12 April

Term 2 students resume

Wednesday 1 May

Reminders

Weather

As it is coming into the winter months, it would be appreciated by the classroom teachers if you could bring a box of tissues in!

Students are beginning to wear their new school jumpers and jackets, please ensure that they have their names and class written on it in permanent marker, just in case!

Term 3 Newsletter

Watch out for the next edition in Week 3!
Advertisements

**PLAY AFL ON SUNDAYS!**

AFL is a fun, safe and inclusive sport for boys and girls aged between 5 and 18. Benefits of joining your local Junior AFL Club include meeting new friends, keeping active, opportunities to be a part of Gala Days and to meet GW3 GIANTS players throughout the season.

The Liverpool Eagles are located at Rosedale Oval Warwick Farm with the 2013 Junior AFL season running from March to September.

To find out more information and to register please contact:

Greg Howe
greg.howe@afslswact.com.au
0421 064 047

---

**Australia’s First Coloured Commemorative Coin!**

**LIMITED EDITION**

For a $10 donation
the $2 Poppy Coin will come with a Certificate of Donation

Australia’s first commemorative $2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL, with the Royal Australian Mint. A unique Australian legal tender coin, this ground breaking $2 coin is simply an outstanding keepsake for every Australian.

The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict.

All funds raised go to support our local RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.

**FANTASTIC DEALS**

**KERATIN DEAL**
- Keratin Treatment
  - For $99

**FULL COLOUR DEAL**
- Full Colour
  - For $65

**FULL HEAD FOILS DEAL**
- Full Head Foils
  - For $110

**Hair Services**
- Spray Tan
  - For $20

**SnZ Hair Studio**
ONE STOP HAIR & BEAUTY SHOP
Shop 6, 54-56 Hill Rd, Lurnea
AUTUMN  15 to 26 April 2013

School Holiday Program

Come to Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre for another fun-filled school holiday program of workshops and activities to keep children entertained and engaged. The Clay House will take you on a wild adventure while making different zoo animals, and there’s even something for pre-schoolers! Workshops are $15 per child, unless otherwise stated. Make three or more bookings and you’ll only pay $10 per workshop (you must book all workshops at the same time). All workshops are for kids 6+ years, unless otherwise stated.

Bookings contact 9724 1121 or visit www.casulapowerhouse.com

Wednesday 17 April
Preschoolers Day!
Preschoolers won’t miss out this school holidays! Today we have activities especially for preschoolers and parents to do together. For kids 3-5 years old. $5 per child, per workshop. Parents FREE! Max capacity 15 children.

Finger print peacock
10:10am – 11am
Kids use their fingerprints to create the colourful feathers of a peacock. Then draw in the rest of it!

Cardboard sculptures
11:10am – 12pm
Kids use irregular cardboard shapes with slits to connect and create their own sculptures

Marble painting
1:10pm – 2pm
Create spontaneous paintings using paint covered marbles.

Week 1
Monday 15 April
Monotype printing
10am – 12pm (max capacity: 20)
Draw for mess and make your own one-off monotype prints by drawing, scraping and rubbing with ink and paper to make reverse images.

Colourful self portraits
1pm – 3pm (max capacity: 20)
Make a self-portrait that expresses yourself in colour. Using coloured paper and chalk, design your silhouette in a way that expresses you!

Tuesday 16 April
Build a birdfeeder
10am – 12pm (max capacity: 20)
Create a functional birdfeeder that can be hung in the style of Gaudi using materials such as juice or milk cartons and coloured paper tiles. Kids will learn about mosaics, architecture, recycling and caring for wildlife. Bring your own juice or milk cartons!

Clay zoo animals
10am – 12pm (max capacity: 15)
1pm – 3pm (max capacity: 15)
Create your favourite animal from clay and start your own ceramic zoo!

Make a Mexican terracotta planter
10am – 12pm (max capacity: 20)
Make your own Mexican themed terracotta planter and create a mini garden with succulents. Kids will learn about Mexican folk art and small scale gardening.

Clay zoo animals – Clay House
10am – 12pm (max capacity: 15)
1pm – 3pm (max capacity: 15)
Add to your growing zoo by making more animals for your collection.
Wednesday 17 April
Melbourne Ballet Company presents
Infinite Space
11am and 8pm
Adult $35, Concession $30, Children under 16 $20

Choreographed by Simon Hoy and Rob Kelly, Infinite Space is a breathtaking example of classical dance re-interpreted to inspire both new and loyal ballet audiences. This is a great first time ballet experience for kids and adults alike.

Thursday 18 April
Collage and mixed media art
10am – 12pm [max capacity: 20]
Collage, or the assemblage of different materials, is one of the foundational art activities for childhood. Kids will use a variety of coloured papers, paints, fabrics, newspapers and magazines to glue onto a canvas to create interesting compositions.

Tape and paint
1pm – 3pm [max capacity: 20]
Kids will create paintings using only two materials: masking tape and paint. This workshop will be a creative and fun way for kids to explore geometric art and be inspired by Piet Mondrian.

Friday 19 April
Make a mobile
10am – 12pm [max capacity: 20]
Let’s celebrate kinetic art: art that moves! Kids will explore all things mobile as we learn about the work of Alexander Calder and make their own mobile art display to take home!

Still life drawing
1pm – 3pm [max capacity: 20]
Kids will learn the traditional style of still-life drawing. Using pencils and crayons, still-life drawing will enhance their ability to look at the finer details of everyday objects in their environment.

Friday 26 April
Chain reactions: mixing art and science
10am – 12pm [max capacity: 20]
It’s like knocking dominoes over – only bigger! In this interactive workshop, kids will learn about energy and how to work collaboratively while making a large chain reaction. Kids will get to explore their own creativity and see how their parts work together in a large whole. Bring recycled parts/objects that you would like to use in your kinetic sculpture. Parents are invited to the end of the workshop, when the chain reaction will be revealed!

Making flags with monoprint
1pm – 3pm [max capacity: 20]
Using wooden blocks, fruit and found materials, and contemporary printmaking technique, kids will create unique prints. These prints will be transformed into individual flags that represent their creativity and special personalities.

If you would like to advertise in our newsletter, please contact our Front Office staff for assistance.