Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Education Week 2013!

What an amazing week we have had – filled with learning and celebration. It always brings me a huge amount of satisfaction when we stop and reflect on all the great things that make up Public Education in New South Wales.

The Deputy Principals and I were incredibly fortunate to attend a conference in the city on Monday, which began our celebrations of Education Week in an extraordinary way. Throughout the day, we heard from a number of internationally regarded educational researchers including Steve Dinham and John Hattie.

We listened to messages about engaging students in their learning, the importance of providing outstanding professional learning for staff and the value of looking after each and every student’s learning needs and wellbeing. The whole day was an excellent reminder of how far we have come as a learning community. But more than that, it was an incredible affirmation of the decisions we have made at our school to target and improve learning – we now know beyond any doubt, that we have designed a learning structure at Lurnea Public School that echoes the approach of the most outstanding education systems around the world.

PBIS Assembly

This week saw our PBIS Superheroes returning from their secret location to visit our students once again. The superheroes helped our students to reflect on what it means to be a safe and respectful learner at Lurnea Public School. The students were provided with practical examples of how they can commit to their learning with the help of their teachers and peers.

This was an outstanding learning experience for all of our students – one that has created a huge ‘buzz’ around the
school. My thanks to Super Respectful Man, Super Sporty Woman, Super Safety Girl, the Fruit Ninja and the Honesty Angel for reminding us about what we believe in at our school.

Thanks also to Mr Clarke and his team for inviting the Superheroes and their friends from class PBIS – I’ve heard that they have a very busy schedule! Lucky Mr Clarke has Super Respectful Man’s mobile number…..

**Excellence Awards**

Each year during Education Week it is my honour to be able to award a number of staff members with an Excellence Award. This award is in recognition of outstanding service to the students of Lurnea Public School and Public Education in general. It gave me a great deal of pleasure to present these awards to the following staff:

- Cheryl Wyles – General Assistant
- John Joy – Assistant Principal
- Kelli Blanchette – Early Career Teacher
- Mary Velardi – Experienced Teacher

**Extravaganza**

Our final Education Week celebration for 2013 will actually be held later in the term. Our Extravaganza will feature performances by all students throughout the school and promises to be an exciting and entertaining event.

Keep an eye out for details – you won’t want to miss it.

Have a great week.

David Sim

Principal

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**To our new students:**

Omar 5/6O, Ahmad 4E, Ibrahim 1B, Anthony, Nasim, Rikihana, Hayden Pre-School, Ashanti 5/6O, David 5/6G, Delilah KH & Marcus 2Q
Dear Parents and Carers

Term 3 is off to a wonderful start with all the students settled back at school after the holidays.

Education Week

This week we acknowledged the admirable efforts of everyone involved in public education, including students, parents, staff and the wider community. Thank you to the parents and community members who came to the assemblies and those who visited their child’s quality learning environment.

Quality Teaching

This term, our staff will continue to be involved in many more professional discussions about what quality teaching and learning looks like in their classrooms. Our staff will also have the opportunity to meet in their stage teams on a regular basis and undertake professional learning in the areas of literacy and numeracy. This is a great opportunity for our teachers to reflect on their teaching practice, share ideas with colleagues and continually strive for improvement. Our aim is to continue to deliver the highest of educational programs to all students.

Morning Assemblies

It is 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.

2014 Kindergarten and Preschool Orientation Sessions

The time is fast approaching for 2014 enrolments. Please pencil the following dates into your diaries:-
- Kindergarten Orientation – Tuesday 15 October 2013 (Week 2, Term 4)
  9:30am – 11:00am
- Preschool Information session - Tuesday 22 October 2013 (Week 3, Term 4)
  3:15pm – 4:30pm

We appreciate your continued support!

Regards,

Lauren Dunlop and Lisa Stipanovic

“Quality teaching in a safe and respectful learning environment.”
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:

From the CLO

Lurnea Parent Café

How is mathematics taught at school?

If Maths wasn’t your best subject at school, trying to help your children can be nerve wracking, especially since it seems so different now.

Come along to learn how maths is taught at Lurnea PS and how you can assist your child at home. Preschoolers are welcome.

When:       Wednesday 7 August
Where:      D Block
Time:       9.00 am – 11.00 am

We look forward to seeing you!

Topic discussions coming up for the Parent Café ….

Wednesday 21 August:  Reading at home with your children
PBIS Update

**Relaunch:** The hard work from our PBIS Team including Mrs Longbottom, Mrs Soh, Miss Ross, Miss Hayman and some extra help from Mrs Donaldson, Mr Sullivan, Miss Thomas and Mrs Blanchette ensured that our PBIS Relaunch was a great success. I thank them very much for their efforts along with many other teachers who helped out on the day. The goal of the PBIS Relaunch was to promote to our students and community all of the positive interventions we put in place to ensure success for every student. We aim for all students to see school as a safe and happy learning environment and I think the efforts of our teachers during the Relaunch demonstrated the lengths that our staff will go to engage our students in the importance of being SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS. If you missed out on the Relaunch please visit our school Facebook page to see a video and photograph of our PBIS Super Heroes in action. Once again, a big thank you to all the staff involved!

**Super Buddies Update:** Mrs Soh has continued to work hard on our new Super Buddies program for our Year 6 students. Soon the students who have successfully completed the course and who continually demonstrate appropriate values and behaviour at school will be awarded a Super Buddy Certificate and begin volunteering their time on the playground to support other students during play breaks. The Year 6 students have named our Super Buddy mascots Miss Justice and Friendly Freddy.

**PBIS Lessons:** These lessons occur every Thursday afternoon and make good use of our Interactive Whiteboard Technology. They are highly engaging and later this term our Year 6 students will be supporting teachers across the school with teaching these lessons. The focus areas of these lessons include:

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*We encourage you to reinforce these messages at home with your children and ask them about the PBIS lesson each Thursday.*

If you have any questions or concerns about our PBIS program or your child’s schooling experience I encourage you to ring the school and arrange a time to discuss this with your child’s teacher. If further help is required feel free to contact me so we can work together to ensure every student continues to have a positive learning experience at Lurnea Public School.

Jason Clarke
Assistant Principal -Student Success
From the Students

On the 17th of July, students in year 5 and 6 from Lurnea Public School went on an excursion to the State Parliament House for our new HSIE topic.

First we walked to the Domain to eat our lunch before going into Parliament House. The teachers told us to get in two lines. When we went into Parliament House we went through a security check to make sure we didn’t have any anything we shouldn’t have. We then put our bags in a cage and lined up to get through the door.

We went into the Lower House first. Our tour guide told us all about how laws are made and where members of the government sit. The hand-scribe need to write down everything that is said during a meeting.

An hour later we went to the Upper House and we discussed if school should be held on Saturday. After that we went outside to eat our recess. After recess we went on a double-decker bus back to school. We had the best day ever.

Written By Dani and Eddie 5/6O

On Wednesday the 17th of July, Stage 3 teachers and students went on an amazing excursion to the NSW State Parliament House in the city. This excursion was the start of our HSIE topic Government. As a part of the excursion, we had to be at school by 8:30am as we had to get our names marked off and leave at 8:45am.

After that we got onto the bus and left for the city. On the way there we had great fun taking photos and chatting. When we got off the bus we walked to a nearby park to have morning tea because the tour was starting at 11:00am. As some of us were fasting we took pictures with our friends to pass the time.

Next we were taken on a tour through Parliament House and entered the Lower House first. This level was green with pretty chairs and carpet. We also went into the Upper House which was royal red. In both rooms we had a role play activities to explore how it feels to be a parliament member.

Later we had lunch near the State Library and took more photos. Finally we left and went back to school and played games after having a very exhausting day. We had loads of fun and learnt a lot.

Written by Marwa and Mya 5/6O
Learning to Write with Kinder!

Kindergarten has been learning about writing procedures this term. We have been making some different recipes to give us real life experiences so we understand the purpose of a procedure. So far we have made fairy bread and next week we are looking forward to making ‘Johnny Cakes’ with Aunty Jennie and fruit kebabs in our classrooms. We have included some photos of our experiences and some wonderful work samples.

Bumping it up in 2Q!

Students in 2Q have been using bump-it-up walls. These walls show the students how they can deepen their understanding of concepts in class as well as help them assess their own work. They lead to conversations between students as well as with Mrs Maharaj.
Cruising along with Stage 2!

Welcome to Term 3! Students and teachers have jumped back into their routines well rested and rearing to go. Everyone is very much looking forward to all of the exciting activities planned for this term. Students have been busy preparing and training for the Athletics Carnival next week, as well as brainstorming and formulating ideas for our part in the Extravaganza later in the term.

This term, Stage 2 are investigating the British Colonisation of Australia, the effect this had on the original inhabitants of this land – the Aboriginal people; and how the events of the past 200 odd years have shaped who we are today. Some fascinating learning experiences have already taken place, with students engaging in some really fantastic, quality discussions. Students cannot wait to share their learning with you as the term goes on.

Remember to check your child’s class webpage for updates and work samples throughout the term and we look forward to catching up next newsletter. Here’s to a great Term 3!

Mr Sullivan, Miss Hayman, Mrs Banerji, Miss Skola and the students of Stage 2.

3P’s Assembly

3 Purpose had a very happy time on Thursday 25 July, when they had an opportunity to host the Primary Assembly. They had been practising for days and were so excited! Every student had a part to play. A group of girls entertained everyone with their dance, which was called Pearly Shells, while some boys got together to prepare an engaging Haka performance. There was a short skit as well, where the students got to display their talents in acting. The rest of the students conducted the Assembly announcing what was to happen as the program continued. Various awards were also handed out to deserving students. Everyone had a lovely time.
Preschool Update

Welcome to Term 3. We trust that the children had a restful holiday and are ready for some more fun and learning this term. We have lots of interesting activities lined up for the weeks ahead. The children will be learning about planting and growing. They will be involved in hands on activities including, growing vegetables and learning to recycle their food scraps appropriately.

We will also be focusing on the extension of fine motor skills looking closely at pencil grip and scissor grip. As children begin to write, parents can help establish and reinforce proper pencil grip. Correct pencil grip is essential not only to improve handwriting but also to facilitate comfort and fluidity of writing.

Transition to school visits

Our transition to school program will start this term in week 4. The children will be visiting the kindergarten classes on Monday and Wednesday for the morning group and on Wednesday and Thursday for the afternoon group. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to get used to their big school for next year. The children will be involved in literacy experiences and developmental play activities. Please make sure you are here on time on these days.

Where’s your bed at? with 1K

Students had to organise their bedroom, include all furniture they would need and where they would need to put it to fit. Have a look and see how we went.

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday 6 August: K-6 Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 13 August: Book Week Performance
- Friday 16 August: Winter PSSA Gala Day 3
- Tuesday 20 August: NAIDOC Week performance
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