Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the 2014 school year. It is wonderful to see the school come alive again. We are so pleased to see all the children back looking happy and healthy, ready for a great year of learning. An extra special welcome to all our new students and their families; we hope your time at Lurnea Public School is rewarding and successful.

Welcome to New Staff
We welcome some new educators to our dynamic team. Miss Alyce Sullivan on KC, Miss Kylie Vanderzanden on 1B, Mr Ben Smith on 3/4G and Mrs Nicole Young, SLSO in the Preschool. Welcome back to Mrs Carlie Soh on 5/6I.

Term 1 Staffing Arrangements
- Mrs Lauren Dunlop and Mrs Lisa Stipanovic will continue to relieve as Principal, while Mr David Sim is on leave.
- Mr Jason Clarke is the Relieving Deputy Principal - Quality Teaching and Learning.
- Mr Phillip Plumridge was successful in attaining the role of Deputy Principal - Early Action for Success.
- Miss Melanie Thomas will be Relieving as Assistant Principal – Student Success.

Kindergarten
We were thrilled to welcome our Kindergarten students to school last Monday. They have settled into their classes very well. All of the students have undertaken their Best Start Assessment, which enables the teachers to identify their strengths and areas for development.

Classes
In Week 1 we sent home a letter with some information about the formation of our classes for this year. This information outlined our significant number of new students enrolling at our fantastic school. As a result, we decided to place ALL students in classes with a TEMPORARY status until the end of this week. If there is a need to move your child, you will be contacted personally. You will also receive a letter indicating the name of your child’s new class and teacher. We will of course, try to keep any movement of students to an absolute minimum.
We are currently in the process of employing two permanent Classroom Teachers to our school. We will inform you of the outcome in the next few weeks.

Curriculum Contribution
As our school community knows, we are always trying to think of ways to provide the best possible education for all students. The Curriculum Contribution is an innovative approach to paying for excursions and school activities throughout the year. Our aim as always is to have 100% participation for all students. We ask for a one-off contribution at the beginning of the year that will cover the cost of 2 MAJOR EXCURSIONS AND ALL IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES for each student. Once you have paid the contribution, we will not ask for any more money for excursions or activities ALL YEAR! The only exclusions are Swimming Scheme and PSSA sport. Please make your contribution as soon as possible.

Professional Learning

Mr Plumridge, Mrs Nott, Mrs Dunlop and Mrs Stipanovic were fortunate to receive outstanding Professional Learning by Dr. Dylan Wiliam this week. Dr. Wiliam is a consultant who works with educators around the world to develop effective, research-based formative assessment practices. Our staff are already implementing some of Dr Wiliam's strategies into their classrooms and as a result, our students are experiencing more success in their learning.

Finally, thank you all for such a fantastic start to the year. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to what 2014 brings!

Have a great week.

Lauren Dunlop and Lisa Stipanovic

Relieving Principals

From the
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy year start to the year! We have welcomed two new staff members Mr Ben Smith and Miss Kylie Vanderzanden along with many new students across the school. Miss Alyce Sullivan, Mr Chris Vaccaro and Miss Deepika Mistry have also returned from last year and I welcome them back as well. I can assure you that we have been working hard to take into account every student’s individual needs as they transition into their new classes.

In my current role as the Relieving Deputy Principal I have been putting a considerable amount of time into inducting our new staff. As a school we are constantly moving forward and looking at the latest research to ensure our teaching and learning strategies reflect the needs of our 21st Century learners. There are some strategies that have become a part of our school culture such as ‘Learning Intentions and Success Criteria’, ‘Focus on Reading – Super 6 Comprehension Strategies’, and the ‘Quality Teaching Framework’ that have been highly successful strategies with our students and will continue to be in 2014. In conjunction with our highly experienced Executive Team and our exceptional Instructional Leader we will ensure that our teachers have the skills they need to set every child up for success.

There will be some changes to our student reports this year that we will update you on as things become clearer. As we implement the new NSW English Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum it will alter the way we report on different aspects of your child’s learning. The Department of Education and Communities is finalising this soon. In addition to this I am pleased to announce that our Parent/Carer – Teacher Interviews are scheduled to take place Week 10 this term on Tuesday and Wednesday. This is in line with our focus on improving and increasing our communication with you and ensuring that you have the opportunity to get an update on your child’s progress earlier in the year.

As your children continue to settle into their new classes with their new teachers it can be a very daunting and anxious time for some. I can assure you that all staff have had input into the placement of students and every effort has been made to place them where they will be most successful. ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoons will occur in Week 7 and will be a great opportunity to get an insight into what will be happening in your child’s classroom. I encourage you to attend the Meet the Teacher sessions and if you would more information ring the office and arrange a meeting with your child’s teacher.

Have a great term!

Jason Clarke – Relieving Deputy Principal
Student Wellbeing

Welcome back to another year at Lurnea Public School. This year, we are continuing with our Positive Behaviour Intervention Systems (PBIS) program which is designed to provide students with strategies to support their academic and social skills in a positive manner. These strategies are taught to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6, using a common language. Students are aware of behaviour expectations in all areas of the school and that all teachers can positively reinforce and reward good behaviour.

Each week, students participate in lessons created by our teachers that surround the weekly focus – either a social skill or a school rule. There are times when we need special helpers – look out for our Superheroes led by Super Respectful Man. The Superheroes come to the school to support the teachers and students and help them develop their social skills.

Following is the weekly focus’ for Term 1:

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<td>We are persistent and always do our best.</td>
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<td>Follow teacher directions at all times.</td>
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<td>Be in the right place, at the right time.</td>
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<td>Show respect towards Teachers, Peers and Visitors.</td>
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Melanie Thomas – Relieving Assistant Principal Student Success

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.


**Newsletter Editions**

Our exciting newsletters are published in Weeks 3, 6 & 9 each term. The first edition 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/](http://www.lurnea-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

**Facebook**

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](http://www.facebook.com/LurneaPublicSchool)

**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.
News from the CLO

Welcome Back!

The Uniform Shop has been super busy from Week 1 and lots of parents have come in to buy uniforms for their kids. I have re-ordered all missing stock and should receive it in the following weeks. A big thank you to all parents for their patience and understanding when stock has been low. I will keep parents updated as to when stock will arrive. Also, I have ordered new hair clips and they should be arriving in the next 2 weeks. If you have any lost property please come down to the TPL room to check the LOST PROPERTY BOX. If there are unclaimed items with no names by the end of term 1 I will be washing and selling in our second hand shop. There are currently a few items in the second hand shop if parents are interested. If you have unwanted uniforms in good condition you would like to donate to the school please bring them in or send them with your child.

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. If you would like your child to participate in the School Banking program and they do not already have a Dollarmites Account, please drop into any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and the staff will be happy to open an account for you.

Please remember, School Banking day is Wednesday and bank books should be dropped into the money collection box at the front of the school administration block before 10am.

Jamily Fares

Community Liaison Officer

We are a nut free school!

In our school, we have students who have an allergic reaction to nuts. To ensure their health and safety, and those of others, we ask that you do not send your children to school with anything containing peanuts, peanut butter or nut products. This initiative has been developed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities and one in which Lurnea Public School abides by. For more information can be found here:

Welcome to 2014
Great start to Kinder!

On Monday 3 February, 62 fresh eyed kindergarten students walked into Lurnea Public School. And they came back! These first few weeks have been spent getting to know each other, their teacher and familiarising themselves with the school environment.

In Kinder Brave, Care, Hope and Unity, the students have been introduced to letter sounds, sight words, numbers, technology and learning to work in small groups. We hope that the students have been enjoying themselves much as the teachers have!

Jessica Hill, Corrin Archer, Julia Corovska & Alyce Sullivan

Stage 1

Welcome back to 2014! Stage 1 has made a great start to the year and all have settled well into their classes. We are all expecting a wonderful year of learning new skills and ideas. We welcome Miss Kylie Vanderzanden (1B) to Lurnea Public School who join Mrs Jessica Hill (K/1C), Miss Deepika Mistry (1/2L), Mrs Kristy Longbottom (2S), Miss Tiffany Hayman (2/3A) and myself on (2Q). Together we look forward to meeting you in coming weeks at the Meet the Teacher afternoon where more information and timetables regarding the stage will be available. Please don't hesitate to make an appointment with your teacher should you wish to discuss your child's needs at any-time.

Let's work together to make Stage 1 great in 2014!
Mrs Anne-Marie Nott Assistant Principal (Rel) Stage 1.
Welcome to Support!

Our Support Team is back, ready and eager to begin another wonderful year at Lurnea Public School.

This year the team consists of Mr. Allan Rungan, Assistant Principal and class teacher of K/4F, Mrs. Donaldson, classroom teacher K/2D. Mrs. Singh, classroom teacher 3/6P, Mrs Riley, classroom teacher 3/6R. Working with these classes are a wonderful group of SLSO’s Mrs. Love K/4F, Mrs. Lovett K/2D, Mrs Clinghan 3/6P and Mrs. Pisani 3/6R.

We have begun 2014 with a smile. Classes have been assigned but are not yet set. It may be necessary for some small changes to take place.

Let us all support your children in their learning and allow 2014 to be their best year yet!

Stage 3

Stage 3 has headed straight into 2014 - Sinking, Sailing and Soaring (our science topic this term!)

The teaching team sees a return for Miss Marlee Horne on 5/6 Opportunity, Mrs Mary Velardi on 5/6 Tolerance (Rel. AP), Mrs Carlie Soh, who is on 5/6 Integrity, alongside Mr Trevor Gathercole and Mrs Sanjukta Banerji moves up from Stage 2 on 5/6 Purpose. This year will be an exciting year, full of learning opportunities, excursions to broaden knowledge and camp!

The students have all settled into their classes, making new friends and finding out what is expected of Stage 3 learners. Coming up soon is our Meet the Teacher session, we hope to see you there.

Stage 3 Team

Stage 2

All the students and teachers have made a great start to 2014 in Stage 2. We welcome the Year 3 students who are now Primary students, having made the move from Year 2. On staff, we have Miss Hayman - 2/3 Acceptance, Ms Thorley - 3/4 Kindness, welcome to Mr Smith - 3/4 Generosity and Mr Vaccaro - 4 Justice, with Mr Joy as stage supervisor.

So far this term, we have been getting to know each other, talking about and setting learning goals, working collaboratively in small groups to achieve tasks and get into learning.

Stage 2
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