Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final Newsletter for Term 3.

NAPLAN Results
As you are aware, all students in Years 3 and 5 participated in the NAPLAN assessment earlier in the year. Our students should be proud of their achievements and persistence in the assessments that they completed. Parents and carers would have received their child’s individual results last Friday. Should you require assistance in understanding the results, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

LAAFF
Earlier this week over 30 students represented our school at the Liverpool Arts and Film Festival. The teachers and students have put in a huge effort in preparing each item which was well received by the audience. Thank you to Mrs Hill and Miss Corovska for coordinating this event for our students. I also extend my gratitude to the parents and carers who came along to the Festival.

Warmer Weather
As the weather continues to warm up, it is important for us to provide a few reminders:
1. All students MUST be wearing a school hat during break times. Without a hat they will have restricted play areas.
2. Please send your child to school with cold water every day – a frozen water bottle is a great way for students to keep cool.
3. All students are expected to wear full school uniform including appropriate shoes and shorts. Parents will be contacted if your child attends school without their uniform.
4. It is important to apply sunscreen to your children every day before school. We will provide sunscreen at school for outdoor activities like PSSA.

School Security
With school holidays fast approaching, we are asking the school community to be aware of any suspicious activity. If you walk or drive past our school and notice anyone trespassing or any vandalism, please call:-

School Security- 1300 800 021
Liverpool Police- 9821 8444

Your personal safety and security is extremely important, so please do not intervene in any way if you observe trespassers, simply report the incident to one of the above numbers. We are proud of our school and want to
ensure that it continues to be a safe and happy place for all. Your assistance in looking after our school is appreciated.

**Newsletters**

Online communication tools like our Facebook page and website allow for us as a school to communicate with you in a fast and timely fashion. Due to the overwhelming response to these forms of communication, we have decided that we will change the frequency of our Newsletters. From now on, the Newsletter will be printed and distributed to all students in Week 9 of each term. We will still ensure that it is uploaded to the school website for those of you who prefer to read it online.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff at Lurnea for their efforts in ensuring that your children access quality teaching and learning programs, our students for striving to be **safe, respectful, learners** and the community for working together to ensure that Lurnea Public School is a hub of learning.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Spring holiday and will see you all in Term 4.

Lisa Stipanovic

*Principal (R)*
Deputy Principal’s Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and successful term here at Lurnea! Our school’s reputation as a place of quality teaching and learning is growing every day. It is now a common occurrence that teachers and executive staff from other schools contact us and want to visit and learn about the great things that happen here. Our teachers and executive are always searching for ways to make the educational experience that we provide your children the best that can be delivered.

A huge thank you to the teachers, SAS staff, school executive, parents and carers for your hard work throughout this year. Your hard work is making a difference! I look forward to another productive term after the break and celebrating our students and staff achievements.

School Planning
As a school we have begun our school plan for 2015 to 2017. Students and parents have participated in focus groups and enthusiastically provided their thoughts on our initiatives, programs and events that operate at our school. This has provided us with valuable information that will help guide us as we continue to identify and plan for what is important for our students.

I would like to thank all the parents, students and staff who have had input into our school plan so far. Once our school plan has been completed we will be uploading it to our website. We are always eager to gain feedback from our school community and I am happy to meet with any parents or carers who would like to add to the information we have gained already.

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy
If your child is in Year 3 or 5 you should have received their NAPLAN results by now. Many of our staff have begun to analyse our students results and identify key areas of strength and areas of need. We compare our NAPLAN data against our own assessments so that we can accurately identify the learning needs of each student. Teaching and learning at Lurnea Public School is becoming more and more individualised and I encourage you ask your child’s teacher what their learning goals are.

If you would like to meet and discuss your child’s progress I encourage you to call the front office and arrange a time to speak with them.

Have a great break!

Jason Clarke
Deputy Principal (R)
We 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

Student Wellbeing

Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Bull Rush.

Great reasons to be active for children and parents

✓ Boosts confidence
✓ Improves fitness
✓ Makes bones and muscles stronger
✓ Improves posture
✓ Helps maintain a healthy weight
✓ Lowers the risk of heart disease
✓ Reduces stress
✓ Improves sleep
✓ Reduces the risk of cancer
✓ Improves self confidence
✓ Teaches you new skills
✓ Develops better motor skills
✓ Makes a person happier with their body
✓ Lower risk of disease including heart disease and cancer later in life.

Melanie Thomas
Assistant Principal - Student Success
News from the CLO

SASS Appreciation Week

Last week, the School Administration and Support Staff (SASS) were honoured with a special “Thank You” luncheon, to show our appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to the students, community and staff of our school. Each SASS member was presented with a beautiful hand-drawn portrait that the students had put great effort into making. On behalf of all SASS, I would like to thank both the teachers and the children for this wonderful memento.

School Banking

Our students have been very active with school banking this term. I am very happy to say that nearly every week, I am ordering prizes for a few students. Well done! I have been notified by the Commonwealth Bank’s school banking coordinator that the penguin key ring is no longer available due to its popularity.

Father’s Day Stall

Last week our students had the opportunity to purchase gifts from the Father’s Day Stall. The day was a great success and students went home with a variety of gifts for their loved ones. I would like to thank all the students and parents that volunteered their time to help on the day. I hope all our male carers had a wonderful day and enjoyed their gifts.

Jamify Fares

Community Liaison Officer
Zone Athletics Carnival

The Lurnea PS athletes were at school bright and early to compete against other schools in the Zone Athletics Carnival. 21 students ranging from Year 3 to Year 6 represented Lurnea. Upon our arrival at the Campbelltown Sports Stadium, they were faced with a wet, cold and slippery day. Nonetheless, they took their place in the stands and were ready to cheer on their peers. It was great to see so much enthusiasm. Out on the track, Lurnea tried their best and placed quite well. During the downpour, our field athletes were called to position, however, they were disappointed to find out all field events were cancelled for the day.

The Lurnea PS Field athletes were given their time at Ash Road Sports Fields where they participated against other schools in Shot Put, Long Jump and High Jump. It was a fantastic two days where we saw Lurnea athletes showing enthusiasm, school spirit and fair play. Well done to all involved.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

If you have moved, or changed your telephone details, please see the friendly office staff so that we can update our information.

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LAaFF Out Loud!!

On Tuesday 9 September, the Liverpool Arts and Film Festival went off with a bang! Schools across the Liverpool area showcased their talent to an audience of hundreds, and our Lurnea dance groups did us proud! Well done to this dedicated team of dancers. We had a lot of laughs and made a lot of memories.

Visible Learning Through Formative Assessment

On Monday 8 September, Lurnea Public School hosted teachers from twenty-one different schools across the region in a day of professional learning around formative assessment. The day included a number of workshops but the highlight for visiting teachers and principals was to see the quality of work occurring in classrooms K-6. Feedback from participants included words like “inspiring experience”, “so impressive” and “outstanding ideas”. The day concluded with many teachers asking if it would be possible for colleagues to return at a later date for a second visit.
What’s happening around Lurnea?

Early Stage 1

Green Thumbs for Kindergarten!

Kindergarten students have been working hard to create a beautiful outdoor learning space and eating area. Students planted a variety of plants in bright colours to match our new benches and tables.

Back in our classrooms, we wrote about the gardening experience we shared with our friends.

Our newsletters are read by a large number of readers across the community. Newsletters are accessed across a variety of media including the school website and Facebook. If you would like to advertise in our newsletter, please call our

Front Office staff on:
(02) 9607 7002

Or email:
lurnea-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Stage 1

Please enjoy a selection of photos from the Stage 1 classrooms, illustrating the amazing learning taking place.
Support

The children in 3/6R are using their “duets”, which are acoustic telephones to listen to each other read and then use a “fluency feedback sheet” to assist their friends to improve.

Students are working well in literacy in 3/6R
Stage 3

Stage 3 has been building bridges as part of their study of Built Environments. The students enjoyed planning, building, testing and refining their creations. Perhaps some future engineers in the making?
Stage 2

What a fantastic assembly hosted by 3/4 Generosity. They have been very busy practising and making their performance memorable.

The audience were amazed by the shadow dance. A big thank you to our very own Kid President.

Well done to ALL students from 3/4 G for all their hard work and effort!

Softball

Join up today

And for the kids U11 - Teeball

United Softball Club

For more information contact
Crisy McSavaney - 0421 327 229
Amanda Haworth - 0417 282 777
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
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MLC Tennis Hot Shots is an exciting tennis program for kids aged 10 and under. Using smaller courts, racquets and low-compression balls, the program makes learning tennis easy for new players.

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- Face Painting & Balloons
- Entertainment
- Demonstrations
- Fun and Games

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Sunday September 14th
From 10am @ Creative Spirit Centre (next to carpark)
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Minchinbury (entry also via Great Western Highway)
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