Dear Parents, Students & Staff,

Calendar of Coming Events - Term 1
Week 3, 14 Feb – Swimming Carnival, Yrs 3-6
Week 4, 19 Feb – PSSA Meeting
Week 4, 22 Feb – District Swimming/Ian Bridge Street
Week 5, 1 Mar – Jennifer Almond in Lab
Week 6, 6 Mar – Principal’s Conference
Week 6, 7 Mar – Condition Assessment
Week 6, 8 Mar – School Photos
Week 6, 8 Mar – Life Education Starts
Term 2
Week 7, 15 June – Exciting event, save this date

Infants Assemblies (K-2) at 2.30pm in Hall
Week 7- Wed, 13 March
Week 10 – Wed, 3 April

SRC Assemblies (K-6) at 2.00pm
Week 4 – Wed, 20 February
Week 6 – Wed, 6 March
Week 9 – Wed, 27 March

Swimming Carnival
Just a reminder that our school swimming carnival for competitors only will be held on Thursday 14 February at Dapto Pool. Children have taken a note home about it and parents are welcome to attend. Unfortunately we will not be taking non-swimmers as we cannot get access to the smaller pool for novelty events. These children come to school as normal.

SRC Induction
Classes have elected their Student Council Representatives in readiness for the induction ceremony to be held on Wednesday 20 February starting at 2pm in the hall. Parents of our SRC members are invited to attend. Hopefully we will have Stephen Jones MP able to attend.
School Uniform
Congratulations to all students wearing school uniforms. Looking around the playground it is easy to see the pride taken in our uniform.
Thanks to parents supporting us in our endeavours to encourage children to wear uniform.

SPACING RULE TWO
Most words add 's' to make the plural

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Try these …
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gas → _________ wax → _________
class → _________ dish → _________

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
Keep a personal record on a calendar, by marking the days your child/children are absent from school. Keep the calendar on the fridge. Cross off the days when you have sent in a note of explanation for the absence. This is showing your child that care about the time that they miss school. It allows you to check to see how much time they are missing. It may also help you identify a problem that they are having at school. For example they may be “not feeling well” on the same day each week – that may be the day they do something different at school or a day that something happens at home.

Have you written a note for the teacher explaining all absences? Absences must be explained within seven days of an absence, or it will be recorded as an unjustified absence by the school. Absence explanation notes should be dated, with your child’s name and class, the days and dates they were absent, the reason for the absence and be signed by the parent/caregiver.

House Captains / Vice Captains
Congratulations to the following students on being selected as captains and vice captains of our sports house teams;

Kookaburras
Senior Captains – Jacinta Madden
Dain Axtell
Vice Captains – Seth Smith
Abbey Hopkinson
Junior Captains – Mia Smith
Harry Vaseo

Kangaroos
Senior Captains – Jai Cull
Chantelle Croker
Vice Captains – Beau Roach
Emily Mulqueeney
Junior Captains – Hayden Johnson
Maddison Callaway

Dingoes
Senior Captains – Cooper Worland
Janaya Dubowec
Vice Captains – Lara Cooper
Rory Billington
Junior Captains – Jai Hayden
Katelyn McMurtrie-Morgan

Crocodiles
Senior Captains – Maddison Greenhalgh
Thomas cambourn
Vice Captains – William Cambourn
Hallie Hills
Junior Captains – Brodie Chapman
Isabella Carlson

Labelling Belongings
Don’t forget to take some simple steps to help reduce clothing being lost. Each year it amazes us how much lost property there is.

- Use a permanent marker to label clothes, hats and shoes if you don’t have personalised sewn on labels.
- Go through your child’s bag with them to check they have brought gear home.
- Check labels haven’t faded with washing.
- Check our lost property container if something is missing.

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**NRL Visit**
On Thursday the 7th of February, at Lakelands Public School the under 20’s Dragon players came to visit. Each class except kindergarten walked down to the hall so excited to see the visitors. Everyone remained seated and the hall burst with excited whispers which echoed throughout the hall. Their coach Paul was introduced and we met Shannon, Sam and Jacob. We also watched a DVD. Sam, Shannon and Jacob put Stage 2 into groups and we learnt how to play football. I had a fantastic day!
By Maddison Warth 3/4M

**Under 20’s Dragon Players Come to Lakelands**
Recess was finished and I couldn’t wait to go and meet the absolutely awesome, superstars; the under twenty dragons players!
The whole school was anxiously awaiting in the hall desperate to know what was going to happen next. The main part of the show was the pop quiz, where there were three teams and a guy at the computer showed three video clips. The teams were asked questions and they got a point for every question they got right. After the assembly, Stage 2 were split into two groups, one group went back to the classroom and were going to come back later. The other was split into another two groups and were doing a lot of drills like the grubber, which is a kick and it just skims across the ground. We were taught how to do the dummy which was my personal favourite. In just half an hour I learnt everything you need to know about Rugby League. I know I am definitely going to use the dummy again.
Jordan Langer 3/4M

**Trinity Cheesewright**
All of Lakelands watched the big screen as the dragons played football. Stage 2 learned kicking skills. I kicked the ball high. I kicked the ball to the coach and he kicked it high like it was flying.

**Alyssa Grady**
On Thursday, 7/2/13, the Dragons came LPS with a smile plastered on their face. Shannon, Adam, Sam, Jakob, Chris and Paul showed a video about how to tackle bullying.

**Bailey Hansen**
My favourite part of the Dragon’s visit was practising chip and chase with Jacob. Every time I chip and chase in a real game I score a try! I also enjoyed side stepping other players.

**Wollongong High**
If you are considering Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts as your choice of secondary school next year there is an Expo Evening of Thursday 28 February 2013 from 5.30 – 7.00pm.

**Did you Know Fun Spot**
Eighty per cent of the human brain is made up of water.
If any children have found out any interesting facts and researched them they can see me and I will include them in future newsletters.

**K-4 Information, Communication and Technology (ICT)**
As part Mrs Coogan’s K-4 ICT program the students at Lakelands Public School are encouraged to log on to their portal. Your child can log on at home and access their mail and blogged by going to https://student.det.nsw.edu.au. If your child does not remember their individual username eg, firstname.lastname and password please ask your child to come and see Mrs Coogan. I look forward
to their emails and posts/comments in blogged.
During term 1 the K-4 program will focus on Cybersafety.
Mrs Therese Coogan

BOOKCLUB – Issue 1 February 2013
Welcome back to students/teachers and parents. Orders and money for Issue 1 are due back at school no later than Thursday 14th February.
Thank you,
Sharon Worland Book Club mum!!

School Banking
Every Tuesday 8.30am - 9.00am in the hall. If you would like to open a school banking account for your child, staff from the Commonwealth Bank will be attending banking next Tuesday 19th February for an "Account Opening Day". See attached flyer for further information.
Your coordinators
Sharon, Ruth and Karen

School Banking is back for 2013!
The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.
School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.
- Attend your local branch, Dapto, to open an account and receive the dollarmite account pack.
- Existing customers can apply online by logging onto Netbank.
- Alternatively we will be hosting an account opening day on Tuesday 19th February at the school starting at 8.30am and located at the hall. Bring your child’s birth certificate (or passport), parents ID and an optional opening deposit to get your child started with school banking and contribute to the schools fundraising activities.

DAPTO EAGLES JUNIOR AFL CLUB
Dapto Eagles Junior AFL Club registration days will be held at Reed Park on Sunday 17 February and Sunday 24 February from 10am to 12 noon, with a special registration session also on Tuesday 19 February from 3:30pm - 4:30pm.
We provide a fun, family-friendly sport for girls & boys from 5 to 11 years old - no experience necessary!
For more information contact us at daptoeagles@hotmail.com or the Dapto Eagles Facebook page.
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