Dear Parents, Students & Staff,

Calendar of Coming Events - Term 1
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 8, 18 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

Values – Courtesy
Each fortnight over coming weeks I’d like to highlight one of our 5C’s of “Citizenship” starting with “Courtesy”. Courtesy is being polite and having good manners. When you speak and act courteously, you give others a feeling of being valued and respected. Courtesy costs nothing and helps life go smoothly. Saying please, thank you, excuse me, hello and goodbye are just some expressions that demonstrate you are a courteous person. Please talk to your children about this value as it reinforces the messages we are giving at school.

Multi-age Classes
All of our classes in Years 3-6 are “Stage Based” classes. Legislation allows students to start school between the ages of 4 and a half and 6, so children have always been in multi-age classes. This range of ages continues to be reflected throughout the schooling process. We consider all children’s needs and interests in placing students in classes as well as friends, behaviour, attitude, previous teachers and the overall mix of children in each class. It is not an easy task but not one that is rushed. Children adapt very quickly and all classes appear very settled.

Apology Day Report
On Wednesday I went to the Employment and Training Centre in Windang for apology day. When we got there we had morning tea. After that we went and painted our canvases. Over all I had a great day and would like to do it again.

By Dain

I had a lot of fun and hope I can do it again soon. We all had a lot of fun painting our own canvas and it was really great that the aboriginal elders spoke to us and told us a bit about their culture.

By Larah
On Wednesday the 13th I was lucky enough to be chosen to go to the aboriginal sorry day. It was fantastic. First an aboriginal person taught me more about my culture. Then we painted a canvas and got pictures done. They provided heaps of food and drinks. We played outside for a while. It was a great day. I loved it!!
By Isabella

Swimming Carnival
On Thursday 14th February 89 primary students participated in our school’s swimming carnival at Dapto Memorial Pool. All the students participated to the best of their ability and did so with a positive and supportive attitude. 34 of those students were successful in their swims on the day and have achieved the correct criteria to go and represent Lakelands PS at the Dapto District Swimming Carnival to be held this Friday 22nd February at Dapto Memorial Pool.
The winning sport house from our carnival is DINGOES! Congratulations.
Our winning age champs are as follows;
Isabella Carlson – Junior Girls Champion
Drew Bampton – Junior Boys Champion
Emily Mulqueeney – 11 Yrs Girls Champion
Jake Waddell – 11 yrs Boys Champion
Thomas Cambourn – Senior Boys Champion
Haylee Lenhart – Senior Girls Champion
I would warmly like to thank all teachers for their support on the day. We also had a successful carnival due to the extra and supportive help of those parents and helpers on the day, especially our official Mr John McIntosh.

Artist of the Week
Blake Roberts 2R
School Photographs
Photograph envelopes will be going home today with your child.
Please make sure that your child’s details and spelling is correct on all envelopes.
If students can return their completed envelope ON photograph day (note late orders attract a surcharge).
On Photograph day each student will be asked to hand in their envelopes to the photographer at time of photography.
Family photo envelopes can be picked up from the office if you wish to have a family photo.

SPELLING RULE THREE
When the letter before a 'y' is a consonant change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding an 'es'

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P&C
Our thanks and congratulations to Sharon Worland, who has assumed the President role after Barb Inglis stood down for personal reasons, and Ruth Billington has taken on the role of Vice President.
Treasurer - Norena Portelli
Secretary - Scott Langer
Our P&C has big plans this year and it is great to see this small group of parents prepared to do what they can to benefit all Lakelands children.

Please support them in their endeavours, which started with the Muffin Drive.

Clean Up Australia Day
We will again be assisting this campaign at a local level by taking part in the clean up of the school environment on the 1st March.
Children should bring some gardening gloves to school to do the clean up.

SRC Representatives 2013
K/1R – Elena Cvetkovic
1E – Amelia Borg, Tate Bunting
2P – Jorja Seath, Lachlan Tasker-O’Neill
2R – Connor Vaseo, Jack Carlson
3/4A – Holly Chapman, Maddison Hinks

3/4M – Brodie Chapman, Myah Mulqueeney
3/4R – Jye Heydon, Alyssa Grady
5/6D – Seth Smith, Phoebe Wonson
5/6C – Isabella Carlson, Amy Marra
5/6K – Nicole Cudruvi, Emily Mulqueeney

LEADERS – Dain Axtell (5/6C), Larah Cooper (5/6D)

Parking Ranger
The ranger from council will be patrolling the local streets over the coming weeks and will issue parking tickets for non-compliance to parking signs. Please be aware of this and do the right thing.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
Are your mornings hectic and chaotic? Some hints that other parents have found useful are:

- Make lunches the night before and store in fridge for the morning rush hour
- Have a set time for homework in the afternoon or night so that “I haven’t done my homework” excuse cannot be used in the morning.
- Check the night before, on things needed for school tomorrow and organise these, for example, money for lunch; special clothing (sport uniform, painting shirt); library bag; notes to explain absence from school, excursion permission slips, etc.

This newsletter is sponsored by Local Heroes- IGA – Parkside Plaza, Dapto, 4262 8644
Have school uniform ready for your child to put on in the morning.

I am available to assist with problems on non-attendance at school. Contact the school for my phone number. Don’t let your child develop a pattern of non-attendance as this will become more difficult to break the longer it continues.

Home School Liaison Officer

Did You Know Fun Sport
I have had quite a number of children researching weird and wonderful facts. This week I have chosen the following sent to me by 3/4R.
A turtle can breathe through it’s butt.
By Alexis

Unlike dogs, cats do not have a sweet tooth. Scientists believe this is due to a mutation in a key taste receptor.
By Erin Bunting

Mathletics
The Mathletics program was purchased by our P&C for 2013. Children will have access to this program both at home and at school.
Mathletics allows students to revise maths concepts at their own pace in a fun and engaging way.
Our school has “rolled over” into their 2013 classes and added new students. Children should know how to access Mathletics or will find out shortly. Please get your children to show you this program rather than play less educational computer games.

Uniform Shop
- New polo are in. Those that ordered polo can you please pick up Friday morning.
- Don’t forget school photos are coming up, If you need new uniforms get in early in case we need to order.
- Thank you to everyone for your support of the uniform shop.
  Shannon & Cath

FUNDRAISING
Don’t forget your Dougies Muffins orders are due by Friday 8th march.
The more orders means more profit which goes straight back to the students.

Next February meeting is 9am Tuesday 26th February in the library. Everybody is welcome!!
Thank you Shannon & Cath

School Banking
Our account opening day was a big success. If anyone wishes to open an account please go down to the Commonwealth Bank. Don’t forget school banking day is TUESDAY mornings in the hall from 8.30am – 9.00am.
Thank you
School Banking co-ordinators
Karen, Ruth and Sharon

St Johns Rhinos, Junior Rugby League Club
Come play Rugby League with the ‘Rhinos’ (Kanahooka Rd, Dapto). The Rhinos prides itself on giving all kids the opportunity to play Junior Rugby League (u6’s to u15’s (Girls up to u12’s). If you are interested, come along the Rhinos next Registration day on Saturday 2nd of March between 9am to 2pm @ Dapto Mall
For further information please google ‘St Johns Rhinos’ or contact
Kevin Hindle (President) 0416 106 310 or Michelle Ford (Secretary) 0425347921.
2013 Rego Costs (Per family):
1st Player $75
2nd Player $50
3rd Player $40

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.

Lakelands Public school, as a service to parents and carers, will advertise events/products which may be of interest. Lakelands Public School does not endorse or sponsor these events/products and accepts no Responsibility.
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

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<td>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.</td>
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<td>- Use a permanent marker to label clothes, hats and shoes if you don’t have personalised sewn on labels.</td>
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<td>- Go through your child’s bag with them to check they have brought gear home.</td>
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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.

skims across the ground. We were taught how to do the dummy which was my personal favourite.