Dear Parents, Students & Staff,

**Calendar of Coming Events - Term 1**

- Week 5, 1 Mar – Jennifer Almond in Lab
- Week 6, 5 Mar – Regional Swimming
- Week 6, 6 Mar – Principal’s Conference
- Week 6, 7 Mar – Condition Assessment
- Week 6, 8 Mar – School Photos
- Week 7, 14 Mar – Fundraising Committee meeting 9am
- Week 8, 18 Mar – Life Education Starts
- Week 8, 19 Mar – P&C Meeting
- Week 9, 27 Mar – Disco / SRC Assembly
- Week 10, 4 April – School Cross Country
- Week 10, 5 April – Gala Day
- Week 11, 10 April – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Week 11, 12 April – last day of Term

**Term 2**

- Week 7, 15 June – Exciting event, save this date

**SRC Induction**

Last Wednesday at our first SRC assembly our traditional handing over of responsibilities and badges took place. Family members were present to come forward and pin the badges on their children. It was a proud occasion for all concerned. We were fortunate to have Federal Member for Throsby, Mr Stephen Jones, attend and offer his thoughts and well wishes. Congratulations to all SRC members and House captains on their selection. We know they will do a great job with Mrs Dodds leading them.

**School Photos**

School photos will be taken on 8th March by MSP. This local Dapto company has been involved with our school for 3 years now.

All parents should have received a package of information outlining payment options. Please make sure that your child’s details and spelling is correct on all photo 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.
**Parent Teacher Information Sessions**

Hopefully everyone who attended these sessions found them useful. We had big rollups for most. Some parents may not have been able to attend but all teachers sent out a note to those who could not be there. If you missed out on this, please write a note to your child’s teacher so they can get one to you.

**Concerns/Issues**

Even though Lakelands is a great school we appreciate that being human, we don’t always “get it right”, or may be unaware of a problem your child is experiencing. If this is the case, the first port of call is your child’s teacher as they are the people who can intervene at the outset to help.

If a problem persists then please have a chat with the stage supervisors (Assistant Principals), Mrs Reid, Mrs Kelly and Ms Mallam.

If the issue is still unresolved then certainly come and see me and I will do my best to assist in overcoming the problem. Rest assured we do our best and some things take time to resolve.

**Lakelands P&C**

The parents and Citizens’ Association (P&C) is the organised voice for the parents of students. It provides a forum for parents to express their needs and aspirations for their children. It brings families together socially and conducts vital fundraising functions to sustain and improve the school’s resources.

The P&C had various specialised sub committees such as the Uniform Shop, Disco Organisers and Fundraising Committee. All these sub-entities work for the good of the school and the benefit of the students.

I believe by being involved in our P&C you can get ideas and issues heard and student learning improves when they see parents and staff working together. Please consider becoming involved even in a small way and contribute in a different way to the education of your children.

**Sad News**

Some parents may remember Gerry Faughlin who worked here in the capacities of cleaner and general assistant. Unfortunately Gerry passed away recently. He will be remembered by everyone as a happy, obliging, helping, gentle man. Our thoughts go to his family at this sad time. R.I.P. Gerry.

**Artist of the Week**

Maddison Warth 3/4M

**SPELLING RULE FOUR**

When words end in ‘ay’, ‘ey’, ‘iy’, ‘oy’ and ‘uy’ add an ‘s’ to make the plural

- one donkey ➔ two donkeys
- boy ➔ boys
- pulley ➔ pulleys
- relay ➔ relays
- play ➔ plays
- grey ➔ greys
- alley ➔ alleys

**Try these …**

- day ➔ __________
- satay ➔ __________
- monkey ➔ __________
- valley ➔ __________
- tray ➔ __________
- delay ➔ __________
- trolley ➔ __________
- key ➔ __________

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Make attending school a priority. Don’t allow your children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night. Children who are used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important to you. In high school they will themselves choose
when to go to school – for a parent this will be a big issue.
Teach your children that being on time is an important habit to develop. Children that are constantly late to school miss a very important part of the school day when the teacher outlines what is happening during the day. It is also an important part of the day for new skills and concepts to be presented to students, as this is the part of the day when they are freshest and can concentrate better. For high school students they attend roll call and the notices are read out about upcoming events, sporting team trials, extra curricular activities etc. Students who are late to school miss these messages and then find that they do not know what is going on and feel like they do not belong. Students who are late on a regular basis also become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.

**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.

**NSW Oz Tag State Cup**
On the weekend of 8, 9, 10 February the NSW Oz Tag State Cup was held at Dalton Park. Cade Hothman of 3/4M was co-captain of his Under 10 Coastal Cobras team. They just missed out on the finals but were very competitive. Cade received the players player of the series. WELL DONE Cade!!

**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.

**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 for the clean-up.

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

**Uniform Shop**
- New polo shirts are in. Those that ordered polo’s 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

**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
Next Friday 8th March the Canteen is having a “Spider Drink Day.” They will be $1.50 each and will be made with light ice cream and Diet soft Drink. They will be available at recess and lunch time only.

DAPTO SCOUTS GROUP
Want to have fun? Join 1st Dapto Scouts Group
Learn new skills, earn badges, play games and go camping
Scouts are open to boys and girls starting with,
Joys: 6-8 years, meeting Monday 5.15pm – 6.15pm
Cubs: 8-11 years meeting Monday 6.30pm – 8pm
Scouts: 11-15 years meeting Wednesday 7pm – 9pm
Turn up on meeting night or contact group leader.
Location: 28 Baan Baan Street (3rd on your left after roundabout)
Dapto or contact the group leader Charles Janszen on 4261 2550 for more information

St Johns Rhinos Junior Rugby League Club
It’s not too late to 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 to our registration day:
9am to 2pm on Saturday the 2nd of @ Dapto Mall
2013 Rego Costs (Per family):
· 1st Player $75
· 2nd Player $50
· 3rd Player $40
For further information please google ‘St Johns Rhinos’ or contact Kevin Hindle (President) 0416 106 310 or Michelle Ford (Secretary) 0425347921

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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