Dear Parents, Students & Staff,

Values – Caring
Our second value for the year is caring. This is simply giving comfort and attention to people and things that matter to you.
You do a careful job, giving your best effort. You treat people and things gently and respectfully. Caring makes the world a better place.
At home parents can talk with your children about caring for others and list some ways they can show this around the house. For example doing helpful things without having to asked like tidying rooms, clearing toys up, doing the dishes and helping younger brothers and sisters.

School Photo’s this Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} March
- All photo envelopes have been handed out to all classes
- Parents if possible check details on the envelope for name changes, spelling errors etc., and make any corrections in red.
- Please return your completed photograph envelope to the office on photograph day, Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} March or prior to photo day. Correct money should be enclosed.
- All envelopes will be collected at the start of the day or returned to office prior to photo day.

Calendar of Coming Events - Term 1
Week 6, 6 Mar – Principal’s Conference
Week 6, 7 Mar – Condition Assessment
Week 6, 8 Mar – School Photos
Week 7, 14 March – 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

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 6 – Wed, 6 March
Week 9 – Wed, 27 March

*SRC Assembly is held this Wednesday 6\textsuperscript{th} March at 2pm in the school hall.
• If envelopes are not handed on the day, unfortunately your child will not be able to have and individual photo taken.
• Family photograph envelopes are held at the office for those parents interested in purchasing a family photograph. Family photograph envelopes will need to be returned to the office prior to photo day.
• CHILDREN WEAR NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM ON THE DAY NOT SPORTS UNIFORM

Sports News
Over the last couple of weeks, students at Lakelands have been very busy in their sporting endeavours. There have been students participating in District sporting trials, District and Regional Swimming Carnivals and in general being busy with selecting their term 1 Gala Day sports teams.

District Trials
Some of the senior students have been busy trialling for various District teams such as Netball, cricket, boys and girls soccer and in the next couple of week’s rugby league. Unfortunately not every student who trials can make the district team, but it is my pleasure to announce so far that Ashley Barton and Abbie Hopkinson have been selected for the District Netball Team. I will keep everybody updated with the results from the other trials as soon as the information is presented.

District and Regional Swimming
Lakeland’s students have been extremely busy over the past couple of weeks swimming their hearts out. We were fortunate enough to send 34 primary students to the Dapto District Swimming Carnival. Our students participated with great enthusiasm and showed wonderful sportsmanship. There were five students who excelled on the day and were successful in their attempt to make it to the Regional Swimming Carnival. They were Jake Waddell, Isabella Carlson, Maddison Callaway, Myah Mulqueeney and Cerise Mulqueeney.
It was a great pleasure to watch them compete yesterday at the Dapto Memorial Pool at the Regional level. They demonstrated a mature level of sportsmanship and although they didn’t make it to a state level, they performed to the best of their ability and did so with a great level of pride.

Term 1 Gala Day
This term the sports that are available for students to compete in are Newcomb ball, Cricket, Softball, T-Ball and a school sport option. Students will be learning how to play their selected sport and will undertake training during sports time on Fridays. It is important that students bring in their blue permission note which allows them to train across the road at Lakelands Oval throughout the year. Permission notes and Gala Day information will be handed out to children next week.

Life Education
Permission notes should have gone out for the Life Education Van. The van will be at our school on Monday 18th March, Tuesday 19th March, Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 31st March. A timetable will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

Focus on Reading
This year, the 2-6 teachers are training in a comprehension program called Focus on Reading. This program provides teachers with learning activities to teach children how to understand texts in an exciting and thorough way. At the moment we are in the process of determining what our children already know and how often they take part in reading. Next week as part of their homework, they will be bringing home a survey to complete each night for the five school days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) and needs to be returned the following Monday (Monday week 8). It should only take around 5 minutes each night to complete. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Staff Development
The staff at Lakelands Public school consistently keeps abreast of new educational initiatives. At present K-2 are being trained in TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) and Count Me In Too to improve their understanding. Delivery in the teaching of number concepts Yrs 2-6 are participating in “Focus On Reading” workshops to improve the teaching of comprehension skills. Kindergarten and Yr 1 are continuing to be upskilled in the implementation of L3 into their classrooms.
SPELLING RULE FIVE
When words end in 'f' or 'fe' change the 'f' or 'fe' to a 'v' before adding 'es'

one Knife two knives

leaf ➔ leaves wolf ➔ wolves
wife ➔ wives elf ➔ elves
thief ➔ thieves life ➔ lives

Try these …
half ➔ _______ hoof ➔ _______
loaf ➔ _______ shelf ➔ _______
self ➔ _______ calf ➔ _______

Exceptions – cliffs, chiefs, roofs, dwarfs & handkerchiefs

DOUGIES MUFFINS
Don’t forget Dougie’s Muffins order forms and money are due back this Friday 8th March. Please remember to put your name on the order form. Thank you to all those that have supported this fundraising effort!!!

TARONGA ZOO - RYDGES NORTH SYDNEY
Let the kids loose at Taronga Zoo these holidays. Package includes accommodation in a Family Suite, Taronga Zoo family pass, full buffet breakfast and parking. Great entertainment and Value! Price includes 2 Adult and 2 children entry only, extra tickets can be purchased.

Only $319.00
Stay an extra night from only $140.00 including breakfast. Subject to availability and terms and conditions apply. Offer Valid for stays 29th March – 28th April 2013. To book simply log-on to: www.rydges.com/northsydney or call reservations on 02 9922 1311

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
Well done to all! We have improved attendance in comparison with the same time last year. Remember, attendance does matter. Research has proven that students who attend regularly achieve the higher grades in school, when compared to students that have poor attendance.

What is good attendance? Many students in our school have zero, zilch, and nil absences in a year. The average student is absent for about ten days per year or three days a term. How does your child’s attendance compare with this?

Bookclub Mum

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is now collecting second hand uniforms, so please if you have any old uniforms that are still in good condition a tub will be left outside the uniform shop door. Second hand uniforms will then be sold for a gold coin with all monies going back to the school. We would also like to ask for any Christmas shirts that you may have no use for, again left in the tub outside the uniform shop. These will be used later in the year. Thank you, Shannon & Cath

Artist of the Week

Zara Axtell 3/4R

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CANTENE NEWS
This 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.

St Johns Rhinos Junior Rugby League Club
Come play Rugby League with the Rhinos, its not too late to enjoy the benefits of team sports….. fun, friends and fitness.
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). We have spots available in all teams from u6’s to u15’s. If you are interested in playing, come down to one of our training sessions at Hayes Park Public School (Kanahooka Road) from 4pm. For further information please Google ‘St Johns Rhinos’ or contact Kevin Hindle (President) 0416 106 310 or Michelle Ford (Secretary) 0425347921.

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,
Joeys: 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

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A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.