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Principal's Message

Welcome back to the last term of the year. The weather is already getting warmer and daylight savings as well and truly kicked in. It's a great time of year.

LMHS "Headstart" Transition

Our Years 5 and 6 students from Cedar are in the middle of their second week at Lake Macquarie High School as part of the transition program with great feedback coming to us about the program.

These students are at the High School 3 days a week with Mr Szczudlo and have been engaging in different learning experiences with a mix of students from across the feeder primary schools. We know at the start of next year the new Year 7 will have no problems adapting to High School life.

The Year 4's have been enjoying their focus group with Miss Elliott and we're seeing some tremendous teaching and learning happening for this group as well.

Congratulations Miss Avery

Congratulations Miss Avery on the birth of your daughter, Josie May on the 25th of September. We hope you are settling in well with motherhood, although we already have students asking "why aren't you back yet?"

P & C

Our next P & C meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday 25th at 6:30pm in our hall. We warmly welcome all to attend. Our P&C is also hosting our next school disco on Friday 28th with a Halloween theme. Please note that previous information had a 5:30pm start but the correct starting time is 6pm.

Timber!

There's always a number of things happening to our school over the holidays, so it's a big thank you in particular to Mr Gandy, Mr Flannery and Mrs Hopton.

Mrs Hopton and Mr Flannery have been busy redesigning the inside of our library to accommodate all the new books we have. One of the topics for the next P&C meeting will be around some new exciting furniture for the library. Mr Gandy was busy with the external and has just finished the North wall.

The great news was the removal of 6 trees that were causing concern, including the massive tree that was formerly behind the hall.



Early Action for Success

Just recently the NSW Premier and Minister for Education released the statement around the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy, including the Early Action for Success strategy.

We are very excited to be named as one of the 533 schools involved which will see the inclusion of an *Instructional Leader* in our school for two days a week over the next four years. The Instruction Leader will be working closely with our teachers to help provide the best possible learning for our students.

Mr Payne on Leave

From Friday 28th October I will be on Long Service Leave for two weeks. In this time Mrs Cobcroft will be the Relieving Principal.

Canberra Excursion

Years 5 and 6 will be going on the combined schools excursion to Canberra leaving early Tuesday 25th October and returning late Thursday 27th October.

A note will be going out later this week including items for packing, times, pick-ups etc. Please note that students are required to wear full school uniform on the first day (Tuesday) and that no technology, especially phones, are permitted.

The transition program is on hold for next week, so Years 5 and 6 students attend Speers Point Public School on the Monday 24th October.

Have a great week

Mr Payne

Upcoming Events

TERM 4 Week 2	
Week 2	
Wed 19th	<i>Support Unit-Parents Morning Tea</i> <i>Years 5 & 6 Attending LMHS</i>
Week 3	
Tue 25th	<i>Canberra Excursion Year 5 & 6</i> <i>P&C Meeting – 6:30pm</i>
Wed 26th	<i>Canberra Excursion Year 5 & 6</i>
Thu 27th	<i>Canberra Excursion Year 5 & 6</i> <i>Koalas Transition Day 8-45am – 11-45am</i>

	<i>Gymnastics</i>
Fri 28th	<i>P&C Disco 6pm-7.30pm</i> <i>Halloween Theme</i>
Week 4	
Mon 31st	<i>Years 5 & 6 Attending LMHS</i>
Tue 1st Nov	<i>Years 5 & 6 Attending LMHS</i>
Wed 2nd	<i>Years 5 & 6 Attending LMHS</i>
Thu 3rd	<i>Koalas Transition Day 8-45am – 11-45am</i> <i>Gymnastics</i>
Fri 4th	<i>Grandparents Day</i>
Week 5	
Mon 7th	<i>Swim School</i> <i>Years 5 & 6 Attending LMHS</i>
Tue 8th	<i>Swim School</i> <i>Years 5 & 6 Attending LMHS</i>
Wed 9th	<i>Swim School</i> <i>Years 5 & 6 Attending LMHS-Last Day</i>
Thu 10th	<i>Swim School</i> <i>Koalas Transition Day 8-45am – 11-45am</i> <i>Gymnastics</i>
Fri 11th	<i>Swim Scheme</i>

Reminders

Please finalise **Macquarie Cup Soccer** payments as there are still a number of payments outstanding. If unsure of the outstanding amount please call our office.

Canberra payments need to be finalised **ASAP**
Swim Scheme must be made in full by Friday 28th October.

Gymnastics payments need to be finalised ASAP

Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Isaac McGrath
Lacey Satchell

29th October
31st



P&C News

We would like to congratulate our Vice President Dan and his wife Jen on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy.

Upcoming Events

P&C General Meeting, Week 3 – Tuesday 25 October at 6.30pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome.

Halloween Disco – Friday 28 October – 6pm – 7.30pm – Fancy Dress. Lots of fun, music and dancing. There will be a sausage sizzle, glow sticks and face painting. Entry is \$2

Family Fun Fest – Friday 2 December – 5-8pm – Music, Inflatable fun, stalls, food etc. This will be a great night to celebrate at Speers Point Public School. This is a whole community event and everyone is invited, so please spread the word. If you would be able to put up some promotional flyers in the local community could you please ask at the office and we will get some flyers for you.

Canteen

The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday for lunch. Recess remains pre-orders only. This term the canteen introduced a New Summer Menu, with cold treats for those hot days.

We would like to thank all our volunteers in the canteen. If you would like to join our wonderful team of volunteers, please contact Alex Graham, Canteen Co-ordinator or let the lovely ladies in our school office know.

P&C Committee

Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Week 2	
Wed 19 th Oct	Bethany Johnston & Rebecca Ford
Thu 20 th	CLOSED
Fri 21 st	Christie Ward & Alex Graham
Week 3	
Mon 24 th	CLOSED
Tue 25 th	CLOSED
Wed 26 th	Rae Nelson & Alex Graham
Thu 27 th	CLOSED
Fri 28 th	Christie Ward & Alex Graham
Week 4	
Mon 31 st	CLOSED
Tue 1 st	CLOSED
Wed 2 nd	Christie Ward & Rebecca Ford

If unavailable for your day or would like to volunteer please call Sheridan 0431135451 or Krystal 0400376220

Community News



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Help us develop



Lake Mac Walks



Lake Macquarie City Council would like your help to identify key linkages to improve walkability within the City.

Getting connections right is an important step in increasing pedestrian connectivity and access to open space and other key services.

We need your help mapping important areas where you currently walk.


While you're there, tell us where you'd like to see a new pedestrian link.

Get Involved!

Map your walk online at
www.haveyoursaylakemac.com.au/lake-mac-walks

Your suggestions and feedback inform the preparation of the City's Active Connection Network.

For more information visit
www.haveyoursaylakemac.com.au/lake-mac-walks
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Fair Play OOSH & Vacation Care

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Quality Childcare for School Aged Children
We offer a range of services which include:

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE:

7am-9am (Breakfast Included) on request 6.45am start

AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

2:30pm-6pm (Afternoon Tea Included)

VACATION CARE & PUPIL FREE DAYS:

7am-6pm (on request 6.45am start)

At Fair Play OOSH we believe in providing a welcoming, environment where children get to learn new skills and experience new friendships while having lots of fun, we provide a nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea everyday along with exciting arts and crafts and challenging sporting games.

Good for Kids good for life

LONGER DAYS = MORE OUTDOOR PLAY!

Outdoor play gives children the opportunity to experience the natural environment and have adventures! Now that daylight savings has started children have even more opportunity to get outside before school, after school and on the weekends.

Make the most of the sunlight by having some outdoor activities planned in advance. Consider installing a basketball hoop for summer evenings or planning to build a cubby house on the weekends. Playing outdoors with neighbourhood play mates is a great after school activity. Family activities could include a bushwalk or beach cricket day.

