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6th September 2016

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Principal's Message

Concert is almost here! I always love this time as we build up to our concert. There is such a buzz around the school as everyone is working hard to create the best show.

Concert Reminders

Concert is next week! For us, it's kind of a big deal. If you have had problems getting costumes, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible. The note asked that all costumes are at the school by this Friday – this allows us to check that all is ready. **Don't forget to label clothing!** This includes both costume and school uniform.

It's important for the evening performance of the concert that students arrive back at school at 5pm to ensure they are ready for the 5:30 show. Costumes are not to be taken home that night as there is another performance the next day.

Tickets are still available for all shows. Tickets are not available at the door so please get your order in.

As a special treat, to fit with the theme of an old theatre, popcorn is being sold. We will be selling bags of specially flavoured kettle corn and drinks at each performance. As previously mentioned, all funds raised from our concert event is going towards the new resources our second Kinder class in 2017.

Kinder 2017 Information Evening

Our second information evening is being held on Thursday 22nd September at 6pm. Rather than overloading everyone with too much information, we split our sessions. This session will be more about the actual transition program and all the hints and tips for starting.

School Survey

We're in that time of year where plans are being planned for 2017. In order to put the best programs

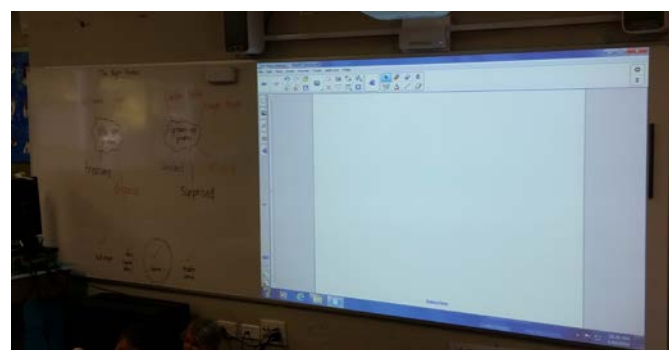
and strategies in place for our school we need to hear your point of view! The following link:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/spps2016> lets you access and complete our "Tell Them From Me" survey which will directly influence our plans for 2017.

New Smartboards... which are not the smart part

Waratah and Eucalypt classroom are the first to trial a replacement to the interactive whiteboards which we knew as Smartboards. It's hard to believe that many of our Smartboards are somewhere between 7 and 9 years old with many reaching their life expectancy.

For half the cost we have been able to install new Interactive projectors over a standard whiteboard which gives an interactive board when the projector is on, or a standard whiteboard when the projector is off. Even better these projectors can register up to 6 different users at the same time, where the previous boards could only react to a single touch.



What to do?

You may have a hard choice for what to do tonight. Our P&C meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm in the hall while Lake Macquarie High School is hosting their Yr 7 2017 information evening at 6pm.

This session at LMHS will also detail a lot of information for the Year 5 and 6 students in the transition program next term. For Year 5 and 6 parents – it's definitely one to get to!

Canberra Excursion

While the Canberra excursion is next term, it is going to come along very fast. Please make sure that this is being paid off. We have to submit numbers to the organising school this week.

SASS Week

Last week we were able to celebrate SASS Week, in recognising and appreciating the hard work our non-teaching staff make. Thank you to our office staff, SLSOs and General Assistants because without you our school would just not operate.

Upcoming Events

Week 8	
<i>Tues 6th</i>	<i>P & C Meeting 6:30pm LMHS Info Night 6pm</i>
<i>Fri 9th</i>	<i>Macquarie Cup</i>
Week 9	
<i>Tue 13th</i>	<i>Concert Dress Rehearsal</i>
<i>Wed 14th</i>	<i>Concert Day/Evening Performance</i>
<i>Thu 15th</i>	<i>Concert Day Performance</i>
Week 10	
<i>Thu 22nd</i>	<i>Kinder Information Night 6pm</i>
<i>Fri 23rd</i>	END OF TERM 3
TERM 4 Week 1	
<i>Mon 10th October</i>	Students Return <i>Years 5 & 6 Attending LMHS from Week 1 to 5</i>
<i>Fri 14th</i>	<i>World Food Day (Multicultural Day)</i>
Week 2	
<i>Wed 19th</i>	<i>Support Unit-Parents Morning Tea</i>
Week 3	
<i>Tue 25th</i>	<i>Canberra Excursion Year 5 & 6</i>
<i>Wed 26th</i>	<i>Canberra Excursion Year 5 & 6</i>
<i>Thu 27th</i>	<i>Canberra Excursion Year 5 & 6 Koalas Transition Day 8-45am – 11-45am</i>

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Week 7

Euclaypt	Declan Weston	Monica Randle
Casuarina	Bailey Midson	
Wattle	Azra Boulton	Ashley McHardie
Waratah	Oliver Dobson	
Coachwood	Liam Dwyer	Damon Greensmith
Blue Gum	Cooper Moonon	
Cedar	Teneka Hay	Luca Davids

WESTLAKES PSSA ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



A select group of students represented our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival held at the Hunter Sports Centre on Friday 19th and Monday 22nd August. All the students displayed great athleticism and sportsmanship towards other competitors and their own team members. Every child competed extremely well especially against some very tough competition, but showed great determination and perseverance.

When returning back to the grandstand, the children had big smiles on their faces and were congratulated by those around them for their fantastic effort. Year 6 student, Jesse Moore, was outstanding on the track and field, placing first in the senior boys 200 metres, second in the 12 year's boys 100 metre and second in the senior boys high jump. These brilliant efforts saw Jesse qualify for the Hunter Regional Carnival. Teneka Hay delivered her best by placing third in the junior girls 200 metres. Notable commendations must be said for Oliver Dobson and Molly Hughes from our support unit who competed in their first zone carnival. It was wonderful to see so many parents come out and support the children on the day. All the children who represented Speers Point were commended for

wonderful manners and behaviour throughout the day.

Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Cooper Moonen 11th September
Sam Jackson 14th
Tyra Boulton 16th



P&C News

Everyone is welcome to come to our next P&C Meeting tonight - Tuesday 6 September at 6.30pm in the school hall.

Father's Day

We hope all our Dad's, Grandad's and people special to us had a wonderful Father's Day and enjoyed some of the gifts from our Father's Day Gift Stall. It was great to have so many of you come to our Father's Day Breakfast for some great bacon and egg rolls cooked by Robbie and Dan. Thank you to Alex and Christie for coming in so early to set up and kicking off the BBQ service for our early starters and to all the staff for helping to make this a really lovely school community event.

Council Election BBQ – Saturday, 10 September 2016

The P&C will be hosting the BBQ at the upcoming Council Election held at the Lake Macquarie Council Chambers. This is a great fundraiser for our school and we would really appreciate help from anyone who could spare some time throughout the day to come and help by cooking the BBQ or serving. We will be serving up awesome egg & bacon rolls, steak sandwiches and sausage sizzle to our local community of voters. We will be setting up from 7am and serve until about 2pm.

Save the Date - 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.

Entertainment Books – Last call

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Fundraiser and purchased an Entertainment Book. We

hope you get lots of value out of it. Unfortunately we still have some books outstanding. It is important that all books are returned to the office no later than Thursday 8 September, after this date the Entertainment book will not accept any returns which mean that our school is liable and will be asked to pay for all of these. If you are going to keep the book please arrange payment online or a cash payment to the office, before Thursday 8 September.

P&C Committee

Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 7 th Sep	Alex Graham & Rae Nelson
Thu 8 th	CLOSED
Fri 9 th	Krystal Randle & Alex Graham
Mon 12 th	CLOSED
Tue 13 th	CLOSED
Wed 14 th	Alex Graham & Tania Kelly
Thu 15 th	CLOSED
Fri 16 th	Alex Graham
Mon 19 th	CLOSED
Tue 20 th	CLOSED

Community News



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Does your child love to dance?

There's something so precious seeing your child perform with absolute confidence & their eyes sparkling with joy
Special Boys combo class starts this term!
Enrol now for Term 3 - 0411093771
Lake Macquarie Dance Centre



www.lakemacdance.com.au

Westlakes Athletics



Registration days for 2016-17 season

Tuesday August 28th 2pm to 5pm

Tuesday August 30th 5pm to 7pm

Friday September 2nd 5 pm to 5.45pm

1st competition/information night 2nd Sept 6pm

Wangi Oval

Donnelly Road Wangi



Check out our website for more information
<http://www.westlakeslac.org.au/>



HOMEWORK SUPPORT GROUP



- Enthusiastic 'Our Community Place' volunteers assist children with homework tasks
- Students have access to computers and the internet for homework use.
- Additional help with reading, numeracy, and study skills are available.
- All volunteers have 'Working With Children Check' clearance
- Healthy afternoon tea provided
- For more information, or to register your child for one of our free Homework Support Groups, please contact Our Community Place. Details below.



Tuesdays
Speers Point
Public School

Wednesdays
Boolaroo
Public School

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

In Partnership with
Speers Point Public School &
Boolaroo Public School



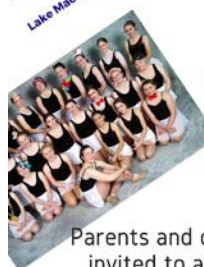
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LAKE MACQUARIE HIGH SCHOOL



HEADSTART TRANSITION YEAR 7, 2017



Parents and caregivers of our Year 7, 2017 students are invited to attend an information evening for our new HeadStart Transition Program.

HeadStart is a comprehensive program preparing all students to learn in an immersive STEM environment.

The program will run across the first five weeks of Term 4 for all Year 5 and 6 students.

Come and meet our energetic staff as we showcase what we can offer to broaden your child's future pathways.

6TH SEPTEMBER, 6PM

LMHS School Hall



Good for Kids good for life

SPRING TIME FOR SOME GARDENING

Gardening is a great outdoor activity for the whole family. As well as an opportunity to teach responsibility, it also increases excitement about eating fruit and vegetables!

For improved success it is best to choose veg that are easy to grow;

- Peas
- Zucchini
- Cherry Tomato
- Radishes
- Potatoes
- Kale
- Spring Onion
- Squash



If you live in a rental property a raised garden bed or planter box can be a great alternative to a regular veggie patch.

Why not start small with a couple of herbs or your child's favourite vegetable?



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