

Community Newsletter

Week 9, Term 1



Lakelands
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From the Principal's Desk

I can't believe we are coming to the end of the term. I guess time flies when you are having fun!

Our Harmony Day assembly was run by the HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) Committee this year and what a magnificent job they did. Mrs Lewis led the choir and whole school in the Harmony Day song 'We Are Home Here'. It was beautifully sung and when the whole school joined in it gave me goose bumps. It was wonderful to see so many students and staff members in costume and our parade certainly highlighted the cultural diversity we have at Lakelands PS and brought us all together to celebrate the theme 'Everyone Belongs'.

The P&C held this year's first school Disco last Friday night. Congratulations to Megan Cleary, the P&C team and all the wonderful parent volunteers who helped make this night such a roaring success. There were lots of impressive dance moves on the floor as students bounced up and down to the beat. The night ended with a dance off between the boys and girls with the girls just managing to snatch victory. Boys you now have until Term 4 to get your dance moves up to scratch.

There were lots of sweaty, red faced students leaving the school at the end of the night with big smiles on their faces; always a clear sign that a good time was had by all. Thank you to all the parents who supported this event. All the money raised will be going towards our new junior primary playground.

This will be the last newsletter for this term so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and community members that have supported our school so far this year. From the P&C, to those parents who volunteered for the steering committee for the new high school, to the parent helpers that come in every day to help in the classroom and contribute to school events and to all the parents that show a vested interest in what their children are learning at school. Never under-estimate the influence you have, as parents, on student engagement and learning. A recent report by the Commissioner for Children and Young People 2018 - Speaking Out About School and

Learning found that students with families who are involved and interested in their schooling are more likely to enjoy being at school, achieve higher academic results and are more likely to attend. For this we thank you!

We all get a chance to recharge and connect with family over the Easter weekend. We look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday April 4 for the last few weeks of term before we all enjoy a well-earned holiday break.

ANZAC Assembly 2018

This year's ANZAC Assembly will be held on Wednesday May 2 at 11.20am on the grassed area in front of the flags (weather permitting). Mr Hendy is coordinating the event and the final details will be confirmed closer to the date so keep an eye out on the school website. Once again Mrs Lewis will be leading the senior school choir in a song to commemorate ANZAC Day. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

School Holiday Break

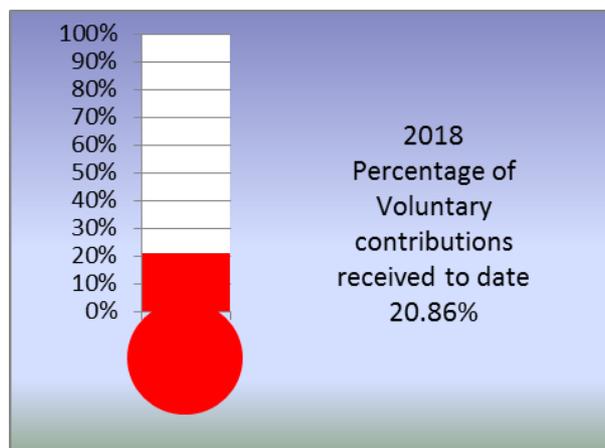
The Term 1 school holidays begin on Saturday April 14 and finished on Monday April 30. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday May 1 all refreshed and ready to learn.

NAPLAN Online Practice Test

An online practice test will take place next week. Students and staff have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the testing conditions and troubleshoot any problems that may arise before the official NAPLAN testing in Term 2 Week 3. The Year 3 and 5 teachers have been working hard throughout the term preparing students for the tests.

Voluntary Contributions Update

It is great to see our voluntary contributions on the rise again. We now have 20.86%. We know parents are busy and sometimes in the business of the day forget to make their payments - so during Week 11 some of our wonderful P&C members will be setting up a table in front of the admin building to trigger your memory. Thank you to the parents that have paid so far.



Account Name: Lakelands Primary School

BSB: 016 745
A/C Number: 190756561
Payment: \$60.00

Please ensure you include student name and reason for payment.

Stranger Danger Awareness

There have been quite a few reports of suspicious cars and behaviour across the Mandurah Schools Network over the past few weeks. Some of this behaviour has been substantiated and others have not. Please be aware that on all occasions the Department of Education has been notified and the correct procedures have been followed. Over reporting, especially those which are unsubstantiated, can lead to complacency or cause some students to become over anxious and worried. As a parent you know your child best. Our first newsletter encouraged parents to speak to their child about stranger danger and last week teachers spoke to all students again about stranger danger. If you feel you need to discuss this with your child again please feel free to. If, however, you feel this may make your child more anxious then I encourage you to speak to them at a time you feel suits them best.

Here are some suggestions to help your children stay safe:

- always travel in a group

- walk on the right hand side of the road to face oncoming traffic
- stay in areas that are well lit
- stay in view – avoid going into areas that are hidden (such as parkland bush or behind shopping centres)
- be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- if you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number
- if a passing car stops nearby, never get too close
- run from a situation if you feel at risk
- report suspicious behaviour to your parents, school and the police, and note number plates of cars and /or clothing or distinguishing features of suspicious individuals

To get the latest community safety information from police, visit WA Police on Facebook www.facebook.com/WA.Police or online at www.police.wa.gov.au

You can call **13 14 44** to report an incident to WA Police (only use 000 in an emergency) or **1800 333 000** to reach Crime Stoppers

Anti-Social Behaviour

Unfortunately we have had some anti-social behaviour in and around Lakelands lately. We have a shared responsibility as a whole-school community to prevent and effectively respond to behaviours that have the potential to affect our safety and wellbeing. If you do witness any anti-social behaviour in the community please report this to the police as soon as possible.

On Friday April 13 our community liaison team consisting of six police officers from the Mandurah Police Station will be joining us at 10.00am for morning tea and then heading off into the playground to meet some of our students. This is a positive initiative to reinforce community engagement and address anti-social behaviour.

Regards

Marnie Hamilton
Principal



Harmony Day 2018

On Wednesday 21 March was Harmony Day. We had such a fun day parading our costumes at the morning assembly and doing Harmony Day activities in our classroom. Thank you to everyone who dressed up and got involved on this great day to celebrate our cultural diversity. Everyone looked fantastic and it was an excellent opportunity to showcase the variety of cultures across our school.



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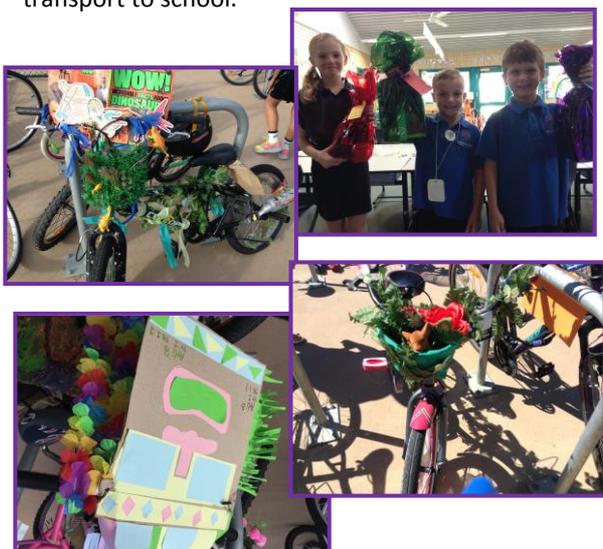
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Dress Up Your Bike Day

Congratulations to all the students who participated in Dress Up Your Bike Day. The day was a big success with lots of students choosing active transport to school and dressing up their bikes and scooters. The creativity was exceptional, making the judging very hard, however the winners are as follows:

Christian TB1.6, Arli TB1.1, Lily TB3.3

Well done for all your efforts and keep choosing active transport to school.



Library News

We've had a busy Term 1 in the library. Our 2018 Library Monitors have been selected. Big congratulations to Katelyn, Elena, Justin, Kaitlin, Heather, Joseph, Isabella and Onyx who were the successful applicants. Don't forget Toddler Time on Thursday mornings at 8.40am. These sessions are fun and interactive for the children and provide time for parents to build relationships between themselves. With the use of donated books, children are also encouraged to borrow a book from the library for the week. Sharing a story with your child is one of the best things you can do to help build their early language skills. The library is open daily, and students are encouraged to visit anytime between 8.30am – 3.30pm to exchange their library books. They do not need to wait

until their classroom borrowing day to swap their books.

Parents are encouraged to pop into the library any time before or after school to read a book with their children.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mrs Ellis



P&C News

It's hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of this term. Easter is this weekend! I hope you all have a wonderful break!

As mentioned at the assembly and in the previous newsletter, the money we raise will be used to purchase a playground! A playground can cost around \$15,000, so we have a lot of fundraising to do! I will keep you up to date as much as I can with how much money we have raised and what our target will be once it is confirmed. It's all very exciting!!

Letter Drop

A huge thank you to our volunteers who helped with the letter drop last weekend and for Kristen Morris for coordinating. The P&C received \$250 for delivering these flyers!

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets and donated chocolate for our raffle. We have also had a very generous donation of chocolate from our local MP David Templeman. We really appreciate all your support. We haven't finalised the count of the tickets but there is easily over \$400 raised from this raffle! A big thank you to Emma Marcussen, for organising this fundraiser. This will be drawn on Wednesday, 28 March. Good luck!

Scholastic

Thanks to everyone who placed an order from the second issue. The orders were due on Monday 26 March and your books should arrive in the next few weeks.

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School Banking

School banking is on Thursday mornings before school in the undercover area. There are no fees involved. It is a great way to teach your children about money and saving. When your child makes 10 deposits (which could be as little as 50c each time) your child will receive a prize. If you would like to participate, application packs can be found at the front office or sign up for a youth savers account at your local commonwealth bank branch. Any enquiries please contact Kimberley Bebbington at kim@bebbington.com.au

Discount Cards

For only \$10 you can save \$100s by purchasing the 2018 Lakelands Primary School Discount Card. There are currently 55 local businesses offering discounts to card holders. There is something for everyone including dining, health and fitness, pet care, cosmetics, trades, etc. It is great value and is available to everyone so be sure to tell your family, friends and neighbours. Cards can be purchased from the front office at school.

Coles Support for School

Collect 1 voucher for every \$10 spent at Coles and help us get some great new sports gear for the school. Don't forget to ask for your coupons at the checkout. You can put the coupons in the box at Coles (located near the service desk) or place them in the P&C box at the school office. This promotion finishes on the 3 April but we have until June to send all the tokens in. We have smashed our target: we are now at 40000!

Disco

Wow! What a night! The kids had a great time! I saw some fantastic moves on the dance floor! I would just like to pass on a huge heartfelt thank you to all the teachers and parents who volunteered their time to help make this disco run smoothly! Without you all we wouldn't be able to run events like this so thank you! Thank you to everyone who attended! I hope you and your children had a great time. Once again we are still finalising the figures but we have raised at least \$3500!!!

TERM 1 Events For Your Calendar

Easter Raffle	Drawn 28 March
Scholastic	Delivery 10 April
Carpark raffle	4-13 April
Free Dress Day/sausage sizzle	13 April
Mother's Day Stall	10-11 May

Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 May, 6:45pm at school. Everyone is welcome! It was great seeing so many new faces at the last meeting! Minutes from our meetings can be found on the school website.

Stay in touch with all school and P&C news by joining our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1477892799091841/>

Megan Cleary
Megancleary2018@hotmail.com

Canteen News

Hi everyone.

Next term we will be trialing breakfast options before school and at recess. We will be supplying bacon & egg mc muffins for \$2.50 each. Plus we will have hot chocolates for \$3 and up and go as an option.

We have fresh fruit and crunch & sip cups available. Please be aware icy poles are only available at lunchtime, and as of next term all slushies will be at lunch time only.

Remember we have different morning tea options every day, plus our regular items on sale. \$3 cover's all things in the canteen, and you can purchase a \$20 canteen voucher, to leave here, so the kids don't have to carry money to school. You also get an extra \$1 to spend. I encourage all parents to use this option.

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Setting up an online account with “mykidslunchbox.com.au” will save you time and stress. It’s easy to set up an account and load money straight onto it. You can place your orders in advance and set and forget. With winter coming up, why drag yourself out into the cold? Just remember to have your order in by 9.00am that day if you are ordering now and again.

Have a fantastic Easter break.

Kelly

LPS Canteen



A note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Philippa Sgro and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me on **0406 303 709**

School Entry Health Assessment

All children in Western Australia are offered a health assessment during their first year of primary school. This usually occurs in kindergarten and is provided by the local School Health Nurse. This is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of each child at the beginning of school life.

At Lakelands School, the Kindy assessments start in Term 2 and will continue throughout the year.

The assessments are simple, standard tests which are non-invasive, quick and easy. The tests screen for problems which are best addressed, if picked up and treated early. The tests include:

- Vision and hearing checks
- ‘Lift the lip’ assessment
- Growth assessment including weight, height and Body Mass Index
- Developmental evaluation according to parent responses on the form
- Teacher and nurse observations
- Any other health, development and wellbeing concerns raised by parents.

Your child’s results will be sent home after their health check has been completed. Results are always treated confidentially.

Please note, the screening tests indicate if there may be a problem – they do not diagnose a condition. If the test results for your child suggest there may be a problem, the School Health Nurse will contact you to talk about further assessment and possible referral.

School Entry Health Assessment forms are currently being distributed for parents to complete. **Please complete and sign the back page of the form before you return it. Please return the form to the class teacher as soon as possible.**

I look forward to working with you and your family. Please phone if you wish to discuss anything to do with the School Entry Health Assessment.

Philippa Sgro,
Community Health Nurse





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WILLETTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALISED BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Western Australia's highest ranked basketball school is currently accepting applications for their 2019 student intake.

The Specialist Basketball Program inspires talented young West Australians to develop their skills, leadership, character and passion for excellence, both on and off the court. Our students learn the fundamentals of basketball in a high performance environment, as well as life-skills and values such as respect, leadership, time management, teamwork, discipline, mental toughness and sportsmanship.



The Willetton Senior High School Specialist Basketball Studies Program has been instrumental in developing many talented young athletes who have gone on to elite careers.

For further information please visit the website:

<https://www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au/our-curriculum/specialist-programs/specialist-basketball/>

Application for Year 7, 2019 close Friday May 11

Application for Years 8 - 11, 2019 close Friday June 8

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