From the Principal’s Desk....

Well I have made it through to my second newsletter and can I say Lethbridge Park is amazing. There have been so many exciting activities happening around the school and so many incredible staff to thank.

**EDUCATION WEEK**

Education week was a huge success and a big thank you goes out to all teachers and Mrs Curran for a very impressive Public Speaking Competition. I thought that our students demonstrated great skill in presenting to such a large audience and this is a reflection of their hard work, dedication and learning in class. Congratulations also to those students who took up my challenge and made a new friend that day, it’s the first step towards being a happier person and building a better community.

Congratulations to both our dance group and 1H for your incredible performances. The singing from 1H was beautiful, much better than me when I sing in the shower, thank you Mrs Hyde. Our dance group also would have had to practice for many hours to put on such a quality performance, thank you Mrs Mason and Mrs Riggs and the entire dance team. Finally, congratulations to all the award winners on the day you should be very proud of your achievements.

**First Foot Forward**

Last Thursday our stage three students had the opportunity to go over to the University of Western Sydney to participate in the First Foot Forward program. When I spoke to the kids about their day they were extremely excited and happy and wanted to know when they could go back to the University again. When I spoke to the staff they were extremely tired but very proud of the way our students

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represented our school. It made me laugh watching the energy level of the kids compared to the staff after such a great day. Oh to be young. Thank you to our dedicated stage 3 teachers and our students that continue to show what a great school we are.

Places We Know
Also last Thursday our Kindergarten students went on a walk around the local community as part of their work in class on Places We Know. They were studying different types of buildings and landmarks in the local area. I always love watching kindergarten preparing for a field trip they are bursting with enthusiasm and look just adorable. Thank you to all the teachers involved, getting more than thirty very excited kindergarten students to stick together and walk safely around the local community is an impressive feat. I can’t wait to see them on their Zoo excursion next Friday.

Enrolments for 2015
I wanted to remind families that we are currently taking enrolments for both our Preschool and Kindergarten classes for next year. We are very proud of our Preschool receiving the highest rating of EXCEEDING in the National Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care. So with this current rating and the exceptional programs being offered in our Kindergarten classes, places are bound to fill up quickly. Please don’t miss out, pop up to the school and Mrs Goddard, Mrs Coyle and Mrs Sharp will be happy to help you enrol.

21st Century Learning
21st Century learning is about ensuring that our students continue to receive the very best quality education possible and that our students have the skills and knowledge to be successful in their future endeavours and careers. I am very proud to announce that our technology team has recently installed wireless internet across the entire school. That means every single classroom and learning space now has access to high speed wireless internet to continue their learning using 21st Century learning tools and media resources from around the world.

I am also proud to announce that in the next two weeks every class across the school will have their first Ipad to use in class to enrich, excite and engage new learning. There will also be two trial classes (1C and 4K), who will have a bank of four Ipads in their classrooms. These trial classes will be able to use their Ipads in a variety of ways. One aspect will be connecting to the interactive white board in their class to share their learning with their peers.

This is an exciting time to be in education and I look forward to seeing how teachers and students create new learning opportunities across the school.

Mr Stephen Bingon - Principal

ASSEMBLY FOR DANNIELLE FRANKS
The school would like to welcome members of the school community to attend a special assembly to honour our late librarian, Dannielle Franks. The assembly will take place on Tuesday 12th August starting promptly at 9:30am in the hall. This will be followed by morning tea in the library.

Cathy Binning
Deputy Principal

SPORTS NEWS
Recently the Opens and U10 Rugby League teams represented the Penrith District at the All Schools Knockout. This competition is a state wide competition with all the winners and runners up from local competitions playing in an all day event.

The U10’s played at Hickeys Lane with a very young team, all players tried really hard but the results didn’t go their way with one win and two losses. Mr Sharma was very pleased with effort and sportsmanship shown by the team. The talent for the future is outstanding.

The Opens team were undefeated in making it the final which was played at St Marys Leagues Club Stadium. In the final we played Banksmeadow from South Sydney. It was a very even and tough match from both teams with
the half time score being 0-0. In the second half
the boys maintained excellent defence and
scored two late tries to win 10-0. Congratulations to the boys on this fantastic
achievement of being crowned the State
Champion team in the Open B division.
Thank you to all parents and friends who
helped with transport and supporting the
teams on the day. Your support is greatly
appreciated.

CLASSIC SHIELD
The senior Rugby League team has made it
through to the final 16 of the Classic Shield
where they played Warragamba Public School.
The team had played a lot of football over the
week and started the game very flat against a
very enthusiastic opposition. The boys went
down 14-0 with five minutes left and but
showed great courage to fight back to 14-10
with 1 minute left. Unfortunately we could not
score another try and lost 14-10. A tremendous
effort boys and we are all proud of your
dedication and sportsmanship. A big thanks to
Miss Leah for her support and assistance with
transport.

ZION TAUASA
Zion will represent NSW in the National Rugby
League Championships in Wollongong starting
this Sunday. The team has been training very
hard this week and hopefully are well prepared.
Their first match is against Queensland on
Sunday at 11:30. Good Luck to Zion and the
NSW team for the tournament.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS
The district athletics carnival will be held at
Blacktown Olympic Park on Wednesday 27th
August and Thursday 28th August. All children
from Lethbridge Park who have qualified for an
event will receive a note next week. All notes
and money will need to be returned to Mr
Sharma.
Matthew Kean - Deputy Principal

ENROL FOR PRESCHOOL 2015
If you have children or know of children in your
neighbourhood who will be eligible for school
in 2016, please consider filling out a preschool
waiting list form NOW. We will be offering
places at our preschool for next year at the end
of this term so act now to make sure there is a
place for your child in 2015. To find out more
please ask at the office or visit the preschool.

ENROL FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015
Children who turn five years old before 31st July
2015 are eligible to enrol for kindergarten
classes in 2015. We offer a fun and
comprehensive ‘Ready for School’ orientation
program over several weeks in Term 4 which
has proven to equip children with the
confidence they need to start school with a
smile! It is very important that kindergarten
enrolment forms are completed as soon as
possible so 2015 kindergarten students can
take part in the ‘Ready for School’ program. If
you or your neighbour or relative have a child
intending to come to our school next year for
Kindergarten, please collect a form from the
office as soon as possible or speak to Jacqui if
your child attends LPPS preschool. We look
forward to welcoming your child to
kindergarten in 2015!
Catherine Binning
Supervisor - Preschool and Early Stage one

NAME OUR BEE MASCOT!!!
Students and families are invited to NAME OUR
BEE. The PBL team are looking for a catchy
name for our new P-BEE-L mascot who
appeared at our last Badge Assembly. The Bee
reminds students of our school expectations of
BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL and BE A LEARNER but
needs a fun name. If you have any creative
ideas, please write them down and give them
to Mrs Binning as soon as you can – the Bee
needs a name before our next Badge Assembly.
The best name and its creator will be
announced in the newsletter.
The PBL TEAM.
**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**
KP - Jackson Mangan, Tahlyana Tarawa  
KS - Alandra Fuiono, Rosemay Lealiiee  
1C - Brody Willcockson, Ryan Gosche  
1H - Luke Smith, Brock Casey  
1R - Skylar Hoad, Lochlan Maguire  
2B - Kyah Graham, Riley Wu  
2F - Destiny Ioane, T.J. Fitzgibbon  
K/2A - Riley Pronk, Marcia Surrey

**CANTEEN NEWS**
Meal deal for Monday 11th – Friday 22nd August  
$4.50  
Meal Deal 1  
Ham and Salad Roll  
Juice Popper

Meal Deal 2  
Pizza Pocket  
Flavoured Milk and bag of popcorn

**EXAMPLES OF KINDERGARTENS WRITING ABOUT WHO THEY LOVE**
I love my mum because she takes me to school and Tamika because she plays with me.  
By Michaela McKeown - KP

I love my little brother because he plays with me. I carry him.  
By Sarah Akl - KP

I like my dog Rocky because he was good. He can play with me. He listens to me.  
Petiola Vaenuku - KS

I love my mum because she lets my cousin play over at my home.  
Mason Irlam - KS

**CRUNCH & SIP SNIPPET**
5 Facts about Kiwifruit
1. Another name for them is Chinese Gooseberry  
2. They come in green and gold varieties  
3. Their brown skins are edible, however they can be tough so some people prefer to scoop out the flesh  
4. They are a good source of Vitamin C  
5. They are a perfect snack for Crunch & Sip

**STUDENT BANKING**
Banking is available for all students every Friday. Banking is through the Commonwealth Bank. If your child would like to open an account. Application forms are available from the office.