Lethbridge Park Public School
Newsletter 2015 Term 1, Week 4

K-2 Assembly Awardees

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School Security – Please Call 1800 88 00 21

All money for photos and excursions goes straight to the office
Last year I noticed that money was often collected in the classroom and then sent to the office after teachers had marked the rolls. This meant that students could have been carrying large amounts of money across the school, especially during times when camps, photos or excursions were on. I want to change this as I don’t think it is safe for our kids to be walking around the school with large amounts of money. I am asking that all money for photos and excursions go straight to the office. I know there will be a few problems to begin with as the office gets used to all money going straight to them, but I would rather sort out those problems than have our students in an unsafe situation. I thank you for your support as we make the change over in the way we collect money. PSSA money can still go to their coach as a teacher can ensure this is sent safely to the office.

Homework Centre
Homework Centre will be held on Mondays this year, from 2:55 – 3:45pm and it starts today in the library.
Years 3-6 can attend once they have returned the permission note sent home last week;
K-2 students need their parent to stay with them.
Homework Centre provides an opportunity for students in Years 3 to 6 to work on their homework with a teacher nearby to help. Students can also use the library computers to research, access Mathletics or work on their class files. Parents are always welcome too!
The homework centre is designed to help take the stress out of homework. Two teachers volunteer their time to stay back after school on Monday’s to work in the library with anyone who is finding
homework challenging. They are there to help students and their families with anything related to homework, and I want to thank them as this is yet another example of our teachers doing everything they can to help our kids.

Please direct any questions to Mrs Binning or Mrs Lopez.

**PSSA and AFL**

I want to congratulate all those who were successful in making it into one of our PSSA teams or the AFL clinics running this term. I hope you all have a great time representing our school and enjoying your chosen sports. I want all our teams to remember our school motto: ‘Together We Achieve’, you are going to be a much stronger, happier and more successful team if you look after each other and work together to achieve your goals. Enjoy and have fun.

**Lethbridge Park has a ‘Skool Bag’**

**The fastest way to know it all!**

It is very important to me that families know that they are a vital part of our school, that our school is a part of our community and that families are a crucial part of the learning process for all of our children. In order to support this it is important that we have good communication between our school and families. We have purchased an ‘app’ called Skool Bag that you can download onto your smart phone. The app is completely free but is the fastest way for you to see what is happening inside our school. At this stage we are going to use it as a message board, so you will see updates of events that are happening, reminders for things to do and photos of our amazing kids. The app can only be seen by families of our school and all information will be about the exciting things that happen here. Let me assure you that no personal information will ever be put on this message board it is simply another way for us to tell you about what your kids are doing.

As we are learning to use this app ourselves I am sure we will make mistakes along the way. So please forgive us if photos are a little blurred or messages are a little confusing at first we are learners as well. If you happen to have skills in this area and you have some time to help us set up we would love to hear from you, please contact Aimee Tuipulotu in the front office.

**XO Laptops are in classes and only Work at School**

I am very happy to announce that the first classes have received their XO laptops today. I want to thank Mr Salekin, Mr Kay and Mrs Peck who have been working very hard to make this vision for our school a reality. These laptops are going to improve the learning opportunities for our students as they will be able to go online to see real world examples of concepts they are learning, be able to watch videos explaining how to do certain activities and improve their own technology skills to prepare them for their futures.

We have been able to buy a laptop for every student in the school and a lot of people have asked me how this is possible. Well XO laptops do not have a hard drive, they must connect to the school’s server to save work and get the internet. Therefore with no hard drive or internet these machines can only be sold to schools and it makes them really cheap. But they will make a massive difference to our students, their classrooms and their learning opportunities.
School Photos

Photo Day Tuesday 3rd March
A reminder to parents, that all photo orders need to be given to the office (not the class teacher) on or before Photo Day and must include the correct money. Envelopes for sibling photos are available from the office.
Preschool photos will be over two days, Tuesday 3rd and Friday 6th March to suit Red and Blue group. Jacqui has sent a separate note home to preschool families with the details.

Updating Your Contact Details
Attached is a form that must be filled in and returned to the office with all correct/up to date contact details for your child.
Please make this a priority as too often we are unable to contact families when your child is sick.
We have also included a section for permission to publish, if you do not wish for your child’s photograph to be published please tick the box.
We will be doing two draws for a New Winter Tracksuit for all returned contact forms on the 9th March. (One for Infants & One for Primary)

Meet the Class Teacher Afternoon Years 1-6 on 5th March 2:55pm – 3:30pm
Parents and carers are invited to drop into classrooms from 2:55pm – 3:30pm on Thursday 5th March. This is an opportunity to say hello to the teacher, find out about class requirements and expectations and for your child to show you their new classroom. There will not be time for more detailed discussions about individual children but you are welcome to use the time to make a follow-up appointment with the class teacher. We hope you can join us!

Best Start Information for Kindergarten Parents and Open Classrooms: 5th March 2:15pm – 2:55pm
Kindergarten will have a different timetable to Years 1-6. Parents will be invited to meet in the library at 2:15pm to collect their child’s Best Start information. Parents will then move into the Kindergarten rooms where the children will be waiting to show their mums and dads their classrooms and work. We hope to see you there!

Catherine Binning
Deputy Principal

Stephen Bingon
Principal

School Canteen Meal Deal
Monday 16th February until Friday 6th March

Meal Deal 1 $ 4.50
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich
Juice Popper
Frozen Juice Cup

Meal Deal 2 $ 4.50
8 Chicken Fingers
Juice Popper
Zooper Dooper
MT DREUTT PCYC SPARTANS
RUGBY LEAGUE

Register for 2015
Players wanted for all age groups.

Come see us at these locations to get started:
Mount Druitt Westfields: Saturday 28th February
@ 9am till Close

Discount for families and payment plan available,
very affordable fees.
Every player registered will receive Bucket Hat,
Training Shirt, Shorts, Socks and Insurance.

Contact: Office number: 9628 2628
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