Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are approaching mid-term and the weeks are getting busier and busier!

Thanks to the parents who came along to our working bee on 12 October. We were graced with blue skies and sunshine on the day, allowing us to tidy up the gardens in the quad.

Uniform Committee – A note was sent home regarding proposed changes to the school shirt and the introduction of a mandatory school hat for all students. Our generous P&C have kindly offered to purchase a new shirt for each child in the school for 2015. Our next uniform meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 November at 2:15pm.

2015 Enrolments – We are busily making plans for the 2015 school year and ask that you please notify the school office ASAP if your child will not be returning to the school next year. One or two enrolments can impact school planning significantly, including staffing, therefore it is absolutely essential that we are aware of any students who will be commencing or leaving the school next year. Thanks so much for your assistance with ensuring the transition from 2014 to 2015 is a smooth one.

School Photos – Photo day ran smoothly and I commend all students on their manners and behaviour throughout. Group photos will be available to order within the next fortnight.

Leap into Learning Kindergarten Transition – We have had our first two transition sessions with incoming Kindy students. Mrs Williams, Ms Heyne and Mrs Hackney have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new students and their buddies have taken on their roles with great enthusiasm. We look forward to spending more time with our 2015 Kindy students during the next three transition sessions.

Fire Brigade Visit – Students in our support unit will be visited by the NSW Fire Brigade tomorrow morning. This will be an exciting experience for students and staff.

Assembly – Thanks to Miss Blunt, Miss Greer and our fabulous Kindergarten students on a great assembly! 3W will host the next assembly on Friday 7 November. All welcome.

P&C Meeting – We had a good turn out at our last P&C meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 November and will commence at 7pm sharp. This will be our AGM, followed by the standard monthly meeting. If you are, or know of anyone, interested in filling a role on our school P&C, please come along and join us on 19 November. The more, the merrier!

Talent Quest – Thanks to all students who submitted items for the school talent quest. We will not be accepting any additional entries as the final list of participants has been compiled and students have been notified. All students are welcome to come along and watch the performances for a gold coin donation. This is a great fundraiser for the school.
Music Count Us In – Thanks to Mrs Hardge for coordinating this activity. Lawson PS joined together with schools across Australia to sing ‘Paint You a Song’ today. Our students sounded spectacular and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Have a great weekend!

Warm regards

Chantal Beltran
Principal

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**Term 4 Calendar**

**Week 4**
30 October  Music Count Us In
Kindergarten 2015 transition

**Week 5**
3 November  Lawson’s Got Talent
Upper BM Music Festival rehearsal
4 November  Lawson’s Got Talent
UBM Music Festival Performance
5 November  Stage 2 Cricket T2 Blast Day
6 November  UBM Music Festival Performance
7 November  3W Assembly

**Week 6**
10 November  K-2 Excursion
11 November  Stg 2 Cricket Gala Day @ Katoomba
12 November  Kindergarten 2015 Transition

**Week 7**
17-21 Nov  Swim Scheme, year 2-6
19 November  P&C Meeting 7pm
21 November  2/3B Assembly

**Week 8**
24-28 Nov  Swim Scheme, year 2-6
25 November  Kindergarten 2015 Transition

**Week 9**
1-4 December  Healthy Harold
3 December  High School Day – Year 6
5 December  Presentation Day

**Week 10**
8 December  Kindergarten 2015 Transition
9 December  Year 6 Fun Day
10 December  Christmas Extravaganza

**Week 11**
16 December  Year 6 Farewell
17 December  Students Last day of Year
Term 4 Merit Awards handed out 24 October 2014:

KB  Lakeisha R – always having a positive attitude towards school
    Brooke V – her creative writing

KGH  Chester S – always trying his best
     Bryce R – great independent writing

IG  Caleb F – being an enthusiastic learner
    Lilly-May P - working with improving focus

1/2E  Jakobi D – settling in well to his new school
      Luke R – settling in well to his new school

2/3B  Andrew M – making a good effort in English
      Luka M – great mathematical thinking
      Dylan H – neat presentation of work

3W  Matthew S – excellent participation during class discussions. Well done!
    Lachlan C – improvement in reading and handwriting. Well done, Lachlan!

4W  Taylah H – great responses to comprehension questions
    Elijah D – getting off to a great start at his new school
    Travis O – enormous improvement in book work
    Indya B – being a kind and considerate class member

5H  Cain B – applying himself to all learning tasks
    Shakira P – great contributions to class discussions

6H  Amy W – working hard to produce quality work
    Tyler D – working hard in all subjects
P&C AGM and meeting

When? Wednesday, 19th November
Starting time? AGM starts 7.00pm.
Regular meeting follows at 7.30pm
Where? Staff Room

Our 2015 office bearers will be elected at the AGM, and many other relevant issues will be discussed at the meeting. Please come along to have your say and get involved.

magpie markets

The next markets for 2014 are on Sunday, 16th November 2014. If you have a child in KGH or 2/3B, you are asked to volunteer to help on the BBQ.

This market will be on the same weekend as the Mid Mountains Festival, so we may need a few more hands than usual to help.

Please contact your class rep, or fill in and return the form that you will receive in the next week or so. Thanks in advance!

magpie markets – thank you

Many thanks to the following people who turned up and helped out at the markets last Sunday. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Patrick, Jana, Anja, Jessica, Monika, Judy, Ant, Jane, James, Lachlan, Sophie, Haylee, Matt, Tim, Nicole, Tanya, Saxon, Viv, Warwick, Alana, Jordan, Kim, Jessica, Jane, Annie, Nik, Lucy, Tom, Jemima, Dan, Sarah, Patrick.
fun food day
Thank you to everyone who helped make fun food day last week a great success! There was plenty of tasty soup (perfect weather for it too!) and loads of delicious treats donated. All money raised will go towards supporting our students and school.

Thank you to the following families who donated time and/or treats:
Manwaring, Bamham, Kennedy, Smith, Sloss, Vilder, Simity, Clark, Somerville, De Haan, Will-Webster, Shipton/Aldous, George/Griscti, Ashby, Mott/Smith, Spratt, Evans, Tohifolau/McCann, Crabtree, Rowles, McCallum, Roberts, McDonald/Meikeljohn.

magpie markets 2015 – help still needed!
By now, you will have heard that we are losing some of our long term markets volunteers to high school next year. The jobs these people do help the markets run smoothly each month. This is so important to our school, because the thousands of dollars that the markets raise each year are used directly to support our students and staff.

What you may not know is that there are still gaps left, waiting to be filled. Please consider putting your hand up to help. If a few people volunteer, the work can be shared. Most jobs are only an hour or two per month. A small contribution can go a long way. Please contact the Magpie Markets committee on any of the following contact details to find out more:

0423 324 455 (Anja)
0414 466 777 (Sarah)
magpiemarkets_lawson@hotmail.com
**By nov 8**

*GO BLUE 4 BLUE*

See Peter Evans dye his hair BLUE and donate some cash!

**Fundraiser**

A best mate of ours is dealing with testicular cancer and supporting a young family. Couldn’t have happened to a more undeserving lovely person. Leura cricket club is holding a fundraiser on November 8 2014 to help “blue” and his family get through this difficult time. I vow to look stupid (again) and raise a further $1000 for this cause. Please help me reach this goal, no amount to small.
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer.
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident;
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
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Creating a Time for Parents and Carers

MyTime groups are FREE for parents and carers of children with a disability, special needs or a chronic medical condition

Join us for a cuppa and chat in a friendly, supportive environment. MyTime provides a calm space to share experiences, issues, parenting concerns or time out from a busy week.

Topics relevant to your needs may be discussed and occasional guest speakers are invited to attend.

Preschoolers are welcome to come and play in a safe and stimulating space.

Please note it is still possible to come without your child, as this is time for you!

MyTime meets on Fridays, at 2 West End St Katoomba.

Term 4 Group... Oct 17th - Dec 12th

Connect Child and Family Services will be delighted to welcome you to our group which meets on Fridays between 9.30 am and 12 pm.

For more information, please phone Connect on 4758 9966 or email the Group Facilitator Natalie.Dash@connect.asn.au