Dear parents and caregivers,

The 2014 school year has officially ended for our students, and what a wonderful year it was! As I have been reading through students’ reports, I am delighted at their achievements and growth throughout the year. While some students have made outstanding academic progress, others have grown in confidence and commitment to learning. The introduction of Bounce Back lessons, under the KidsMatter initiative has supported students to develop a greater level of resilience and understanding of what it means to be a good friend. Our playground is a happy place, where students of all ages share friendships and genuinely care for one another.

**REMININDER REGARDING ANAPHYLAXIS ACTION PLANS** – These need to be updated at the BEGINNING of each school year. Please ensure your child’s updated Epipens and action plans are provided on day one of 2015.

Students in Stage Three have dazzled our school community with their outstanding culinary skills and enjoyed researching other countries and cooking/eating their food. The program will be extended to include additional classes in 2015.

We are fortunate to have been supported by families and friends of the school and endeavour to maintain a strong community presence in our school in coming years. Lawson PS is well-resourced for learning in the 21st century and we thank our dedicated P&C for your unwavering commitment to supporting students, staff and families at our school.

The end of a school year brings about many changes, one of those being staffing. Mrs Bate will be taking leave from week 4, term one, until the end of term two. Miss Greer has secured a permanent teaching position at Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre. Miss Greer’s passion and dedication to environmental education and sustainability will be well utilised in her new position. We wish Miss Greer a smooth and successful transition to her new school and will miss her very much. Our enrolments have increased throughout the year and we are faced with the same dilemma as last year, whereby class organisation for the following year cannot be finalised until the beginning of the new school year. Please be assured that decisions around student and teacher placement are made with the whole student in mind, with all factors taken into consideration.

Our school leaders of 2014, Faith, Hamish, Jessica and Ignatius have demonstrated safe, respectful, responsible behaviour at all times and have executed their duties in an exemplary manner. We thank them for their hard work throughout the year and welcome our new leaders, Harry, Menindee, Caitlin and Amitie, as they assume the role of Captains and Vice-captains for 2015. I am sure they will do a fine job.

Finally, we bid our Year Six students farewell as they embark on the next chapter of their education. It is an emotional time of year for school communities, as our Year Six students and their families experience a mixture of excitement and apprehension towards commencing high school. Some families have had a long association with Lawson PS and today marks the conclusion of their children’s primary schooling. We thank you for your support over the years and are certain your association with your children’s high schools will be as rewarding as your association with our school. We wish our Year Six graduates every success in the future and hope their primary schooling experiences are carried with them through their lives.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable holiday period with your friends and families.

Warm regards,

Chantal Beltran
Principal
P&C Committee 2015

In case you missed the last P&C News, here is a list of our P&C office bearers and committee members for 2015.

President:    Anja Kennedy  
Vice Presidents:   Jane Meiklejohn, Neige Manwaring  
Treasurer:    Sarah Sloss  
Secretary:    Nicole Kowald  
Publicity Officer:  Lucy Barnham  
Uniform Coordinator:  Neige Manwaring

There are also subcommittees for the Magpie Markets, Artist in Residence Program and Mother and Fathers Day Stalls.

As always, these people will work hard to support you, your children and our school community, and would value any input or support from you. If you would like to be part of the P&C in 2015, and have a more active voice in school matters, please come along to any of the P&C meetings next year (held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month), or join with a $2 membership fee. We value participation from across the school community, and you are more than welcome to have your say.

magpie markets - december

We were so disappointed to have to cancel the November markets due to poor weather. However, we are excited that we have one more market for 2014. We are holding the December markets on Sunday, 21st December 2014, giving people a chance to buy those last minute Christmas gifts and goodies.

We are asking for volunteers for the BBQ from the classes who were rostered on to markets that were cancelled this year. So, if your child is in KGH, 2/3B, 6H or 1/2E, please give us a couple of hours of your time on that Sunday. You can return the note you received in the last week or so, or email your class rep to let us know when you can help.
uniform shop – school shirts, new and old

It’s lovely to see so many students in their new school shirts, since they were distributed. Most students have returned their form to receive their free shirt. However, if you haven’t, please do so as soon as possible.

There are plenty of new shirts in stock at the moment. Please take advantage of the special deal the uniform shop is holding until the end of Term 1, 2015. Buy one new shirt for $20, and get a second shirt for half price. That’s two shirts for $30.

We also have a few yellow shirts still available. We are selling them at the clearance price of $10 for short sleeved shirts, and $12 for long sleeved shirts. Be quick to take advantage of this bargain!

We wish you a merry Christmas...

The P&C would like to wish you all a very happy christmas, and safe and fun holiday. To those of you who will be leaving Lawson Public School, we wish them the very best for 2015. We look forward to seeing most of you next year, back at school, ready for another great year of learning and discovery!
Parenting Alone Support Group in the Mountains (PAS)

Do you want to be a part of a Sole Parenting Group starting in 2015?

Are you keen to meet other parents in the mountains, parenting on their own?

If you are looking for a dynamic support group and even inspiration to raise your school-aged child confidently then roll up your sleeves and join this group.

You are invited to join, a parenting group for sole parents with school-aged children (4—14 years).

Dinner and children’s activities provided. Gold coin donation appreciated.

Friday, 27th February 2015
Lawson Public School
5.30 pm-7.30 pm
Booking ESSENTIAL for Catering and Kids activities

Please register your name and number/s of children attending, their first names and ages, thank you. Ring MOCS on 4758 6811

RSVP by February 20th

For more information:
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