Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal’s Assembly – Congratulations to all students who received a Principal’s Award at Wednesday’s assembly. Principal’s Awards are given to students who consistently demonstrate safe, respectful and responsible behaviour throughout the term. Principal’s Awards serve as acknowledgement of students’ ongoing efforts and commitment to their learning. When deciding who will receive a Principal’s Award, teachers consult the school behaviour database to ensure those children have not received a negative behaviour entry for the term (e.g., Blue Book – where negative playground behaviour is recorded, or RISC – data entry and tracking system for in-class behaviours). Students excel in various areas of their schooling, with Merit Awards and Worker of the Week at fortnightly assemblies providing opportunities for recognition of those strengths. We congratulate students who received a Principal’s Award, as you have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to learning and consistently behave in a safe, respectful and responsible manner.

Caught you being Good – There has been some slight confusion around CYBG tickets. Students are awarded with CYBG tickets at any given time during the school day, whereby a member of staff wishes to provide on the spot acknowledgement of positive behaviour. Students are required to write their name and class on the ticket and ‘post’ it in the gold ‘CYBG Ticket Box’ in the office. Two names are drawn from the box on Monday, after recess. Those students are able to select a prize from the ‘CYBG Prize Box’ as a reward. The gold ‘CYBG Ticket Box’ is emptied after each draw and students are given their tickets to take home. Used tickets will be easily identifiable, as they will be stamped on the front and back. These tickets cannot be reused, however may be kept as a reminder that your child has been recognised for positive behaviours throughout the week.

Term Three – Students return from holidays on Tuesday, 15 July 2014. The Monday is a staff development day and there will be no supervision available on that day.

Term Treat Day – Principal’s Award recipients and our winning house for term two will join me on Friday, 18 July for term treat day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Please remember to book your interview online, as per the instructions that were sent home last fortnight. We understand that some people do not have access to a computer, therefore, as stated in the information letter, please contact the school and we would be more than happy to make the booking on your behalf. Ph; 47591196.

Opportunity Class Test – The OC test will take place on Wednesday 23 July. More information regarding locations of testing centres will be provided as it becomes available.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program – Thank you to all parents who have kindly assisted with implementation of the program throughout term two. We also thank Mrs Howard and Mrs Hardge for coordinating and leading the program at Lawson PS. SAKGP provides students with an abundance of opportunities to enrich their literacy and numeracy skills, whilst addressing learning outcomes across all curriculum areas. Feedback from students, staff and parents has been incredibly positive and we thank you for your ongoing support of the program.
**Reading Week at Lawson** – Thanks to Mrs Tanya Clark for chaperoning our leaders to a variety of venues last week. Our lovely leaders read to groups of young children from the preschool, playgroups and community. Well done leaders.

**Enrolling Now for 2015** – We are taking enrolments for 2015 at the school office. If you or someone you know has a child starting Kindergarten next year, please contact the school office on 47591196 for an appointment. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Enjoy the break and see you on 15 July.

Warm regards

*Chantal Beltran*
Principal

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**Term 3 Calendar**

| Week 1  |  
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| 14 July | Staff Development Day |
| 15 July | Students return from holidays |
| 18 July | Term treat day |

| Week 2  |  
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| 21 July | Parent teacher interviews |
| 25 July | Assembly 1.45 – 1G |

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| Week 4  |  
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| 4 August | Backup date athletics carnival |
| 8 August | Assembly 1.45 - 4W |

**Term 2 Principal’s Awards handed out on 26 June to:**

- KB  Jemma S  Lakeisha R
- KGH  Pippi D  Bryce R
- IG  Benjamin D  Bella-Rose W
- 1/2E  Hanna B  John M
- 2/3B  Flynn H  Keely D
- 3W  Gabrielle B  Heath D
- 4W  Claire K  Thomas M
- 5H  Menindee M  Julia B
- 6H  Saxon C  Chiquita C
- SU1  Alex W
- SU2  Jessica C
- SU3  Bede H
Connect Child & Family Services in partnership with the local Aboriginal community invite you to join a Parent and Community Engagement Project (PaCE)

PaCE is about how to make better connections for Aboriginal families in schools and preschools.

Would you like more cultural art, dance, music and language? Do you want to know more about how you can help with your child’s education? Do you have other questions?

**A Mountains Language Project** will involve consultation with parents and elders, the coordination and facilitation of language sessions in early childhood, primary and secondary education settings and parent and educator workshops.

**Workshops** will be run for parents and educators during terms 3 and 4, 2014 to create a place to ask about the national curriculum, school transitions and school attendance, educational technology, or any subject to do with education. Content for further workshops will be developed based on parent and elder feedback.

**A ‘Changing the conversation’ resource** will focus on sharing stories from parents, elders and children about their experiences of schooling and sharing experiences of improvements to the school system for Aboriginal children and young people.

Workshops are commencing Term 3, 2014.

Contact Elspeth or Stephanie at Connect on (02) 4758 9966 to register your interest.

The Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) Project is supported by the Australian Government, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and all events are **free**.
**CIRCLE of SECURITY PARENTING**

*Relationships make the world go around.* And no relationship is more important for the growth and development of babies and young children than the one between a child and their parents/caregivers. This 7-week group supports parents as they learn how to be “bigger, stronger, wiser and kind” with their babies, toddlers and young children. Parents are provided with easy to understand and common sense information that will help them to really understand & respond to the needs and behaviour of their children.

**WHERE:** Lawson Public School - Adelaide Street, Lawson  
**WHEN:** Mondays - August 4 - September 15  
**TIME:** 10am-12 noon  
**CHILDCARE:** By Mountains Mobile Minders (childcare must be booked in advance).

To find out more and register for the group please call

**Mountains Outreach Community Service on 4758 6811**

This parenting group is run in partnership between

**Gateway Family Services**  
(An activity of Blaxland Uniting Church/Uniting Care)
Blue Mountains TAFE Outreach in partnership with
Mountains Outreach Community Services
Course 10696 in Vocational & Community Engagement
and 32000 Selected Studies Program

FREE COURSE for Australian citizens
or permanent residents, not enrolled in
another free TAFE course

First Aid training

(HLTAID003Apply First Aid)

Get a current First Aid certificate to assist
with job applications, at work,
in the community and home

Tuesdays 9.30 –12.30
from 22nd July to 2nd September (7 weeks)
At Mountains Outreach Community Services,
Bungarabbee Centre,
48-50 Oaklands Road Hazelbrook

Registration essential as places are limited:
Please call MOCS on 4758 6811
to register or for more information

Limited childcare available, please book this when registering
Free Courses
Skills for Work and Training

Would you like to try out a new field?
Are you considering a new work direction?

For people from language backgrounds other than English with intermediate English skills

**English and Computing (Kingswood Campus)**
*Info Session: Tue 24 June 2014 1:00 pm Block K1.23 – Kingswood*
*Contact: Maria Reid 02 9208 9545*

**English and Aged Care Nursing (Kingswood Campus)**
*Info Session: Tue 24 June 2014 1:00 pm Block K1.23 – Kingswood*
*Contact: Maria Reid 02 9208 9545*

Must be able to: read, write, comprehend and discuss printed information in English

**Information Technology**
*Info Session: Thur 26 June 2014 10:00 am Block JG.12 – Kingswood*
*Contact: Alex or Patrice 9208 9445*

**Nursing**
*Info Session: Thur 26 June 2014 10:00 am Block JG.13 – Kingswood*
*Contact: Liz Agars 02 9208 9416*

**Child Care**
*Info Session: Thur 26 June 2014 10:00 am Block JG.14 – Kingswood*
*Contact: Liz Agars 02 9208 9416*

**Hairdressing**
*Info Session: Thur 26 June 2014 10:00 am Block J1.11 – Kingswood*
*Contact: Elizabeth Fisher 02 9208 9433*

**Women returning to work**
*Info Session: Thur 17 July 2014 10:00 am Block K1.24 Kingswood*
*Contact: Liz Agars 02 9208 9416*

**Intro to Coffee Shop**
*Info Session: Mon 23 June 2014 11:00 am Block K1.22 – Kingswood*
*Contact: Eoin O’Caoimh 02 9208 9351*

**Tourism**
*Info Session: Friday 8 August 2014 10:00 am Block JG.14 – Kingswood*
*Contact: Liz Agars 02 9208 9416*

Proposed Timetables
Full-time day – during school hours
Up to 20 hours per week class time for
14 – 18 weeks
3 – 4 days per week

**Course Information Officer:**
02 4724 8244
nepean.wsi@tafensw.edu.au

Kingswood Campus: 12 – 44 O’Connell St, Kingswood
Penrith Campus: 117 Henry St, Penrith
Western Sydney Institute Website: wsi.tafensw.edu.au
FREE Course for WOMEN
Get out of the house and into your life!

- Explore your future pathway
- Learn about computers
- Write job application documents
- Study in a friendly and supportive environment...

Complete a TAFE Certificate II course in Skills for Work and Training. This course is designed for women who want to upgrade their skills and increase their confidence before re-entering the workforce or pursuing further education.

The course will improve your skills in a co-operative and supportive learning environment.

Please refer to the timetable on the reverse side, which shows how the course runs for 3 days per week, for 17 weeks, during school hours.

Course start date: Tuesday 22 July 2014

Information Session: Tuesday 24 June 2014, 11 am in Room BG15/16 at the Wentworth Falls campus.

Further Information Ring: Sue Lange on 4753 2058 or Natalie Freely on 4753 2017

Blue Mountains College of TAFE
Mitchell Street, Wentworth Falls
magpie markets
The next markets for 2014 are on Sunday, 20th July 2014. If you have a child in KB or 1G, you are asked to volunteer to help on the BBQ.

Please contact your class rep, or fill in and return the form that will be sent home at the beginning of Term 3. Thanks in advance!

help needed - markets committee

At the end of this year, we will be losing some of our regular market volunteers to high school. These people have made a huge contribution over the years, helping to raise thousands of dollars which has been used to enrich and support our children’s education and school community. Their contribution will be hugely missed.

So – in planning for the future, we are looking for new volunteers to form a Magpie Markets Committee, as well as some people to run the BBQ from 2015. If you are interested in contributing to the school in this way, please contact a P&C member, or let the school office know. Your help would be invaluable. You will receive the necessary training to the end of 2014.

The P&C wishes you all a safe and happy holiday.
See you in Term Three!