Dear parents and caregivers

Another term has flown by and holidays are only days away. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support to our wonderful school and the efforts and commitment of our great P&C. Students at Lawson PS have access to an exceptional number of extra-curricular opportunities, as well as programs to support, extend and enrich their learning. The successful implementation of such programs and initiatives is in large part due to the hard work of our staff and relentless support of our school community. Thank you.

**Worker of the Week** – This initiative showcases the wonderful learning taking place in your children’s classrooms. It is a great way of acknowledging the efforts of our talented students and brings colour to our administration foyer. Whilst teachers endeavour to display students’ work promptly, on occasion this can be delayed due to the unpredictable nature of teachers’ work. Should you and have a few spare minutes of a Friday afternoon (on assembly days) and wish to volunteer to assist with displaying works of the week, we would be incredibly grateful.

**Facebook** - It has been great to see so much activity on the school FB page. However, please be aware that FB users must be over 13 years of age. The school FB page is a resource for parents and the Lawson community (13 years of age and over). We encourage you to monitor your children's use of technology within the home, as these guidelines exist to ensure children's safety and wellbeing. Please refer to the FB guidelines for more information.

**5H Assembly** – Thanks to Mrs Howard and students in 5H for a fantastic assembly. You sure have been learning some interesting things and meeting some fascinating people this term!

**District Athletics** – Congratulations to the students who represented the school at the zone athletics carnival. Mrs Hardge and Miss Smith were impressed by your exemplary behaviour and great sportsmanship.

**P&C Meeting** – Come along to our next P&C meeting on Wednesday 17 September. The meeting will take place in the staffroom from 7pm.

**Combined Staff Meeting** – Staff from schools in the Upper Blue Mountains Learning Community met for a combined staff meeting at Katoomba PS on Monday. It was a great opportunity to meet staff from other schools, compare and reflect on the wonderful achievements of our school communities.

**Father’s Day Stall** – Thanks to the parents who made Friday’s Father’s Day stall possible. The variety of gifts was most impressive and I am sure the fathers of Lawson were all delighted with their presents on Sunday. It is important to note that activities such as this, require effort and commitment from our generous community and we would like to extend our most sincere gratitude for your efforts.

**Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival** – Thanks to Mrs Way for coordinating this year’s dance performance. Our students were an absolute hit at last week’s dance festival, with great costumes and
smiles that lit up the stage. Thanks to Mrs Tanya Clark for the great choreography and to Mrs Gasparre for assisting with organisation at the event.

**Newcombe Ball Gala Day** – 28 students represented Lawson PS at the Upper Blue Mountains gala day on Tuesday. Mrs Howard and Mrs Percival commended students on their outstanding behaviour, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Well done.

**Cricket NSW** – Students in stage three had the privilege of participating in cricket workshops last Friday. Thanks to Mr Evans for organising this activity.

**Premier’s Spelling Bee** – Good luck to Travis, Nikhalesh, Ben and Faith as you head off to York PS on Monday 15 September to represent Lawson PS in the Premier’s Spelling Bee.

**Dr Ben Maddison** – We would like to thank Dr Maddison for sharing his Antarctic knowledge and experiences with stage three last week. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the presentation, which was both a valuable and enriching learning experience.

**Principal’s Assembly** – Our next assembly will be held on Friday 19 September from 1:45pm. We look forward to recognising the consistent efforts of safe, respectful and responsible learners at Lawson PS.

**Kindy Information Sessions** – As term three draws to a close, the Lawson PS community is looking forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students to the school. Parent information sessions will run at 10am and 5:30pm on Wednesday 17 September. Should you have a child commencing school in 2015, please come along to one of the sessions (both sessions will be the same, therefore it is unnecessary to attend both). The information sessions will provide opportunities for you to ask questions and meet staff, current parents and incoming parents.

**Year Six Fundraiser** – Students in stage three will be holding a cake stall on Wednesday 17 September. More information will be distributed on Monday.

**Year Six Farewell Meeting** – If you are interested in assisting with the organisation of this year’s farewell activities, we invite you to come along to the planning meeting on Monday 15 September at 2:45pm. The meeting will be held in 6H’s classroom. The Year Six Farewell will take place on Tuesday 16 December.

**Last Day of Term** – Term three will conclude on Friday 19 September. Students return on Tuesday 7 October.

We wish you all an enjoyable, relaxing break with your families and friends.

Warm regards

*Chantal Beltran*
Principal
### Term 3 Calendar

**Week 9**
- 11 September: Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival

**Week 10**
- 15 September: Yr 6 Farewell planning meeting, Rugby League Clinic, Premier’s spelling bee (York PS)
- 16 September: Antarctica Incursion, Choir – memorial day
- 17 September: Yr 6 cake stall fundraiser, 2015 Kindy Information sessions 10am and 5pm, P&C meeting 7pm
- 19 September: Principals Assembly 1.45pm 6H, Last day of term.

### Term 4

**Week 1**
- 7 October: Students return to school
- 8 October: UBM Dance Festival
- 9 October: Oral reading (Winmalee PS)
- 12 October: Working Bee

**Week 2**
- 15 October: P&C meeting 7pm
- 17 October: Fun food day, Kindergarten 2015 Transition

### Term 3 Awards handed out on 22 August for:

- **KB** Ezekiel M – excellent participation in buddy dancing
  Anna H – her enthusiasm towards reading groups

- **KGH** Ashton C – a wonderful effort in spelling
  Atticus A – amazing independent writing

- **IG** Charlie T – working with improving focus
  Marshall C – his terrific progress in reading

- **1/2E** Laila D – being a safe, responsible, respectful student!
  Ethan B – being a safe, responsible, respectful student!

- **2/3B** Skye V – great problem solving in maths
  Tate R – working hard in all class work

- **3W** Rogan L – improvement in reading and writing. Congratulations Rogan!
  Tomas M – excellent participation in class discussions. Well done Tomas!
  Alira B – terrific improvement in class. Congratulations Alira!

- **4W** Lachlan C – a big effort with cursive writing
  Ruby-Bell A – writing an excellent Dreamtime story

- **5H** Celeste A – a mature application to all learning tasks
  Seanna H – great contributions to class discussions

- **6H** Brodie H – fantastic work in the kitchen
  Hamish C – fantastic work in the kitchen
next P&C meeting
When? Wednesday, 17th September
Starting time? 7.00pm
Where? Staff Room
P&C meetings are a great opportunity to get informed, and have a say about what’s going on at our school. Everyone is welcome.

magpie markets
The next markets for 2014 are on Sunday, 21st September 2014. If you have a child in 3W or 2/3B, you are asked to volunteer to help on the BBQ.

Please contact your class rep, or fill in and return the form that was sent home this week. Thanks in advance!

school yearbook – help still needed
Our yearbook working group is on its way to producing another great yearbook. This small, hardworking group of volunteers needs a bit of extra help.

Are you able to help out in any of the following ways:

- Sharing any clear, interesting photos for consideration for publishing in the yearbook
- Helping with page layout
- Writing or editing text

If you do, and you are willing to help, please contact Vanessa Smith via email on seaontree226@gmail.com
fathers’ day stall
Thank you to all the wonderful helpers at our Fathers’ Day Stall last week. There was a great range of gifts for the students to choose from, and everything ran so smoothly. Thank you also to all the Lawson students for being well-mannered, considerate customers. We raised close to $1000, which is very exciting, as this money raised will go straight bank into supporting our wonderful school community.

Thanks to the following volunteers, who helped out:
Kim, Lisa, Sarah, Neige, Lucy, Pauline, Lynne, Robyn, Ruby, Eleanor, Helen, Celie, Julie, Sally, Angela, Rebecca, and Liz.

help needed - markets committee
A note went home just over a week ago, asking for help from new volunteers to join the Markets Committee for 2015.

We really need new people to help keep our markets running and raising money. Please consider whether you are able to help with this valuable school fundraising activity.

The P&C wishes you a happy and safe holiday.

See you back at school for a fun-filled, action-packed Term 4.
Date: Wednesday 17th September 2014

Time: 10:30am

Venue: Mt Druitt Office (The Gallery), Hindemith Avenue Emerton NSW 2770

You are invited to join the Aboriginal Education Team & Mt Druitt TAFE at Mt Druitt Office to Yarn Up about a FREE Aboriginal Cert III course in Community Services. Placements are limited for the 1 day a week course. Don’t miss out on an opportunity to experience a ‘Brighter Future’.

20 positions are available for Aboriginal community members. This Certificate III course can lead to a number of pathways to the workforce.

For more information, please call or email the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers.

Kimberley Mamo: 8808-4938

Email: Kimberley.matthews4@det.nsw.edu.au

Taela Sanders: 8808-4925

Email: taela.sanders@det.nsw.edu.au

Be Deadly, Be Quick, vacancies for the certificate III course are limited.
FAMILY FUN DAY 10AM-1PM

30 SEPTEMBER

Everyone welcome! We will have a special place for parents/carers to have a cuppa and cake, the site is fenced helping keep children safe and if you have a child with a disability we will have extra staff to help if needed.

Call 4758 6811 if you want to know more, need help to get there or to care for your child with a disability.

ALL FREE

- art and craft
- messy play
- games
- prizes
- healthy snacks and lunch

MID MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE
9 new street
Lawson
FREE
School Holiday Kid’s Gardening Classes
Pot your own seedling to take home!

11am Weekdays
Mon 22 Sept - Fri 26 Sept
Mon 29 Sept - Fri 3 Oct

Kids under five MUST have an adult helper.

Flower Power