Dear Parents and Carers

Wow, wow, wow, what a sensational couple of weeks we have had here at Lawson.......

**Walkathon** - Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the tireless work of the Walkathon Committee made up of a hard working group of parents and staff who have put in many weeks of time and effort to get donations of prizes for fund raising efforts and goodies for the show bags. Secondly, a huge thank you to parents and staff for their efforts on Walkathon day. It ran smoothly and all participants, even the two sumo wrestlers, had a wonderful day. The fruit stall was certainly a hit and everything was packed up and put away before the down pour – thank you to the students and teachers of 5/6B and 4/5H, you did an outstanding job.

Mostly however, I have to say the biggest ‘thank you’ to the amazing Sarah Sloss. Sarah has managed to visit just about every business between Blaxland and Katoomba, seeking sponsorship or goodies to support the fundraising efforts.

Student are currently returning Walkathon money – remember however, the last day to bring in money to be considered for our fundraising prizes (we have lots of them) is 27th November. Several classes are close to having their entire class return their money – there is a prize for the class who returns their money first!

**Matthew Jacobson** - Today we had the pleasure of meeting the new principal of Lawson Public School, Matthew Jacobson. Matthew took time to check with as many classes as he could and during his visit, experienced the culinary delights of some of our magnificent chefs. Matthew was certainly impressed with the school and surrounds but most accolades were for the friendly, happy students that he met today.

**Planning for 2016** - If you are not planning on returning to the school next year, can you please advise the office ladies as soon as possible as we are currently working on our class structure for 2016.

**Rained out Magpie Market** - Unfortunately, due to the unpredictable weather, the November Magpie Markets were cancelled. The ‘Lawson Learners’ were eager to sell their produce and craft items and thus, very disappointed. Because some of the items are Xmas crafts, we have decided to set up a stall in the quad area before and after school (weather permitting) from next Monday. In addition to the craft items, students will be selling raffle tickets with the prize being four (4) tickets to Wet and Wild. This prize will be drawn at the Xmas Disco – great holiday activity!

**Mitchell Johnson Limited Edition Cricket Bat (1 of 1500)**
We have one to sell/auction! Do you know anyone interested?

Warm regards

*Corinna Robertson*
Acting Principal
White Ribbon Day Event - Lawson Public School

Wednesday 25 November 2015

*Please wear a white t-shirt.*

Lawson Public School is now a White Ribbon School, as we have made a commitment to participate in the Breaking the Silence School Program. This program will build on our existing initiatives of KidsMatter and BounceBack and assist in embedding tailored strategies for the prevention of violence, and strengthen our schools culture of respect.

Our aim is to make the longest white line possible. Hand in hand we will make a ‘human line’ to represent drawing a line against violence.

**LET’S DRAW THE LINE AGAINST VIOLENCE**
“SUPPORT CLASS REFURBISHMENT PROJECT” UPDATE
What a wonderful day we had last Thursday “WALKATHON”.
A HUGE Thank-you goes to our school community for their involvement in our largest fundraising event for 2015. To the parent helpers, photographers and our class helpers—both students & their families volunteering to set our course, mark the laps & clean the school grounds after the event---THANK YOU!!!
It was also wonderful to see the Lawson Community Pre-School children joining in.

The showbags, sausage sizzle, ice-blocks & cordial bottles were a great hit with everyone. The results of our day are yet to be finalised due to sponsorship money still flooding into our school office. Sponsorship money is due in 24 November. We will have the results out very soon.

Our “Walkathon” prizes will be presented at Friday 4 December at 1.45pm (make sure your money is in by 24 November to be eligible). Many sponsors will be joining us for the handing out of prizes.

Support Class SPONSORSHIP
Lawson Public School thanks our local businesses who have committed to helping us fund the much needed resources required by our Support Classes. Without their funding we can’t start this valuable project of refurbishment. We encourage you to support these generous & caring businesses.

We thank the following businesses for their support:-

Ellen’s Interiors
Wentworth Falls

NORM’S VILLAGE BUTCHERY
38 STATION STREET, WENTWORTH FALLS NSW 2782
PHONE: (02) 4757 1729
P&C meeting and AGM

The P&C AGM and final meeting for 2015 were held this week, on Wednesday night. Thank you to the office bearers for 2015. You did a great job working together to support our school. Congratulations to those who were voted in as the 2016 office bearers. These people are

President: Anja Kennedy
Vice Presidents: Neige Manwaring and Sara Johnston
Secretary: Danielle Pace
Treasurer: Sarah Sloss
Publicity Officer: Lucy Barnham
Uniform Shop Coordinator: Neige Manwaring

walkathon

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Walkathon!

Thankfully, the rain held off just long enough. There was a great atmosphere of fun throughout the event, with our students, staff, parents and carers, sponsors and other helpers working together to make it a great day, and work towards our fundraising target.

So far we have raised over $2000 through sales of showbags and food and drink on the day. We will be able to give you a final figure once all the sponsorship money has been returned.

Don’t forget to collect your sponsorship money and return it to school by the end of next week.
magpie markets

Our last markets for 2015 are on **Sunday, 20th December**.

As the November markets were cancelled, we are again asking **1/2P and the Support Unit Classes** to help with the BBQ and Lawson Learners Stall. Hopefully we’ll have fine weather this time!

A note and email with the BBQ helpers roster will be sent to all class members in the next week or so. Please come and help at your allocated time, or contact your class parent rep if you need to make alternate arrangements.

LPS 2016 yearbook

Order forms for the 2016 Lawson Public School Yearbook are due back to school by the end of next week – 26th November. Make sure you get your order in for this wonderful keepsake of your child’s year at school. Every student is featured in the yearbook. It’s a fun and beautiful way to remember the year just gone, and to jog the memory in years to come. If you haven’t seen an LPS yearbook before, there are ones from previous years in the foyer of the school office. Come and have a look at what to expect.

At the bargain price of $12 each, or 3 or more for $10 each, you wouldn’t want to miss out. Don’t miss out!!
Jemima’s new haircut

Can you imagine not being able to grow your own hair? Or losing it due to sickness? When someone can’t grow their own hair, this is called “alopecia”.

Jemima in 1C imagined just that, and decided she wanted to help someone in this situation. She has grown her hair for her whole life. A few months ago, though, she decided she wanted to share her long hair with someone else. She had heard that it was possible to donate your hair, to be made into a wig for someone who has lost, or can’t grow their own hair.

So, last Tuesday Jemima visited her hairdresser. She put her hair in a long ponytail (35cm long!) and cut it off. Her ponytail has now been sent to the Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program, part of Variety – A Children’s Charity, a program aimed especially at helping children.

The program aims to “instil a sense of confidence, independence and self-esteem for children who have lost their hair through the provision of specialised wigs. The wigs allow children to take part in all the activities they enjoy and feel confident around their peers again – a priceless gift!”

As well as donating her hair, Jemima has also raised money through kind donations from family and friends, which will go towards making and purchasing these specialised wigs for children, which can cost up to thousands of dollars. Her fundraising page is still open, so if you would like to know more about the program, or make a donation, visit https://alopecia.everydayhero.com/au/jemima-s-cutting-her-hair
Do you have a child with a disability?

Get more for your child through a support package tailored just for your child.

A local expert is holding a free, open and honest information and Q&A session on how you can be best prepared for the NDIS and get the most for your child.

**Lawson Public School, Library**

**2:00pm Tuesday 8 December**

Please come along and learn what it’s all about, and how you can get the most out of the NDIS.
The great DRAGON DETECTIVE QUEST
Katoomba Library
Saturday 21st November 1pm - 3pm

Solve the clues by finding Blue’s dragon eggs and you could win a book prize pack!

Meet our fabulous local authors and illustrators including

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Dawn Meredith, Margaret Hamilton, Michel Streich & Narelda Joy

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Registration from 1pm on the day at Katoomba Library
Recommended quest age 8 - 12 years
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