Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school term. The teachers and students look like they have had a relaxing and restful break and I am sure that they are ready for the exciting term ahead. I think that every time I communicate with parents and community members somewhere in the conversation it’s brought up about how ‘busy’ things are……..well, this term is not looking to be any different. It’s important that you continue to check the newsletter (on the school website) for upcoming events. Remember that if you would prefer a paper copy, please let the office ladies know.

Thank you Ella for sharing your recount of your holiday to Uluru. Ella made a book with diary entries about her trip in the holidays – it sounds like it was a loooooong way to the Northern Territory. She even typed her work up on an old type writer! Well done Ella.

Principal Appointed to Lawson PS - Matthew Jacobson has been appointed to the position of Principal, Lawson Public School through incentive transfer. He will take up this position at the commencement of the 2016 school year. He is looking forward to taking up this role and I am sure you will welcome him into the Lawson community. I will continue in the role until the end of the year.

Sadly for us……but a sea change for the Kowald Family! Mr Kowald will be moving with his family to Coffs Harbour at the end of Term 3, as his wife has accepted a promotion position. Mr Kowald has been at Lawson PS for 8 years and I know, has thoroughly enjoyed his time here. He will be sadly missed (as will Sammy) however with wish the Kowald Family every happiness up on the North Coast!

Supervision - Just a reminder that teachers are on duty in the playground from 8:35 in the morning. We don’t recommend students arrive before this time however, on occasion, this may be unavoidable. If this is the case, they are asked to sit and wait until the teacher is on duty before moving about. Remember that we have Camp Australia on the premises should you need before and/or after school care.

NAIDOC Celebrations - You would have had a note go home earlier this week regarding NAIDOC Celebrations being held at the school next week 28/7/15. I hope you will have some spare time in your day to pop up and join in the activities – there are some great activities planned.

Operation Cold Snap - Today our Year 5 and 6 students will be getting a visit from the local fire station crew to discuss fire safety in the winter months. This is probably a timely reminder for us all. Hopefully the students involved in todays visit will be able to spread the message at home and in the wider community.

Warm regards

Corinna Robertson
Acting Principal
Who am I?

Some outstanding work from 3G – see if you can guess?

By Flynn

I was born in 1901 in South Africa, as a little boy. I died in 1948 at age 47. I used to work in the mines, and I met a lot of interesting people. I joined the African National Congress (ANC), which fought for equality. Although I was not arrested, I was marked as a potential threat.

I became a member of the African National Congress (ANC). I was arrested twice, and I was shot in the arm. I was later arrested again. I think back, people should be treated equally.

By Molly

I was born in 1901 in Abia, I died in 1951.

I became a man in my age of 12. When I was 16, I was not able to speak a language of Kikuyu. Because I was unwelcome to the people, I was not able to be a leader.

I was famous for my work with the African National Congress. I believed that people should have a better life.

By Jonah

I was born in 1901 in Abia. I died in 1951.

I became a member of the ANC, which campaigned for apartheid. I was arrested three times, and I was shot in the arm. I was later arrested again. I think back, people should be treated equally.
**Term 3 Calendar**

**Week 2**
- 24 July: Scenic World Excursion – Stage 2

**Week 3**
- 27 July: Education week
- 28 July: Panthers on the Prowl
- 31 July: NAIDOC Day
- 31 July: ICAS English Test
- 31 July: Assembly KH – 1.45pm

**Week 4**
- 3 August: Panthers on the Prowl
- 5 August: Milo T20 Cricket – Stage 3

**Week 5**
- 10 August: Panthers on the Prowl
- 11 August: ICAS Maths Test
- 12 August: Milo T20 Cricket – Stage 2
- 13 August: Athletics Carnival Year 3-6

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**Wagana Dance Company went on an adventure**

On the 30th of June Wagana Aboriginal Dancers went to Singapore, Denmark and some went to Sweden.

Singapore it was a very hot place, it had a lot of beautiful plants. It has a lot of different rules plus a lot more cultures, compared to Australia; it is very clean and safe. We all went to the night safari, China town and we all loved the shopping. Each morning we all got up and practised our beautiful and lovely dance then after that we all jumped and relaxed in the pool.

Then we left Singapore on July 3. The flight was very long...12 hours. When we got to Denmark, it was about 6:00am and we had to stay up all day. The next day we stared to dance all week then we all made amazing new friends. At the end of the week we all did a dance together and sadly said goodbye to our friends. After that we all explored Denmark and some went to Sweden on a train. A day after that we got on the plane to go home. We stopped at Singapore for two hours and then came home. It was an amazing trip to experience.

By Jacklyn and Olivia in 5/6B
The Rugby League skills program ‘Panthers on the Prowl’ has commenced on Monday 20 July 2015. All students are encouraged to participate in this free program.

Each class K-6 will participate in an allocated 30 – 40 minute session every Monday for the term. The skill-based activities are differentiated to suit all student abilities. Please remind your child to wear sports runners every Monday.

School Lunch Box Ideas

Good eating habits begin in childhood. For children to keep up their energy levels and get through a hectic day at school, they need to eat a variety of foods. This pamphlet provides simple, tasty and nutritious ideas to include in your child’s school lunch box. The lunch box ideas below consist of a snack, lunch and drink combination. Use the ideas provided in this pamphlet or make up your own. Try to include fruit and reduced fat milk, or another reduced fat dairy product, in the lunch box every day.

- **Snack** pikelets with margarine spread and jam
  - *Lunch* reduced fat cheese and chutney sandwich, with fruit in season and water

- **Snack** half a corn on the cob (pre-cooked and wrapped)
  - *Lunch* ham, mustard and tomato sandwich, with fruit in season and water

- **Snack** small tub reduced fat yoghurt (plain or fruit)
  - *Lunch* tuna, lettuce and avocado in a wholegrain roll, with fruit in season and water

- **Snack** small can or tub of fruit
  - *Lunch* chicken and lettuce rolled up in Lebanese bread, with fruit in season and plain, reduced fat milk in a thermos (to keep it cold)

- **Snack** vegie sticks (e.g. carrot, capsicum) with a small tub of saba dip
  - *Lunch*, sandwich, with fruit in season, small tub reduced fat yoghurt (plain or fruit) and water

- **Snack** fruit loaf with margarine spread
  - *Lunch* rye bread sandwich using lean meat (choose sandwich meats with the Heart Foundation’s Tick of approval), with small tub of carrot sticks, celery sticks, and cherry tomatoes and water
P&C meeting
When? Wednesday, 19th August, 7pm
Where? Staff room
P&C meetings are a good opportunity to get informed, and have a say about what’s going on at our school. Come along to hear what is happening in our school, and have your say!

uniform shop
With a current focus on our school uniform policy, we want to remind you that the P&C uniform shop stocks all items of the school uniform that you require.

At this time of year, it’s especially helpful to know that you can pick up a school hat and jacket for those cold lunchtimes in the playground. We also have plenty of stock of our new school shirts (short and long sleeved) along with all our other regular items.

The P&C aims to provide school uniforms to our community at affordable prices. All stock is priced as close to cost price as we can, to help us break even whilst selling items at the lowest possible price to you.

The uniform shop is open from 8.30-9.30am on Wednesday. If you are unable to get there in that timeframe, you can pick up a uniform order form from the school office, fill it in and return it with payment. The uniform shop volunteers will fill your order and send it home once full payment has been received.

Magpie markets
Our next markets are on Sunday, 16th August 2015. Please put the date in your diary now so you don’t forget!

The classes helping on the BBQ will be KW and 4E. Please come for an hour or two to help out. It’s a valuable contribution to our school community, and a fun way to meet others.
july magpie markets
We cannot overstate how important our volunteers are, and how grateful we are to them for helping out at events like our markets, and the commitment they show. Thank you to the following people who turned up and helped out at our July markets. Some of them helped out all day long through rain (was that rain, mist or just a low hanging cloud) and sunshine. Without dedicated volunteers we would not be able to run these markets and put money towards projects at our school.

Jana, Matt, Anja, Crispin, Monika, Simon, Neige, Tomas, Oscar, Ruby, Stuart, Ondine, Sally, Maddy, Grace, Mrs Gasparre, Mrs Way, Tanya, Jane, Annie, Sarah, Patrick, Nicole, Darren, Xavier

Storage King and mobile phone recycling
Storage King Lawson is supporting the mobile muster, which began on world environment day Friday 5th June. As part of this great environmental initiative, they have placed a mobile phone collection box in their office and mobiles can be dropped off 9-5 Monday to Friday and 9-1 on Saturdays.

For other e-waste they have boxes available for $3.50. Just place your e-waste in the box and return it to us for professional disposal. See below for drop-off details. Phone Storage King on the number below for further details.
‘More Than A Fire Plan’

A free community forum for the people of the Lower Blue Mountains looking at emotional and practical preparedness

- Unsure of what to do when there is a bushfire or other emergency?
- Feeling overwhelmed and wanting to be able to respond better in emergency situations?
- Not sure how to develop your own emergency plan, or who to ask for help?

Join us at

Springwood Winnalee Girl Guides Hall

Sunday 16th August 2015

10am – 1pm

233-243 Singles Ridge Rd, Yellow Rock

(02) 4754 4050 to register

Lunch will follow the workshop

As this forum is popular and space is limited, please register early to avoid disappointment

The generous support of the Australian Red Cross and local emergency services is acknowledged.