Dear Parents and Carers

Book Parade/Grandparents Day
Last Wednesday 26th August we held our annual Book Parade/Grandparents Day celebrations. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and visitors. Thank you also to parents/staff for providing morning tea and for our wonderful leaders who helped with serving. The Book Fair raised in excess of $4000 with profits in the way of books going straight into the library for students to borrow. Check this week’s Gazette for a write up and some more photos of some of our students.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016
We are currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. If you have a school aged child you would like to enrol, we encourage you to visit the school to collect the necessary forms as soon as possible – we don’t want you to miss out on our Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Program. Orientation dates have been set down for 28th October, 4th November and 11th November.

Fundraising
Thank you to the P&C, staff, students and parents who made a great start to fundraising efforts for the Support Refurbishment through the Wood Raffle. We have raised in excess of the amount needed to pay off a $1500 resource order. Sarah Sloss is looking for some people to help her with fundraising – if you are able to spare some time, please let me know.

Next term we are planning to have a Walkathon. We plan to sell ‘Show Bags’ at this event and if you or anyone you know is able to donate ‘goodies’ to go into the show bags, please contact me. We are also looking at some major fundraising prizes!! Every little bit helps.

Fred Hollows Humanity Award
A huge congratulations to Menindee in Year 6 who was nominated for her humanitarian work. Menindee and her family have been invited by The Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier of NSW to the Fred Hollows Humanity Award Presentation Ceremony to be held at NSW Parliament House next week where Mike Baird and Gabi Hollows will present Menindee with a certificate. We are very proud of you Menindee!
As One Art Exhibition
Our very own cleaner/artist/friend Bev is involved in the ‘As One Art Exhibition’ currently being held at Muru Mittigar. We are fortunate to be able to share in Bev’s talents here at Lawson with her current project being the restoration of the mural at the entrance to the school. Students will be working with Bev over the next few weeks to remake pottery tiles to replace broken ones. Thank you Bev!

Artist In Residence
Students are thoroughly enjoying the program, which commenced on Monday. Our visiting artists Jillian Culey and Carolyn Dance of Branching Out are having a fantastic time with students and the weather has been ever so kind! It has been wonderful to see so many parents joining in with the activities. We can’t wait to see the final product which will fit in beautifully with our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden.

SAS Staff Recognition Week
This week is SAS Staff Recognition Week – I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our SAS Staff. They play a vital role in the everyday functioning of our school. Thank you for everything that you do for staff, students and the wider community.

Warm regards

Corinna Robertson
Acting Principal

Term 3 Calendar

Week 8 – ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WEEK
3 September  Father’s day stall
            Stage 2 & 3 Public Speaking
4 September  District Athletics Carnival
            Stage 1 Public Speaking

Week 9
7 September  Panthers on the prowl
8 September  UBMMF Rehearsal
10 September Stage 1 excursion Leuralla $12
            Newcombe ball gala day
11 September Principal’s assembly

Week 10
14 September  Panthers on the prowl
15 September  Choir - memorial day, Mavis Hall
16 September  Year 6 Sweet & Savoury Stall
17 September  Author visit
18 September  Term treat day
            Last day of term

Term 4 Calendar

Week 1
5 October  Public holiday
6 October  Students return to school
Congratulations to Molly, Keely, Nikhalesh and Olivia who won the spelling bee for their grade. They will travel to Faulconbridge Public School on September 11 to represent our school at the Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Final.

**KIDS LIT QUIZ**

Last Friday 8 students went to the 2015 Kids Lit Quiz in Blackheath Public School. There were two teams from Lawson and they did great!

Kids Lit Quiz is an activity were lots of kids from different schools in the Blue Mountains participate in various quizzes all about books. Some of the questions were really hard but some of them were pretty straight-forward! There were five rounds about different categories, which were Light, Friendship, Mythical Creatures, Name the Author and Location. There was also a joker round where each team chose a subject they were good at out of the 5 categories (nearly every single team chose Mythical Creatures!). We weren’t just competing against primary schools, we were also competing against high schools! Although we only won one prize, we did pretty well!

Charlotte G, Annie M, Samantha D and Tyanna K were all in the first team and Ruby A, Taylah H, Claire K and Poppy P were in the second team.

Thank you to all the girls, teachers and parents who helped.

*By Ruby, Taylah, Charlotte & Poppy*
P&C meeting
When? Wednesday, 16th September, 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!

magpie markets
Our next markets are on Sunday, 20th September 2015. Please put your hand up to volunteer!
The classes helping on the BBQ will be 1C and 4/5H. A note and email will be coming home soon with a roster for the day.

artists in residence
Have you seen the beautiful garden beds that are “growing” in our playground? Our Artist in Residence program is in progress, and going well! Thank you to Jillian and Carolyn for the work they have done with our school so far. Our students are having the opportunity to learn and practice the art of weaving, as well as making a positive contribution to our school environment. We look forward to seeing our garden beds and other woven sculptures completed and put to good use!

thank you
What a busy time it’s been over the last few weeks! We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has stepped up and helped with the various P&C activities that have been going on. We’ll have list of people and families who have volunteered and given donations to thank in the next newsletter. However, many thanks to everyone in our community who has helped with the August markets, fun food day, the artist in residence program and the fathers’ day stall.
Bushfire season is coming

Around 80% of insured people affected by the October 2013 bushfires were underinsured

Come to a FREE information session to hear about bushfires and insurance; peoples’ experiences, issues and tips.

• **Katoomba:** 10am - 12pm on Saturday 12th September at the Old Katoomba Library, 81-83 Katoomba St, Katoomba

• **Springwood:** 10am - 12pm on Saturday 17th October at the Springwood Sports Club, 83 Macquarie Rd, Springwood

• **Blackheath:** 2pm - 4pm on Saturday 17th October at the Blackheath Community Hall, corner of Gardiner Crescent and Great Western Highway, Blackheath

RSVP Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre at bookings@eeclc.org.au or call 4782 4155

Jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State Governments under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements
July and August couldn't have been busier. You'll see in the column on the right what happened to our Picture Books @ Pinerolo in July. We've never had so much snow in fifteen years living here. So it was very exciting.

I went to Melbourne for the Announcement of the CBCA Book of the Year Awards. It was a splendid event and there was an atmosphere of excitement in the room at Melbourne Town Hall. It was good to hear the cheers of children in the audience when their favourites were announced. I was especially honoured to be able to announce and present the Picture Book of the Year Awards, won by MY TWO BLANKETS, written by Irena Kobald and illustrated by Freya Blackwood. Freya had an enormous day, with an unprecedented win in three categories. What a star!

This was followed that night by a cocktail party at the University of Melbourne, where Libby Gleeson was presented with the CBCA Nan Chauncy Award. Libby had already won two categories in the awards, so she had a huge day as well. Richly deserved.

Following the festivities in Melbourne Max and I went on to stay with Glenda Millard and her family and we were thrilled to meet baby Layla (named after Glenda's lovely character). Glenda is besotted! Then we stayed with Tricia Mullins and John for a couple of days. They've built a spectacular new house on their vineyard, with a cellar door and space for Tricia's rocking horse museum. It's all magnificent and well worth a visit for a wine tasting on the weekend - Black Mare Lane, Moonambel - and watch out for Tricia's opening next year!

After an 11-hour drive home, the book week excitement continued. I was a guest at Blackheath Public School, judging their writing competition. Illustrator Ben Wood joined me and he judged the drawings and book covers. Then today (Friday) I've been there again for the CBCA Blue Mountains Kits Lit Quiz. It was fantastic and lots of fun. Congratulations to Nicole Deans who runs the quiz and to Sheryl Cootes, CBCA BM President, for hosting this fabulous event. I hope it's annual.

Now I'm gearing up for the CBCA NSW Big Book Day Out on Sunday 13 September at the NSW Writers Centre, Callan Park, Rozelle. My boy Grug is going to be there! Plus lots of authors and illustrators. Have a look at the program on http://nsw.cba.org.au/news.php/110/big-book-day-out

See you there!

PICTURE BOOKS @ PINEROLO

Who would have thought that in Australia we could be snowed in? That's what happened on 18 July. People were trying to get here for our course with Glenda Millard but they couldn't get through. The only person who succeeded arrived in a Rural Fire Service 4wheel drive. So I've persuaded Glenda to come again and the course has been rescheduled for 10 October. There are very few places left so if you want to come book early! www.pinerolo.com.au/PDF/Millard.pdf

The happy group of CBCA Nth Sydney Sub Branch people who did get through on their bus!

Don't forget: Saturday 10 October. Fingers crossed it won't snow!
NEW PICTURE BOOKS

It’s not strictly a picture book, but I would like to mention ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS illustrated magnificently by Robert Ingpen. It’s the latest addition to the beautiful series of classics produced by Palazzo and published in Australia by Walker Books. A set of these books would be lifelong friends.

With the lead-up to Fathers Day there have been several picture books featuring fathers of all shapes and sizes. So it’s a good idea to buy a new picture book to share with Dad on Fathers Day.

ARE WE THERE YET? by Alison Lester (Penguin). This often-heard question was the topic of a very successful picture book by this award winner. It is now a lift-the-flap and I-spy book. A must for families embarking on long road trips. Highly recommended.

BILLIE’S WILD JUNGLE ADVENTURE by Sally Rippin & Alisa Coburn (Hardie Grant Egmont). A perfect size for small hands, this book even has a hole in the front cover, inviting the reader in. Two children have an exciting imaginary adventure and are home just in time for a snack.

DADDY Cuddle by Kate Mayes & Sara Acton (ABC Books). Daddies like to sleep in, but it’s difficult when energetic offspring are wide awake and ready to play. This little rabbit tries everything until Dad finally wakes up and gives him a cuddle. A winner for Fathers Day!

FEARLESS WITH DAD by Cori Brooke & Giuseppe Poli (New Frontier). More for Fathers Day! This one celebrates the endless possibilities of having adventures with Dad, as we all know Dads can do anything! Action-packed illustrations. Recommended.

FLY-IN, FLY-OUT DAD by Sally Murphy & Janine Dawson (Five Mile Press). Yet another one for Fathers Day, this highlighting a dad who travels vast distances for work and the delight when the family can spend time together. The illustrations celebrate loving family activities. Recommended.

HAROLD AND GRACE by Sean E Avery (Fremantle Press). Friendship between these two different creatures endures through life’s changes, ‘the metamorphosis of friendship’. A beautifully illustrated, designed and produced picture book. Recommended.

HUSH LITTLE POSSUM by P Crumble & Wendy Binks (Scholastic). There’s a CD with this book, the song performed by Deborah Mailman, based on the classic lullaby. A very appealing bedtime book.

THE HUSH TREASURE BOOK (A & U). Many collections of this type are a bit of a hotch potch. This book however, is beautiful and it works really well. It’s a wonderful collection of stories, poems and illustrations by thirty of our foremost authors and illustrators. Commissioned by the HUSH Music Foundation, includes a CD. Highly recommended.

IN THE EVENING by Edwina Wyatt & Gaye Chapman (Little Hare). Oscar and Charlie are different – one shy, the other bold. Through this delightful book over the course of a week, their friendship develops and an all-night party cements their relationship. Recommended.

THE LITTLE BOOK OF AUSTRALIA’S BIG THINGS by Samone Bos & Alice Oehr (ChirpyBird HGE). Packed with information and activities about Australia’s Big Things, this fascinating and entertaining book will keep readers busy for hours, then asking for more. Recommended.

MY AMAZING DAD by Ezekiel Kwaymullina & Tom Jellett (Little Hare). All dads are unique. This one is not very good at everyday jobs, but he’s brilliant at the things that count. Great fun for Fathers Day. Recommended.

NEWSPAPER HATS by Phil Cummings & Owen Swan (Scholastic). This poignant book begins with a nostalgia trip through newspaper headlines on the endpapers. It continues with a child wanting her grandpa to remember her. They explore many memories and the one Grandpa remembers most is making newspaper hats. Highly recommended.

THE POSSUM MAGIC COOKBOOK illustrated by Julie Vivas (Omnibus). Possum Magic is Australia’s bestselling picture book. This, with gorgeous illustrations, takes the book even further. It includes recipes of many Australian favourites. It might be a good Fathers Day book for Dads that cook! Recommended.

THE RED FEATHER by Ben Kitchin & Owen Swan (New Frontier). A beautiful red feather found on a beach is exchanged by friends until they all realise that the most fun can be had together, sharing the feather’s beauty. Simple, clear illustrations. Recommended.

TEACUP by Rebecca Young & Matt Ottley (Scholastic). This tender and beautiful book gently tells the story of a refugee boy and his journey of discovery. The illustrations are atmospheric, evocative and memorable. Highly recommended.

TEDDY TOOK THE TRAIN by Nicki Greenberg (A & U). My daughter never went anywhere without Teddy. This energetic girl is optimistic about Teddy coming home again after a big adventure. What a relief when he does! A delightful story. Highly recommended.

TOO BUSY SLEEPING by Zanni Louise & Anna Pignataro (Little Hare). All dads are unique. This one is not very busy for hours, then asking for more. Recommended.

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By the way, the CBCA is celebrating its 70th anniversary! See you - and Grug - at the Big Book Day Out!

Happy reading.
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