



Lane Cove Loop

*A community-focused public school
valuing a proud tradition and shaping a positive future.*

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➤ Principal's Report

Working Bee

This Sunday's working bee is on regardless of weather conditions as there are numerous internal projects as well as outside jobs. Our **connected classroom** will be the 2M classroom in the Osborne Park building. Some modifications are required before the DET gets to work installing the necessary equipment. These resources will allow our students to interact with other schools and institutions across Australia and internationally.

We also hope to make improvements to the Tambourine Bay building into which the satellite autism class moved at the beginning of the school year. They vacated Stringybark building because of the increasing pressure on Lane Cove OOSH. I have included some information on connected classrooms later on.

OOSH

It is important to appreciate that DET policy embraces the establishment of OOSH facilities on site. In fact, DET personnel have recommended that the school considers all OOSH facilities being established on the school site.

I do not agree with this suggestion at the moment and would prefer the OOSH on site to be an "overflow" facility, thus catering for those students who cannot be accommodated on the Longueville Road site.

The DET have suggested that the school should consider converting the storage spaces under the Northwood building to OOSH facilities.

Non-Local Enrolments

DET policy indicates that parents are entitled to apply for enrolment when they are living outside the school intake boundaries. Each year our school panel considers applications for out-of-area or non-local enrolment. DET policy states that parents may apply on the following grounds:

- Proximity and access to school
- Siblings already enrolled in the school
- Medical reasons
- Safety and supervision of the student before and after school
- Special interests and abilities
- Compassionate circumstances
- Structure and organisation of the school

The process is complex each year as we never really know what our numbers will be in the following year. We certainly have non-local enrolments in Kindergarten each year and this has generally worked out.

This year we were advised by six or so in-area families that they were not coming to LCPS but were going to neighbouring public schools. I therefore concluded that had been accepted out of area at those schools.

I will address this matter and the staffing formula at the first P&C meeting on February 24.

Demountable

There are specific DET guidelines for the installation of demountable buildings and these obviously influence the location on our school site. Unfortunately, our concreted and tarred surfaces were inappropriate due to the required distances from fences and other buildings. There was concern that placement at the other end of Coral Park could compromise its security as the door is on the southern side of the building. I was also

Events this week:

Wednesday

* Year 6 Camp

Thursday

* Year 6 Camp

Friday

* Year 6 Camp

Sunday

* P&C Working Bee

Events next week:

Week 5

Tuesday

* P&C Exec & General Meeting in the Library

Thursday

* Class Parent Morning Tea in the Hall at 9.15 a.m.

Friday

* Teddy Bears' Picnic for Kindergarten

concerned that the visibility of the Bullring and Stringybark would be restricted by location at that end. If we did not have the additional class in a demountable we could have had a number of additional composite classes across the school. Naturally, I will follow this up at the P&C meeting also.

Traffic Trauma

Whilst talking about the demountable, I regret the traffic chaos that arose during its delivery last Friday. I understand that the drop zones were blocked which caused huge problems. I was at the P&C breakfast arranged for staff and was not aware of the frustration outside.

When I arrived at 6.50 am on Friday the workers were well under way and I assumed that they would be finished well and truly by peak hour.

On a related matter, the new **no parking** signs have been installed at the Austin Street drop zone. I was out at the drop zone on Monday morning and noted that some parents are still using the drop zone for parking. This does not facilitate the smooth operation of the drop zone and will ultimately attract substantial fines.

Whooping Cough

The DET has asked all principals to draw your attention to the recent increase in the prevalence of whooping cough. I have included an extract from the Department of Health today.

Congratulations Miss Garofano

Miss Garofano, who is on her second year of Kindergarten at LCPS, has just secured a permanent teaching position with the Department. Miss Garofano is one of many temporary teachers at our school. She has been appointed as a classroom teacher to Harcourt Public School in Campsie. She secured this position through a merit-based transfer operation.

We are sorry to lose Miss Garofano as she been an integral part of our Kindergarten teaching team. However, a permanent appointment provides significant security and we wish her well as she leaves LCPS this Friday. I was delighted that KG parents were so supportive of Miss Garofano. I attended the KG information last Wednesday evening in order to follow up my class note and answer staffing questions. The parents in attendance were very understanding and were pleased to meet Miss Garofano's replacement, Miss Emily Shaddick.

Year 6 Bush Camp

This popular three day excursion takes place this week. Year 6 go to the Aussie Bush Camp for three days and two nights!!

We are indeed fortunate that LCPS teachers are prepared to undertake overnight excursions. I thank Mrs King, Miss Di Maria, Mr Russell and Mrs Walkerden for providing this wonderful experience for our Year 6 students. I certainly trust that improved weather is on its way.

Swimming Results

Mrs King has included the results of our recent swimming carnival for the information of students and parents.

Choral Opportunities

Miss Schmidt has provided information and has application forms for interested students and parents this week. *This year the Northern Sydney Region will establish a regional choir for students in Years 5-12. The choir will emanate from the existing Sing NSW program, established since 2002, and will encourage, nurture and inspire talented vocalists by providing high quality training and performance opportunities. The choir will consist of soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices.*

The Regional Choir will rehearse weekly after school at two locations: Beecroft Public School on Monday afternoon from 4:30-6pm and Killarney Heights High School on Wednesday from 4-5:30pm.

Applications are now open. Students need to choose which choir they would like to join. Auditions will take place at Beecroft Public School hall on Monday 16 February and Monday 23 February, 4:30-6pm and at Killarney Heights High School downstairs music room on Wednesday 11 February and Wednesday 18 February at 3:45pm.

North Sydney Boys High School Forum

Parents of Years 5 and 6 boys have received information about forums which are to be held at LCPS on the morning and evening of March 5 in the Kit Kirkwood Centre.

Safety Issues

Unfortunately we still have parents and students walking through the staff car parks and along the service road that leads to the canteen. I really should not have to remind parents that this dangerous, particularly given that our delivery vehicles often have to back out along the service road.

I am having new signs made to highlight the no go zones for pedestrians.

SRC 2009

We will conduct elections for this year's Student Representative Council next week after Year 6 return from their camp.

School Council Meeting 11 February

School Council President, David Mitchell has provided the following report on our first meeting for the year.

Meeting opened 7:10pm

School Council commenced the year welcoming a new parent and a new community representative. The following items were discussed.

- OOSH
- School enrolment and out-of-area enrolment
- Installation of the demountable building,
- Austin St/Woolworths

School Council has a full complement of parent representatives and hopes to identify more staff representatives shortly.

David Mitchell – School Council President

Bob Lamaro

➤ **P&C News**

WORKING BEE – Sunday 22nd February 8.30 till 1pm-ish RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE

It's on this weekend - as little as an hour of your time is appreciated, and the more helpers we have the less we all have to do! There is lots of general tidying up and gardening to do so you don't need any skills - just come along and bring gardening gloves and any tools you wish, or borrow ours. We also need some handy types - we have quite a few jobs that will require your tools - carpentry work, shifting shelves and installing timber rails for bag hooks, fitting timber seats, replacing fence poles etc etc. Check-in with our coordinator waiting by the cricket nets when you arrive. Remember – **even ONE HOUR is worthwhile** – don't feel embarrassed if that's all you can manage. We hold only one working bee per term – a lovely morning tea and sausage sizzle lunch are provided. There will be indoor work no matter what the weather is like so it goes ahead **RAIN or SHINE**. Please call Tim Cook on 0412 257 156 or at home on 9428 2883 if you would like more info.

P&C GENERAL MEETING – this Tuesday 24th February 7pm Library

Our first meeting will be this Tuesday evening, the fourth Tuesday of the month as usual – all are welcome. There are many issues to discuss – before/after school care, school size etc. This is a great opportunity to hear from the Principal and P&C President about what's going on in our school, and to air all parent concerns and views.

VOLUNTEERING AT LCPS

Thanks to all those parents who signed up – your help is greatly appreciated. If you missed out - there is a form attached. More information on how parents can help out at our school can be found on the school website in the P&C section, or ask for a copy at the front office.

CLASS PARENTS -

Please make sure your details are passed to Sue Mayall ASAP – your teacher has the relevant form. Your first job is to get class contact lists sorted and distributed – this week ideally. A template is available if required – email P&C Volunteer Coordinator Sue Mayall spmayall@optusnet.com.au. Please be mindful that the information on these lists is to be used for school-related purposes only. There will be a **morning tea to welcome class parents on Thursday 26th February in the Hall at 9.15.**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ – Friday 6th March 5pm-9pm

Our famous back-to-school BBQ will be held on Friday 6th March 5pm-9pm on Coral Park. Pop the date in your diaries – it's a great chance to catch up with friends and perhaps make some new ones! There will be rides for the kids, a kid's disco featuring a groovy DJ, sizzling BBQs, a licensed bar, soft drinks, chips, ice-creams and glow sticks. Bring a picnic rug or some chairs to enjoy the outdoors on Coral Park. In keeping with tradition, the BBQ goes ahead **RAIN HAIL or SHINE!**

PARENT FEEDBACK

Any thoughts, concerns, comments? Please email pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au or complete the P&C Feedback Form on the website.

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

➤ **Uniform Shop News**

Winter stock Winter Uniform is worn in Term 2. Although there is some stock left over from last year, the bulk of the winter stock, blouses, winter tunics, tights & grey trousers will not arrive until early March. We have plenty of sweatshirts and jackets now. We will have bootlegs, polar jackets and long sleeved white polos in 2-3 weeks. Winter order forms will be sent out to all kindergarten children and you can order early if you like. Just a reminder long sleeved sports polos are not held in stock but are by order only & take 2-3 weeks to come. Save queueing and send in an order.

Volunteers needed at the uniform shop.. Can you help out once a month Tuesday afternoon or Thursday morning for 1 ½ hours ?. Please contact us if you can. Also need help other mornings on behind the scenes work.

Microfibre sports shorts New stock with correct sizing arriving March. If you are happy with the ones you purchased regarding size then feel free to keep them.

Microfibre trackpants and sports jackets should be in stock in April.

Netball skirts and tops can be obtained by sending in a netball order form and will not be sold over the counter at the uniform shop. The netball committee have sample sizes for you to try on and the forms to fill in. Please send in your form with payment to the shop and we will deliver to your class as soon as we can. Don't leave it to the last minute to order. Netball skirts cannot be ordered and delivered again before the season starts. So first come, first served regarding size availability.

'Contact' clear book covering film is sold at the uniform shop in 15m rolls of 45 cm, 60 cm and 90 cm widths.

Order forms available from rack in front of office and on the school website. Any queries please contact me at school phone number 9427 1024 (ask for uniform shop) during shop opening hours or at home on 9428 3523. **Cash, Cheques or Credit Cards (2% surcharge) accepted. No EFTPOS.**

Helene Sharp - Uniform Shop Manager

➤ **Music News**

Group rehearsal spaces

As Stringybark 1 and Stringybark 2 are no longer available to the music program from Week 5 there will be some changes to group rehearsal and private percussion lesson venues.

The major changes are:

- Private percussion lessons will move back into Tambourine Bay from week 5.
- Guitar Ensemble will rehearse in KR at 7:45am on Monday mornings from week 5.
- Rock Group will rehearse in Tambourine Bay at 3:15pm on Friday afternoons from week 5.
- Senior and Intermediate recorder groups will rehearse in KR from Week 4. Note new times: Seniors to start at 8am and Intermediates to start at 8:15am to allow overlap for rehearsal of Opera House music.

Training Band

If you are new to a concert band instrument (brass, woodwind or percussion) or, have been learning for less than a year, then Training Band is the group for you. Rehearsals commence this Tuesday 17th at 7:30am in school hall for all woodwind players and some percussion players. The following week will be for brass players and the remaining percussion players. See roster on website.

Orchestra

Orchestra rehearsals commence this week on Thursday 19th at 7:30am in the hall.

Beginner strings

Beginner string group commences this Tuesday 17th at 8am in KR. Children who are new to the school or, who have not played in groups before should attend the group this week. They will be assessed and then placed in the correct group for their ability.

Beginner recorders and guitars

Beginner recorders commence Week 5 Tuesday 24th at 8:15am in Tambourine Bay
 Beginner guitars commence Week 5 Thursday 26th at 3:15pm in KR

Keyboard player wanted for Concert Band

Any child who learns piano and would like to join the concert band on keyboard should come along to rehearsal next Wednesday morning at 7:30am. Players will be given either a bass part or a melody line but this usually involves playing one hand at a time so would suit an intermediate level student. Keyboard provided.

Music Camp 2009

Music camp will be held on 4th and 5th May at Collaroy Conference Centre. This is an overnight camp for all Year 3-6 children enrolled in the LCPS music program (except recorder only students). The camp is lots of fun and provides an opportunity for intensive music tuition in the form of group rehearsals and tutorials with experienced conductors and instrumental tutors. The camp commences on Monday morning and concludes on Tuesday afternoon with a concert for parents and friends. More information and permission notes to follow shortly but please note the dates in your diary.

Recorder players and string players to the Opera House

LCPS has been chosen once again to participate in the primary schools instrumental music festival held at the Opera House in June. A group of senior string players and intermediate/senior recorder players will be selected to participate in this unique experience where children perform with hundreds of other children from all over NSW at the Sydney Opera House.

Any intermediate/senior recorder players interested in playing at the Opera House must attend all recorder group rehearsals on Thursday mornings. More advanced players are still needed so if your child does not currently learn recorder but has done so in the past and would be interested in joining the group on Thursday mornings please send them along to the rehearsal this week at 8:15am in KR.

Enquiries regarding the LCPS music program to Jackie Brighton, Convenor of the Music Committee on 9427 5529 or brighton23@optusnet.com.au

➤ Netball news

Despite the heat followed by the rain we are managing to give the girls a practise run before this week's **grading session on Tuesday 17th February at 3.15 on the Netball Courts .**

Grading will be conducted by the Coaching Coordinator and 1-2 external graders. In case of rain, grading will be held on Saturday 21st February at 3pm.

Unfortunately we are required by the NSNA to submit our teams by Tuesday 24th February, hence the rush.

Calling all Mums and Dads - we need you to assist with **Coaching, Umpiring and Managing** the girls. Each team is required to provide it's own Coach, Umpire and Team manager.

If teams **can not** fill these positions the parents will be responsible for **paying** for Umpires and Coaches from outside the school.

Important Dates**All events take place at the Netball/Basketball Courts at LCPS**

Tuesday 17th February - 3.15 - open

Tuesday 17th March First training session for all teams

Friday 27th March Netta Competition - Round 1

Saturday 28th March Netball Competition - Round 1

Tuesday 28th April Fun Net commences Please note the **change for Fun Net** which will now commence on Tuesday week 1 term 2 at 3.15

Netball Committee

Whooping cough (pertussis)

In recent months there has been an increase in the number of school-aged children in NSW diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis).

Please be on the look out for symptoms of whooping cough:

- a runny nose, followed by a cough, which becomes worse (older children and adults may have only a cough that can last for several months)
- a cough that occurs in spasms, which may be followed by vomiting
- a cough with a 'whoop' (a sudden noisy gasp at the end of coughing)

In order to prevent further cases, if your child or any member of your family has symptoms of whooping cough please see your doctor and take this notice with you. This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in the household. Pertussis can be a serious life-threatening infection for babies.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in its early, infectious stage (within 3 weeks of the cough starting), please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not give lifelong protection, and reinfection can occur. The vaccine is provided free of charge for infants at 2, 4 and 6 months and again at 4 years. Please check that your child has received this primary course. If your child has not been fully immunised, discuss a catch-up plan with your doctor.

Because protection wanes with time, free vaccine will be provided to Year 10 students as part of the NSW School-based Vaccination Program from 2009.

For information on whooping cough see the [whooping cough factsheet](#) or call your [local public health unit](#) for further information.

**WILLOUGHBY GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL**

A Leader in Girls' Education



Please join us for

OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday 18 March 2009

6.15 pm School Hall

Principal: Ms S Young
Phone: 9958 4141
Fax: 9967 2174

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2009

Our Annual Swimming Carnival was held in glorious weather on Monday 2nd February at Lane Cove Swimming Pool. The carnival was a great success with fantastic participation in most events, rousing house spirit and some outstanding individual performances.

Congratulations to Phillip House on winning the 2009 Carnival.

The students and staff enjoyed the enthusiasm of the many parents who were able to attend the carnival. A special note of thanks to those who assisted Karen Solway with the teachers' lunches.

Sue Sutton
Pip King
Carnival Organisers

Bob Lamaro
Principal



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Connected Classrooms Program

What is CCP?

The Connected Classrooms Program consists of three projects:

1. Interactive Classrooms Project
2. Learning Tools Project
3. Network Bandwidth Enhancement Project (NGEN).

Why are we doing it?

The need for Connected Classrooms comes from the demands of today's students. The Program will facilitate wherever/whenever learning as students consume, remix and create knowledge. Through the Connected Classrooms Program, DET will deliver a set of tools to meet the needs of today's learners in their school environment that can also be accessed in other environments.

What are the benefits?

- Customers of education, i.e. students, their parents, and the business community, will benefit from the Program as follows:
The use of interactive whiteboards and video conferencing has shown to increase student engagement, which will enhance learning outcomes. Exploring Pedagogy Using Interactive Whiteboards, see (<http://www.education.uts.edu.au/research2/priority/tld.html>)
- Students will have access to a personalised online workspace with 'when and where they require' access to appropriate resources, resulting in increased efficiency. See Supporting Student Learning Environments in a Digital Age (pdf 197kb).
- Parents will be able to have online access to their children's student reports. Parents will have peace of mind in relation to the appropriateness of the electronic content their children are exposed to due to filtered browsing.



Headlice

WHAT ARE HEAD LICE?

- **Head lice** are tiny insects that live in hair, where they breed and feed on blood from the scalp. They are about the size of a sesame seed, have six legs, and range from tan to greyish-white in colour. They live up to 30 days and cannot survive for more than two days away from the human scalp.
- **Nits** are the eggs of the head lice. They look like small whitish specks about the size of a pinhead and are glued to the hair shaft. Nits are first laid very close to the scalp, and then grow out with the hair. Nits hatch within seven to 10 days and mature into adult lice in about seven days.
- **Head lice** crawl; they cannot fly or jump and they do not live on animals. They hang on to the hair with hook-like claws at the end of each leg.
- **Nits** are usually found on the hair shaft at the nape of the neck, under the fringe and behind the ears.

HOW ARE THEY SPREAD?

- Lice are spread by head-to-head contact, or sometimes from sharing hats, headgear, combs or brushes with an infested person.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Symptoms may be absent, or may include:

- A tickling feeling in the hair
- Itchy scalp from lice bites
- Sores can develop from scratching and these can sometimes become infected
- Fine black powder (lice faeces) or pale grey lice skins may be seen on the pillow.

TO CHECK FOR HEAD LICE AND NITS:

- Look closely through the hair and scalp for nits and lice with a bright light, magnifying glass and fine-tooth comb.
- Nits are usually noticed first and are easier to see. They are glued to the hair shaft, behind the ears and at the back of the neck. Unlike dandruff they cannot be brushed off.

IF YOU FIND HEAD LICE:

Check the rest of the household for head lice, and **only treat if they are detected**.

- *Treat everyone* found to be infested *on the same day*.
- *Treat again* in seven days.
- Tell any possible close contacts, such as friends and work mates.
- After the first treatment, the affected person can return to school or work.

HOW DO YOU TREAT HEAD LICE?

- For a baby under 12 months of age, or if you are pregnant, or breast feeding, or have sensitive skin,

consult a health professional for advice. Manual removal may be recommended in preference to chemical disinfection.

- Head lice treatments can be purchased from a chemist without a prescription. Follow the instructions.
- Avoid getting the product into eyes; cover eyes with a towel or washer and wear gloves when applying the product. Wash your hands thoroughly after use.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Do not use a conditioner on hair before (or after) applying the treatment.
- Do not blow dry hair after treatment as the heat may inactivate the product.
- Do not re-wash hair for one to two days after treatment.

AFTER TREATMENT

- Check that the product worked. Comb hair with a fine-tooth comb, wipe contents onto a tissue or cloth, and look for any movement. If lice are still active, the head lice could be resistant to the insecticide. Wash hair and treat again using a product with a **different insecticide base** (ask your pharmacist).
- If the other preparation fails, daily inspection and removal of eggs and lice with a fine-tooth comb or fingernails is the only option left. This procedure is tedious but, if followed strictly, will eventually clear the hair of lice. A magnifying glass may help you to see the eggs and lice more easily.
- Check combs, brushes, headgear and bedding for lice. Combs and brushes may be soaked in hot water (>50°C) and detergent for 10 minutes. Bed linen, clothes, and towels can be washed in the hot cycle in the washing machine or in a hot drier. Items that cannot be washed or dry-cleaned (for example, hats) can be placed in a plastic bag for a minimum of four days.
- Nit removal is not necessary.
- To help minimise levels of head lice within the community, it is a good idea to check your child's hair on a weekly basis.

For more information please contact your local public health unit, community health centre, pharmacist or doctor.