



Lane Cove Loop

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

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David Mitchell

P&C President

Joanna Ryan

Events this week:

Monday

- * Leadership Camp Yr 6

Tuesday

- * Leadership Camp Yr 6
- * P & C Meeting in Library
7.00 p.m.

Friday

- * PSSA Oz Tag for Year 6
- * P&C Welcome BBQ
from 6.00 p.m.

Coming Events:

Tuesday 10th March

- * School Council Meeting
7.00 p.m.

Term 1 – Week 6

02 March 2009

Principal's Report

LCPS Payment Structures

At times parents wish to make payments directly at the school office. However, it is important to point out that our systems revolve around the daily collections from classes. Receipts are processed in class lots. If payments are handed into the front office or directly to the finance office they are not marked off the class lists. Then the class folder has to be retrieved and marked accordingly. This process can involve considerable additional time.

Payments are processed prior to 12.00 noon to enable all monies/cheques etc to be taken to the bank. This means that there are no monies left on the premises overnight or on the weekend.

When payments are handed to the class teacher first thing in the morning, class lists are ticked against the child's name and this serves as a double check that payment has been received into the school.

The school aims to provide receipts within 24-48 hours. If you do not receive your receipt within this time frame please contact the admin staff.

I trust that this explanation will help you to understand why we request all payments via your children.

Curriculum Payments

This is just a reminder that these payments are not voluntary but are "user pay" in nature. They cover activities such as gymnastics, visiting sport programs, excursions and incursions, which are visiting performances and UNSW tests.

If payments for these activities are not forthcoming it is assumed that you do not want your children to be involved in these.

Some parents have contacted to staff because of financial difficulties. This understood and treated in strictest confidence.

Voluntary Contributions

I know that times are tough but I hope that our families can manage to make these contributions in 2009. Term instalments can be made if this relieves the pressure for you.

Demountable

The demountable building was officially handed over by the DET last Friday. The classroom furniture has been installed also. Class 3S has left their makeshift classroom in the library and moved into their new room on Monday.

Mrs Sutton and her students have handled the disruption superbly and I would also like to acknowledge the support and understanding shown by Mrs Elston and Mrs Contos in the library. Staff overall have been very supportive also, as the library program has been modified significantly to accommodate 3S.

No Waste Wednesdays

No Waste Wednesday commenced last week. This is an important initiative and we encourage all students to be conscious of how they are bringing their food and think of ways to minimise waste. This year, we'll also be collecting fruit and vegetable scraps from students' lunches for the worm farm and composting bins to further minimise waste.

Attached are a few benefits of having low waste foods. We would appreciate if you would support us by packing your child's food and drinks in reusable containers and bottles.

Thank you.

P&C Welcome BBQ

These BBQs have a fine tradition at LCPS. Students who attend are expected to do so under the supervision of parents. This is in the interests of student safety and security.

Music Camp

The school's annual Music Camp will be held on the 4-5 May. It has traditionally provided our students with wonderful musical and social experiences and I urge parents to support their children's involvement. You should receive a note shortly.

I will also take this opportunity to thank the music committee, tutors and students for the manner in which they have coped with the changed room arrangements this year.

Islamic Scripture

Please see note at top of Page 4 to be returned.

Bob Lamaro**➤ P & C News****BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ – THIS FRIDAY 6th March 5pm-9pm RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE**

Our famous back-to-school BBQ will be held on this Friday 6th March 5pm-9pm on Coral Park. 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! If you can help out with BBQ, canteen sales, bar, ride tickets, disco supervision, clean up and safety patrol please email Sue Mayall spmayall@optusnet.com.au

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT SAFETY – While the BBQ is all about having fun, please remember that parents are responsible for the supervision of their own children. Children should not attend the BBQ unless they are accompanied by an adult. The school grounds are open to all and the P&C cannot ensure that all areas of the school are supervised at all times. People should also be mindful that the school has elderly neighbours that should not be unduly disturbed by our activities.

P&C GENERAL MEETING

A good turn out for our first meeting held last Tuesday, at which Bob Lamaro gave a very informative explanation about class sizes and structure. Three new motions were moved: That the Netball Club cease to be a subcommittee of the P&C; that the Canteen be repaid \$3600 of last year's donation to the P&C to cover cash flow shortfalls; and that \$2250 be sent on improvements to the Tambourine Bay building where the autism satellite class is now located. These motions will be voted on at our next meeting on 24th March. Full minutes of the meeting will be on the website soon.

CLASS PARENTS

Thanks for attending our first morning tea last week – it was a great opportunity to meet each other and talk about how class parents can contribute to the smooth running of the school.

PARENT FORUM “TRANSITION TO KINDY” Tuesday 17th March 7-9.30pm Library

The P&C will be hosting a new session for Kindy parents in week 8. This workshop will be run by the Child & Adolescent Parenting team at Northern Sydney Health. A flyer with more info and booking details is attached. Cost is \$10 per person and the limited places are filling fast so be quick!

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

If you cannot wait in the queue to pay at the computer, then please send in an order instead.

Orders If all your ordered goods are not in the bag, please check your receipt, they may be out of stock.

Microfibre sports shorts Out of stock until new stock with correct sizing arrives towards the end of MARCH. If you have ordered some and not received them yet, we will deliver as soon as new stock arrives.

Stocktake Sale this Thursday We will be holding a sale of assorted items mainly end of line, flawed or obsolete stock, outside the uniform shop from 8.45 – 9.30 am this Thursday 5 March. No refunds or exchanges on these items will be possible. No receipts given.

Plastic carrier bags We are getting short of clean plastic carrier bags. If you have any to donate, please drop them into the shop.

Winter stock PLEASE NOTE: Long sleeved sports polos are not held in stock but are by order only. Save queuing and send in an order. Most winter stock deliveries due in March.

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 occasionally on behind the scenes work.

New microfibre trackpants and sports jackets should be in stock in April.

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**

See the school website!

➤ **Netball News**

Netball teams for 2009 season are now on the board adjacent to the school Canteen.

We are still looking for coaches, umpires and managers for most of the teams. Emails are going around the teams at the moment. Just a reminder, that if teams **can not** fill these positions the parents will be responsible for **paying** for Umpires and Coaches from outside the school. To volunteer for any of these roles, or to find out more, please call Carolyn Pope (Coaches Coordinator), June McFayden (Umpire Coordinator)

Carolyn Pope - 0419 227 079, June McFayden - 0420 118 979, Kathy Segal - 0421 012 936.

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

Tuesday 17th March - First training session for all teams (times to be announced)

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

Please check the school website for additional details - LCPS sport-netball

Kathy Segal – Netball Committee

➤ **Environment News**

Good news! Tadpoles have been seen in the frog pond and a Striped Marsh frog was spotted in the rocky surrounds. Remember if making your own frog pond that it is illegal to collect and move tadpoles (due to declining frog populations and the risk of spreading disease). Frogs search for appropriate places to live and will find your frog pond if it is the right kind of environment for them. Some frogs will travel distances of over a kilometre to do this.

Environment Committee

Islamic Scripture

Islamic scripture for students in Years 1-6 will start at Lane Cove Public School on Wednesday March 11. Students in Years 1 and 2 will have their lesson at 10:20am, students in Years 3 and 5 will have their lesson at 9:05am and students in Years 4 and 6 will have their lesson at 9:40am. Lessons are for 40 minutes. If you would like your child to attend Islamic scripture, please complete the tear-off slip and return it to your child's teacher by March 11.

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Child's name _____ Class _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Brief Stories and Parent Tips**Leaving your kids home alone**

Every parent fears it but has to do it sooner or later - leave their child home alone. Although you may have visions of knives in the toaster most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes so long as some guidelines are followed. Know your child's level of maturity and trust their instincts. In making decisions about this consider the following:

- Can they look after themselves and other siblings in any situation that may arise
- Will they know what to do and how to get help
- Can they play outside
- Are they allowed to answer the phone if it rings
- Can they swim in the pool
- Are they allowed to use the microwave, toaster or oven
- Can they leave the house to go to a shop
- Can they use the telephone, watch TV or use the internet.

Kids do make mistakes and this is all part of learning. Reassure your child that learning to be on their own is a big step in taking responsibility for themselves.

For more information visit: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents

Eco-Tip: Use energy efficient light globes to reduce your greenhouse pollution.

They use less electricity than standard globes, last up to eight times longer and can be used in most light fittings.

Cycling safety

Young people aged 11 to 15 are more likely to be killed or seriously injured as a pedestrian or cyclist than any other age group. Encourage your child to enjoy cycling safely by following these suggestions:

- Make sure your child's bike is the right size and well maintained with reflectors
- Ensure your child always wears a fitted helmet and reflective clothing when riding
- Encourage your child to use special cycle routes, paths and lanes if they are available
- Encourage your child not to use mobile phones or personal stereos when cycling - distractions cause accidents.

For more information visit:

www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/Yourchildshealthandsafety/Roadandtravelsafety/DG_4002995

Chatswood High School


INSPIRING EXCELLENCE - ACHIEVING SUCCESS

A warm invitation to
CHATSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 11 March 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Informative talks, displays, activities and school tours throughout the evening. Classroom demonstrations and hands-on activities in computing, design and technology, maths puzzles and hospitality. Experience the fun of music composition in the Sound House, or an open rehearsal with our Concert Band or Strings Ensemble (4.00 - 5.00pm)

Meet our new Principal, Sue Low and chat with teachers, students and parents. Enjoy a range of delicious food from the BBQ, SRC Coffee Shop or our new healthy parent-run canteen.

All students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will receive an invitation. For further details, or a program outline please phone **9419 3611**



KILLARNEY HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Academic excellence in a co-educational environment

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 10 March 2009
 6.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Official Welcome by Principal in Hall, 6.20 p.m.

**EXTENSION CLASS
PLACEMENT TEST FOR 2010**

YEAR 6 STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT ENTRY TESTS
 FOR OUR ACADEMICALLY SELECTIVE CLASS:

Tuesday 31 March 2009
 4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
 in the School Hall
 phone the school to reserve your place

We've many features we're proud to promote:

- An excellent academic reputation. 22% of students achieved a UAI over 90
- A strong art/performance focus with concert and jazz bands, choir, dance ensembles, debating and public speaking
- Caring welfare structure, strong discipline and school uniform
- Language acceleration program for French

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