



Lane Cove Loop

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

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➤ Principal's Report

Honour Assembly

It was quite obvious that Peter Overton was delighted to be our special guest at last Friday's honour assembly. He was accompanied by his wife, Jessica Rowe and daughter, Allegra. His parents, Professor and Mrs Overton, also attended.

Peter reflected on his days at LCPS and he obviously has fond memories of his school days, convinced that the school provided him with the platform for a successful career in the media.

Substation Proposal

Lane Cove Council has approached the school about the prospect of Energy Australia placing a substation on the school site – in the garden area adjacent to the entrance to the upper teachers' car park in Austin Street. This would allow it to be suitably screened by landscaping and result in minimal loss of useable ground space.

This substation would be similar to those already located in this, and other, local government areas. The additional substation is required to service the expanded library, the Market Square, local businesses, homes and the school.

The substation would allow the school to double its electrical capacity from 200 to 400 amps. Our negotiations are based on achieving this substantial improvement to LCPS infrastructure at minimal cost to the school. Council personnel feel that the school should contribute to the cost, which is yet to be determined.

I have provided details of this proposal to the P&C Executive and school staff. An LCPS group met with Lane Cove Council's General Manager, Peter Brown, and Director Major Projects, John Lee, last week to gain more information about the proposal.

I appreciate that LCPS parental interest in this matter would be high for a range of reasons.

At this stage we are awaiting more information that can be communicated to the school community.

By the way you can see a similar substation next to the school on Longueville Road at the front of Kamilaroi. There will be two located in the Market Square development in Austin Street, adjacent to the cenotaph near the library. One has been there well before the development got under way.

Captains' Corner

Mrs King has introduced a *Captains' Corner* which is designed to gain an insight into the thoughts of the school captains as they reflect on school proceedings.

CARLA

Being the vice school captain of 2009 for the first term has been great!!!! We have learned how to set up the assembly and pack it up, we learned how to run the SRC, we have had experiences with special guests and introducing them to the school. Leadership camp has helped a lot, I have improved my public speaking and I feel more confident. We have all experienced how to do the notice board and realised we need to work together as a team. We have now mastered that! We are all great role models for younger students. I think being a school captain is the best experience that I have ever had.

LUKE

School captain is a privilege that will help me throughout my life. My years as Lane Cove Captain have been enjoyable but a very serious job I have ever done. I will use

Events this week:

Wednesday

- * Easter Service in Hall
9.05 a.m.
- * Easter Hat Parade
10.15 a.m. in Lane Cove Plaza

Thursday

- * ANZAC Service in Hall
9.00 a.m.
- * Last day of Term 1

Coming Events:

Wednesday 29th April

- * First day of Term 2

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th May

- * Music Camp

Wednesday 6th /Thursday 7th May

- * Mothers' Day Stall

many of my responsibilities through high school. I enjoy learning how to be a captain and the challenge of setting up assemblies. I have enjoyed what the school has offered me and being a captain is the best bit. I hope to get harder challenges. I am happy to have a very interesting but nerve racking job.

LOUIS (C)

Being a school captain is a challenging but an interesting job. It is a hard job setting up the assembly every week and missing out on recess. Going to the Leadership Camp was a fun and enjoyable experience. It taught me a lot about running the SRC as a chairperson and explaining all the upcoming events and how we will administer them. We learned to do the notice board as a game with 3 people on each team and you race to finish. But the Honour Assembly was one of the most nerve racking things I have ever done. It's a hard job that takes a lot of effort but I have gained a lot of confidence to address large groups of people.

EVA

Being School Captain is interesting and it is a great opportunity. I thought the first term was probably going to be the hardest and most nerve racking of all terms but after our first Honour Assembly I have gained a lot of confidence.

JACK

Being a vice captain means we have to run assembly and SRC and stopping class work and doing the notice board, thanking special guests such as Sarah from The Blind Society and Mr Peter Overton. We went to a Leadership Camp which helped us learn more leadership skills. In the end we do miss recess but it is for a good cause; it teaches you a lot in life.

TESS (C)

Being school captain is a great honour. Our first job that was much unexpected was running the year 6 graduation assembly. I think that running the assemblies has built up my strength in public speaking. My favourite role as captain is rolling up the red carpet for the Honour Assembly. The only downside of being captain is not being myself. I fully understand that, as captain I need to be well behaved because people look up to me, but I am a crazy person and I can't do anything out of the ordinary or anything that will get me at all in the slightest trouble. I am slowly adapting to this and I realise why it is good to learn those skills. Butoverall, I think it is a great job and a great privilege. I think we all have gained cooperation when doing the notice board out the front of the school.

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade is on Wednesday 8th April at **10:15am** in the Lane Cove Plaza. Year Two will lead the parade followed by Year One and then Kindergarten. We look forward to this exciting event and hope to see you there! Fingers crossed for a sunny day!"

Cross Country Thoughts

Last week's cross country was a great success, and not just because we beat the weather. Competition was keen and personal bests seemed to be the order of the day. Here are some senior students' reflections on the run:

I found the cross country a challenging, fun, exciting and enjoyable experience. Three laps around the school may not sound like much but believe me it was very tiring and hard, but, very worthwhile.

Hannah

The cross country was very nerve racking. It was approximately 3 kilometres but it seemed longer. I pushed myself very hard but it was worth it because I came first.

Nick

When you are running the cross country you feel like you will die but when you finish in the placing it feels great. I came third and feel it is a great achievement in my final years at primary school.

Declan

It was my first time that I made it to the finish. I felt a lot fitter and I think my asthma is improving with my swimming and training. The course varies in intensity with the hardest part being the hill up Alpha Street. I am pleased with my effort.

Jackson

➤ P&C News

MOTHERS' DAY STALL – Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th May

Our fabulous Mother's Day stall will be held in Week 2 of Term 2 so we need to get started now. Expect to see boxes for collection of donations in classrooms over the next week – ideally every family that plans to buy a gift at the stall should donate something for someone else to buy! In addition to gift donations we will be looking for volunteers to help out that week. For full detail **please see attached note** from organiser Kristin Verge, and more info will come from your class parents.

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTIC TYPES... HELPERS NEEDED...

A very important part of our major annual fundraising is the auctioning of class artworks. This takes place at Trivia Night, which will be held early in Term 3, on Sat 8th August. We need to get started on our art projects and so are calling for any mums, dads, grandparents etc who might have a bit of artistic flair to help put our class and grade masterpieces together. You can be a coordinator or just a helper, working with your own child's class or perhaps another class or grade. Feel free to nominate a modest creative genius you may know of – we'll track them down. Please email Sally at pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au ASAP as we will be holding a planning session in week 2 of next term. This is a significant contributor to funds raised so your help is essential.

Wishing you all a safe and jolly Easter break – go easy on the chocolate!

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

➤ Canteen News

New Winter Menu: Look out for the new winter menu which starts from the first day of Term 2. All students will receive a copy of the menu before the end of term and it will go up on the school website over the holidays. There will be lots of changes throughout the menu – salads will come off for the winter and are replaced by a greater range of hot foods which will include pies, sausage rolls, filled baked potatoes and pumpkin soup. Our new **daily specials** for Term 2 will be

- * **Mondays** – Butter Chicken and Rice (from "Curry Lane" in Lane Cove)
- * **Wednesdays** – Hot dogs

Starting from the beginning of term 2, **hot chocolate** will be back on the menu and available at all times the canteen is open (not just at recess)

Due to **health and safety regulations** we cannot heat food brought from home at the canteen.

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of a few more volunteers for different days throughout the month. If you can spare even a half day a month please think about joining other Canteen Volunteers helping out. If you have a friend who is interested you could job share with them. We also welcome any Dads who are interested in joining us. Contact Ruth Quirk on 9418 8656/0419 188656 or email at crquirk@optusnet.com.au

Canteen Volunteers for next week:

This is the canteen roster for this week, as we know it. If you have made any changes with other volunteers, it is not reflected in this roster.

- 6 April (1st Mon): Karen B., Jenny G., Rachael A.
- 7 April (1st Tues): Brigid B., Ruth Q., Jane L., Si W.
- 8 April (2nd Weds): Sally E., Allison A., Annabelle F.
- 9 April (2nd Thurs): Sharon K., Alethea M., Justine J., Jacqui S.

Many thanks to these volunteers for helping at canteen this week – as always, it's much appreciated.

The Canteen Committee

➤ Uniform Shop

Microfibre sports shorts Once we receive them, we will sort and send out all prepaid ordered shorts including those from last year before we sell in the shop.

Do you have microfibre sports shorts but still need to exchange them?

To save you queuing up, we will hold an exchange stall outside the shop on Thursday 30 April 8.30-9.30am. If you can't make it to the stall, then please send them to the shop in a plastic bag via internal mail with your details inside. Mark the outside of the bag clearly for the Uniform shop. We will exchange and send you the new pair. The deadline from the supplier for exchanging these shorts is Friday 8 May.

Volunteer shortage We are still desperately short of volunteers for Tuesdays 2 -3.30pm and Thursdays 8.15-9.30 am. If we don't get more help, we may have to adjust opening times to school hours only. Could you mind someone's children for half an hour after school once a month on a Tuesday while they volunteer and then they mind yours the next week? Please help us out. Just 1 ½ hours once a month.

Microfibre trackpants & sports jackets If you place a provisional order last year but didn't pay, we need your payment asap. We need to have an idea if we have ordered enough for the season so we can reorder asap if necessary. Once we receive them, we will send out all prepaid ordered goods first before selling them in the shop.

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

Special item - Storage for contract

STORAGE CRISIS - Get ready for high school

Due to a storage crisis at Lane Cove Public School the uniform shop must sell all of its large rolls of contact.

Do you have a child going to high school next year? You will be required to purchase textbooks so get organised now. To keep those expensive books in pristine condition cover them in clear contact.

These rolls of contact are high quality (none of those annoying bubbles when used) and priced to sell. We are offering 90cm X 15m rolls of clear contact for \$12 per roll.

Please contact the uniform shop during normal shop hours or call Kristin Verge (0421 636 840) or Jenny Gay (0425 232 412) to arrange pickup outside these hours.

Uniform Shop Committee

➤ **Music News**

Music Camp 4th and 5th May

We have had a great response to music camp with nearly everyone who is eligible able to attend. By now you should have received a confirmation of enrolment email which includes more information about what to bring to camp, a medical and dietary form plus a LCPS code of conduct form which needs to be read and signed by your child. Please return these two forms to the school office before the end of term.

Music Uniforms

The bulk order for black music pants will go in this week so if you haven't returned your order form please give it to the uniform shop or school office this week. All pants ordered this week should be available early next term.

Music Invoices

Thanks to all the parents who have already paid their music invoices. Prompt payment is much appreciated. The volunteer treasurer already has a demanding role and should not have to chase up unpaid invoices however there are still a few outstanding and these are now well overdue. Please ensure payment is received before the end of Term 1 otherwise children may be excluded from musical groups in Term 2. Did you know you can pay your music invoices by transferring the money on the internet? The Music Committee's BSB and account number are included on your invoice. Please remember to include your child's surname and/or invoice number so we can trace the payment. You can also pay by cheque (to "LCPS Music Committee") or in cash. Place these payments in a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name, mark it to the attention of the "Music Treasurer" and hand to your class teacher or the school office.

Dates for the Musical Diary

6th April – Music Camp medical and Code of Conduct forms due

6th April – Order forms for black pants due

29th April – first full Concert Band rehearsal for Term 2 at 7:30am – yes first day back at school!

4th and 5th May - Music camp at Collaroy Conference Centre (week 2 of Term 2)

Hope you all have a lovely Easter break but remember to keep practicing your instrument over the holidays!

➤ **Sport News**

Netball News

Skills Development Day on Friday 24th April 9-1pm - funded by the LCPS netball club. RSVP by 21/4/09 by Emailing spmayall@optusnet.com.au

All Netta teams have a bye in Round 3 (first week back in Term 3) and graded teams to check with their coach or manager.

Fun net - Due to the changes to the "Pupil free day" Fun net will be commencing one week later on Tuesday Week 2 of Term 2

Netball Committee

MAD Tennis

There are available spaces next term!

A few vacancies exist on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Beginners classes from 3.15-4.15 pm

Please ring Debbie on 9428 5832 or email jepsonbunch@dodo.com.au

Also, there are still vacancies for the MAD tennis camp in Week 1 of the holidays.