

Lurnea Public School

Safe, Respectful Learners



Newsletter

Term 2, Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers

We are well and truly into a busy Term 2! I really enjoy talking to students each and every day about their learning – Lurnea kids never stop amazing me with their insight, commitment and enthusiasm.

Reports and Parent/Teacher Interviews

As you know, you will be receiving your child's Semester 1 reports this term. I have been fortunate to read a number of these reports already and have been impressed with their clarity and quality.

You will receive a note home soon outlining the arrangements for our Parent/Teacher Interviews. These interviews are an excellent opportunity for you to get some more up to date information about the academic performance and the social development of your child.



As always, we are hoping to see as many parents and carers as possible, however we know that it is sometimes difficult to come to the school for an appointment at a specific time. With that in mind, this year we are introducing the option of conducting the interview over the phone. All you need to do is tick the appropriate box on the form and the class teacher will call you during interview week.

I hope this helps busy families.

Excursions

I am always proud to hear reports about our students after we have been on excursions out of the school. Last week saw Stage 2 and Early Stage 1 representing our school with pride.

We had feedback that our students were polite and respectful throughout the day. We also heard that a number of people commented about how good they all looked in their full school uniforms.

Many thanks to Michael Sullivan and Kelli Blanchette for organising such great activities for our students.

Stage 1 are off to The Australian Botanic Garden on Tuesday 18 June as part of their HSIE and Science and Technology units on the 'Need for Shelter' and 'Kids Care'. Information was sent home to parents and carers this week. As the cost of the excursion is included in our school Curriculum Contribution, we would appreciate if any outstanding payments could be made. Our friendly office staff can assist you further.

Bullying and Behaviour

As I am sure you are aware, we take bullying of any kind very seriously at Lurnea Public School. We have a vast number of strategies in place to not only deal with bullying when it occurs, but to try and prevent it from happening in the first place. Some of these include:

- Jason Clarke's position of **Assistant Principal Student Success** – this position was created to provide a consistent approach and response to student wellbeing issues throughout the school. Mr Clarke applies Departmental policy and best practice to our whole school approach.
- **Chill Out Room** – this is a special place for students who require additional support during the play sessions. Students are taught social skills like taking turns and sharing.
- **Sensory Playground and Sensory Room** – these play environments provide students with additional and unique learning needs a safe, quiet and predictable play experience.
- **Weekly PBIS Lessons** – these lessons are designed and created by a group of committed classroom teachers. Each week, the lessons reflect the whole school PBIS mantra and involve interactive Smart Board lessons for all classes.
- **Supported Play Program** – this program is designed to provide structured playground activities to promote a positive playground culture. Teachers volunteer their time run activities that involve large numbers of students every single day.
- **Behaviour Plans and Communication Books** – some student require individual support and attention to achieve their best. We will often design individual contracts for students and celebrate their successes by sending this information home as often as possible.
- **Whole School Student Management Policy** – this is the level system in the school that monitors student success and consequences.



I am proud of the initiatives we have created to support our students to be the best learners they can be.

Have a great week.

David Sim

Principal



We warmly welcome to Lurnea, our new students:

Ali A – KU

T Alrahman A – 1B

Dyana A – P/S

Amir F – 5/6I

Rouz F – KU

Lahara L – 4J

Lorenzo L – 3P

Larry L – 1B

Leone L – K/1C

Dejaye M – 3P

Elvis s – K/6P

Fautino T – 3P

Vesa T – 1B

Cameron W – K/6P

Emily W – 4J

From the Deputy Principals



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a great start to our second term and it has been pleasing to witness our students settled and ready to learn in their classrooms. Our motto of safe, respectful learners is certainly reflected in all we do.

Celebrating student achievements

We are impressed with the number of students who have received their ticks and additional behaviour awards. We have the gratifying task of having a visit from each student after they receive five awards and thoroughly enjoy reading about the positive behaviours they are displaying at school. We strongly encourage all parents to talk about the behaviour awards with their children and help them celebrate their achievements.



T2T Program

As you are aware, our teachers are highly committed to extending their professional knowledge. One initiative that has been taking place over the past two weeks is a program that allows our staff to showcase the innovative teaching and learning opportunities they provide for our students here at Lurnea PS. During this time, teachers from other schools have been invited to listen to our teachers share their knowledge of teaching practice. Likewise, our staff have been visiting other local schools to engage in professional development. We thank our staff who have facilitated a session to other teachers in our community of schools.

Excursions

Congratulations to our Kindergarten and Stage 2 students for representing our school with pride at their recent excursions to Calmsley Hill Farm and Sydney Olympic Park. Excursions are a great opportunity for our students to understand and appreciate the importance and relevance of what they have been learning in their classrooms.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Lisa Stipanovic and Lauren Dunlop

Facebook

We also have a facebook page where you can keep up to date with all information going on around the school at the touch of your fingertips. This enables the school to alert you to happenings at the school and links to our website. Our facebook page can be found here - <http://www.facebook.com/LurneaPublicSchool>



News from the CLO – Leanne Hedger

School Banking News

There was a lot of excitement on Wednesday morning as we welcomed Joanne Goad and her good friend Pat the Dog from the Commonwealth Bank to our morning assembly. Our special visitors presented ten lucky school bankers with Certificates in recognition of their effort in making regular deposits using the School Banking program.

Joanne addressed the assembly on the fantastic competition the Commonwealth Bank is currently running in which one lucky school banker will get the opportunity to go on a \$5000 adventure holiday with their family whilst also winning \$5000 for our school! There are some great runners up prizes on offer as well.

Flyers on this competition are available from D Block or by phoning Leanne Hedger on 0467 960 428.

Please remember, School Banking day is **Wednesday** and bank books should be dropped into the front office before 10am.



Community and Government Agency Expo

Last week our school was invited to attend a Community and Government Agency Expo at Ashcroft Public School. Our Community Liaison Officer, Leanne Hedger and one of our parents, Evelyn Hammerich, went along to investigate potential guest speakers to visit our Wednesday morning Parent Café.



Agencies such as Fair Trading, Legal Aid, Liverpool City Council, Mission Australia and Department of Health were among the many community agencies and cultural and welfare organisation that were represented. We were successful in identifying several service providers who we would like to invite to our school. Keep an eye out for further details as dates are confirmed.

PBIS Update

Parent – Teacher Interviews and Learning Goals: Just another friendly reminder to ask your child about their learning goals for this term. Every person learns in different ways and at different rates and our teachers do their best to adjust their lessons so that every student can be successful. We want all students to know where they are at with their learning and understand what they have to do to improve. It would be worthwhile discussing your child's learning goals with their teacher at the upcoming parent-teacher interviews in Week 9.

Super Buddies: Mrs Wojcinski and Mrs Soh have done an excellent job of beginning this initiative with our Year 6 students. They have completed two lessons so far and we hope to see our Year 6 student out in the playground supporting other students next term. Mrs Velardi and Miss Horne are also doing a great job of running a mini-leadership program with the Year 5 students to help them prepare them for the high expectations we have of our Year 6 students.



PBIS Lessons: The students have responded well to the topics covered so far this term. There has been a big emphasis on being a good learner and anti-bullying. Mrs Soh even had our local Police Liaison Officer visit our Primary students to discuss the finer details of Cyber-Safety and Cyber-Bullying to us. I even changed some safety setting on my phone following that visit! Some student work samples of the top work being completed during the PBIS lessons can be seen in a short video on our school website at:



<http://www.lurnea-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/pbis/pbis-lessons>

PBIS Relaunch: This will be held on **Tuesday June 25** with the main assembly being held from 2:00pm in our hall. There will be some special visitors, special awards for safe, respectful learners and a lot of fun! The main aim being to promote the wonderful things our students, staff and community do to make Lurnea Public School the great learning place that it is.

Student Success Team

2013 Premier's Spelling Bee: Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Velardi for quite some time have implemented quality spelling programs across the school. This year, Mrs Lloyd will be giving our students the opportunity to show off their spelling knowledge in the 2013 Premier's Spelling Bee. This is exciting news as it will provide some of our best spellers the chance to compete against other schools and show off their knowledge in a more public way. Selection processes and competitions will take place amongst our students and will be organised to take place over the coming months. Stay tuned, more information to come!

Jason Clarke
Assistant Principal Student Success

Zone Cross Country

Lurnea Public School was represented by 44 students from Years 3-6 in the Liverpool Zone Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday, May 12th. It was a fun filled day where students participated in age races at Chipping Norton Lakes.

Congratulations to Liana Rowlinson who qualified for the Sydney South West Cross Country Championships that will be held on Thursday 13th June, 2013. We wish her good luck in her event.

A big thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends who attended the carnival to support our students on the day.



Students supporting the participants from Lurnea



On your mark, get set, go!

Spelling Bee

Lurnea Public School will be participating in the 2013 Premier's Spelling Bee. The challenge is open to all government primary, central and community schools in New South Wales. There are 2 divisions – Junior for Years 3 & 4 and Senior for Years 5 & 6.

At present, our Stage 2 and 3 classes are holding classroom challenges to select two students to compete in the Stage competition later in the term. Two students from each Stage will then go on to represent our school at a regional final in Term 3. If we are successful at the regional final, we will be competing in a State final in Term 4.

This competition receives a vast amount of media coverage and is an exciting way for our students to participate in an academic challenge against students from other schools.

We look forward to announcing our class winners and Stage winners in the next newsletter. Stay tuned!

For more information about the Premier's Spelling Bee, go to

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/events/statecompetitions/premiersspellch/index.php>

or view last year's final on the internet.

Mrs Lloyd

Spelling Challenge Coordinator

The Sport Wrap-Up



On Friday 31st May 2013, our Junior and Senior Netball team participated in their first Gala Day. The weather was beautiful as we played 4 games each against different schools in the area. Each player had a turn playing different positions and enjoyed playing together as a team. The Junior team won 1 game and drew 1 game, while the Senior team won 2 and drew 1 game.

Miss Horne and I would like to congratulate both teams on their safe and respectful behaviour, both on and off the court. We enjoyed the company of many families who came to support us and would like to thank Mrs Carter for her company and umpiring efforts.

Miss Horne and I look forward to the next Gala Day in Week 7.

Mrs Robertson & Miss Horne.

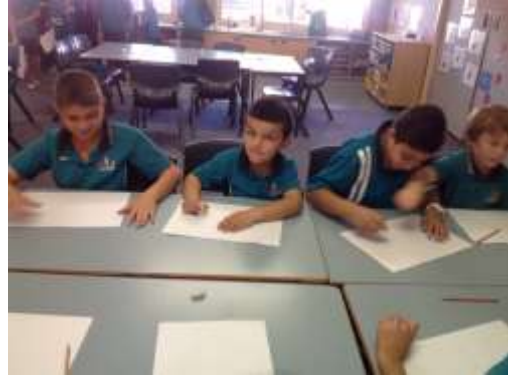
On Friday 31st May, two excited teams set off to represent the school at their first Soccer Gala Day for the season. We were lucky enough to have the sun shining bright for our day of fun. The Junior team, coached by Mrs Lloyd, took to the field first displaying sportsmanship and persistence, with some students attending their very first GALA Day. The Senior team, coached by Mrs Soh, were great role models on the day. In their first game they finished with an impressive score of 4-0. A special mention must go to Jordan in 5/6 Integrity for his awesome goal in the first game. All students represented our school with pride and were great sports, shaking hands at the completion of each game. We are looking forward to the next GALA Day!

Mrs Soh and Mrs Lloyd.



From the Students

As it was Gala Day last Friday 5 – 6 G and K – 1 Care came together and did some “buddy work”. We followed on from the weekly PBIS lesson and created some art and craft. We wrote secret messages of kindness with a candle on some art paper and the painted over them with water colours to reveal the messages.



Thanks to Hassan – He loves cooking and created this delicious chocolate and berry sponge cake for our class. We think he should audition for the next Junior Masterchef!

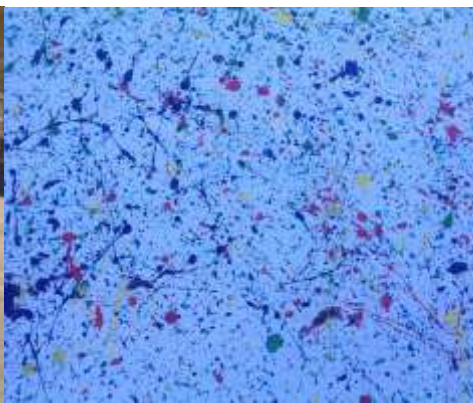


We created some brushless artwork. We used sponges, sticks, paddle pop sticks, our fingers, tissues and newspaper to create some images from the Gold Fields.



Creating a Pollock!

Students from 2Q and 3/6R came together to create their very own Jackson Pollock. They were listening to classical music – listening out for the tempo, change of instruments, volume and responding to this by painting the picture. They thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and the end result was an excellent Lurnea version of a Pollock.



Old McDonald had a farm.....

On Thursday the 30th of May, Kindergarten embarked on their first excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. In HSIE we have been learning about 'Meeting Needs' this has involved investigating how our various needs are met. We have been looking closely at farms and how different types of farms provide products and services to meet our needs. K/1C also had their Year One students attend as they have been learning about 'The Need for Shelter'. This unit explores how living things need shelter and that built and natural environments can provide this. Visiting a real farm allowed for all children to consolidate what they have been learning this semester and also broadened their knowledge of farm life.



The students had a fabulous day and were able to participate in a range of activities. The students milked a cow, viewed the sheep shearing and watched a working dog round up some sheep. They patted the goats, ducklings, a rabbit, a chick and some very cute lambs.

Some students even had a turn at cracking the stockwhip.

It was a fantastic day out for all and has definitely stimulated some interesting conversations in the classroom. All teachers agreed that it was a pleasure taking Kindergarten out on their first excursion as their behaviour was exceptional!



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There's gold to be found on the back paddock!

Stage 3 has been studying Gold! as their HSIE unit of learning. 5/6O spent the afternoon panning for



gold on the back paddock. While they were out there, they were on the lookout for the police as they didn't have their mining licenses with them. If they were caught they would be removed from the goldfields and all gold found would be taken off them. Not only that, but there were bushrangers out there who were trying to steal the miners loot!

A shout of 'Eureka' could be heard when they struck gold.



Friday Fun!

Last Friday saw the first Gala Day buddy class activity session.

In the morning, primary students spent two hours developing skills they will need in order to compete in the upcoming Athletics Carnival. They had great fun practising long jump and high jump, participating in relays and challenging each other in games of soccer.



After lunch, classes from all over the school buddied up and participated in activities based around music. It was lovely to see the older students helping the younger students and taking an interest in their learning.

It was a great day, as you could tell from all the smiling faces in the afternoon. Next week's Gala Day will see classes buddying up once again to explore Drama.

Mr Sullivan



A Symphony to our ears

On Tuesday the 28th of May, Stage 2 students went to the Sydney Symphony and Bicentennial Park.

In the morning, I woke up early at 7:00am and got to school at 7:30am. When the 8:30am bell rang all of the Stage 2 students ran to the Primary Cola and waited until we got on the bus.

On the bus we watched "The Dark Crystal" (which was Mr Sullivan's favourite movie when he was a kid). It took us 40 minutes to get to Olympic Park and when we got there we watched the orchestra. As we were listening to the orchestra, the composer introduced us to many different instruments. After that, we got back on the bus and went to Bicentennial Park to have lunch and had time to play some active games.

Finally, we got back on the bus and arrived back at school at 2:30pm and waited until it was home time.

I would like to repeat the excursion again and again because it was great fun.

Elma B - 4E



Upcoming Events!

Week 7

Monday 10 June
Public Holiday
Friday 14 June
Winter Gala day 2

Week 8

Tuesday 18 June
Stage 1 excursion
Friday 21 June
Reports sent home to parents

Week 9

Tuesday 25 June
K-2 Parent Teacher interviews
Wednesday 26 June
3-6 Parent Teacher interviews