**Lochinvar Public School Bulletin**

**STUDENTS BEGIN SETTLING IN FOR THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

Welcome to the 2013 school year. We have had a very smooth beginning to our school year, and all students seem happy to be back and have settled quickly into their new classes and grades. We welcomed our 15 new Kindergarten students on Thursday and despite the very warm and then wet weather, most seem to be enjoying their first week at big school. Their buddies have been busy assisting them with recess and lunch time snacks and helping them to navigate the playground activities and equipment.

Several new families joined the Lochinvar school community for the first time and we offer them a special welcome. I am sure that they will find Lochinvar Public School a positive choice where their child can grow in a supportive and happy environment.

Our staffing allocation has remained unchanged for the year, but Mrs. Anderson has been appointed to Ashtonfield Public School unexpectedly on the very last of the school year. Mrs. Katrina Howard will replace Mrs. Anderson as the Librarian for 2013. With Mrs. Anderson’s move we now have a vacancy at the school. I will be negotiating with staffing this week to see if we can interview for the vacant position. Our school population appears steady at 90 students. This is a little less than was expected as we had several families relocate to new areas and we lost 7 students with those 3 families. We have formed our 4 classes and these include a Kindergarten/1 with 17 students, Year 1/2 with 22 students, Year 3/4, 25 students and a Year 4/5/6 class with 24 students.

**HOUSE CAPTAINS 2013**

**HUNGERFORD**
Captains: Josie Philip & Lachlan Grisinger.
Vice Captains: Mikaelee Grime & Toby Champness

**ATKINS**
Captains: Laila Kirtley & Dylan McCormack.
Vice Captains: Jasmine Smurthwaite & Reef Stocks.

**MILLS**
Captains: Sienna Brinkley & Wayne Fohmsbee.
Vice Captains: Ella Gidney & Aiden Shepherd

**MORRIS**
Captains: Lydia Siddens & Noah Hogan.
Vice Captains: Abby-Rose Carpenter & Lachlan Davey
**Parent Teacher Information Sessions Soon**

All classes are holding information sessions during Week 4 of this term. We have separated the talks to include Kindergarten to Year 2 on **Thursday, 21st February 2013** and Years 3 -6 on **Wednesday, 20th February**. I have outlined a timetable below. We hope this will give us the opportunity to give you a good outline of class expectations and activities for the year. I know the 2 days will inconvenience some families with students in both junior and primary classes. These sessions usually run for about 40 mins with some opportunities for questions. It is a chance for you to meet with your child’s class teacher, find out more about the learning program being conducted and class expectations, requirements etc. We hope to see as many parents as possible at these sessions.

**Thursday, 21st February, 2013.**

- Kindergarten / 1: Mrs. Paul  
  Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- Year 1/2: Mrs. Mitchell  
  Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

**Wednesday, 21st February, 2013**

- Year 3/4: Mrs. Peace  
  Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- Year 5/6: Mrs. Tomlins  
  Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Later this term individual parent interviews will be conducted in all classes and parents will have the opportunity to speak to teachers about student progress. Don’t forget your child’s teacher is available to talk to you whenever you wish. All we ask is that you make an appointment so that discussion times can be planned and left free of interruptions.

**2013 Swimming Carnival Next Week**

Earlier this week all students in years 3 to 6 (8 years or older) were given notes and information about the School Swimming Carnival that will be held at Branxton Pool on **Tuesday, 12th February**. The carnival will go ahead if the weather is suitable.

All notes and money should be returned to school by Tuesday. Entry fees to the pool should be paid directly to the school as all students are given a special rate. Please ensure your child’s swimming ability is noted on the permission sheet as this will allow us to plan appropriately for the non swimmers and to cater for the swimmers who may wish to qualify for the Zone Swimming Carnival. Supervision requirements are very strict, so we will ask for the assistance of parents to help us manage the carnival and supervise students.

K-2 students have a special day at Maitland Pool planned for Thursday 28th, February. Detailed information about that day will be sent home with students soon.

**House Leaders Elections This Week**

Students elected their House Leaders for 2013 on Wednesday afternoon. These students are responsible for leading their sporting house at various carnivals throughout the year. This involves reminding students to attend events, leading the War Cry and March Past and organising team events such as relays, tug of war and novelty events participation. Students have been presented with their badges. Congratulations to the House leaders for 2013.

**Library News**

Library Day this year for all classes will be on Tuesdays. All children are recommended to bring along a library bag to use when borrowing. This ensures our books will be protected when travelling to and from school. Library bags are also a great place to pack the books on completion of reading at home ready to bring back to school on Tuesdays. All students are allowed to borrow two books at any one time. If students would like to re-borrow the same book, please return for rescanning on Library days to ensure the books do not become overdue. Individual reminder notices will be sent home if a book becomes overdue on the computer system. Children will not be able to borrow more books until the outstanding books are returned. If the book is believed to have already been returned to the Library, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will try to locate the book within the school. Happy Reading Everyone!
**P&C AND CANTEEN INFORMATION**

Our P&C will be conducting its first meeting for 2013. As this meeting is the Annual General Meeting, it is important that as many people as possible attend. It will be held on **Tuesday, 5th March at 3:15 pm** in the Year 4/5/6 classroom.

Canteen volunteer’s roster was also sent home last week. It is important that everyone who is able to nominate a time to assist so that students have access to our canteen as often as possible. Please consider helping out, even if it is just once per term. We are also looking for a volunteer to the canteen ordering during 2013. This involves phoning orders through once or twice a week from school and some shopping for perishables once a week. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out in this role.

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS NEEDING UPDATING**

As each year commences, we ask parents to update their emergency contacts or any address, phone number or work contact details etc. that may have changed during the past year. This is very important for us as we do not have the facilities to manage sick students for long periods of time.

Please amend any incorrect detail on last year’s Student Emergency Contact Detail Report and return to Mrs Legge in the office as soon as possible.

We are also looking to have a group email for School Bulletins and other information notes that are sent home on a regular basis. If you have an email address that you wish to receive school notes and information please add it to the emergency contact sheet inside this bulletin. We hope to set this up over the next few weeks. The Bulletin is always available on our website.

**PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

We would like to remind parents that the school car park is for staff and workers at the school. On most days we have 5 teachers, 1 office manager, 1 Teacher’s Aide, and other days we may also have a technology officer and a general assistant at school. Add to this canteen volunteers, the occasional workman, postal, garbage and delivery vehicles and you can see that our car park is usually full and often busy. It is for this reason that we do not allow students to use the car park gate to enter or leave the school grounds. This ensures their safety. At the beginning and end of the school day the students are using the front of the school to access buses and to enter and leave the school grounds via the small gate and footpath. We understand the difficulties in parking around the school and during wet weather this is made even more difficult, but it is most important that the car park is left vacant for staff of the school and any volunteers working that day. Your co-operation in this request is appreciated.

**UPGRADES AND INSTALLATIONS COMPLETED AT THE SCHOOL**

The student toilets received an upgrade during the holidays with higher partitions, bigger doors, new locks and a fresh coat of paint to these additions. They look very fresh and students now have more privacy when using the toilets.

Our new wifi system was installed last week to the whole school and this will also allow us to use our laptops and ipads on line wirelessly.

Replacement of the computer switch in Year 1/2 was also completed so that they are now fully functional again.

New grass was laid near the front footpath and Mr. Charnock has added some fencing to assist in guiding the pedestrian traffic to keep to the footpaths. We also plan to add a new footpath and extend the concrete near the fixed equipment before winter.
HUNGERFORD

COLOURS: Red
MOTTO: “Compete with Pride”
MASCOT: Koala
WAR CRY:
Alligator, Mince Meat, Crocodile Pie
V-I-C-T-O-R-Y
Are we tough guys? Yeah we are
Hungerford, Hungerford Rah, Rah, Rah

ATKINS

COLOURS: Yellow
MOTTO: “Fair and Square”
MASCOT: Kangaroo
WAR CRY:
Roll out the carpet, Roll out the mat
Boxin’ kangaroos will knock you flat
Fair and square we play the game
That’s how Atkins got the name
A-T-K-I-N-S Atkins, Atkins is the best
Let’s go “Clap, Clap” (3 times)

LOCHINVAR PUBLIC SCHOOL
SPORTS HOUSE

MORRIS

COLOURS: Blue
MOTTO: “Striving for Victory”
MASCOT: Tasmainian Devil
WAR CRY:
Tassie, Tassie, Big Apple Pie
V-I-C-T-O-R-Y
We are Tassie devils by name
We know how to play the game
Are we in it?
Yews we are
M-O-R-I-S Yeahhh MORRIS

MILLS

COLOURS: Green
MOTTO: “Pride and Honour”
MASCOT: Dingo
WAR CRY:
Fe Fi Fo Fum, Come on Mills we can run.
We can race, we can Jump
And we can land without a thump
Mills is big, Mills is best
Come on Mills, forget the rest -
Yeahh MILLS