Lochinvar Public School Bulletin

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A unique school achieving success.

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

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PARENT UPDATE

We are almost half way through term 1 and all classes are settled in and have begun their 2013 learning program. A small number of parents joined class teachers for parent information sessions after school 2 weeks ago. These give parents an overview of class learning programs, changes to class plans, explanations of homework expectations and questions can be answered. We will hold parent interviews in 4 weeks time. We will send home details and information regarding times for meeting with teachers. We hope all parents take up the opportunity to meet with their child’s class teacher as it is an important opportunity to discuss children’s progress.

TEACHING VACANCY TO BE FILLED BY ADVERTISEMENT

With Mrs. Anderson’s transfer to another school at the beginning of the year, we have a vacancy for a permanent teacher. We have received approval to advertise and interview for the teaching position. This will involve forming a panel of representatives from the school. The Principal, a teacher from the school and a parent representative elected by the P&C will review applications and interview candidates for the position. All representatives on the panel will have been trained in Merit Selection Procedures. This is expected to take place this term.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE P&C ASSOCIATION

Our P&C Annual General Meeting was held last Tuesday afternoon in the school library. My thanks go to the outgoing office bearers and thank you for your outstanding contribution and support of our wonderful school. Without your efforts we could not offer such great programs such as canteen and uniforms.

I congratulate and welcome the new office bearers for 2013 and look forward to a productive and successful working relationship with the P&C. Thank you to new parents that attended the meeting. It is important that we continually have input from new members. The Committee for 2013 includes:

President: Andrew Fohmsbee.  
Vice President: To be advised.  
Treasurer: Chris Joyce.  
Fund Raiser Co-ordinator: Sharon Fletcher.  
Canteen Supervisor: Renee Brown  
Uniform Manager: Katrina McKeough.
**School Fees and Text Books for Some Classes**

The 2013 School Fees were set by the P&C last meeting at the last meeting. These fees are voluntary but help the school to provide books, paper, craft and art materials and a variety of hands-on equipment used by all grades. We are confident that you will see the value of supporting the school by paying these fees. They are very reasonable and much cheaper than those of nearby public schools. Costs for K-2 students is $25 per year and for 3-6 students $30 per year.

Text books for mathematics, grammar and handwriting have been ordered and will arrive at school this week. Not all classes require text books. A note outlining individual costs for these books has been sent home. Students will be issued with their books as soon as the costs are paid.

Please be aware that the school does not hold cash on its premises and so we don’t always have correct change available. If you are able to send in the correct amount we would appreciate it. If you require change, then we may need a day or two to organise it.

**Starstruck Audition is Underway.**

Our school is in the process of auditioning for Starstruck 2013 and 16 students have expressed an interest in being part of this musical spectacular. As soon as we hear if we have been successful, Mrs. Mitchell will send out notes about Starstruck to seek permission and commitment from you for your child to be a part of it for 2013. We are limited by the number of students we can involve so it is usually for the boys or girls in Years 4, 5 and 6. It is usually held around June and the number of performances has been reduced by one. This is a more successful format and less demanding on students and parents who may be transporting students. It is an exciting opportunity for our students as we only participate every two years.

**Stewart House**

2013 Stewart House Donation Drive. You could win a $4000 Holiday to a destination of your choice for your family by making a $2 coin donation and returning it to the school in the supplied envelope by Friday, 24th May 2013.

**Recent Break and Enters**

The Central Hunter Police Command have notified us that there has been a recent trend in break and enters of remote schools, that is schools located outside the major CBD's. If you see any unusual activity around our school particularly at night, please record any registration numbers of suspicion vehicles.

**Late Arrivals and Early Leavers.**

It is important that parents and caregivers come to the office prior to collecting or dropping of students outside of normal school hours. This is a NSW Department of Education and Training requirement and enable school records to be up to date in the case of an emergency.

**Easter Raffle and Egg Donations**

The P&C will be organising the Easter Raffle again this year. We are asking for donations of chocolate eggs, bilbies, rabbits anything with an Easter theme. Please ensure they are dropped off at the office anytime in the next 3 weeks.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN
Sierra Philp - a great effort at blending sounds into words.
Josh Heiligman - fantastic blending of sounds into words.
Wil Bullman - a wonderful effort in class.
Jasmine Beer - consistent effort and completing tasks.

YEAR 1/2
Holly Long - starting to use a lovely loud voice in class.
Taj Jones - A great job at reconstructing sentences.
Mikayla Preston - working well in all areas.
Lawson Cox - great reading of the "Wide Mouth Frog."
Calhum Clack - working hard to improve his handwriting.
Max Siddens - great work on domino maths.
Reece Weissel - great work on writing addition factors
Joel Heiligman - working well on handwriting.

YEAR 3/4
Cynthia Gibbs - writing a great recount about “Russel the Sheep.”
Hope McCredie - working well with others.
Hannah Hazel - working hard in maths.
Grace Cant - always having beautiful manners.
Aiden Shepherd - great effort with spelling this year.
Liam Johnson - wonderful work learning about fractions.

YEAR 5/6
Abby-Rose Carpenter - steadily improving neatness and presentation.
Wayne Fohmsbee - great effort in spelling.
Siarrah Carpenter - excellent work in maths.
Kayla Gibbs - detailed an delightful artwork.
Sam Champness - attempting very challenging math homework.
Lydia Siddens - outstanding effort in all written work.
Josh Brown - working consistently in challenging maths.

Best Boy
Jayden Fogg, Patrick Fletcher, Connor Gibbs and Aiden Shepherd.

Best Girl
Abby-Rose Carpenter and Cynthia Gibbs.

Best Class
Kinde/1 and 1/2.

Assembly Items:
4/5/6 - Dinosaur Dioramas and collages.
3/4 - Ants.
K/1 - Monte the Mouse.
Sienna Brinkley - Aboriginal Artwork.
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MAITLAND POOL
EXCURSION FOR K/1/2

A special thank you to Mr. Williams for his assistance on the excursion.