Lochinvar Public School
Bulletin

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TERM ONE
The term has gone very quickly and it is almost over. This will be our last bulletin for Term 1. School finishes on Friday, 12th April. It will reopen 2 weeks later for the beginning of term 2. There will be 2 Staff Development days at school when teachers return to duty. The school will not open for students till Wednesday 1st May. We are sure you will enjoy the break and we look forward to another productive term.

When we return our school will hold its Anzac Day Observance assembly. This will be on Wednesday, 1st May at 10:45am. This service will be held in the library so that we are closer to the flag pole.

Our student leaders will represent the school at both the Maitland and Lochinvar Anzac Day services during the school holidays. We thank their parents for their assistance in getting students to these special events.

The 2012 annual School Report has been placed on the school website. Please take some time to view the report which reports on the school’s academic, social and physical achievements for 2012. A hard copy can be made available to any family that would like a copy. Please ask at the office.

EASTER RAFFLE A SUCCESS
A very warm afternoon allowed our classes to share their Easter craft work and entertain you with a few fun items. Many parents came along to share the afternoon and collect their raffle prizes. First prize went to the Grisinger family, 2nd prize to the Mitchell family and 3rd prize to Ms Cox. There were close to 40 prizes available for the raffle. Our thanks go to the many families that sent the donation of eggs or Easter goodies for the raffle. The funds raised by the P&C are assisting in the purchase of our final set of ipads and saving for the covering of the cement area in soft fall (compressed rubber) $339.00 was raised in the Easter raffle so thank you very much.
**Parent Interviews a Busy Time**
The majority of parents took up the opportunity to meet with their child’s teachers over the last few weeks. This was a great opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss student progress and concerns. In term 2 teachers will prepare a written report on each student and this will be another opportunity for you to monitor student progress at school. If you have not had the chance to talk with your child’s teacher, contact them at school and arrange a convenient time for you both.

**Playground Changes Making a Difference**
Andrew Fohmsbee has been hard at work over the last few weeks arranging and planning for some improvements to our playing field. The soccer field was full of dips and hollows that were becoming a problem for students. Andrew arranged a delivery of soil free of charge from a local company and has spent 2 days last week spreading it across the soccer ground. To finish a much needed project, Andrew also laid irrigation pipes, installed a pump and sprinklers so that we are able to water the top dress and encourage new grass growth. This has been a massive undertaking for Andrew and I have really appreciated his input and expertise on this project. It will benefit students and the school over the coming years and make the ground much more usable and safer.

*A big thank you to Andrew for his hard work and expertise. We really appreciate it.*

**Gymnastics Lessons to Begin Next Term**
A detailed note is coming home with this newsletter. We have arranged for the students to participate in gymnastics lessons once a week during term 2. The school has been involved in these lessons in the past and it is time to vary our sport program again. Professional and accredited teachers will work with each class for a 50 minute lesson each Friday. Class teachers will stay with their class during these lessons. Classes will still continue to participate in daily PE activities but will have their lessons enhanced with the inclusion of gymnastics. There is a cost for these lessons and we would like to ask parents to pay for these in advance or in two payments. The note will detail these options.

**P&C Pie Drive**
Pie Drive orders can be collect from the school on Friday, 5th April between 2:45 and 3:15pm. This fundraiser will support the purchase of another set of ipads for the school. Thank you for your support.

**Capsicum Treats for Students**
Last week Lisa Heiligman with the help of the "vege patch helpers", made some delicious dips from the capsicum grown in our vegetable patch. Many of the students sampled these delicious dips on mini toasts. Thank you to Lisa for her dedication in assisting the vegetable patch students.

**Naplan Tests Early Next Term**
All students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy (Naplan) on the 14th, 15th and 16th May. We encourage all students to be a part of this assessment. If parents do not wish students to take part in the assessment, you must sign a withdrawal consent form. Please contact your child’s teacher to discuss this decision.
## Assembly Awards

### Kindergarten/1
- **Sophie-Lea Whiteley** - working well on sounds.
- **Ryan Hazell** - great number recognition.

### Year 1/2
- **Connor Gibbs** - writing an awesome factual text about seeds.
- **Max Siddens** - writing great sentences about seeds.
- **Jared Gibbs** - always doing his best in reading groups.
- **Paige Brinkley** - always being prepared for work.

### Year 3/4
- **Dylan McCormack** - participating enthusiastically in groups.
- **Thomas Joyce** - having excellent spelling results.
- **Laura Bajric** - trying hard in maths.
- **Bayden Halson** - putting in extra effort into his writing.

### Year 4/5/6
- **Emily Johnson** - a fantastic attitude to school and all her work.
- **Lydia Siddens** - consistent effort in spelling and homework.
- **Readan Gibbs** - outstanding work in spelling.

### Best Boy
- Wayn Fohomsbee and Nathan Carson.

### Best Girl
- Mikayla Preston and Lydia Siddens.

### Best Class
- 1/2.

### Assembly Items:
- Kindergarten - Caterpillars craft.
- 4/5/6 - Harmony Day.
Pony club Association of NSW has developed a new Initiative Called “Come and Try” Program. This enables interested riders to come along and ride for the day at any of our Rally days (Training days). A fee of $25.00 is payable for the day which covers Come and Try members for public liability and personal accident insurance under the PCANSW insurance policy.

Rules – Helmets The following standards -ASNZ 3838, ASTM F1163, EN 1384
- Smooth soled riding boots are required (Ropers allowed) with jeans or stockman cut pants.

Singleton Pony club will hold Rally days on the 1st Sunday of every Month at “Baroona” Range Road, Whittingham and we welcome this new initiative that allows interested young riders to come and see what Pony club is all about. Contact us at singletonponyclub@hotmail.com if you would like any further information.

Mother’s Day at the Sebel
Afternoon Tea Soiree in Manor Garden*
Sunday 12 May 2013

- From 12noon to 3pm
- High Tea style buffet
- Candy buffet
- Gift for all Mums
- Adults $55.00
- Teenagers (13-17 years) $30.00
- Children (5-12 years) $20.00
- Children 4 and under FREE

* Garden location subject to weather conditions

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EASTER RAFFLE 2013
1ST PRIZE - The Grisinger family.
2ND PRIZE - The Mitchell family.
3RD PRIZE - Lily Cox.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PRIZE WINNERS FOR 2013