KINDergarten 2015 ORIENTATION BEGINS
We welcomed 23 kindergarten students and their families to school last Thursday for our first Kindergarten Orientation. Many of those families are sending students to school for the first time so it is pleasing to see that they have chosen Lochinvar Public School. It was also pleasing to see so many brothers and sisters of existing students. Students met with their buddies and enjoyed some important time with their teacher. Mrs Harwood will be the Kindergarten teacher in 2015. They will be back again next Thursday for another visit. My thanks go to Katrina McKeough for her assistance during the morning with talks about P&C, uniform, canteen and becoming involved in school. We look forward to a long and happy relationship with the children and their families.

SCHOOL NUMBERS GROWING
This large Kindergarten signals a change for Lochinvar Public School. We have 110 students enrolled in 2015 and the school will have an additional class. Instead of 4 classes we will have 5 classes. The breakdown of classes has not as yet been decided and all class formation early next year will only be temporary until we can be sure of the number of students in each grade. When that is established, classes will be formed officially and teachers allocated.

A new teacher has been appointed to our school to replace Mrs Paul. Mrs Angelina James will join the staff next year. She comes from West Wallsend Public School and Denman Public School and is very excited about her move to Lochinvar Public School. She has enjoyed her time in small schools and is keen to be teaching once more in a small school. I have met with Mrs James and she has a great deal of experience that will benefit Lochinvar Public School in the coming years as she has skills we have long desired in music and choir. She will be coming up a few times this term to establish her classroom and move in. Students will be introduced to her next time she comes. Welcome Mrs James.
REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE
All Students in the school participated in a short Observance of Remembrance Day on Tuesday at 11:00am. Thank you to our student leaders for their role in this Observance. It is important that the younger generations understand and take the time to be a part of these events so that as time moves on, we do not forget the sacrifices made in the past on our nation’s behalf. Thank you to those families that purchased poppies for the day. These funds go to Legacy and are provided for us by the Maitland RSL Sub Branch.

SCHOOL SURVEYS GIVE US DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE.
Thank you to the 30 families that returned the surveys that were sent home a week or so ago. We appreciate you taking the time to complete and return them. That is a little less than 50% of our families, but enough for us to gauge an indication of your wishes. If you would like the opportunity to have your say on a variety of questions about our school, just call into the office and complete the surveys there. It will take only a few minutes and we value what you have to say. Next Bulletin I will give you some feedback from the surveys. I will be meeting with Mrs Cantwell next week to discuss the results of these surveys and to assist in drafting a plan for the school for the next 3 years. Students will have an opportunity to contribute to the PBL survey this week.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR 6 FUNDRASIER
Year 6 thanks all students who participated in their Fun Day on Friday, 31st October. Everyone seemed to have lots of fun at the various activities that were organised and set up for the students. This was Year 6’s final fundraiser for 2014 as they prepare for their Year 6 Farewell and High School Orientations. They raised $267. There are some wonderful photos on the back of this Bulletin.

SUCCESSFUL OZ TAG GALA DAY
Our girls and boys teams had a successful Oz Tag day on Thursday, 30th October at Maitland Park. Our girl’s team was undefeated for the 4th year in a row. This is an outstanding record and we congratulate them on this amazing record. Our boy’s team was also successful and were undefeated on the day and we congratulate them on a wonderful performance. I received several reports on our students’ and the team’s outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day and I am very proud of the students for demonstrating something we hold very important at Lochinvar. Thank you to Mrs Peace and Mrs Harris for their management of the teams throughout the day and to the many parents that assisted with transport and supervision. We could not manage with out your help and support. Thank you.

MONSTER TRUCK INVADES LOCHINVAR
We had a promotional visit from one of the Monster Trucks that are in the area for their show. Students were able to get up and personal with the truck and the organisers and have their questions answered. We thank the group for making this visit and providing students with this unique opportunity.

WATER SAFETY LESSONS FOR YEAR 4/5/6
Our senior students will be participating in a Water Smart Awareness Program lessons next Monday at school. Students will be taught safety around inland waterways such as dams, rivers and creeks. They will also participate in CPR training and safe rescue techniques. These lessons are vital for the safety of our students and are provided by NSW Sport and Recreation.

P&C CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE
Please don’t forget to send in non perishable food or Christmas items for our Christmas Hamper's.
**P&C TRIVIA NIGHT A LOT OF FUN**

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**Year 4/5/6**

- **Year 6** - management and organisation of their Halloween fundraiser!
- **Lacey Matthews** - being a fantastic role model.
- **Logan Williams** - working well in all activities.
- **Britteny Moy** - improved work in mathematics
- **Will Regan** - improved work in volume and mass.

**Best Boy**

Ryan Swan, Xandah Hoover and Peter Perry.

**Best Girl**

Violet McLoughlin, Sarah Brazier and Brooke Maddison.

**Best Class**

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