Lochinvar Public School

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

P&C Meeting
6:15pm
Tuesday
2nd Dec

Christmas Service
Thursday
4th Dec

Parent Helper Morning Tea
Friday
5th Dec

Presentation Day
Tuesday
9th Dec

Year 6 Farewell
Thursday
11th Dec

Christmas Concert
Monday
15th Dec

Party Day
Tuesday
16th Dec

Students last day of School
Wednesday
17th Dec

BUSY TIME OF THE YEAR AHEAD FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

We are rapidly approaching the end of the year busy time with changes to routine. The hot weather can also impact on student behaviour and we are working with students to make sure that this is a happy time of the year for all of us and not a time for silliness or unacceptable behaviour.

Teachers will be completing student progress reports and these will be sent home in two weeks. (Monday, 8th December). These reports demonstrate student progress in all key learning areas with a particular emphasis on English and Mathematics. Please take the time to read these reports so that you are aware of how your child is progressing and if there are any areas that students need to strengthen. You are able to discuss these with your child’s teacher if you would like any clarification or if you have a concern. Please make sure you organise a time convenient to you both.

We are also working to sort our class compositions and teacher organisation for next year. Mrs Cantwell has been involved in these discussions and will discuss classes with the teachers next week. As I noted in the last Bulletin, no firm decisions on class composition will be made until next year when we have all potential enrolments in place. We are continuing to accept enrolments from people moving into the area and as such we are continuing to grow.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2015 ELECTIONS NEXT WEEK

Next Thursday Year 5 girls and boys will be giving their campaign speeches to all students. These students have discussed the leader’s role with their parents and have a good understanding of what is involved. It is a nervous time for the students as it is a great honour to be one of our student leaders. The speeches will be given in the old library and will commence at 9:10am. Parents are welcome to attend to give support to students. All students will vote immediately following the speeches. The new leaders for 2015 will be announced at presentation day assembly where they will be inducted and given their badges. We wish them all good luck in this important activity.
**FINAL SCRIPTURE SERVICE FOR THE YEAR**
On Thursday, 4\textsuperscript{th} December all students will visit the Anglican Church at Lochinvar for our last scripture service for the year. All classes have a small role to play in this service. Father Chris and Mrs Slupik will organise the service for our students. Parents are also invited to attend. The students will leave school at 11:30am and walk to the church. The Service will commence at 12:00 or just before.

**P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS SENT HOME THIS WEEK**
Our annual Christmas raffle is being organised by the P&C again this year. We are asking all families to send along donations of a variety of Christmas goodies or non-perishable food items so that hampers can be made up using the goods. Please send these along with your child and they will be collected by the teachers and handed over to the P&C mums. We have some special prizes that have been donated including a family pass to Hunter Valley Gardens, CAT trucks and home office stationery and storage items. Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2.00.
Our final P&C Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} December at Lochinvar Hotel. The meeting will commence at 7:00pm but if you would like to go earlier for a meal then 6:00pm. Come along and join us for this relaxed final meeting for 2014.

**CANTEEN A COOLER PLACE TO HANG OUT**
We give a very big thank you to David Fletcher (HV Line Boring & Machining) who has donated a brand new reverse cycle air conditioner to the School Canteen. It is a hot box in the summer and a freezer in the winter, but that won’t be the case much longer. Thanks to his generous donation the new slimline air conditioner will be installed soon and will make the canteen a much more comfortable place to work for our volunteers.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH**
we really do appreciate your generous gift!!

**VISIT BY NORTH ROCKS PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND**
Next Thursday is shaping up to be a busy day all round for us. After the School Leader elections our students will have the opportunity to hear the North Rocks Public School Band. They will perform a variety of popular tunes for the students and introduce various instruments to the students. This band performed for us last year and it was a very enjoyable opportunity for our students. This is a free concert and we look forward to welcoming them again this year. We hope to start by 10:00am as the group will arrive from Sydney at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the show as well.

**FURNITURE ITEMS FOR SALE**
Included in this Bulletin is a flyer promoting the sale of some good pieces of furniture that could be useful storage for your home. We need to clear out the old library as it will become our 5\textsuperscript{th} classroom. Please have a look at these items and if interested pop in and have a look at what is for sale. They are going very cheap and they are in pretty good condition.

**LIBRARY BOOKS NEED TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL**
Please return your Library books as soon as possible as borrowing will be finished at the end of this week. We need to finalise the library administration before the end of the year so borrowing will no longer be possible. If you find books at home later in the term or even early next year please send them back to school. Notes will come home with the name of books to help you track them down. If they are lost or damaged just replace the book with another one of your choice and send it to school.
CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH MOY
We congratulate Sarah on her 1st Place award from the Hunter Country Women’s Association book writing competition. Sarah was involved in this competition at her previous school last term where she wrote about children in Botswana. Her work will be judged at State level and we wish her good luck in this wonderful endeavour.

Congratulations!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KINDergarten
Tiarna Davey - asking great questions during news.
Violet McLoughlin - always being an attentive listener.
Jake Guest - great writing about dingoes.
Darcey Fuller - great spelling test results.

YEAR 1/2
Sonny Sales - having a great eye for detail when reading picture books.
Jared Gibbs - drawing a detailed scene from the Cabbage Patch War.
Hannah Cant - making great connections when comprehending texts.
Kyra Platt - writing interesting stories.
Lahtia Platt - trying to use interesting words in her writing.
Jayden Fogg - writing interesting sentences.

YEAR 2/3/4
Joel Heiligaman - wonderful class attitude.
Paige Brinkley - highest spelling test results.
Callum Prestley - an excellent effort in Readers Theatre.
Cynthia Gibbs - outstanding effort in creative arts.
Taj Jones - great character voice in Readers Theatre.

YEAR 4/5/6
Joseph Fletcher - helpful and co-operative student.
Toby Champness - an excellent Rapunzel.
Olivia Fenn - a good effort in the play
Aiden Shepherd - making a good effort in his play.
Tom Joyce - being an outstanding Puny Prince.

BEST BOY
Patrick Fletcher, Joesph Regan, Stirling Strauchan.

Best Girl
Jasmine Beer, Sarah Moy, Alison Kalverla.

BEST CLASS
1/2 and 2/3/4.

SPECIAL NOTES / EVENTS /
PRESENTATIONS ITEMS:
Premiers Reading Challenge certificates.

ASSEMBLY ITEM PRESENTED BY:
4/5/6 - Ancient Egypt Artwords
**A Very Merry**

**Sebel Christmas**

**Family Christmas Lunch**

Reservations for 12.30pm or 1.00pm
Adults $170
Teenagers (13 - 17 years) $95
Children (5 - 12 years) $50

Spoil the family this Christmas and indulge in a Christmas Carvery Buffet lunch on including a 3 hour beverage package at The Sebel Kirkton Park. Your day will be complete as the kids enjoy our craft room, there will even be a visit from Santa!

**Deluxe Infection Lunch**

1.00pm Seating
Adults $199
Teenagers (13 - 17 years) $95

Enjoy a truly sophisticated and intimate dining experience this Christmas in infection Restaurant. Receive a glass of champagne on arrival, indulges in fresh seafood platters and a live chef’s carvery buffet. A beverage package is included of hard selected local wines and beer.

New Year’s Eve in the Rose Garden

**WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2014**

7.30 - 10.30 PM
Adults - $160

Welcome the New Year at The Sebel Kirkton Park! Experience an evening of unique indulgence under the stars.

Experience an evening of unique indulgence under the stars. Be wined, dined and serenaded by the smooth jazz stylings of renowned musician, Oliver Thorpe in our picturesque Rose Garden.

For a New Year’s Eve to remember... Enjoy canapes on arrival, an elegant three course dinner and beverage’s across a 3 hour duration.

For bookings please contact our Events team today
(02) 4993 1309 or H8797-574@accor.com
386 Oakey Creek Road, Pokolbin NSW 2320 | http://www.sebelhuntervalley.com.au

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**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**

**BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD**

The Bush Fire Danger Period commenced on 1st October 2014 and will remain in place until 31st March 2015, unless altered by the Commissioner.

**No fires can be lit during this period unless a permit has been issued by a Permit Officer.**

You will be able to assist in keeping our district safe by adhering to the following procedures:

- On days that are declared a NO BURN DAY, no fires are to be lit.
- On days that are declared TOTAL FIRE BAN, no fires are to be lit.
- Due to changes in legislation, residential properties under one acre (0.5 hectares) in size are no longer permitted to burn household or green waste on their property.
- Residential properties in excess of one acre (0.5 hectares) are allowed to pile burn green waste but will require a permit to do so. A clear area of at least 2 metres and available water supply must be on hand at all times.
- Barbecues are allowed only in a properly constructed fireplace with a clear area of at least 2 metres and available water supply must be on hand at all times.
- On Total Fire Ban days only gas or electric barbecues are allowed.

If you need a permit or have any questions please do not hesitate to give the following permit officers a call. They will be happy to assist.

**Permit Officers for the Lochinvar Brigade area are:**

Peter Doan Captain 0412 920 353
Brendan Gazzard Senior Deputy Captain 0437 700 793
Jeff Jackson Deputy Captain 0440 323 040
Ryan Browne-Coxon Deputy Captain 0426 417 986
Terrie Redwell Deputy Captain 4920 7684
Daniel Crockett Deputy Captain 0427 997 883
Daniel Johnson Deputy Captain 0428 332 023
Keith White Deputy Captain 0432 715 908