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FAREWELL TO MRS PAUL YOU WILL BE MISSED

Mrs Paul has commenced leave from school for the rest of this term and will retire after that. The students wished Mrs Paul all the best at assembly last Friday. We want to thank her for her 12 year contribution to Lochinvar Public School as the Kindergarten teacher and wish her all the best in her retirement. She will come back for an afternoon tea that will be hosted by the P&C in a few weeks time. All parents are invited to call in and wish Mrs Paul all the best and to say goodbye. As soon as the date is set we will let you know. Over 85% of students currently at school had Mrs Paul as their Kindergarten teacher so it is a big change for Lochinvar.

2014 SWIMMING CARNIVAL COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY

Last week our students aged 8 years and over participated in our Annual Swimming Carnival. The Carnival was held at Branxton pool and it was a great day for a swimming carnival. We thank the parents that assisted us with a variety of tasks during the day. We could not run it as well without your support. The students were very well behaved and were complimented by the pool attendants on their behaviour and tidiness at the pool. We had lots of opportunity for some fun novelty events in the water after our events were completed. The winning House was Morris. Congratulations to them, although there were only a few points separating them from Mills. The Zone swimming carnival will be held at Maitland Pool next week, students attending the Zone need to be close to the qualifying time as well as have the correct technique for events such as backstroke, breast stroke and butterfly. Ribbons and trophies for our champions will be handed out at Friday’s assembly.

P&C MEETING AND NEWS

Our first 2014 meeting of the P&C took place last Tuesday afternoon. Plans are well underway for our first fundraiser for the year – Cinema under the Stars. This will be held on Saturday, 15th March at school. Make sure this date goes in your diaries as it will be a great night. The P&C is hoping to use these funds to pay for the artificial turf under our COLA area. We were hoping to welcome more new members to the P&C at our first meeting. The next meeting will be held on 11th March and it will be our Annual General Meeting. Please try to attend this meeting so that you can be more involved in our school. The meeting will be held at school at 2:15pm. The next meeting will be a night meeting.
**HOUSE CAPTAINS ELECTED FOR 2014.**

Congratulations to the students who were elected as House Captains and Vice Captains for 2014. Students received their badges at assembly last Friday and I am sure they will wear their badges with pride. It is important for parents and students to remember that this is a leadership position and as such brings responsibilities and expectations. I have high expectations that these students represent their school and sporting House sensibly and responsibly. Our Sporting House Leaders for 2014 are:

**Morris:**  
_Captains_: Noah Hogan and Siarrah Carpenter  
_Vice Captains_: Abby – Rose Carpenter and Lachlan Davey

**Atkins:**  
_Captains_: Teneil McLoughlin and Dylan McCormack  
_Vice Captains_: Jasmine Smurthwaite and Reef Stocks

**Hungerford:**  
_Captains_: Mikaelee Grime and Tamsin Gough  
_Vice Captains_: Hannah Hazell / Mali Gray and Emmie Philp

**Mills:**  
_Captains_: Aiden Shepherd and Lacey Matthews

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**CANTEEN NEWS NOW IN BULLETIN**

An addition to our Bulletin will be a section marked canteen news where you can check to see if the canteen is open all 3 days and review if you are marked as being a volunteer that week. Sheree Allen will let you know what specials will be available during the next 2 weeks and note any changes to the menu. Make sure you keep an eye out for it.

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**PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION HELD LAST WEEK**

All teachers hosted their information session for parents last week. Thank you to those parents that were able to attend these sessions. Parents were able to hear about class programs, homework expectations, excursions and to have any questions answered. Teachers have a brief outline of this information to share with parents if you were unable to attend. This will be sent home this week if it hasn’t already been sent.

Later this term, teachers will host Parent Interviews for any parent interested in attending. These are held later in the term so that teachers have the opportunity to get to know their new students and then discussions can centre around student strengths and areas in need of improvement. Times and dates for these will be sent home in a few weeks time. We trust that you will take the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher at that time.

I would like to remind parents that teachers are able to meet with you at other times but I ask that you arrange a time to meet with them as it is not always convenient to expect to meet with them after school without notice. Please respect this as many of our teachers are parents too with after school commitments with their own children. We pride ourselves on our accessibility and are always happy to talk with you, however it would be appreciated if you could be considerate for the teacher’s after work life.

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**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 that was sent home last week and return to Mrs Legge in the office as soon as possible.
**ENTERING AND LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS**
I would just like to remind all parents and visitors to our school playground, that all pedestrians must use the small gate to enter and leave the playground when bringing students to and from school. The large gates are restricted to motor vehicle traffic only. I would encourage you to set an example for your child by **please only using the small gate at all times**.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**KINDERGARTEN**
Ethan Kokins - great work writing numbers.
Ira Vashishta - fantastic number writing skills.

**YEAR 1/2**
Ryan Hazell - trying his best in everything he does.
Jasmine Beer - writing excellent sentences - Well done!
Isaiah Gray - excellent spelling in his writing and test.
Taj Jones - putting a great effort into all of his work.

**YEAR 2/3/4**
Hannah Hazell - attempting work in a positive way!
Clare Sheahan - showing care towards her peers.
Callum Priestly - settling into his new school with ease!

**YEAR 4/5/6**
Luke Ralston - making a great effort in writing.
Reef Stocks - being an excellent buddy to Lucas.
Ella Gidney - her excellent work in reading groups.

**BEST BOY**
Isaiah Gray.

**BEST GIRL**
Rain Stocks

**ASSEMBLY ITEM PRESENTED BY:**
School - Farewell to Mrs Paul.
**Canteen News:** We have had a very positive response to the canteen roster volunteer call out. The canteen will be open EVERY Monday, Wednesday & Friday for Term 1.

I would like to thank Chelsie Allen, Jen McCormack & Chris Joyce for volunteering during weeks 2 & 3. Week 4 volunteers are Peter Champness, Sheree Allen and Brooke Guest. Week 5 volunteers are Sheree Allen, Janene Davey and Melssa Sowter.

If you would like to do canteen on a Wednesday just contact Pat in the office and will gladly give you the Wednesday for that week. (At present Sheree is covering all Wednesdays and it would be nice to give her a little break.)

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**Greta Branxton Colts R.L.F.C**

registrations for new members will be held at Greta Oval on Thursday, February 13th and Thursday, February 20th from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

Cost is $70 for U7's - U16's, U6's - registration is FREE for this age group but membership fee applies $5, U18's $100. Re-registrations are now done online and an email has been sent regarding this to all Club contacts.

Please contact Alison Hall on 0414 497 682 (outside school hours) or Jaime Kowalski on 0400 119 024.

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**LOCHINVAR PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014**