TERM 1 GENERAL INFORMATION
Our term is coming to the halfway point and students have settled happily and are well into the term learning program. It has been very busy with a number of activities happening earlier this term. There will be a collection of information coming home for different groups of students over the next few weeks. This information will be early information for parents about excursions for years 3-6, high school enrolment in 2015 for Year 6 students and National Assessment information for parents of year 3 and 5 students. Please keep an eye out for this information as all of them are important and some students will be receiving all of these notes. Remember if you have any questions about any of these activities or forms, don’t hesitate to give us a call or call in and see us.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NEXT WEEK
Our P&C will hold their **Annual General Meeting** at school on **Tuesday 11th March at 2:15**.
We would love to see some of our new parents join us for this meeting. We have a very capable group of parents but we are always looking for new parents and new ideas. Even if you are unable to take up an office, we would be happy to welcome you and your contribution to discussions at our meetings each month. Pre-schoolers are also welcome. Our next meeting will be an evening one so that our working parents can join us. We have a small number of positions to fill. These include:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising manager, Uniform manager. Please consider joining us. We always welcome new members.
P&C ARE BUSY AT THE MOMENT
As you are all aware our major fundraiser is set for 15th March. Our Cinema under the Stars will be held this year and the movie is a family rated one called Despicable Me 2. There are some great activities planned for the night with a jumping castle, obstacle course and bunji run. There will also be a giant treasure hunt in a large sand pile as well as glow sticks, hamburgers, sausages and drinks for sale. To keep with our beach side theme there will be fresh fruit salad cups and frozen pineapple for sale. There will also be the usual movie treats of ice creams and chips available. Family entry is $10 with food and drink sales all very affordable. The treasure hunt and fair attractions have a cost attached to them but we feel this is great value for unlimited rides. ($12 for all 3 activities) and the treasure hunt $2 per child. When all 50 prizes are found then play in the sand will be free.

Our P&C have worked extremely hard engaging a large number of sponsors for this event as we are hoping to lay astro turf under the assembly c.o.l.a. later this term. This is a very expensive purchase ($15 000) but it will be a huge benefit to our students and school and will last many, many years. They have been saving for this project over a few years so it is exciting that we are so close. Raffle tickets will be sent home this week and these are great value with some terrific prizes. If you are unable to come along on the night then you can support our school by buying some raffle tickets. We are also looking for helpers during the afternoon and evening so if you are able to help please complete the helpers note and send it back to school. This will be our main fundraiser of the year. Please help us make it a success.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS
All Year 6 students will receive a form to complete for their transition to high school for 2015. Even if your child is applying for a position in the private system, we still need you to complete the form and return it to school. Whatever your choices for high school whether they are public or private the forms are important as all students need to be transferred as a new enrolment in 2015 and this is the first step in that process. It also allows your chosen high school to communicate with you directly regarding your child’s transition to high school.

NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS FOR YEAR 3 AND 5 STUDENTS
If your child is in year 3 or year 5 they will be involved in the national assessment program for literacy and numeracy skills. The tests will take place in May 2014. These assessments cover a variety of literacy skills including reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, numeracy and patterns, space and measurement. Parents receive a written report on student achievement in this assessment during Term 3.

EXCURSIONS FOR YEARS 3-6
Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Tomlins both spoke about overnight excursions for their classes this year. Year 3 and 4 will be going to Aussie Bush Camp at Karuah and year 5/6 will be visiting Hill End and Jenolan Caves. Both excursions will take place in Term 3 and information about costs, itineraries, transport etc. will be sent home over the next 2 weeks. We will require a deposit to secure your child’s place on the excursion. We also give plenty of notice about these excursions so that parents have the option of paying the excursion off over several terms and this assists with family budgets. Permission notes, excursion requirements, medical information and detailed activity lists will be sent home closer to the excursion dates. This is just an information note to make you aware of the dates, costs and to give the chance to decide if you would like your child to participate.
ZONE SWIMMING PARTICIPANTS PERFORMED WELL
Lochinvar PS was well represented at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Tuesday. Our Zone reps were Reece Weissel, Blake Pearce, Jacqueline Weissel, Aiden Sheperd and Bayden Halson. We congratulate them on their performances at this difficult level of competition and thank them for representing our school so well. Well done, swimmers!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN
Jake Guest - great writing in literacy groups.
Sarah Brazier - always being a good listener in class.

YEAR 1/2
Josh Heiligman - trying his best in everything he does.
Sonny Sales - putting in a great effort into all of his work.
Lahtia Platt - a huge improvement in her sentences writing.
Liam King - having an awesome time at school.

YEAR 2/3/4
Xandah Hoover - his contributions in class discussions.
Cynthia Gibbs - being an outstanding role model.
Niomi Crawley - her reliability and mature approach in class.

YEAR 4/5/6
Abby-Rose Carpenter - beautiful efficient worker always does her best.
Dylan McCormack - enthusiastic participation in all areas.
Oli Allen - excellent work in maths this week.

BEST BOY
Jayden Fogg.

BEST GIRL
Mikaelee Grime.

BEST CLASS
Year 1/2.

ASSEMBLY ITEM PRESENTED BY:
4/5/6 - Masks, 1/2 - Sharks and 2/3/4 - Pop art.
Canteen News: I would like to thank Chelsie Allen, Sheree Allen, Janene Davey, Brooke Guest and Melissa Sowter for volunteering during weeks 4 & 5. **Week 6 volunteers** are Chelsie Allen, Sheree Allen, Katrina Pike and Kelly Johnson. **Week 7 volunteers** are Peter Champness, Sheree Allen and Brooke Guest.

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.)