 TERM BEGINS SMOOTHLY
Welcome back to Term 2. We only have 9 weeks this term and it is always a very busy one. Students returned happily and well rested and have moved into work in a settled and positive way and are enjoying time together in the playground. A few reminders were sent home last week for events happening this week. It also included a Canteen overview so parents can see clearly when the canteen will be able to operate. We are closed a few days and it would be terrific if you could volunteer to work for a while on any of those days. Written reports will also be sent home at the end of this term so that parents have a detailed account of student’s strengths and areas needing development in the second half of the year.

 ARTIFICIAL GRASS A GREAT NEW ASSET TO OUR SCHOOL
Our brand new artificial grass was laid under the cola during the last week of last term. It had a baptism of fire with wet and cold weather and has stood up very well. Students are playing in the area and are finding it a pleasant space to try out more active games with little fear of hurting themselves when they fall. It has made for a much warmer and quieter area for our daily assemblies.

Thank you to the wonderful efforts of our P&C for their fundraising to pay for this expensive but fantastic addition to our school. It has already made a big difference and looks fabulous.

 NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS COMMENCE NEXT WEEK
All students in year 3 and year 5 will be sitting for the National Assessments in literacy and numeracy next week. These assessments take about 45 minutes to complete and cover writing, reading, spelling, grammar and numeracy. They are spread across 3 days so students only have assessments during the first part of the morning. These assessments provide students and the school with information about student strengths and areas in need of improvement. A detailed report from the Board of Studies will be returned to the school in Term 3 and these will then be sent home to all parents of year 3 and 5 students.
ANZAC OBSERVANCES TAKE PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN THE SCHOOL

Our thanks go to our School Captain Lydia Siddens for her attendance at The Lochinvar Community ANZAC Service on Friday, 25th April (during the school holidays). Lydia laid a wreath at the Memorial Gates at the Lochinvar Community Hall on behalf of the students. Sienna Brinkley and Ella Gidney also represented the school when they attended the Maitland ANZAC Service. Due to appalling weather the 11:00am service was moved indoors and the leaders laid a book and flowers on behalf of our students.

The leaders also led our school ANZAC Service on Wednesday, 30th April when all students had returned to school. It is essential that we, as a school, acknowledge these important events in Australia’s history. It ensures that the new generation understands and learns about the sacrifices made and helps them carry on the tradition.

"Lest We Forget"

P&C MEETING AND MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Our first meeting for the term will be an evening meeting. It will be held at the Lochinvar Hotel and will commence at 7:00pm. Families can attend and have a meal before the meeting if you would like. This meeting gives parents who work a chance to attend the meeting and have a say in planned activities or bring along new ideas. Hope to see you there.

Our P&C has organised gifts to sell at the Mother’s Day Stall on Friday morning. All gifts cost $3 and cover a wide range of goodies that I am sure our mums will enjoy. The P&C would appreciate some help if you have an hour to spare. The gifts need to be displayed and wrapped so helpers would be appreciated. The stall runs for the morning only (9:00 – 10:30) so you are not tied up all day.

TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS AND SMALL SCHOOLS SOCCER GALA

On Tuesday this week 6 of our boys and 2 of our girls will try out for the Maitland PSSA Zone Touch Football team. This is a high level competition and students have to trial for selection for the team. We wish them good luck in this endeavour.

Our School Soccer Team will commence training soon as we have a competition gala day coming up next month. We will be able to play 3 games during the day so we have the chance to allow more players to be involved. Our team must be a mixed team with both boys and girls.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE

You can purchase your new 2014/2015 Entertainment Book now for just $60 at the front office. Entertainment Books are filled with hundreds of valuable offers from the best restaurants, attractions, cinemas, sports, hotel accommodation and much more….receive 50% off, 25% off and 2-for-1 offers. A display book is available to look at in the front office.
PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
The 2014 NSW Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) is well underway. This is the first year Lochinvar Public School has participated and aims to promote and encourage students to read a variety of age appropriate books. While there is a lot of reading going on in our classrooms, (counting towards each students book count) this however will not be enough to achieve a certificate and complete the challenge. Students are asked to please aim to read at least 1 PRC book every fortnight and record this in their PRC booklets to be signed off by a parent. Booklets are to be completed and returned regularly to school. Library day for all classes is every Tuesday and each student has the opportunity to exchange and borrow 2 books a week.

Well done to the students who are already well underway to completing the challenge. If you have any enquiries please don’t hesitate to contact me in the Library or check out the PRC website at https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Mrs Howard

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN
Darcey Fuller - trying hard in all areas
Saige Williams - persistence in her handwriting

YEAR 1/2
Kyra Platt - working hard on her sight words
Blake Pearce - an increased effort in all of his work
Ebony Johnston - making a great effort with her handwriting
Lucas Johnson - being a sensible and independent worker in maths

YEAR 2/3/4
Cynthia Gibbs - outstanding detail in her ‘Harmony Day’ art
Grace Cant - a great effort in completing her ‘Harmony art’
Chloe Carpenter - her happy and cheerful approach in class

YEAR 4/5/6
Teneil McLoughlin - an excellent Karaoke presentation
Mikaelle Grimes - an excellent Karaoke presentation
Aiden Shepherd - an excellent Karaoke presentation and a big surprise

BEST BOY
Jared Gibbs

BEST GIRL
Hope McCredie and Emmie-lou Philp

BEST CLASS
Kindergarten

ASSEMBLY ITEM PRESENTED BY:
4/5/6 - Creative Writing.
2/3/4 - Cynthia Gibbs - Harmony Day art - Traditional Dresses
EASTER PARADE 2014

EASTER RAFFLE 2014