Welcome! 2015 promises to be an exciting year!

Welcome to the 2015 school year. As the new Principal of Lochinvar Public School I am excited to be working with the students, staff and community of Lochinvar and have enjoyed meeting our new families and students, as well as reconnecting with our existing families and students. It has been a terrific start to the year, with our students settling in well to new classes and routines.

Congratulations to our Kindergarten students who have shown great enthusiasm for learning. Our buddies have been a great support to the Kinder students, helping them in the playground and assisting at lunch and recess time. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new families and know they will find Lochinvar a positive choice where their child can grow and learn in a supportive and happy environment.

Our staffing situation has changed this year, with our enrolment numbers increasing to 113 students in the school overall. We have formed 5 classes: Kindergarten (Mrs Harwood) 18 students; K/1 (Ms McCutchan) 21 students; 1/2 (Mrs Mitchell) 22 students; 3/4 (Mrs Harris) 23 students; 5/6 (Mrs James) 29 students. Mrs Karen Clark will be working with Kindergarten as our School Learning Support Officer. Mrs James is currently on leave and will be returning in Week 4. Mrs Howard and Mrs Peace will be teaching the class until Mrs James returns.

First P&C Meeting for 2015 next Tuesday

Our P&C will hold their first meeting for the year on Tuesday, 10th February at 2:15 in the Library. Everyone is most welcome to attend and we encourage new parents to come and join these meetings.

First School Assembly for 2015 this Friday

Year 5/6 are hosting our first School Assembly this week. School Assembly will be held every second Friday under the COLA. Each class will have a turn hosting Assembly and parents and carers will be advised when it is their child’s class turn. We look forward to having you join us for our first Assembly of the year.

Stockland Community Grant

Congratulations Mrs Harwood! and an enormous thank you to Stockland Greenhills. Mrs Harwood’s application was selected and we have been granted $1000 to purchase new readers and other resources to support the implementation of the Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) program in our K-2 classes.
**Parent Information Talks being held NEXT WEDNESDAY**

As we do at the beginning of every school year, each teacher will hold a Parent Information Talk. These sessions give teachers a chance to explain their teaching plan for their class and to outline expectations, class needs and activities for the school year. It gives you a chance to ask questions about the class and the learning opportunities provided for students. These will be held at different times so that parents can attend the appropriate sessions for each of their children. We hope that many of you will take advantage of these sessions and attend.

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Mrs James will organise an information session for Year 5/6 parents once she has returned from leave.

Later this term individual parent interviews will be conducted in all classes and parents will have the opportunity to speak to teachers about student progress. Don’t forget your child’s teacher is available to talk to you. All we ask is that you make an appointment so that discussion times can be planned and left free of interruptions.

**Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Reminder**

Part of our school policy is that students should not have mobile phones or ipods at school. We are aware that more and more students have access to these items each year as they are often given as gifts. On occasion teachers will have a special “bring your own device day”, but this is accompanied by a written note so that parents are aware and it is usually limited to the end of the school term or year.

If these items are brought to school on a regular basis, the school accepts no responsibility for their loss or damage. I am also aware that older, senior students travelling long distances by bus or to afternoon care, often have a phone in their bag to contact parents after school hours for a number of valid reasons, particularly if they are responsible for younger siblings. I would ask that you remind students that phones and other devices should only be taken to school if absolutely necessary. We look for your support in this important matter and please let Mrs Cantwell know if your child needs to have their phone in their bag at school for after school hour purposes.

**High School Information Session for Parents and Students**

Next Tuesday, 10th February Mr Michael Whiting - Principal Rutherford Technology High School will be visiting Lochinvar to speak with students and parents about transition and enrolment in high school. The session will take place in the Library and be held from 9-10am. We look forward to seeing many of our Year 6 parents at the meeting.

**Anti Bullying and Cyber Bullying Lessons**

As we do at the beginning of the school year we spend time with our classes reviewing bullying and cyber bullying and reviewing ways in which students can act if they feel they are being bullied either in person or electronically. Schools have a very strong stance on bullying and at Lochinvar we take bullying very seriously and any incidents are dealt with immediately. The school is also extremely concerned that our students are exposed more and more to a variety of ways in which they can be bullied or stalked electronically. We take our responsibility seriously and teach our students how to protect themselves from being targeted while using the many shared spaces for communication online.
2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL NEXT WEEK
All students in years 3 to 6 (8 years or older) have been given notes and information about the School Swimming Carnival that will be held at Branxton Pool on Wednesday, 11th February. The carnival will go ahead even if the weather is overcast or lightly raining.

All notes and money should be returned to school by Monday next week. Entry fees to the pool should be paid directly to the school as all students are given a special rate. Please ensure your child’s swimming ability is noted clearly on the permission sheet as this will allow us to plan appropriately for the non swimmers and to cater for the swimmers who may wish to qualify for the Zone Swimming Carnival. There will be a number of novelty events throughout the day so that all levels of swimming ability are catered for and that students have an enjoyable day. Supervision requirements are very strict, so we will ask for the assistance of parents to help us manage the carnival and supervise students. If you are able to come along we will be very pleased to see you.

HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD THIS THURSDAY
Our students will elect their new House Captains for 2015 on Thursday afternoon at House meetings. These students are responsible for leading their sporting house at various carnivals throughout the year. This involves reminding students to attend events, leading the War Cry or March Past and organising team events such as relays, tug of war and novelty events participation. Students will be presented with their badges on Friday at the School Assembly. Good Luck to all those who wish to stand for election.

GATE REMINDER
To ensure the safety of our new Kindergarten students at this settling in period, both the small gate and the large car park gate will be closed each day from 9am to 3pm. We ask that if you wish to come into the school grounds you use the pedestrian gate and close it after you. If you need to drive into the car park, you are welcome but we ask that you close the gate after you. We hope it will only be for a few weeks.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but I am sure you agree that the safety of our students must be our first priority.

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 details on last year’s Student Emergency Contact Detail Report that will be sent home this week and return to Mrs Legge in the office as soon as possible.

LIBRARY NEWS
Mrs Cantwell will be taking the students for Library this year and all classes will have a set Library day as outlined below:

**Monday-Kindergarten  Tuesday-1/2  Wednesday- K/1  Thursday– 3/4  Friday-5/6**

All children are recommended to bring along a library bag to use when borrowing. This ensures our books will be protected when travelling to and from school. Library bags are also a great place to pack the books on completion of reading at home ready to bring back to school. All students are allowed to borrow two books at any one time. If students would like to re-borrow the same book, please return for rescanning on Library days to ensure the books do not become overdue. Individual reminder notices will be sent home if a book becomes overdue on the computer system. Children will not be able to borrow more books until the outstanding books are returned. If the book is believed to have already been returned to the Library, please don’t hesitate to contact me and I will try to locate the book within the school. Happy Reading Everyone!
## HUNGERFORD
- **COLOURS:** Red
- **MOTTO:** “Compete with Pride”
- **MASCOT:** Koala
- **WAR CRY:**
  - Alligator, Mince Meat, Crocodile Pie
  - V-I-C-T-O-R-Y
  - Are we tough guys? Yeah we are
  - Hungerford, Hungerford Rah, Rah, Rah

## ATKINS
- **COLOURS:** Yellow
- **MOTTO:** “Fair and Square”
- **MASCOT:** Kangaroo
- **WAR CRY:**
  - Roll out the carpet, Roll out the mat
  - Boxin’ kangaroos will knock you flat
  - Fair and square we play the game
  - That’s how Atkins got the name
  - A-T-K-I-N-S Atkins, Atkins is the best
  - Let’s go “Clap, Clap” (3 times)

## MORRIS
- **COLOURS:** Blue
- **MOTTO:** “Striving for Victory”
- **MASCOT:** Tasmainian Devil
- **WAR CRY:**
  - Tassie, Tassie, Big Apple Pie
  - V-I-C-T-O-R-Y
  - We are Tassie devils by name
  - We know how to play the game
  - Are we in it?
  - Yews we are
  - M-O-R-R-I-S Yeahhh MORRIS

## MILLS
- **COLOURS:** Green
- **MOTTO:** “Pride and Honour”
- **MASCOT:** Dingo
- **WAR CRY:**
  - Fe Fi Fo Fum, Come on Mills we can run.
  - We can race, we can Jump
  - And we can land without a thump
  - Mills is big, Mills is best
  - Come on Mills, forget the rest -
  - Yeahh MILLS

**Canteen Stop Press:** If you would like to do canteen just add your name to the space you would like and Sheree Allan will gladly give you that day for that week.