Welcome back for Term 3
Welcome back to our students and families for the second half of the year. Students have settled back in to routines well, demonstrating fantastic behaviour in the classroom and playground. Term 3 promises to be another busy and exciting term with excursions, assemblies and other events such as Education Week and Book Week to celebrate.
This term Lochinvar welcomes Miss Natalie Travis and Miss Brittany Ridge who are both University students. Miss Travis will be working with 1/2 as she undertakes her internship and Miss Ridge will be working with K/1 in the coming weeks as both student teachers complete the practical component of their teaching degree.

Education Week 2015
Education Week celebrations and our school Open Day will be held at Lochinvar Public School on Tuesday, 28th July commencing at 9:30am with a whole school assembly. We are inviting parents to view several performances by class groups and our classrooms will be open to visit. We welcome all parents, grandparents and interested community members to this Open Day. Each classroom will have different activities based on different learning areas. Where possible these activities will be interactive and we encourage everyone to join in. These activities will give you a snap shot of what is happening in our classrooms on a regular basis. Please feel free to move from class to class to see what is happening. We hope to see you there.

Beanie Day Tomorrow
Tomorrow students are encouraged to wear a beanie to school and bring a gold coin donation in support of the Mark Hughes Foundation - Beanie For Brain Cancer
**Education Week Community of Schools Celebration**

Rutherford Technology High School is hosting our local Community of Schools celebration of **Education Week on Wednesday, 29th July at 5:30pm.** All 5 partner primary schools will join our high school at 6:00pm for local awards for each of our schools and its students. Some of our senior students will be performing that night. They are presenting a dance performance that they have been working on for the past semester. All our partner primary schools will have a performance that evening so it is an interesting evening with the focus on students and their achievements. We hope you will be able to come along and enjoy this evening as this is a wonderful local event to celebrate Education Week. The evening will finish around 8:00pm. A light supper will be served from 5:30pm onwards before the awards begin at 6:00pm.

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**School P & C Major Fundraiser**

At the beginning of the year the P & C discussed organising a school fair as the major fundraiser for 2015. Due to organisational constraints this is not going to be possible. Instead, the P & C have organised a Masquerade Ball to be held on Saturday 24th October at Maitland City Bowling Club from 6-11pm. Tickets are $75 per person and are available for purchase from the office. We would appreciate your support of this event as money raised from the evening will go towards purchasing additional iPads and resources for the school. This is a terrific opportunity to come together for an enjoyable evening and show your support of our school. Please read the flyer attached for further details.

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**Platt Family Fundraiser**

As you will be aware, the Platt family suffered the devastating loss of their home in a fire last term. A fundraising event has been organised for Sunday, 26th July at Rutherford McDonalds from 10-12pm. Please come along and support this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Rugby League Targeted Sports Program Tuesdays**

This term our senior students will have the opportunity to participate in a targeted sports program for rugby league and soccer hosted by Rutherford Technology High School. This program has been organised to provide students with the opportunity to participate in a skills based development clinic with other local schools. The high school is providing transport to and from the venue. Thank you to the high school for organising this terrific opportunity for our students.

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**Soccer Gala Day On Friday**

Last Friday our school played their first soccer match as part of the Small Schools Soccer competition. Lochinvar played extremely well on Friday in their game against Hinton. Lochinvar won 6-2 and now progress to the next round of the competition. Our students will play in a gala day at Salt Ash on Friday. They will play 2 games of soccer against Salt Ash and Iona. We have about 14 children keen to be a part of the team that will play during the day. We wish them well and thank Tony Williams for his time as coach. Permission notes will be sent home today.

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**Kindergarten Enrolments For 2016**

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten in 2016. Please see Mrs Legge in the office to register your child’s details and pick up an enrolment form. Enrolment forms will need to be returned with a copy of your child’s birth certificate, a copy of their immunisation record (or blue book) and proof of address. We look forward to welcoming our new Kinder students. Dates and information regarding orientation will be advised later this term. If you know of families who are interested in enrolling their children at Lochinvar, please pass along this information.
ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On **Friday, 31st July** the Zone Athletics carnival will be held at Woodberry. Mrs Harris will accompany students who have successfully qualified. Permission notes will be sent home this week. We will need parents to transport students to/from the carnival so if you are available to assist with transport please contact the school.

YEAR 1/2 TO PERFORM AT FRIDAY’S ASSEMBLY
Assembly this Friday will be hosted by Year 1/2. We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend our assembly this week.

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE
The next activity for all students to be a part of is the Premiers Spelling Bee. Information for this competition will be sent home next week. Heats will be held in each classroom to identify the top 2 spellers in each learning stage. These top 2 spellers will have the chance to represent their stage at the Zone Finals later this term if they wish.

LOCHINVAR SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
Public Speaking will also be a feature of our school this term and we will be seeking stage champions in our school competition. Students will be presenting their speeches in class and the school final will be held on Thursday 30th July.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS
On Monday 27th July, students will celebrate NAIDOC week at school. Students will participate in rotational activities to learn about and celebrate Aboriginal culture. Monday will also be an out of uniform day and students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The Aboriginal performance group from the high school are also coming to perform for our students during the afternoon session. We are looking forward to an exciting day.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR SALE
3 books left. You can purchase your new 2015/2016 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.

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.**
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