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Bulletin

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WELCOME TO 2016! CONGRATULATIONS Lochinvar ON A TERRIFIC START TO THE NEW YEAR.

Welcome back everyone. It has been wonderful catching up with families and meeting our new students and families this year. Students have settled in very well to school routines and that’s promising as we venture into another exciting and busy year at Lochinvar.

I would like to introduce some new faces to Lochinvar who have joined our wonderful teaching team this year. Mrs Jackson will be our Assistant Principal and teaching the 4/5 class and Miss Russell who will be teaching year 3. Mrs Howard will be working in the Library and Miss Travis will be teaching Science this year.

Please be aware that class organisation is still fluid at the current time until we have final numbers, at which time classes will be finalised and any necessary changes made. With the enrolment of additional students this year, we have formed 7 classes. Currently, our classes are outlined below:

- Kindergarten: Mrs Rebecca Harwood (KH) & Miss Nicole McCutchan (KM)
- Stage 1: Mrs Jacqui Mitchell (1/2M) & Mrs Kristy Harris (1/2H)
- Year 3: Miss Amber Russell
- Year 4/5: Mrs Eleisha Jackson
- Year 5/6: Mrs Angie James

FIRST P & C MEETING FOR 2016
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

On Tuesday 9th February we are holding our first P & C meeting of the year. It will be held in the 5/6 classroom from 2:15pm. We encourage our new families to come along and join our P & C. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

Year 5/6 are hosting our first School Assembly in week 3. 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 their child’s class has it’s turn. We look forward to having you join us for our first Assembly of the year.
**Parent Information Sessions Monday 8th February**
At the beginning of every school year, each teacher holds a Parent Information Session. 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.

Monday 8th February

3:30 – 3:45  Stage 1 (to be held in 1/2H classroom)  Mrs Mitchell & Mrs Harris
3:45 – 4:00  Kindergarten (to be held in KH classroom)  Mrs Harwood & Miss McCutchan
4:00 – 4:15  Year 3, 4/5 & 5/6 (to be held in the library)  Miss Russell, Mrs Jackson & Mrs James

Early in term 2 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 & Electronic Devices Reminder**
Part of our school policy is that students should not have mobile phones, iPads 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 and should be handed in to Mrs Legge upon arrival at school. Devices should be clearly labelled with the student’s name. We look for your support in this important matter.

**Wearing Our Lochinvar School Uniform with Pride in 2016**
Congratulations to our students and parents for showing pride in our school uniform. Our students all look wonderful in their uniforms and black shoes and I know a number of PBL Gotcha rewards have already been given out in recognition of this. Well done!

**2016 Swimming Carnival**
All students in years 2 to 6 (8 years or older) will be given notes and information about the School Swimming Carnival that will be held at East Maitland Pool on **Wednesday, 17th 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 Friday 12th February. Entry fees to the pool and transport by bus will need to be paid directly to the school. 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 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. Please indicate on the note whether you are able to come along and assist on the day.
HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS 2016
Our students will elect their new House Captains for 2016 on Monday 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. Good luck to all those who wish to stand for election.

LIBRARY NEWS
Mrs Howard will be working in the Library this year. Library will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as outlined below:
Tuesday: 1/2H; 4/5 & 5/6
Wednesday: KM
Thursday: 1/2M, 3 & KH

Your child will need a library bag in order to borrow books from the library so that we can ensure our books remain protected between school and home.

GATE REMINDER & SUPERVISION
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.
School starts at 9am however there is a teacher on duty in the playground from 8:30am. Students should not be at school before this time as there is no teacher on duty. If students arrive by bus before 8:30am they should sit quietly under the COLA area until the supervising teacher is on duty.

MEDICATION
Students requiring medication need to ensure that the medication comes to the office in its original packaging with the doctor prescribed administration instructions clearly labelled. Over the counter medication cannot be administered at school without written authorisation from the prescribing doctor.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on Monday 29th February. Please ensure that students are wearing full school uniform including black shoes. Photo envelopes will be sent home in the coming weeks.
Ambrose Tennis Academy will be running a program in 2016 at schools which will give students an opportunity to try a new sport and learn tennis skills. Students will participate in training drills and learn about techniques for playing tennis, as well as play games and activities related to tennis.

Ambrose Tennis Academy also run after school classes and a development program at Miller Park Tennis Courts, Branxton throughout the week and on Sundays.

Our development program for 2-5 year olds is designed to give students the opportunity to develop skills as they grow that will be valuable for all sports, with a focus on tennis. Skills including running, jumping, hand eye coordination, balancing and concentration skills are all part of the building blocks of our program.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN SCHOOL TENNIS PROGRAM**

We have the opportunity to have qualified tennis coaches come into school and work with our students to develop skills including running, jumping, hand eye coordination, balancing and concentration through tennis coaching. These lessons would occur weekly and would make up part of the school sport program for Term 1. Lessons would take place at school and the local tennis courts in Lochinvar. Lessons would cost approximately $5 per lesson and would run for a period of 6-8 weeks depending on the response from parents.

If you are interested in your child/ren participating in this program, please indicate your interest below and return the note to the office by Monday 8th February.

I would be interested in my child/ren ______________________________ of class ________ participating in weekly tennis coaching lessons. I understand that there is a cost associated with this and would be prepared to pay this cost.

Name:______________________ Signed:_______________________________