LAKER NEWS

A note to you, from our Principal, Ms Sandra Wright

Welcome to 2016
We are excited by our plans for this year. We have embarked on a whole school approach to teaching and learning designed to actively engage our learners.

- Inquiry Based Learning—an approach that encourages teachers and students to work together and become collectively accountable for the learning that happens in every classroom. This will happen in the afternoon sessions addressing higher order thinking and questioning skills.
- Electives for Years 3-6 (students were provided with a choice to plan their learning over the four terms) Friday afternoon sessions on Coding/Robotics, The History of Art, Cool Science experiments and Biology—How our body works and why do we need to eat.
- HASS—combining History/Geography/Civics and Citizenship and Economics
- Japanese—Prep—Year 6, Ask your child about Sensei.
- Coding—Implementing from Prep—Year 6
- Speech, Sound, Pics—Phonemic program for teaching Reading and Writing in Prep—Year 2.

What are those duck hands your child is telling you about?

These are just some of the new activities we are undertaking at this school.

Classes
We did have 155 students enrolled at our school but unfortunately a new family from interstate cannot attend now until Term 2 which leaves us with 152 enrolled students. We must have 153 for Day 8 (Friday) to be able to maintain our current planning. If you are aware of any family wishing to move to the best school in the valley, please convince to make the move now.

Pets
Dogs, cats, etc are not to be in the school grounds unless prior permission has been given by the Principal for the purpose of show and tell in the younger classes.

Latte Lounge at the Lake
Come along and join us for coffee and cake! We are holding a parent lounge every fortnight on a Wednesday morning from 9:30am -10:30am. The first Latte Lounge at the Lake will be Wednesday 10th February and will be a general get to know each other and discussion about the school. Bring along your wish list. Some of these mornings will be presentations by guest speakers and workshops on school initiatives. Eg Speech, Sound, Pics, Choice Behaviour Theory, Getting your child organised for school and assessment, How to pack a healthy lunch box on a budget etc etc.

Holiday Log Book Winner
All students had an opportunity to complete a holiday log book over the Christmas holidays. This was to ensure students were able to keep learning and revising work from last year. We had a great response to this with the winner drawn on parade on Monday. Congratulations to Matthew Bellamy, the proud new owner of a mini IPad.

Leadership Parade
This Monday Feb 8th will be our annual Leadership Parade commencing at 8:50am. The students who have been elected to be your captains for this year will receive their badges. We have again invited a special guest to attend this parade. All family and friends are also warmly invited to attend, with a morning tea to follow
This year our weekly parade will be on Monday mornings at 8:50am. We feel this is a great way to start the week. All parents, grandparents, family and friends are invited to joins us each week.
2016 STAFF
We are extremely fortunate to maintain consistency of our wonderful staff within the school. Our staff and classes for 2016 are as follows:

Principal – Sandra Wright
Administrative officer – Mrs Jane Dixon
Prep - Mrs Kate King - kking189@eq.edu.au
Year 1- Mrs Megan Litzow - (Mon-Wed) - mlitz1@eq.edu.au
- Mrs Linda Miller - (Thur & Fri) - lmill1@eq.edu.au
Year 2 – Mrs Renee Pennycuick - rpenn32@eq.edu.au
Year 3 - Miss Tina Ryan -
Year 4 – Mrs Janine Hannant - jhann85@eq.edu.au
Year 5 - Ms Catriona McAll - cmpal50@eq.edu.au
Year 6 – Ms Kylie Hohn - khohn13@eq.edu.au
Excellence - Mrs Michelle Minehan - mmine6@eq.edu.au
Specialists:
Learning Support Teacher  P-3– Amanda Best (Wed—Fri)
Learning Support Teacher 4-6—Jacqui Stewart (Mon—Wed)
Writing Coach—Jacqui Stewart
Guidance Officer - Amanda Best
Physical Education – Ms Kylie Hohn
The Arts – Mrs Kylie McCormick (Thur)
Instrumental Music – Mr Tyson Clancy-Jones (Fri)
LOTE Japanese – Keizo Oba (Thur)
Speech Pathologist – Bernadette Pinchin
Psychologist – Ianna Kelly
Teacher Aides: Mrs Mary Heenan, Mrs Rhonda Dallinger, Mrs Julie Rettko, Mrs Ann Denny, Mr Chris Tapper & Mrs Sandra Pollock (Thurs)

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS
Teachers are the first point of contact for issues concerning your child so please introduce yourselves when you can. If you wish to discuss something at length, it is appreciated if you phone to make a mutually convenient time. Please note that on a Tuesday afternoon, teachers are required to attend a teaching staff meeting at 3:15 pm and will generally not be available after this time. Should you require an appointment with the Principal, please phone to make a mutually convenient time.

SCOHASTIC BOOK CLUB
Issue 1 brochures have been handed out to the students. Our school receives rewards to purchase books for our library when you order any item within these leaflets. Could all orders and payment be returned to the Silver Box by FRIDAY 12 February. Our School is a LOOP school. This is done by you online, you don’t have to return anything to school. It’s Easy. If paying with cash please ensure correct money is given as we so not have any money for change at the school. All orders will be placed immediately after this date to allow books to be back as soon as possible.

Family Information
In the case of an emergency, it is very important to have all family information, especially address & phone numbers, kept up to date on our system. Please notify the office of any changes to any of your contact details promptly.

Little Lakers
Welcome back to another exciting year. Thank you so much to parents and families who supported Little Lakers last year through their continued attendance. This year we are looking forward to catching up with our regular families and meeting new families to Lake Clarendon IPS. If you have any friends or family that are interested in bringing their children along to our Little Lakers Early Learning Group please feel to promote our group within our community. Everyone is welcome!!! Little Lakers offers a playgroup program for ages 0-5 years and focusses on preparing children for their Prep Year of School through social interaction and play-based learning. Little Lakers operates every Friday from 9.00am to 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there.
Amanda Best
Guidance Officer and Prep Transition Co-Ordinator

LAKE CLARENDON CROSS COUNTRY
This year the Lake Clarendon cross country will be held on Monday 21st March. This event commences at 9:00am, with the preps running first. All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come along watch.
In the up coming weeks Mrs Hohn will organise some training sessions in the mornings before school commences for any student that is interested.
**BELL TIMES**

Bell times are as follows:

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<td>8:50 am</td>
<td>Roll, Messages, Rules, Expectations, Behaviour Goal for the week, Munch and Crunch snack on the desk ready</td>
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<td>9:00 am</td>
<td>First session commences – ENGLISH (Consolidations, Literacy Mentals, Literacy, Spelling, Grammar, Reading, Writing)</td>
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<td>10:00 am</td>
<td>Munch and Crunch/English continues</td>
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<td>11:00 am</td>
<td>PLAY</td>
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<td>11:20 am</td>
<td>Lunch in classrooms(15 minutes supervised eating time)</td>
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<td>End of eating time, toilets, drinks.</td>
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<td>11:40 am</td>
<td>Second session commences – MATHEMATICS (Consolidations, Maths Mentals, Focus Area, Review)</td>
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<td>1:00 pm</td>
<td>PLAY</td>
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<td>1:20 pm</td>
<td>Afternoon tea break (5 minutes eating time classrooms this is extended for younger students)</td>
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<td>1:45 pm</td>
<td>Final session commences Other Key Learning Areas (HASS, Science, )</td>
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<td>2:50 pm</td>
<td>Clean, Pack and Stack (ensure jobs are done, Projector, Air Con, Windows) and Review the Day</td>
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<td>3:00 pm</td>
<td>Conclusion of school day</td>
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**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Regular and punctual attendance at school is expected and is essential to resilient work habits and to ensure maximum access to the education program. Education Queensland policy and procedures require schools to document student absences and the reasons for such. If a child is to be absent from school, please telephone the office directly on the day of the absence (or prior if aware) on 54666333 and follow the prompts. If we do not receive a call or a note explaining a child’s absence, administrative assistants may follow up with a phone call to enquire as to the reason for the absence. If a child is late to school they need to see the office first for a late slip and take it to their class teacher. Parents need to sign a register in the office foyer if a child is being picked up early. After arriving at school, children may not leave the grounds during the school day without the permission of the principal.

**PROJECT CLUB NEWS**

Project Club is up and running again for the year. The Project Club organises fundraising events such as discos, trivia nights and food stalls to raise money for Year 5/6 camp and for charities. At yesterday’s meeting, these members were elected to the following positions for 2016:

President  Mikayla B  
Secretary Abby S  
Treasurer Matisse G  

All students from Years 4 – 6 are welcome to attend meetings on Tuesdays at first break in the library. I look forward to another successful year of working together to achieve our goals.

Michelle Minehan

**NEWSLETTER**

Every second Wednesday a newsletter will be emailed home to your family. Please read them as there are many things that happen throughout any school year. It is a great way to stay informed and up-to-date. Please ensure we have your current email address. Other notes and permissions that are sent home will usually be given to the eldest child in the family.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Welcome back to another exciting year of Instrumental Music! We have a lot of new and innovative techniques and strategies in place this year to help us all become better musicians. To our beginners for this year, I cannot wait to meet you all again and begin your musical journey! Please make sure you return all of the Instrumental Music Forms ASAP so we can start lessons. Lessons will begin in week 3 of this term.

Thank-you very much, and as always, remember...“Don’t Practise until you get it right, Practise until you can’t get it wrong.” Tyson Clancy-Jones—Instrumental Music teacher

SCHOOL UNIFORM/DRESS CODE

The school uniform is accepted as the attire for children attending Lake Clarendon State School and parents enrol their children at this school on the understanding that the full uniform will be worn at all times. The wearing of a school uniform encourages school spirit and a sense of group identity and prevents discrimination in respect to the quality or fashion of clothing. On Interhouse sports days, the children wear polo shirts in their house colours of white and blue. Our school has a No Hat, No Play policy. The navy blue broad-brimmed hat is the only style of hat permitted (no caps, bucket type or other styles or colours). Participation in all outdoor activities and excursions is conditional upon children wearing their navy blue broad-brimmed hat. Children are to wear their broad-brimmed school hat for all outdoor activity. With regards to shoes, closed in shoes with adequate sole grip & foot support are acceptable footwear. The wearing of jewellery is not necessary as it can pose a safety hazard and is at risk of breakage and theft. It must be kept to a minimum, e.g. a watch. With regards to earrings, plain studs or sleepers are safe and appropriate. Make-up and nail polish is not necessary. Nails should be kept trimmed and hair should be tied back and off the face with school-coloured bands and ties. Please ensure that hairstyles enable the comfortable wearing of the school hat.

MEDICATION

Only prescribed medication can be given at school, and will only be administered when accompanied by a signed permission form available from the office. This includes paracetamol (e.g. Panadol). The medication container must have the pharmacy label with the child’s name, doctor’s name and instructions clearly written. A doctor’s letter is required for long-term medication. If we have medication permanently stored at school, please come in and check its expiry date from time to time.

Students who have any asthma or anaphylactic problems, that may need medication to be administered here at school to have an Individual Asthma Medical Plan written & signed by your doctor.

You may not be aware, but it is required be the Education Department. If you could at your earliest convenience see your child’s doctor and ask for this to be filled out and bring a copy to the office to be added to your child’s Personal file.

Note from the office:

Prep Resource Fees are due this week. Please see the office if you need to make alternate payment arrangements, we are more than happy to help.

Year 6 Diary payments ($10) can be made at the office by cash or eftpos.
Hello Lake Clarendon Community! My name is Mrs Jacque Stuart and I am very pleased to say that I will be working at Lake Clarendon Independent Public School for 2016. My role will be as a Writing Coach and Learning Support Teacher for Years 3 to 6. I will be working with teachers to improve students' writing skills in the areas of vocabulary, connectives, openings and punctuation - VCOP. As the Learning Support Teacher, I will be working with Mrs Best (Guidance Officer) to provide classroom support for students.

An activity for the whole school will be having fun with words (Word on the Street). Each week the students will focus on a word - learning to say it, know what it means, use it correctly, use it often and find other words that have a similar meaning.

So…… for Week 2 the word is……. **celebrate** - it means to rejoice in or have special festivities to mark (a happy day, event, etc).

How it may be used….. Some people celebrate birthdays with a special cake.
John has moved up a reading level, so let's celebrate!

How can you use celebrate?
What words can you make - celebration?
What other words have a similar meaning?
Add an action as you say the word - e.g. lift arms up.

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Advanced Life Photography will be coming to our school on **WEDNESDAY 23 March** to take our class photos. Children are expected to wear full school uniform on this day. Class photos will start at 9.00am on this day.
**CHAPPY’S CORNER**

Valentine’s Day is celebrated annually around the world. If you surf the internet you can find thousands of quotes and sayings endearing one person to another. This special day is usually associated with flowers and gifts and is the perfect opportunity to let someone know your feelings for the first time. However if you are married (and want to stay that way) showing your romantic streak once a year is a little inadequate. Relationships require a little bit more effort to be enduring and happy. So all those fancy, loving words so painstakingly chosen in your romantic Valentine’s Day card are really a waste of time and $5.00 if your partner doesn’t see your love 365 days a year.

**Quotes**

We fall in love by chance, we stay in love by choice.

One day I caught myself smiling for no reason, then I realised I was thinking of you.

You are my one in 7 billion.

The good things in life are better with you!

True love is not a feeling, it’s a principle.

Finally... love does mean FOREVER!

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**Little Lakers**

Little Lakers Early Learning is facilitated by our Qualified Early Childhood Educator. For any enquiries or to register your interest please contact: Mrs Amanda Best Phone: 5466 6333 Email: abest22@eq.edu.au

Fridays 9 - 11am
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