Welcome Back.

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust that everyone enjoyed the winter break and managed to stay warm and cosy. With a full semester of curriculum completed, teaching staff will be commencing new units of work whilst also reviewing students’ learning and personal goals to determine the direction for achievements this term. Prior to the holidays, you should have received your child’s Semester One Report Card to provide a summary of achievement, behaviour and effort. When considering your child’s report card, take a moment to review your child’s attendance. Research shows that students who have high attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school, are consistently late or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable instruction which will help them to achieve their full potential. Some teachers have requested a parent-teacher meeting via the report card. Please contact the school or your child’s teacher, if relevant, to make a mutually convenient time. Parent-Teacher meetings will also be offered later this term. Our most recent School Annual Report has been uploaded on our school website for your interest.

School Opinion Surveys

The annual School Opinion Survey is now open online. All families and school staff are invited to take part and a representative sample of year five and six students will complete the survey at school. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Online access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students today. Parents/caregivers may arrange for online access at the school if it is unavailable at home. The survey closes on 31 July. We will receive our schools’ reports later this year.

Prep 2016

Enrolments are now invited for Prep 2016. If applicable, families are welcome to come to our office to pick up an enrolment package. If you know of anyone in the community who is planning on enrolling a child in Prep next year, please encourage them to make contact with us.

Attendance 96%

We have put in some new incentives in place for our students to raise their attendance levels this term. Classrooms have their own short rewards for students arriving before 9:00am. Students with 100% attendance continue to go into our Friday raffle for attendance badges. We will also be having pizza parties for students with 100% attendance for two weeks to recognise their achievement of their goal. Students will receive an invitation to the parties with the Principal. We have also provided a trophy for the class with the highest percentage of attendance in the week. Congratulations Year 4!

Maintenance

We have been gradually working on the maintenance of our school this year. Downpipes have been repaired so that we don’t get flooding around the toilets, filters have been placed onto the bubblers to ensure clean drinking water for students, repairs to the year 3 ramp, repairs to the tables and seats in front of year 3/4/5 rooms, repainting of play shed, office and year 2 classroom. Thank you to Dallas Edser for our beautiful seating around the tree in the junior area and repairing the seats for the parade shed. We still have some big ticket items to complete but this will come when facilities can provide more funding—Prep/Yr 1 roof to be replaced, tennis court and bitumen driveway into the school.

Back to Front Mathematics

We are hosting this fantastic Professional Development initiative at our school this week. We have brought Tierney Kennedy, facilitator and creator of Back to Front Maths, down from Townsville to spend the week working with our staff and students. Tierney has just been employed by South Australia as their Mathematics consultant and will not be available to Queensland schools. We are privileged to have her for the final time. Tuesday and Wednesday will see her presenting to 12 other schools as well as ours, followed by Thursday and Friday in classrooms with students, teachers and teacher aides.
**Little Lakers Early Learning**

This semester our playgroup will be running on Friday from 9am to 11am for 0-5 year olds. This is a great opportunity for children to interact, play and learn with their peers. It’s also a great chance for parents to meet new adults in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere!! Please register your interest with our qualified early childhood educator - Amanda Best 5466 6333 or abest22@eq.edu.au or come to school in on Friday morning. If you have friends or family with little ones please extend this invitation to them also. We look forward to seeing you.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 5 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 **Tuesday 28 July**. Payments can be made by cash, credit card & cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia. 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.

**Year 3 Trip**

An excursion has been organised for the year 3 class together with the year 3 class form Forest Hill to travel by bus to Ipswich on **Friday 7 August**. The students will be visiting the Nature Centre and then will be able to have some free time at Queens park. Entry to the Nature Park is a gold coin. Please put this in your child’s lunch box. Students will depart at 9am and return to school by 2.30pm. The cost of the bus is $10 per student. Please fill out the permission form and return it with your payment to the office.

**AusKick**

**AusKick will be at our school on Tuesday 28 July for a trial day from 11-11.30am.**

The trial day is for all interested students to come along and have a go. This first session is a free session.

If you would like to attend any further sessions a registration form and payment must be received by the next Tuesday. Registration forms were handed out to all students at last weeks parade. Registration is also available online.

Cost - $70
Length - 8 weeks
Venue - Lake Clarendon School oval

**Upper Lockyer Sports Day**

This event will be held on **Friday 14 August at Ropehill**. You will receive a nomination form if you have qualified to attend this level.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn** is back!! and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school!! It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in our Collection Box, either at school (in the library), or at the local Woolworths store. The more stickers we collect the more resources you will earn for your school! So be sure to tell your family and friends and start collecting today!! Any questions please see Tracey Wiseman
Good Ones
Congratulations to the Good One winners for:
Wk 1
Prep - 2…Matilda F
3 - 6…Riley W

Rewarding positive behaviour
Your child receives a Good One as a reward for positive behaviour during the week. This Good One slip goes into a box in the office. One lucky name will be drawn out on parade and receive a prize. All of the Good Ones are then entered into our behaviour system and sent home with a stamp. This is your chance to praise your child about positive behaviour & how important it is to help others.

Attendance Raffle
Congratulations to the Attendance Raffle winners for:
Wk 1
Jeremy B
Cole T
Imogen H
Shalimah G

National Tree Day
We have received about 300 seedling from the LVRC to be planted along our fence line. To assist us with the planting students from 3 other school will be coming along to our school on Friday 31 July. We invite any parents or carers to watch this event & to join in a morning tea/sausage sizzle after the planting is completed.

Religion
Due to the retirement of Mrs Margaret Shepley, we will not be able to offer Religious Instruction this year. We wish Mrs Shepley well in her retirement and thank her for her many year of contribution to our school.

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.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform shop is open every Monday & Friday mornings from 8.30am. Please contact Allison 0427675879 If you need to access the uniform shop at a different time.

Australian Raw Honey Orders
Cedarbrook Agriculture has a representative in our area and he is will to take orders for their Australian Raw Honey. An information/order sheet is attached to the notice board in the walkway opposite Chappy’s room, or you can place your order at the office. All payments are to be made at the office and you will be phoned when the order has arrived at school. This raw honey is sold for $6 for 1Kg or $12 for 2Kg.
Chappys Corner

Wow what a great holiday! For those of you who didn't know, a group of us flew to Honiara, Solomon Islands. From here we were to take a boat to the Island of Malatia. However an hour and a half out from port we were met with very rough seas and had to turn back to land. The next few days we could not secure domestic flights due to continued cancellations caused by heavy rains. This was the first recorded cyclone in The Solomon Islands in the month of July! Then we received a call informing us of a landslide at the hospital in Malatia so the CEO requested we postpone our trip. Our team included a builder, electrician, plumber, cabinet makers etc a total of 29 Volunteers. We decided to do some maintenance at the local boarding school, including running a kid's club and providing food. Some of the children that came lived on a rubbish dump. Though we didn't reach our destination, we were kept safe and felt happy that we were still able to help. Another team is being organized for later in the year to work at the hospital.

As I drove to work this morning I passed a billboard advertising a big insect. The text said, 'Don't be a Litter Bug'. It went on to say that we should keep Locker Valley clean from rubbish. We are so blessed in Australia to have the infrastructure in place to have all our garbage picked up and taken to tips or recycling plants. Except for a few inconsiderate people who continue to toss trash out their windows, our countryside is pretty healthy looking.

On recent mission trips to Vanuatu, Philippines and Solomon Islands, it is a much different landscape. Refuse lines the streets and waterways of all the populated areas, and in season piles of rubbish are torched leaving a terrible smell and haze. It is always a pleasure to see responsible kids and staff picking up scraps from off the ground and placing them in the bin, whether it was theirs or not - well done!

Humour

Why did the fly avoid the computer? He didn't want to get caught in the world wide web.
In the alphabet, why are A's like flowers? Because B's come after them.
What is on the ground, but also a hundred feet in the air? A centipede on its back.
What do you call a sheep with no legs? A cloud.
What do you call a cow with no legs? Ground beef.
What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.

Finally.... Welcome back to Term 3! Have fun, learn heaps, stay warm.
Finally... lies may hide tracks, but not the truth!