LAKER NEWS

A note to you, from our Principal, Ms Wright

**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.

**Enrolments 2016**

Enrolments are now being taken for all other classes for the 2016 school year. Planning for class structure will commence at the beginning of Term 4. If you know of interested families wishing to move into our school community, please encourage them to make contact at their earliest convenience to ensure a placing in our classes.

**Cultural Day**

This Thursday, we have our combined Forest Hill SS and Lake Clarendon SS Cultural Day. The day will commence at 9:30am with an opening by The African Dance Troupe from Lockyer State High School. We will then move into rotational activities provided by Lockyer Multicultural Community Centre and other presenters. Activities on offer will include Japanese calligraphy, Origami, South American Dancing, North American art, food tasting, belly dancing, didgeridoo painting, chinese masks, Rangoli art from India and flags of the world. We will conclude the day at 2:00pm with thank you's and a special didgeridoo presentation from Mr Daen Munn.

The Cultural Day tuckshop orders are now closed!!

If you have not pre-ordered your child's Cultural Day tuckshop your will need to send morning tea and lunch for you child. Please note that the tuckshop will only be selling snack item on this day.

**Parade**

Parade will be held on Thursday afternoon this week directly after the conclusion of our Cultural day. Attendance badges, certificates and behaviour levels will be presented as well as handing out the winning prizes from the Book Fair and the drawing of the P&C Fathers Day Raffle.

**Leave**

I will be on leave as of this Friday the 4th September until after the holidays. Amanda Best will be Acting Principal in my place. I am certain she will continue the smooth running of the school in my absence.

**Attendance**

Despite a lot of illness this term, we have kept our attendance percentage in the green with a rate of 91.6%. Thank you to all parents for taking this seriously and ensuring your child attends school on a regular basis.

We have several students who have dropped below the 80% mark and this has been flagged by the department as a major attendance concern. Students in this group have missed at least 35 days this year. If they continue to miss schooling, they will have very little chance of achieving their academic potential. Parents of these students will be receiving a letter outlining our concerns and the need to arrange a meeting with me to discuss an improvement strategy. This drop in attendance has affected students on a Gold level of behaviour as they must be able to;

Students at this level display commitment to their education. They are enthusiastically involved in our school, are consistently self managing and accept their responsibilities as ambassadors of our school.
**Project Club**
The term 3 Trivia Night has been postponed until term 4.

**White Balloon Day** is being held on **Friday 11 September**.
Students are asked to bring along $2 for a sausage on bread. They will also receive a white balloon. All funds raised will go to the Braveheart Foundation. This is a very worthy cause and the project club would really like your support to make this a successful day.

**Under 8’s Day**
**Friday 4 September the Prep-Year 3 students** have the opportunity to attend the Lockyer Valley Under 8’s Day at Gatton State School (Top Oval) commencing at 9am-11.45am. Please see attached flyer for information about the activities that have been planned for the morning. We encourage our parents to take their children to this event. If parents are unable to supervise their child on this day, we encourage you to make arrangements with other family members/friends who can share this special morning with your child. LCSS will be running a Bubbles tent that will be supervised by Mrs Rettke, Mrs Denny and Mrs Best. Please make sure you come along and say Hi to us. At the close of the day, you are welcome to take your child home after a busy morning.

At school normal classes for Prep-Year 3 will not be occurring. If your child is unable to attend the Under 8’s events, please call the office to make supervision arrangements at school.

**Little Lakers Early Learning**
Thankyou to all the families that have been attending our playgroup on Friday mornings from 9-11am. **This Friday Gatton State School is hosting their annual under 8’s Day.** The students from our school will be attending this day along with myself and other teaching staff. Our playgroup is more than welcome to come along for this day. Please see attached flyer. As a result playgroup on Friday 4 September at LCSS will be cancelled. **Amanda Best**

**Lockyer Zone Interschool Mathematics Competition**
The Lockyer Zone Mathematics Competition offers an opportunity for extension to students who have demonstrated a high level of competence in the area of mathematics. It will test the mathematical skills of students in years 4-7. The aim of this event is to dispel notions of mathematics being a boring subject, with focus on developing logical thinking and creativity.
Your child has received an invitation to attend. Please return the permission form by **Monday 7th September** if your child is attending. Please arrange transport for your child to attend this event. Details of the competition are as follows: **Date:** Tuesday 15th September **Location:** Gatton State School Hall

**Parkrun Platoon**
Thank you to those who braved the early morning start and the brisk cold to join in some of the Laker staff on the 5km run/walk. Thank you also (;) for the BURPEES as well. A total of 26 in all, with Coda and Brenton beating me with their times, I offered to double their burpees.

**Kylie Hohn**

**LAST DAYS - FINISHES NEXT WEEK - BRING IN ALL YOUR STICKERS**

**Woolworths Earn & Learn** is back!! and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school!! **It's simple to participate.**

**Tuesday 8th September is the LAST Day.** 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 5**

Prep - 2... Connor H
3- 6... Minh V

**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.

**Attendance Trophy**

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**DD Regional Sports Day**

Congratulations to those students who attended the Lockyer Zone Sports Day. All students performed at their very best with 3 of our students moving on to the next level to be held in Toowoomba **Next Tuesday 8 September**.

Congratulations and Good luck to Brenton M (10 Year Aged Champion), Tamara S and Xanthea K.

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**Pizza Party**

**Monday 7 September is Pizza Party Day**. Students will be given an invitation to attend if they have 100% attendance for the past fortnight. Ring the school if you have any queries.

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**Talk Like A Pirate Day**

**Thursday the 17th of September** the students, staff and parents of Lake Clarendon IPS are invited to participate in "Talk Like a Pirate Day". “Talk Like a Pirate Day” is dedicated to raising awareness of the impact childhood cancer has on families while raising vital funds for the not-for-profit organisation, Childhood Cancer Support.

This event keeps it simple: the day is all about dressing up and having fun. Students are encouraged to come dressed like a pirate and support this wonderful cause by **donating a gold coin** to the treasure chest. Prizes for best dressed pirates will be given to each class!

Students in the SAILS program will be selling **eye-patches and bandanas prior to the day at a cost of $2 for an eyepatch and $5 for a bandana**. They will be available for purchase in the final week of the term, Monday 13th of September – Wednesday 15th of September or whilst stock lasts.

Finally **Pirate Cupcakes will be available to purchase on “Talk Like a Pirate Day” for $2** and must be pre-ordered using the form attached. Orders must be in by Monday the 13th of September or you be walking the plank!!!! Please support this fundraising adventure which is being run by the senior students of the SAILS program to help raise awareness of Childhood Cancer.

Arrrrr Me Hearties!!!

Mrs Sweeper

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**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.**

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**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform shop is open every Monday & Friday mornings from 8.30am. Please contact Allisson 0427675879. If you need to access the uniform shop at a different time.
Chappys Corner
Have you ever felt like there was an impending gloom and doom heading our way? Listening to the news lately gives me this feeling. So many disasters, crime, wars and now a forecasted financial crisis that is expected to plunge the whole world into chaos. How do we know if this will happen? What if it is just scare tactics for an ulterior motive? Whatever the case I feel it is always wise to be prepared for the worst, but hope for the best. If you are a Bible reader, you will know that a lot of what is happening in the world today was mentioned so we would know what was going on. If you would like to know more please feel free to ask.

Humour
What did 0 say to 8? I like your belt!
Why was 6 scared of 7? 7,8,(ate) 9.
Mary has 7 daughter's, and each daughter has a brother. How many children does Mary have altogether? Tell me the answer.
Finally... forewarned is forearmed!

Family Photo
The date is now confirmed Saturday 12 September.
If you have your name on the list please see Terri K (0428654595) to book in your preferred time as spots are filling up fast. We still need more families to secure this fundraising event. Ask your friends and neighbours. Book Now as Popular Times Fill Up Fast!!!