A note to you, from our Principal, Ms Wright

“Who is in your driver’s seat of your Car of Life’, “Do you ever make excuses when you don’t do what you said you would do?”

This week at our mini-parade on Monday, we discussed these two questions with our students as part of the implementation of our Glasser Choice Theory. We talked about the Blame Game. When people blame someone else for their actions, they believe other people are responsible for what they choose to do or not to do. They are actually allowing their lives to be controlled by the behaviour of others. We are teaching our students that you cannot control the behaviour of others. You can, however, choose to control what you do. Only then are you in the driver’s seat.

We also talked about excuses and why we make them. When we make excuses we are putting up road blocks for our Car of Life. They stop us from going where we need to go. Students are encouraged to make a new plan that will work and avoid making excuses that will prevent them from achieving their goals.

School Uniform

We are now seven weeks into the school year and attention has turned to the correct wearing of our school uniform. We are “a school uniform” school and have a Uniform/Dress code policy which is fully endorsed by P&C. This is not something new and has been in place for several years. When a school has a full P&C endorsed Uniform policy, it can be enforced following new regulations outlined by the Department of Education in 2010. In addition to this, we also have an Enrolment Agreement. This is signed by both student and parent on enrolment into our school. It states “I accept the rules and regulations of Lake Clarendon State School as stated in the school policies”.

I acknowledge that there was limited supply at the beginning of the year but in most cases this has been rectified. If you still do not have a uniform, please complete the order form from the P&C that was attached to the last P&C Post that was emailed to parents on Monday, and contact me so that this can be taken into account. If there are financial hardships, please contact me so that we can make a financial plan that suits your circumstances.

I will allow the next two weeks for parents to arrange purchase of the correct school uniform or to contact me regarding a plan. As of day 1, Term 2, the Dress Code for Lake Clarendon State School will be enforced which does state that non-compliance will result in appropriate disciplinary consequences (such as withdrawal). Alternatively, we can supply a second hand uniform to the student for the day. Students who provide a written reasonable reason for the non-compliance will be exempt from consequences for that day. (N.B. inability to wash uniforms is not considered to be reasonable)

I would also like to acknowledge that the junior playground is not helping with keeping uniforms clean. The bark has turned to black dust in areas and requires replacing. This is an item that both the P&C and I are investigating at the moment. It requires urgent funds which our P&C are struggling to raise. I ask that all parents get behind our P&C fundraising efforts so that we can address this problem.
Lexile News
ALL years 3 to 7 students are NOW online with the school’s Lexile Reading program.
Encouragement awards to:
Jeremiah M, Mikayla B, Flynn D, Ashleigh D, Naomi W, Montana B, Madison E and Lachlan M.
Unfortunately there were 22 students who had not utilised class time well, and not completed their home reading, and have had to spend part of their play time in the Reading Club to gain a point.
Our LCSS aim: ONE point per WEEK.
Ms Hohn’s Maths Class
Congratulations to young Leon G for achieving 100% in all the Basic Number Facts (BNF) operations:
Addition
Subtraction
Multiplication
Division
He is now officially a Walking-Talking-Calculator!
Watch this spot for more names next week.

LCSS X Country
Thursday 27 March will be our annual X Country event held here at Lake Clarendon. We will start the first race at 9.00am with the Prep to Yr2 being run first. The presentations will begin just before first break, about 10.45am.

Free Dress Day
Friday 28 March students can come to school dressed as a FARMER. Please bring a gold coin to donate to “Buy A Bale” the money will go the farmers who have been drought effected. Please remember to adhere to the sun safe policy. No Singlets or thongs.

Parent Teacher Interviews
This year we will be holding Parent/Student/Teacher interviews at the end of Term 1 and the end of Term 3. Teachers will discuss with you student performance throughout the Term and set goals for the following Term. It is important that students are a part of this plan as they are required to own the responsibility of achieving their goals.
This term, we are holding Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews on Tuesday afternoon April 1st. All interviews will be held in the library and will run for 15 minutes each. A booking timetable will be sent home next week for you to list your preferred times.

Payment Schedules
STUDENT PAYMENTS should be placed in an envelope with the permission note and clearly marked with student name, roll class and activity details and placed in the silver box in the office. All payments to the P&C need to be placed into the blue box (including tuckshop).
It is essential that parents take careful note of the closing dates for all payments. This includes school activities, excursions, camps and photos. NO PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DUE DATE. I will apologise in advance for any student that can not attend due to missing a due date. Our financial system is now operated within a Finance Hub so we must allow time for it to be processed and returned to us. We now have an Eftpos/Credit card facility for all school payments and we also have internet banking for your convenience.

2014 Year 6 & 7 Graduation Dinner
We’re looking for a parent or a group of parents to organise the end of year slideshow displaying the students who are graduating this year. Perhaps one slide for each year level?
Most photos last year were sent in by USB with a few students’ pictures having to be scanned. Photos have ranged from:
Toddler
First day of kindy/prep/school
School friends
Something the student is good at
One with the family
If you are able to assist please see either Michelle Minehan or Kylie Hohn.

Newsletters
The ‘Laker News’ is sent to families fortnightly. To ensure we are reducing our carbon footprint, newsletters are emailed to our families. Please keep these up-to-date with the office. If you do not have an email address, a paper copy will be sent home with your oldest child.
2014 Tuckshop Menu

Every Wednesday First Break

Ham & Salad Sandwich/Roll.........................$4.00
(any variation of the following ingredients
ham, cheese, tomato, beetroot, lettuce)

Toasties - sandwich toasted in sandwich press
- Cheese..............................................$1.50
- Ham & Cheese.................................$2.00
- Ham & Cheese & Tomato.................$2.50

Pizza..................................................$2.50

Garlic Bread........................................$0.40

Chicken Fillet.....................................$1.80

Fish Fingers......................................4 for $2.00

Meat Pie...............................................$3.00

Sausage Roll.....................................$2.20

Drinks

Chocolate Flavoured Milk (Breaka)..............$1.50

Strawberry Flavoured Milk (Breaka)..............$1.50

Fruit Juice Popper...................................$1.50

Snacks

Apple slinky...........................................$1.00

(skin on / skin off)

Popcorn...............................................$0.80

Yoghurt Sticks....................................4 for $0.50

Panda Biscuits....................................$0.60

Cheese Sticks......................................$0.50

Yoghurt Squeezy...................................$1.50

Fruit Muffin...........................................$1.50

Mixed Chips........................................$0.50

Frozen Items

Zinger Ice Blocks.................................$0.50

Frozen Yoghurt Tub...............................$2.00

PLEASE NOTE: ALL TUCKSHOP NEEDS TO BE
PRE-ORDERED *
Please place order as per example on back of page with
money in the BLUE box in office no later than Tuesday
afternoon!

Toowoomba Show Holiday

Next Thursday 27 March is the Toowoomba show holiday. If you are planning a trip to
Toowoomba on this day, be aware some shops & businesses will be closed.

LCSS Country Fair

The Lake Clarendon State School P&C invites everyone to their School Fundraising Day!
We have a fun Country-Fair style family fun day with Great Entertainment planned for
Everyone!

Held here at our Great School!

THIS SATURDAY 22 March 10am — 3pm.

Lockyer Valley Netball Association would like to invite boys and girls aged 5 – 13 to be
a part of our junior competition in 2014 (3rd May – 20th September) which is held Saturdays at
Cahill Park Sports Complex.

Fun Net 5-7 years $30 Sat 8:30am
C-A divisions 8-13 years $80 Sat 9:30am
Representative 11 years – open $70 Sunday games

(Feb-Aug) (after registration & upon selection)

For further information please contact LVNA via lvnanetball@gmail.com, Lisa 0419029105
or Jo 5462 8385. Come and try days 29th March FREE!
Chappys Corner
Easter is just around the corner as you would all know, due to the shops bursting with chocolate goodies. There are so many symbols at this time of year depicting the festive season. There are rabbits, eggs, bilbies, baskets, hats and chickens. If you look closely you will also see crosses. The cross represents the sacrifice that was made by Jesus. Christians believe that He came to earth as a baby, lived a perfect life, was killed on the cross, and then was raised from the dead on the third day. This was done to pay the penalty for all the wrong things we as humans, have done (called sin) To be part of this faith, a person has to be sorry for their sins, ask for forgiveness and live a changed life as set out in the Bible.
So if this the reason Easter is celebrated, why all the chocolate goodies?
Well the early church incorporated some other traditions of different cultures which included things which represent new life. So you have eggs, chicks and rabbits as well as Jesus, who represents new life to those who choose to follow Him.

HEY KIDS, BE SURE YOU GET A COPY OF THE COLOURING COMPETITION.
IT FINISHES END OF MARCH - RETURN TO ME OR THE OFFICE

Humour
Where does the Easter bunny get his eggs? From eggplants of course!
What kitchen utensil is hated most by eggs? An eggbeater.
Why was the Easter Bunny so upset? He was having a bad hare day.
Finally... The great gift of Easter is HOPE!

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
Across Australia, during the month of April 2014, PCYC will be running our major fundraising event Time4Kids. Community members and leaders, business leaders, celebrities and sporting heroes as well as school staff volunteer and commit to do time to stop youth crime. We are hoping that you would consider helping Toowoomba PCYC to raise funds for youth development and police crime prevention programs for local youth. All money raised by our Club will go towards Local Youth Development Programs.

Toowoomba PCYC would really appreciate your support. We would be prepared to come out to school and bring along some handcuffs for the ‘prisoner’. The idea is for donations to be made to bail the ‘prisoner’ out. You can raise all your donations in