**LAKE CLARENDON STATE SCHOOL**  An Independent Public School

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

**School Concert**
Thank you to all family members that attended our school concert last night. The students performed another excellent play written by our own Catriona McAll and directed by Kylie Hohn. Thank you ladies for your dedication to this tradition. We seem to have outgrown this hall as well and may need to look at an alternative venue for next year. Thank you to our P&C for their efforts with organising the BBQ. It is so very important to read the communication that comes home to you and to ensure you place orders for the food by the given date. We had many families that didn’t do this but expected to purchase food on the night. It is very difficult to cater for the record numbers of families that come to these events, if the P&C do not have approximate numbers.

**School Leaders**
Congratulations to our 2016 school leaders who were announced last night.
School Captains - Matisse Gehrke and Hanna Westwell
School Vice-Captains - Abby Sanderson and Luke Dixon
Lockyer Sports Captains - Brenton Malec and Jake Jacobsen
Clarendon Sports Captains - Mikayla Bellamy and Cadence Hircock
Badges will be presented at a special ceremony next year.

**2016**
Students will be in year level classes with a teacher assigned to them. This may not be their teacher after Day 8 as it will depend on the strengths of the incoming teacher. (if we reach the magic number) I have allocated year levels to rooms with a teacher for at least the first week. Classes will undergo lessons in Glasser Choice Theory, Higher Order Thinking skills, Research skills and Goal development.

- Prep - current Prep classroom
- Year 1 - current Year 1 classroom
- Year 2 - classroom next to office
- Year 3 - classroom in demountable building closest to library (current year 4/5 room)
- Year 4 - classroom in demountable building closest to staff carpark (current year 3)
- Year 5 - library
- Year 6 - building closest to parade shed (current year 5/6)

**Holiday Log Book**
Students are breaking from their learning for 6 weeks. Research shows that short term memory reduces after 5 days and long term memory after 30 days. As teachers, we know that returning to teaching the same students after 6 weeks, we often wonder where all the previous learning has gone to.

We are going to send home with your student a **holiday log book**. This will contain a variety of different learning activities to keep your child engaged in thinking and using their working memory. **THIS IS VOLUNTARY**

Students who return the work to their class teacher in 2016 signed by their parent/carer will go into a raffle to win an IPad. This Holiday Log Book will come home with your student tomorrow.
2016 Term 1
Please be aware that the first day back to school in 2016 will be Wednesday 27th January.

Library
Please return all library books back to the school by TOMORROW.

Lit Pro News:
THANK YOU to these children who took advantage of last week's DOUBLE POINTS:
Year 3 - Levi, Grace, Asha & Brock
Years 4/5 - Ethan, Cole, Sabelle, Huong, Nick, Luke, Laura, Charlotte, Madelyn, Jeremiah & Chloe
Years 5/6 - Zoe, Tamika & Minh

Ribbons
Turquoise
Super Space Cadet (20pts) Asha M
Super Space astronaut (40pts) Abby S
Purple
Space Ranger (50pts) Madelyn M
Super Space Ranger (60pts) Levi G
Rocket Reader (75pts) Luke D
Black
Space Captain (150pts) Huong V
ALPHA CENTAURI (175pts) Tamika K

Brilliant 4/5 BNF
Addition: Hayley R
Subtraction: Gordon O
Multiplication: Katya D & Abby S
Division: Charlotte F
Walking-Talking-Calculator: Charlotte F
Extension Subtraction: Jeremiah M

For Sale
- 7 piece dining suite
  - 1x black & white swirl top table.
  - 6x black steel frame chairs with black leather look padding.
  - 2x black matching bar stools.
  The lot for $120
- Used 3 seater chocolate brown couch with chaise - $90
- Used table tennis table - $40.
If interested contact Mardi - 0412383001

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.

In 2016
Alison will be available on
Wednesday  20th and Thursday 21st from 10-12am.

Host Families Need
Laidley area need families to share your lifestyle, home and the joy of the festive season while experiencing the Japanese culture. These Japanese students are aged between 11-14 years. They arrive December 27th and depart January 4th. For further information please contact Riki Garibaldo 0433168509.

Christmas is coming Advent Workshop – Date Claimer
Christmas Advent Workshop will be held at the Laidley Uniting Church Complex 45 Patrick Street Laidley.

  The date is **Wednesday 16th December 2015 from 9am to 3pm.**
  
  School Children from Prep to Grade 6 are invited to Register their attendance.
  
  Cost is $10 per child
  
  Morning tea & Lunch are provided

Further details available from Rev. Euan McDonald at 5465 1411 or Yvonne Edyvean 0432 263447
Good Ones
Congratulations to the Good One winners for:

Wk 9
Prep - 2...Ruby Q
3 - 6... Jake J

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.

Farewell 2015
We say goodbye to our Year 6 students and families who will be moving into their high school years & we wish them the Best of Luck with their future endeavours.

Thankyou to all our families for the support you give to our wonderful school in volunteering your time in helping your child and others. You have been willing to help with reading groups, sports days, swimming and excursions.

This newsletter also welcomes our new Prep families.

Our newsletters are sent out each fortnight and contain all up coming events and reminders. It is important you take the time to read our newsletter.

The Staff at Lake Clarendon would like to wish all our parents, carers, grandparents and the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe Holiday.

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Chappys Corner

Christmas is almost here again (so soon!) The shops are bursting at the seams with goodies to put under your tree. People are looking for bargains as they purchase gifts for friends and family. Unfortunately there is a down side to all that sparkles. I was reading an article that reported that 80 - 90% of toys received at Christmas break end up at the dump within 12 months. These toys cost the consumers millions of dollars.

So here are some options to consider...
1. Cancel Christmas, 2. Don't buy toys, 3. Send the kids to Grandma's for Christmas,
4. Buy socks and undies, 5. Buy quality, 6. Give all your money to charity

HAPPY SHOPPING!

Humour
Why is Christmas like your job? You do all the work and the fat guy in the suit gets all the credit.
What do you call a broke Santa? Saint Nickel-less.
What happens if you swallow Christmas decorations? You get tinselitis.
Finally... I was looking out of the window this morning and said to my wife " It looks like rain dear.