**LAKER NEWS**

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

**Welcome Back**

Thank you to Amanda Best for taking over my role during my leave and performing it so admirably. Welcome Chantelle Walker to our staff. Chantelle is an outstanding graduate from Griffith University. She will be working on a part-time basis with us this term and joining our workforce in 2016. Welcome to our new families starting their journey with us this term.

**Leaders Of Learning**

Distributed Leadership is a form of collective leadership in which teachers develop expertise and contribute to school wellbeing by working together. It is a key part of our strategic plan as we move forward. All of our teachers have been made a Leader of Learning in a key focus area of our school. I will introduce these to you over the rest of the term. Janine Hannant is a Leader of Learning in Identity. Identity looks at our Vision, Values and School purpose. Over the next few weeks Janine will be surveying parents, both informally (one on one in school grounds/carpark) and formally through online surveys provided to you. We encourage all parents to complete the surveys as your voice is important to us. Janine will collate the data and provide feedback to our parents.

**Vision**

With the move to IPS, we consider it timely to change our school vision. The current vision was put in place 2 years ago and requires updating.

Lake Clarendon State School seeks to create the environment for success for all our students. To do this, Lake Clarendon has a culture of high expectations for student learning, professional accountabilities for the teaching and learning process and intentionally inviting classrooms. Students and teachers are taught choice theory to reach a common ground in establishing a supportive, caring environment and in building healthy relationships that contribute to our school’s success. We further seek to engage with parents and carers to empower them to better contribute to their children’s education. In essence, our priority is to ensure: “Every Day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving.”

The new proposed vision

Lake Clarendon State School community is committed to nurturing determination, confidence and competence within our students to enable them to achieve beyond their expectations. We strive to invest in them strong self-belief and a lifelong desire for the pursuit of learning. We want our school to make a difference for each and every student, now and in the future. We will excel in the art of teaching and the pursuit of learning with high expectations and success for all.

We are asking parents to provide feedback on the new version. Please email jhann85@eq.edu

We would also like to have a school mascot to use at school events, on marketing etc. We would like some suggestions on possible animal/bird examples to consider. The eagle is in use by several schools so we would not use it.

**Behaviour**

School Opinion surveys were completed by parents and students. Unfortunately we only had 12 parent responses. They were very positive towards the school.

“Teachers at this school treat students fairly” Parents 71.4% Students 67.5%

This question was one of the few negatives but with both parents and students thinking similar thoughts, it was of concern to us. We have had discussions with all year levels from year 4 – 6 to find out why they thought this way but it also gave us a chance to share our decisions with students as well. Fair isn’t equal. It is about giving every child what they need when they come to school. It is important for all to have empathy for those who do not have a loving, rich home environment. We must consider the child’s emotional well being when applying consequences. I will not suspend a child and place them back into a home when they are at risk of more harm. Several of our students who are displaying behavioural problems do come from these types of families. We consider their circumstances very carefully and will usually apply other consequences more suitable to their needs at the time. All of our students in year 4-6 now have a better understanding of what happens when consequences are applied. Our parents also need to understand and have empathy for other students and their families. There may not be immediate consequences until investigations are completed.
Domestic Violence

Some recent statistics:
61% of people in Qld have had their children placed in care when violence occurred. 48% of children witnessed physical violence. 1 in 6 women suffer domestic violence. 1 in 19 men. Sunday is the highest rate of incidences of domestic violence.

These are the things our students are coming to school with. We open our doors to these students on a Monday morning. It is interesting that our behaviour data spikes on a Monday. We MUST show empathy for these students and YES it does occur in our small community.

Specialist help for those in need:

DVConnect womensline 1800RESPECT (national telephone service)
Ph: 1800 811 811
24 hours, 7 days a week

DVConnect mensline
Ph: 1800 737 732
24 hours, 7 days a week

DVConnect Sexual Assault line
Ph: 1800 010 120
9am to midnight, 7 days a week

Following the March our school attended in Forest Hill last term we have been sent this letter of thanks:

Dear Sandra,
On behalf of myself and members of Argyle Lodge I extend our sincere thanks to yourself and students of Lake Clarendon State School that marched in Forest Hill District Gallipoli Remembrance March. We appreciate the time taken to be involved and hope that the students enjoyed their experience both in the march and the Vacant Chair Ceremony in the School of Arts. The fact that school children go to a holiday on the day of the original march made it all the more important to have school children represented for the current march. I confirm that the march, laying of Wreaths and subsequent Vacant Chair Ceremony which was performed in a packed Forest Hill School of Arts where it was estimated 300 persons were present was very well received and appreciated.

All in all it was a great day and enabled us to remember and honour the fallen of 100 years ago. The students were a credit to the school.

With Kind Regards

Alan Small (Worshipful Master)
Argyle Lodge

Chaplain Desert & Coffee Night

The annual desert & Coffee night is on again.
Tuesday 27 October.
This is a wonderful way to raise funds for our local school chaplaincy programs, and is always a fun night with a guest speaker. This year's guest speaker is Australian Rugby League great Petero Civoniceva. While the school chaplaincy dessert & coffee night is free entry, donations are encouraged.
This event is held at the Laidley Cultural Centre. For more information chat to Chappy. You can also let the office know of your intention to attend

Thanks for making Talk Like A Pirate Day a HUGE Success!!!!
Together our school raised over $400 and will be sent on to Childhood Cancer Support.
**Lit Pro LEGENDS**

**Turquoise ribbons**
Space Cadets (10pts): Haylee G, Katya D, Pearl T, Tamra S, Mikayla B & Bryson C  

**Purple ribbons**
Space Rangers (50pts): Levi G, Jeremiah M, Jacob U, Ashleigh D, & Sam Z.  
Super Space Rangers (60pts): Jeremiah M, Ashleigh D, Tameka K, Sabelle U & Brenton M.  
Rocket Readers (75pts): Huong V, Tameka K, Jacob U & Riley W.

**Black ribbons**
Out of this World Readers (100pts): Huong V, Tameka K & Riley W.
Out of this Universe Reader (150pts): Minh V  
Alpha Centauri (175pts): Minh V  
Alpha Centauri - Bronze (200pts): Minh V  
Alpha Centauri - Silver (225pts): Minh V  
Alpha Centauri - Gold (250pts) Minh V

**4/5 News**
BNF certificates awarded to...  
Addition: Clay H  
Subtraction: Emily O, Nickilas W, Laura E & Katya D.  
Multiplication: Julian L

**PE and Adventure Race**
All students have been participating in basic orienteering skills in Physical Education, with the goal of attending a local Adventure Race. As a school community we would like to encourage all our families to come along and benefit from a SPECIAL discount. If you're interested in this activity AND the bargain discount, enter MDQ10KH into the coupon code. See attached flyer for more information.

**Scholastic Book Club**
Issue 7 book club brochures have been handed out. Orders and payment is due back by **Tuesday 20 October**. Orders will be sent to scholastic on the Wednesday and all ordered books will be at school the following week.

**3-6 Swimming**
**Permissions and Payments are due tomorrow** for you child to attend Term 4 swimming lessons. 3-6 Swimming will commence this **Friday 16 October, and then the following 6 Fridays - 23 Oct, 30 Oct, 6 Nov, 20 Nov, 27 Nov, & 4 Dec.**

**Prep-2 Swimming**
These lessons will be conducted in the last 2 weeks of this term and payment for these lessons has now been finalised and due to the majority of children wanting to attend the price will remain at $40. Permission notes will be sent out next week. Swimming Lesson have been booked for the following dates: **Mon 30 Nov, Tue 1 Dec, Wed 2 Dec, Mon 7 Dec, Tue 8 Dec, & Wed 9 Dec.**

**Step into Prep**
Here are the dates and times for our Step into Prep sessions. If you have a family member or know of anyone who would be enrolling their child into prep for 2016, Please invite them to come along on these dates:  
**Session 1:** Friday 16 October 2-3pm (This Friday)  
**Session 2:** Friday 23 October 2-3pm  
**Session 3:** Friday 30 October 2-3pm
**Good Ones**

Congratulations to the Good One winners for:

Wk 1
Prep - 2...Nina V
3 - 6... Jacob U

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
Clay H
Nina V
Ryan S
Xanthea K

**Up and Coming Events:**

Next term we have quite a few big events occurring. Please keep an eye out for further information regarding:

- 5/6 Camp to Tallebudgera. The camp has been booked from Monday 9 November to Friday 13 November. The cost for this wonderful camp is $260. Permission & information notes will be given to the Year 6 students tomorrow and payments can be made as part payments. We also have EFPOS available for your convenience.

- Year 6 Graduation Dinner - Wednesday 2 Dec at the Laidley Cultural Centre.

- End-Of-Year concert - Tuesday 8 Dec at the Glenore Grove Hall.

Once costings have been finalised for these events, we will provide you with further information.

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

This Monday 19 October is a Pupil Free Day. There will be no teachers here at school on this day as all Lake Clarendon staff will need to attend a Professional Development day in Gatton.

**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.
Chappys Corner

Welcome back for the final term of 2015

I hope everyone had a great break, being recharged for the few remaining weeks before Christmas. It looks like it's warming up for another hot summer, great for swimming and perfect for school camps by the sea! Something the senior students are preparing for. SWAK, (South West Active Kids) camp was fantastic! Held on the shores of Atkinsons Dam each year. Kids from the local area, Toowoomba, Dalby and even Chinchilla enjoyed 5 days of camping, fun filled activities, good food and friends. I had a great time helping out with the tubing behind two speed boats.

If you have never been on a holiday camp and would like to experience the time of your life, get involved. There are a variety of camps on offer throughout the year.

So often we take water for granted. We drink it, wash in it, play in it, cook with it, use it for cooling in cars and other machines, for irrigation, and the list goes on. Over the past week vast amounts of water has been used to put out fires. As the weather heats up make sure you keep hydrated (drink lots) but at the same time be careful not to waste this precious resource.

It would also be timely to add to check your homes for fire risks. Clean up unwanted rubbish, clear house and shed gutters, pick up leaves and sticks and take it all to the tip. Have an emergency plan and make sure everyone at your home knows it.

Humour

Why did the boy swim on his back? He just had lunch and did not want to swim on a full stomach!

What kind of fish can't swim? A dead one.

Why shouldn't you swim on a full stomach? It's so much easier to swim in water!

I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger..... then it hit me!
Finally after many years a prisoner is released. He was so excited he went around shouting,’ I'm free, I'm free!’ A proud little girl, not to be outdone exclaimed, ‘so what, I'm four!’

Finally... little by little, one walks far

Swimming as an exercise helps reduce stress.