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A note to you, from our Principal, Ms Wright

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URGENT MESSAGE from LCSS

Nature is enjoying showing us her many skills and the latest flooding is just another one to experience. This has led the school to put together a Disaster Management Plan so that we can assure the safety of our students at all times. To do this we must have accurate contact details. If you have recently changed address, phone numbers or even if you wish to add another emergency contact, please contact the office to update your child’s records. We are also asking parents to supply us with a mobile number so that we can send an SMS text message to you so that you are accurately informed within the quickest timeframe possible.

CLASSROOM CHANGES

This had to happen last week due to us not having the required amount of students by day 8 to keep our 6 classrooms. We missed out by just 4 students. We have had to sadly say goodbye to Mrs Anna Jones and thank her for her valuable input during the initial set up of the Prep class. We have put in place a Prep/Yr1 class and a Yr1/2 class. Notes were sent home to the children who were directly affected by these changes and these decisions have been made with the educational benefits of the students in mind.

Prep/Yr1 - Ms McAll (Mon,Tue,Wed) & Mrs Best (Thur, Fri)
Yr1/2 - Ms Kaye (Mon,Tue,Wed) & Mrs Miller (Thur,Fri)
Yr3/4/5 - Ms Hohn
Yr 3/4/5 - Mrs Hannant
Yr 6/7 - Mrs Minehan
News from 'H Block' (Hohn/Hannant)

Our new students have undertaken a Lexile Test and have obtained a Lexile Level. This test is updated throughout the year and children have the opportunity to improve their level with the more reading they do. What do the levels mean? Well, they are one of the tools in our teaching bag which assesses your child/ren's reading capabilities. For instance, if they're given a level between 200-299 then they are reading approximately at year 2 level, 300-399 at a year 3 level and so forth. BUT this is not the only way we measure reading competency. We also employ CARS & STARS, PM Benchmark, PROSE and Pat R. These are done in small groups, individually with a teacher or teacher aide and individually. Janine and Kylie have almost completed the PM and PROSE assessments (both measure reading accuracy, retelling and comprehension) and both classes are well into CARS: Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies.

This week sees our interrupted and soggy classes completing our last English unit with the Fantastic Mr Fox and commencing our new unit: Examining humour in poetry. Our children have settled in quite well and are getting use to the 3/4/5 routines. Congratulations to those children who have been committed to completing ALL of their homework every Friday. These students have been fortunate to receive a special treat from Mrs Hannant or Ms Hohn. Unfortunately penalties are in place for those children who do not hand in homework. If for any justifiable reason, your child/ren have not done a sufficient amount of this task, then please supply a note to either Kylie or Janine. Parents/carers are requested to please sign their child/ren's homework.

Cross Country Practice

Every morning at 8.30am there is Cross Country practice on the back oval where we will look at improving the children's endurance and stamina with applying interval training (fartlek- interesting name), strength exercises (body weight) and mobility and static stretches (for before and after running). Children are advised to have their names marked off by the following 'coaches' to be able to receive a reward on Fridays.

- Monday - Mrs Minehan
- Tuesday - Ms Hohn
- Wednesday - Mr Grassick
- Thursday - Lockyer sports captains
- Friday - Clarendon Sports Captains

Children should wear suitable shoes, bring a water bottle/s Children making the effort

Year 6/7 News

This week sees the conclusion of our first units in English, Maths and Art, with assessment activities to be completed in these subjects by the end of the week. In English, students have enjoyed reading humorous short stories and will complete a comprehension activity to test what they have learnt about how authors use story elements and language features to influence readers. In Maths, students will interpret data displayed in forms such as dot plot and column graphs and two-way tables. Parents may have seen some of the Great Barrier Reef creatures students have been working on over the last few weeks. This week we will put the finishing touches on our watercolour backgrounds and put all the elements together to complete reef seascapes. We have really enjoyed settling into our new room and using all the space and facilities it offers.

Project Club News

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to positions in the Project Club.

- President: Annaliese R
- Secretary: Laura H
- Treasurer: Rachael W
- Fundraising Publicists: Jarred T, Tai H, Jonah R, Isaac F, Nicholas S

In the coming weeks Project Club will begin fundraising for school camps and charities such as the Queensland flood appeal and look forward to your support.

Sausage Sizzle This Friday $2 a Sausage. Profits will go to this years 5-7 Camp

Chess Club

Ms Hohn has restarted the popular Chess Club during Wednesday's playtime in her room. We have started with revisiting the pieces and and just today studied some tactics. Chess Club is open for the years 5, 6 and 7 students. Watch this spot for information concerning upcoming Chess Tournaments.
Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Issue 2 leaflets have been handed out this week. 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 **Wednesday 13 March**. 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.

Tuckshop Menu 2013

**Ham & Salad Roll** $4.00
**Meat Pie** $3.00
**Sausage Roll** $2.00
**Fish Fingers** 4 for $2.00
**Chicken Fillets** $1.30
**Pizza** $2.50
**Cheese Toastie** $1.50
**Ham/Cheese Toastie** $2.00
**Ham/Cheese/Tomato** $2.50
**Garlic Bread** $0.40

**MUNCHIES**

**Mixed Chips** $0.50
**Red Rock Chips (Honey Soy)** $1.20
**Panda Biscuits** $0.60
**Nutella** $0.80
**Apple Slinky** $1.00
**Yoghurt/Fruit frogs** $0.50

**Yoghurt Sticks** 4 for $0.50
(Temporarily unavailable)

**DRINKS**

**LOL’s** $2.00
**Chocolate Breakers** $1.50
**Strawberry Breaker** $1.50
**Fruit Juice Popper** $1.50

**COLD ITEMS**

**Zinger Ice Blocks** $0.50
**Yoghurt Ice Cream Tubs** $2.00

Place the Brown Bag & payment in the Blue P&C box on the Tuesday prior to Wednesday’s tuckshop. If you are able to assist with the tuckshop preparations on any of the Wednesday mornings, put your name, contact number and the week you are able to help on an envelope & place it in the Blue P&C box or contact Mardi on 0423830013.

Tuckshop Roster 2013

6 Mar... Keet G, Helene S, Tanya S
13 Mar...Sharon K, Melissa B, Sandy G
20 Mar...RED DAY...Mardi U, Tracey U, Rachel R, Terri K
27 Mar...Sharon K, Melissa B, Sandy G
3 April...Keet G, Helene S, Mardi U
10 April...Tracey U, Rachel R, Terri K

Yoga Club

Yoga is on again this Friday in the shed. All children and parents are welcome to attend the class at 8.00am. Please remember your gold coin donation for our monthly charity. Namaste Lisa.

Uniforms Available

Monday & Friday mornings from 8.30am in the Uniform Room/Chappy’s Room.
“It is Clear at the Lake”

Curriculum—Education Queensland Curriculum, Aiming for High Level Academic Skills, Skilled and Dynamic teachers

Learning—A love of learning and a recognition that it is a life-long process, The ability to problem solve and to think both creatively and critically, Top Quality Learning Resources

Excellence—Best Practice, Striving for High Standards, Striving for High Academic Results

Attitude—Developing a ‘Can-Do’ Attitude, Positive and Outward, Onward and Upward, Active Citizenship

Respect—The development of self discipline and socially responsible behaviours, Respect for self and others, Effective communication and interpersonal skills

Chappy’s Corner

Have you ever had a question you wanted to ask, but were too embarrassed to ask? Maybe you thought people would think you were silly or dumb for not already knowing the answer. Maybe it’s too close to home - you want to know the answer but you don’t want others to know about your personal business. Perhaps you could ask a close friend, join a group or church and slip the question in subtlety without drawing attention to yourself. I’m happy to chat with you about what’s on your mind if you need a sounding board and can even recommend a variety of services in our community that may be able to help if you would like to take things further.

Humour

What washes up on very small beaches? **Microwaves.**

What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish? **Every morning you’ll rise and shine.**

Did you hear about the guy who lost the left hand side of his body? **He was alright in the end**

Finally, With wealth you can live in comfort. With drive you can make a comfortable living. With peace of mind, you can be comfortable in living.