DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 19 February      OC Parent Meeting – 6pm
Wednesday 20 February    P&C Meeting 7pm – Block A Connected Classroom
Friday 22 February       Uniform orders returned to school
Wednesday 27 February    Zone Swimming Carnival Lambton Pool
Friday 1 March           Clean Up Australia Day
Tuesday 5 March          K-6 Assembly 2:30pm – School Hall
Saturday 9 March         Car Boot Sale
Wednesday 14 March       Year 7 2014 Selective High School Test
Thursday 21 March        Harmony Day
Friday 22 March          School Lap-a-thon
Tuesday 26 March         K-6 Assembly 2:30pm – School Hall – Parents Welcome
Thursday 28 March        Easter Hat Parade
Friday 29 March          Good Friday
Monday 1 April           Easter Monday
Wednesday 3 April        Morning Tea with Principal – School Award Recipients
Thursday 4 April         Whole School Photographs
Tuesday 9 April          Zone Cross Country – Stevenson Park
Thursday 11 April        Anzac Service 10am
Friday 12 April          Last day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ANOTHER GREAT WEEK!
Another wonderful week has passed in New Lambton South paradise school. As I visit the classes I am continued to be amazed at the work ethic of our students and their effort and engagement in learning activities. I am indeed grateful to the quality teachers we have on staff and their hard work is rewarded in the quality of work their students produce.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT STARTS
This week is the first session of our school parliament. We have a whole school (Years 3-6) Parliament and students are encouraged to use this body as a means to show leadership and democracy in action in our school. Student leaders have representative portfolios and also opposition portfolios for action areas across the school eg Sport, Fundraising, Technology, Environment. Each student parliamentarian has a teacher (Senator) who is their support person. Reports are presented each session and students from the student body (members) have an opportunity to raise issues with notice (and also without if there is time). Motions are put forward and healthy debate is encouraged within the format of parliamentary process. Motions are then taken to the whole Senate (teachers) for decisions. I am looking forward to seeing how our new Parliament goes in 2013 with new student leadership. I wish them well.

PARENT MEETINGS-INFORMATION SESSIONS
Thank you to those parents who attended our first information sessions. Each stage/class does these first sessions differently. The OC class will have an information session this evening at 6pm and also by personal invitation soon to be organised as individual plans will be developed for each student. Some Stages have had whole Stage meetings and others in pairs or individual class. The important thing is that parents can access information. If you missed the meetings or feel you would like more information about your child or class or anything else in the school - please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. You can do that via the office or send a note to your child's teacher requesting a phone call or meeting.
SCHOOL WATCH – GREAT FIRE BRIGADE AND POLICE!

During the weekend we did have an unfortunate event at the school - intruders on Saturday night set fire to one of our recycling bins. Fire and Police were on the scene as were our Security Guards. Relatively minimal damage was done but the incident did cause us some alarm. We continue to encourage neighbours to phone police if they see any suspicious activity in the school grounds - especially in the evening or night.

On Monday police officers attended the school as a follow up and the photos below show us how wonderful are police are - they loved our garden and after their official business they visited our pig and saw a photo opportunity!

UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents who make such an effort to ensure their children are just beautiful in their uniform each day. A few things to remember:

- Please label everything.
- Lost property is placed in baskets at the front of the weathershed and distributed to classes if names are evident. If unclaimed it is washed and re-sold as used uniform.
- BLACK shoes are the only colour shoes permitted in our uniform. If other shoes are needed for any reason including a sport - they need to be brought separately in a bag to school. (this is highly unlikely unless for competitive sport).
- Girls will move to winter dress at the start of Term 2 - no summer dresses may be worn in term 2 or term 3.
- Girls dresses (summer and winter) are only available from Lowes Kotara (not school).
- Girls do not have to wear a dress they may choose to wear other styles of uniform.
- Students should not wear nail polish or jewellery (other than sleepers in pierced ears and watch)
- Headbands and other headwear should be blue.
- During cold weather, school uniform is still expected - please make sure the jackets/jumpers are also school uniform.
- Uniform shop is open soon and uniform orders are welcome now.

DOGS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please note that no dogs are permitted in the school grounds. If you bring a dog to school when collecting your child please leave them outside the school fence.

STRANGER DANGER

Parents are reminded that we need to keep children on the alert when travelling to and from school for any risks. Care while walking to and from school when crossing roads and the rail crossing is one area. Another is the risk of strangers approaching them inappropriately. Teachers will cover both of these areas in class and parents are encouraged to discuss road safety and stranger danger as well.
Hope to see many at the P&C meeting tomorrow night at 7pm in Block A.

GAIL CORNFORD
PRINCIPAL

ENVIRO NEWS
Hi, we are the Enviro Rangers reps and this is just a message about the chicken boxes.
We have four chicken food boxes scattered around the school. There are some things that aren’t allowed to be put in them. Paper, plastic and foil are some of the things that harm chickens therefore are not allowed in the chicken bins.
Things like bread, biscuits, cake, cheese, fruit, vege’s and meat etc. are all allowed in the bins as chicken adore them.
Just remember, the chicken boxes are bright red!
Thank you from the Enviro Rangers and Mrs Drinkwater.

By Brooke Candy and Danika Brown

MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS
The New Lambton South music program has got off to a great start with many students and families taking the opportunity to learn music at school.
The drumming group has 7 students and the guitar group has grown to 12 students. The vocal ensemble/choir has 25 boys and girls rehearsing and are so excited to perform already.
The band program and tuition program is going strong, with the Senior Concert Band already rehearsing 2 pieces to perform at the next assembly.
The Senior Concert Band has 23 members and the Junior Concert Band are so enthusiastic on their new instruments and are looking forward to their first band rehearsal in Week 7.
Well done everyone!!

GINA CABAN
MUSIC TEACHER
ZONE SWIMMING – WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY AT LAMBERTON POOL
All Students attending the Zone Swimming Carnival have received their permission notes yesterday and been informed about their events they will be competing in. If you did not receive a note please see Mrs Drew. Notes need to be returned by Friday this week. All students will be travelling by private transport any assistance with transport is greatly appreciated. Please return notes and money to the office in an envelope with your child’s name and class clearly labelled.

ZONE TEAM
BOYS
Mathew Novak, Bryn Leonard England, Noah Stevens, Tom Stanton, Gus McLeod, Jesse Fyfe, Nicholas Martinelli, Ryan Stoodley, Hayden Daniels, Ryan Dean and Jack Sullivan.

GIRLS
Niesha Simpson, Baylee Hollingworth, Lucy Smeets, Ellen Turner, Claudia Gilmour, Angel Tanuvasa, Ari Franklin, Amber Kidd, Sophie Turton, Eunsu Lee, Olivia Martin, Rebecca Mason, Mia Kepreotis, Millie Cornish, Jessica Finnegan-Jones and Georgia Andrews.

ANNE MAREE DREW
COORDINATING TEACHER

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS
Bryn Leonard England, Ryan Stoodley, Millie Cornish and Claudia Gilmour

House Captains 2013

PLEASE DON’T FORGET ABOUT OUR CAR BOOT SALE ON SATURDAY MARCH 9TH!!!!!
Do you have unwanted items that you would like to sell? Could your garage or spare room do with a tidy up? Then come and sell your unwanted, pre-loved items at our CAR BOOT SALE. The cost of the spaces at the car boot sale is only $25 and this money will go towards supporting valuable in-school leadership programs. All money that you make from your stall on the day is yours to keep!! To buy a stall, please pay at the administration office by Wednesday 6th March. Any questions?? Please see Miss Clarke. Thank you.

NATALIE CLARKE
COORDINATING TEACHER

FRUIT JUICES
Many people think fruit juice is a healthy option. While fruit juice contains some vitamins, they lack fibre, antioxidants and other nutrients found in fruit. Fruit juices are high in sugar and energy, often containing similar quantities of sugar found in soft drink. Drinking large amounts can lead to tooth decay and excess energy consumption. Here are some things to consider if choosing juice:
- Limit fruit juices to no more than half a glass per day.
- Too much juice can lead to diarrhoea.
- Consider diluting juice 50:50 with water to reduce the number of kilojoules whilst still enjoying the taste of juice.
- It is easy to drink too much juice. One popper of juice is equal in energy to two pieces of fruit.
- Consider eating a piece of fruit instead. Whole pieces of fruit and veggies have higher levels of many vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fibre, some of which are protective factors against some cancers and heart disease.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS
All Kindergarten parents will receive a letter today about Best Start interviews which are being held next week (week 5). Can you please complete as soon as possible and return to your child’s class teacher.

SANDRA HOLLAND
EARLY STAGE 1 LEADER
KD NEWS
During literacy sessions, the students have been developing their skills in clapping syllables and recognising and producing rhyming words. They have started learning the sight words: I, am, a, boy, girl and have been using these words to make simple sentences. In maths, the student’s have been developing number recognition skills and counting forwards and backwards. Last week they were introduced to Connie Confidence and this week they have met Oscar Organised. Oscar teaches the student’s the importance of being organised both at home and school.

KG NEWS
Wow what a fortnight we have had. My apologies for not having an entry last week, here’s what we did. KG was busy learning about patterns. We made patterns using blocks, cotton reels, Lego, Zoob and beads. We loved making two, three and four-step patterns. We read Poor Old Polly and found lots of rhyming words in the story.
This week we have been learning about the numbers to 20. We have been practising reading, ordering and writing the numbers. We have also been learning how to read and write some words. We now know how to read I, a and am. I’m sure you have already heard about the silly song we have been singing. Be sure to ask your child about it if you haven’t because it is hilarious!
Keep up the good work KG!
Mrs Garis

KS NEWS
KS have made a great start to the year. We are learning about Oscar Organised this week. We have many great pieces of work on display in our room. Please feel free to drop in for a quick look when you come to collect your child. Remember that Tuesday is library day.

1H NEWS
During the last week students in 1H have been very busy little learners. We have begun our active listening program which started with students making themselves a pair of listening ears to wear during specific listening activities. We have been counting by one’s, two’s five’s and ten’s and have been completing a daily beat the time challenge to see how quickly we can write our numbers from 1 to 20.

1O NEWS
We have been very busy in 1O. We are learning about recounts, counting by 10s and 5s, adding numbers together and practising our reading and writing. Home readers should be coming home with your child. Please read with them every night focusing on fast and fluent reading. Reading groups have started this week. News topics will also start this week. Please remember library bags on Friday. Wet wipes and tissues are still needed. Thank you to the parents and children who have already supplied these things for our class.

1W NEWS
Thankyou to all parents who have been sending in tissues and hand sanitiser. We have enough tissues at the moment thankyou.
This week we have made a water word wall which we will add to as our unit progresses. We also used our five senses to describe water and made a raindrop to decorate our classroom.

1/2M NEWS
In 1/2M we have been learning about quality classrooms and quality work. Quality work is the best that we can do. Look out for 1/2M’s display board in block A and you will see lots of quality work done by us.
We have started reading groups and home reading. Thank you to all of the parents who have been coming in to listen to us read.

2CN & 2O NEWS
This week we have been busy completing water experiments in the garden club. Considering 2013 is the international year of water conservation, this is a topic that we will be talking about a lot throughout the year.
Homework and News Topics
Each Monday, a new lot of homework is sent home and is due to be returned to school at the end of the week on Friday. However, the children do not present their oral talk until the following week, giving the Monday news students the entire week to prepare their talk. Please assist your child by talking with them about the weekly topic and helping them get some ideas down on paper or in their heads.
Mathletics
Students are still able to access Mathletics if they can remember their passwords from last year. Teachers cannot yet set tasks for their own classes to complete, as the new class lists need to be added to the system by Mrs Russell. In a school of over 400 students, you can understand that this is a lengthy process at the beginning of each year. As soon as 2CN and 2O are formed as a class groups, we can set them a homework challenge each week based around the content we are learning in class.
Home Readers
Students will receive new home readers on Mondays which they can then read for the rest of the week. As well as these, we encourage them to read books of interest from home and the library. We will guide students to borrow books of an appropriate level to read from the library each Tuesday. Please bring your folder back on Fridays so teachers can check your progress.
3/4E NEWS
A big thank you to parents for covering books over the weekend!
3/4E have continued to read Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and are enjoying literacy tasks related to the novel. Their latest work has involved creating an advert about a fruit drink featured in the novel and using persuasive description and slogans. 3/4E have also started publishing writing on the computers and are looking forward to sharing it with their parents.

3M NEWS
Wow! 3M are settling in well! We have developed some fabulous class rules, based on how we want our class to LOOK, SOUND and FEEL. We all want our class to feel exciting, comfortable and safe. We want to hear students working, questions being asked and even some sweet nothing sometimes! And finally, we want our class to look happy, friendly, caring, kind and hard working. Sounds ideal, doesn’t it? We are basing our class rules on our school’s core values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. Also, thank you to all the parents who visited our classrooms last week and who have made contact with me otherwise. If I haven’t met you yet, please feel free to organise a time for a phone call or appointment.

4D NEWS
We are enjoying reading Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and today we used some comprehension strategies to answer questions related to the text. Just a reminder that all students need to deliver their class talk this week on Why I like my Favourite TV Show.
Also we are learning some new maths games to improve our understanding. I am encouraging students to be able to say their 2x and 5x tables.

4T NEWS
Thank you to all parents who spent time covering books over the weekend. It is great seeing the children so proud of their books.
Today we revisited the four forms used to teach spelling and the children began recording the time taken to read a given paragraph from “Tales of a Fourth Grade nothing”. We looked at examples of persuasive writing and identified some of the devices commonly used in this text type. Whilst I have really enjoyed getting to know all the children in 4T I would like to give a special mention to Rachael Kershaw for her outstanding effort in every given task well done Rachael and a very special thanks to Gus McLeod for being such a reliable, responsible and kind class member.
Thank you.
Christine Thompson

5/6C NEWS
5/6C have been busily reading Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. It is a sad, but true story of a Japanese girl named Sadako, who lives with the effects of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in Japan, 10 years after the bomb was dropped. Yumiko from our class helped us learn how to make paper cranes. We doubt that we will have time to make 1000 of them, but in our spare time, we will give it a go! We are also undertaking challenging Maths problems at the moment and encouraging others with their novel studies. It has been a great week in sport as we have begun to learn new things like golf in our elective sports time.

5/6D NEWS
There is no news from 5/6D this week.

5/6G NEWS
This week 5/6G has been reading and learning about Sadako, for those that don’t know Sadako got leukaemia because of radiation from the atom bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima in World War 2. She then attempted to make one thousand paper cranes because legend says that if are ill and you make one thousand paper cranes you can wish to get better. Her story was soon known around the world and a hero to many.

By Ryan Stoodley
In Stage 3 we are learning and reading about Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. Sadako was only 2 years old when the atomic bomb hit Hiroshima on 6 August at 8:15. In 1955 she was diagnosed with leukaemia. One day her best friend Chizuko came to the hospital and made her a golden paper crane. An ancient Japanese story tells that anyone who folds a thousand paper cranes will get a wish from the gods. Sadako folded 644 before her death on 25 October 1955. Yoshika (my mum) folded 31 paper cranes for my class.

By Hannah Harrison

Don’t forget our information night tonight at 6:00pm. Please note the only gate open will be the one near the OC classroom on St James Road.
5/6S NEWS
After a great start to 5/6S’s year, we are starting to get stuck into our unit on Global Connections. The class have each developed their own recipe for a perfect world, with many sounding a lot like Utopia. If only ……..
This week we are starting our focus on Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes and the deeper meanings behind the symbolism discussed.
With the first set of homework activities due this week, the class and I are starting to look forward to some interesting and educational presentations comparing Australia to other countries around the world. What would it be like living in North Korea or Italy?

COMPUTER ROOM NEWS
This week all classes will be revising their skills to see what they have retained over the holidays! Their activity will be to create a STOP BLOCK and TELL poster which shows their skills.
One of the key elements of Internet safety we will be promoting in our school, over the next few weeks, is STOP BLOCK and TELL. From Stages ES1 to 2 the children are reminded that if anything appears on the computer which makes them feel uncomfortable they need to:
STOP, calm down and think what to do.
BLOCK by minimising the screen.
TELL the adult taking care of them so they can help them.
In Stages 2 and 3 we add:
SUPPORT any child who is being bullied or made to feel uncomfortable when online.
REPORT any incidences of Cyberbullying or any concerns they have when online.
Please speak with your children about these issues. Accessing the Internet through the DEC Portal is the safest way to search on the Internet if you do not have additional filters on your family computer. Happy and safe searching everyone!
MICHÉLLE RUSSELL
COMPUTER TEACHER

LIBRARY NEWS
Library has started well this year with all classes borrowing for home reading and class reading. Stage 2 Library lessons are linked to their HSIE Unit ‘The First Fleet’. During this time they are learning to use the notebook labs and will be presenting their research on Glogster Edu, an online tool. Stage 3 will be using the notebook labs during their library time and will be completing a unit of work ‘Peacemakers’ linked to their HSIE Unit – Global Connections. Work will be presented via Bloged and Popplet.com.
Students have begun reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013. Students have been encouraged to read at home and at school and to begin keeping their reading record. K-2 students will have books in their classrooms and their Challenge will be completed at school. Years 3 to 6 need to read 20 books – 15 books need to be PRC and 5 can be free choice.

READING
I am looking for assistance from volunteers to help with reading. Several students participate in the Multilit Program, which needs to be administered at least four times a week to be effective. The program is simple to follow and training will be provided. If you are able to help would you please complete the following note and return to the office.
Many thanks
Vicki Tweedale

READING VOLUNTEER
Name: _____________________________________________________________
Contact Number: ____________________________________________
Day/days I can help: ________________________________________
Time I am available: _____________ to _________________

P&C NEWS
Just a reminder that the first P&C meeting for 2013 will be held this Wednesday 20th February, starting at 7pm in Block A in the connected classroom (please note the change of venue from previous years).
This meeting will also include the AGM for 2013 where all Office bearer and other positions will be made vacant and then all roles will be filled by nomination and where necessary by ballot of members. To be eligible for a position &/or to vote you will need to be a financial member of the P&C – payable at the start of the meeting.
On the agenda for the AGM will be a motion to have the NLSPS P&C rules amended and updated to formally change the time of the monthly meeting to a 7pm start as well as a motion to change the month of the AGM. Any feedback or comments in regards to these changes are welcome and as always, all are welcome to attend the meetings.

If you would like any further information about any of the above or the roles within the P&C, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Natasha Andrei
P&C President - 2012
Phone: 4957 3821 or 0413 188 945 or
Email: markandnatasha@bigpond.com

VISUAL ARTS NEWS
Students from Stage Two have started a unit of work based on ‘Insects’. The unit involves discussion and observation of different insects and creating artworks using a variety of techniques. With the assistance of a large number of realistic drawings done by artists students have been drawing their own examples using a lead pencil. The following artists, Braith, Noah and Jayden, are very proud of their drawings of beetles.

MRS DRINKWATER
VISUAL ARTS TEACHER

| CANTEEN |
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| 18/2 | 19/2 | 20/2 | 21/2 | 22/2 | 25/2 |
| Megan Smith | Kylie Stonestreet | Peta Bosworth | Meagan Jordan | Lisa Stanton | Deanne Anderson |
| Roberta Stephens | T’arne Stone | Louisa Gore | Kelly Brael | Cheryl Agland | Julie McNaught |
| 26/2 | 27/2 | 28/2 | 1/3 | 1/3 | 1/3 |
| Olga Diaz | Diane Angelozzi | Kathryn Bell | Sasha Fenton | * | * |
| Katrina Anthony | * | Ali Martin | * | * | * |
| 4/3 | 5/3 | 6/3 | 7/3 | 8/3 | 11/3 |
| Sarah Rodgers | Siobhan Purins | Tammy Inja | Melissa Carr | Leanne Goodchild | Nerida Bradica |
| * | * | Leanne Barden | Nerida Bradica | Sally Freeman | * |
| 12/3 | 13/3 | 14/3 | 15/3 | 15/3 | 15/3 |
| Olga Diaz | Jenny Kacev | Kelly Turner | Trina Stowe | Annette Dean | Nerida Bradica |
| Karen Cooper | Bianca Hasthanayake | Shelly Clarke | Annette Dean | Karen Werbowyj | |

Please note: * denotes a vacancy – please drop by the canteen if you are able to assist. Canteen phone no. 0417 571168
CANTEEN NEWS
Fruit available for crunch and Sip this week include Apples/Slinkys 60c, Watermelon 30c, Grapes 60c, Small fruit salad cups 60c and orange quarters 20c.
Reusable Lunch Bags are now available to purchase from the canteen. The regular bags are $8 and the insulated bags are $12. Each bag has a zipped compartment to hold the students’ money, are extremely easy to wipe clean and most importantly they reduce paper waste.

New Lambton South

DRAMA CLUB

ONLY $10 for 1 hour class!

Kindy to Year 6

Come learn performance skills, build confidence & have fun with friends!

Straight after school in the hall

OOSH kids can be taken to and from care if needed.

Taught by instructor with over 8 yrs exp.

LINDA: 0419 161 178
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P&C MEETING
WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY
7PM
BLOCK A
(CONNECTED CLASSROOM)
ALL WELCOME