

Central News

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Term 4 - Week 3

Friday, 29 October 2010

Coming Events:

Term 4

3rd November – P & C Meeting 7pm Staff Room

4th November – Kindergarten Orientation (½ day)

11th November – Kindergarten Orientation (½ day)

18th November – Kindergarten Orientation (½ day)

25th November – Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day

6th - 10th Dec – Year 7-10 Shoalhaven Excursion

9th December – K-6 Excursion to Lake Talbot

13th December – Presentation Night

Principal's Report

Flood Restoration Update

The four flood affected classrooms are in the process of repair and restoration with the work being carried out by Joss contractors. Hopefully our two Primary rooms will be back to normal in the next fortnight; however our English and Industrial Arts rooms may be out of service for the remainder of the year. I would like to commend all students for the way they have conducted themselves in negotiating the changes to routine caused by the flood damages.

NAPLAN results

Our NAPLAN results for 2010 have shown positive trends in our growth data particularly for Years 7 and 9. Overall the results have been very positive and in many aspects of the tests our average growth has been above state growth averages and we are seeing more students gaining results in the top two bands. More detailed analysis of our results will be available in our Annual School Report for 2010.

National Partnership Literacy and Numeracy Tests

Over the past eighteen months students in Years 3, 4, & 5 have participated in three rounds of Literacy and Numeracy tests. The data for all participating NSW schools in the three sectors for Round 3 will be combined into a single result to be provided to the Commonwealth as part of the reporting for the National Partnership - Literacy and Numeracy.

The data from these tests gives our school the opportunity to see the effect of the intervention strategies we have been implementing, which are *Focus on Reading* and *Working Out What Works*.

Students were expected to achieve growth of one band between Year 3 and Year 5. Many of our students were successful in moving forward one band in this timeframe.

I would like to congratulate all staff involved in our intervention programs and thank them for their commitment to quality teaching practices and continuous improvement supported by their involvement in focused and strategic professional learning.

Whooping cough alert

NSW Health is warning parents to be on alert for whooping cough following an increase in the number of school-aged children diagnosed with the disease over the last few weeks.

For more information see:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/news-at-det/news/whooping-cough-alert>

School Certificate written tests start on Monday 8 November.

Exam tip: Remind your child to not leave any questions unanswered.

Advise them if they are short of time to use note form. They can only be marked on the answers they give. See our top 10 exam tips here:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/examtips.php

Take care and have a great weekend!

Richard Schell
Principal



Welcome!

K/1/2 would like to welcome Ms Zillah Kurrle, who will be working in our classroom for the next 4 weeks! Ms Kurrle is completing a Bachelor of Teaching, and K/1/2 have enjoyed the fabulous learning opportunities Ms Kurrle has provided in our classroom – and it's only been week 1!! We are really excited about having you at Lockhart Central, Ms Kurrle, and thank you for an engaging, innovative week!

K/1/2, Mrs Peel and Miss Creedon.

Captain's report

Welcome back. We hope everybody has recovered from the floods.

Year 5/6 had a great time at Narrabeen. You can read some of our interesting stories of what we got up to.

Next Thursday there will be a Kindergarten orientation. We hope that everyone is on their best behaviour for when our visitors come.

Did you know?

That you're more likely to get attacked by a cow than a shark.

Remember no hat, no play!!!
Your Primary captains
Tilly, Matt, Lucy and George

Secondary News

This week has been another fantastic week in Secondary. Students have been deeply engaged in classes and working well. They have settled into the change of routine caused by damaged classroom and this is great to see. I must also thank them for the maturity that they are displaying. Work is continuing on repairing the English and Industrial Arts room and we look forward to using the new improve rooms in the future.

Today students in year 9 to 11 have been involved in a Questacon visit. I have seen all the equipment that is being used for the presentation and it looks great. I'm sure the students will enjoy this presentation, particularly the student who had the opportunity to use the motorised skateboard.

Next week ATEL are coming to work with students in year 9 and 10 to develop resumes. Students have been asked to organise people that they could use as

the referees and have this information ready for the day. This is a great opportunity for students to use the resources available at our school.

Plans are underway for 2011.

Students in year 8 and 9 have been given elective subject forms. We are looking at what subjects students are interested in and will then organise our curriculum for next year. Parents must note that some elective subjects do have a fee attached to cover the cost of equipment and materials used in the course. If students or parents need more information about subjects please contact the school.

We are looking at running a number of adult classes. These classes are in Visual Design, Hospitality and Computer Application. Information about each course is in this newsletter. We need to have approximate numbers for each course by the 12th November. If you are interested in participating in any of these courses or would like more information please contact the school.

Homework Centre


Homework Centre is up and running. 3:30pm – 4:30pm Wednesdays and Thursdays in the library. All students and parents are welcome to attend. Teachers are available to assist students with homework and to work with them on their numeracy and literacy skills. The use of technology, including computers and iPod Touches, has shown to be effective and enjoyable for students already attending Homework Centre. Hope to see you there soon. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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**Are you interested in
Hospitality, Visual Design
and Computer Application?**

Lockhart Central School is looking to run these courses for adult learning in 2011. If you are interested please contact Jeanine Dunkley or Richard Schell on 69205209

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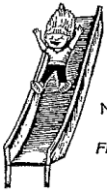
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