

# Central News

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Term 4 - Week 2

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## Coming Events:

### Term 4

28<sup>th</sup> October – Storytime resumes in Library

4<sup>th</sup> November – Kindergarten Orientation (½ day)

11<sup>th</sup> November – Kindergarten Orientation (½ day)

18<sup>th</sup> November – Kindergarten Orientation (½ day)

25<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day

9<sup>th</sup> December – K-6 Excursion to Lake Talbot

13<sup>th</sup> December – Presentation Night

## Principal's Report

The flood and its aftermath have certainly presented many challenges to the school and the community of Lockhart. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all the community members affected by the flood.

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter the best thing to come out of the flood was that no one was seriously injured or killed and that we managed to get all our students and staff home safely. Photos taken during the flood are currently being sold at Lockhart Post Office to raise money for victims of the flood.

Thank-you to all staff for the great job that they are doing whilst coping with difficulties accessing resources and classrooms. Fortunately, for the school, the insurance assessor has approved funding to ensure that all repairs necessary take place as soon as possible. The regional Asset Management Unit has provided fantastic support coordinating the cleanup and repairs to damaged buildings. We hope that the majority of repairs will be completed before the end of term. Consequently we have made alterations to the timetable to ensure that

classes will run as normal while flood damaged rooms are repaired.

## Local Heroes!

It was fantastic to see the acknowledgement that Daniel Prest, Will Brown, Ricky Williams (Year 10) and Sean Bennett (Year 8) received in The Daily Advertiser for their courageous efforts rescuing elderly community members during the flood on Friday afternoon. Attached are some photos taken during the flood.

Richard Schell  
Principal

## Secondary News

We have had another busy week in Secondary.

Year 10 have undertaken their Trial School Certificate and will be receiving feedback from their teachers shortly on how to improve before the 'real' exams in Week 5.

Due to the flooding in a couple of classrooms last week class have been moved to other classrooms around the school. It's been great to see the mature way that students have accepted these changes and have continued their learning in different environments.

With the warm weather approaching students are starting to wear summer uniform. I would like to remind students that shorts need to be an appropriate length; a general rule is that short footy shorts are not appropriate. Some students have been receiving respect awards for being in uniform 5 times and it's great to see how many are being given out. I encourage all students to work towards gaining as many respect awards as they can.

Jeanine Dunkley  
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

## K-6 News

Our students have continued to demonstrate RESPECT in all facets of school life. I have been thrilled about the positive reports I have heard back from the Narrabeen Sport and Recreation excursion. The instructors regularly commented on our students' positive happy attitude and willingness to pitch in and help and try new activities. I'm sure they will have a report for next week's newsletter with some funny antics of their trip. Other passengers told our teachers how impressed they were with LCS students' behaviour on the train trip home. Well done Stage 3, we are so proud of you. Thank you to Mrs Donna Hetherington, Mr Paul Davis and Mrs Megan McKenzie for supervising the students and giving up your free time to give our students such a wonderful experience.

This week the students who remained at school focused on aspects of, "Bouncing Back" from adversities. We talked about being supportive, understanding and caring of others who were affected by last weekend's floods. Our thoughts are with all our community members who were affected. We will continue to make LCS a happy environment where lifelong learning is promoted.

We have started our CAPA (Creative and Practical Arts) groups. The cast members of the Grinch are busy getting into character and discussing the connections between the characters. We were very pleased to have Mandy Bouffler run the dance classes. We are very grateful to have such expertise in our school community. We are working toward skilling our students so we can participate in the School Spectacular in dance next year in Sydney.

Just to follow up on last terms soccer outcome. Our students played very well against a team of experienced soccer players. At half time the score was 2-0 their way and we felt a little flat about not being able to match their skills. After talking about how proud we were of our accomplishments in getting that far through the competition and about the amazing team work skills and sportsmanship we constantly displayed we decided to approach the second half more positively. Gil continued to protect our goal and made many brilliant saves. We had Lachie 'mark out' their very tall, talented player which left the rest of us free to beat them to the ball, be more aggressive and confident. This resulted in us having a more attacking style of game in the second half and we only conceded one more goal to finish with a 3-0 loss. Nashdale School then invited us to join them for a BBQ and an opportunity to socialise with them, which of course we seized.

A big thank you to Mrs Alexander, Mrs Farrall and Mrs Peel who assisted with transport and stayed overnight with our students. The boys and girls were so respectful, helpful and caring toward each other that I was again proud to be a teacher at LCS. Well done to our team members Lachie, George, Lucy, Zac F, Ryan, Matt, Brooke, Cindy, Connor, Gil, Zac M, Jamieson, Henry and Bill.

Congratulations to Brooke who also competed yesterday at the NSWPSA State Athletics Carnival in Homebush. After a busy few days at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation she dashed over to the carnival to compete in High Jump. She strived for her best and was happy with her result of clearing 1.40m. Well done Brooke. Representing at such a high level is commendable.

We have lots of other events this year that you might like to put in your calendar.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov all K-6 students will be travelling to Wagga to participate in activities at the Environmental Centre.

**Michelle Andrews**  
Relieving Assistant Principal

## 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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and Computer Application?**

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# Community News

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## Lockhart Pre-School Kindergarten

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