2015 WOW!

What a stellar year. Our students have excelled, grown, matured and have developed a true sense of Spirit. Opportunities have been abundant in direct relation to the amount of professionalism continually shown by our staff and the commitment of support from our very active and enthusiastic parents. A highly successful school has emerged from these three elements; great students, great staff and great parents. Of significant note is the overwhelming support of the wider community of Lake Cathie, Bonny Hills and indeed the surrounding areas. We congratulate and thank all those who are making Lake Cathie Public School a significant and successful part of our local community.

PRESENTATION DAY

Please join students, staff, parents and community members in celebrating the achievements of our students.

Annual Presentation Day
2015
Monday 14 December – 10am
Morning tea will be proudly supplied by our P&C

The Choir, Senior Dance ensemble and our new band will provide creative entertainment during the ceremony.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Monday 14 December
Fat Fish Restaurant at Bonny Hills
6.30pm

Year 5 students and their parents will farewell Year 6 students and parents.

P&C BBQ

We welcome new families to our great school and farewell some families as their youngest children embark on High School. This is a great opportunity to meet other families and form good friendships that will last many years.

Friday 11 December
Bonny Hills Surf Club
5pm

LCPS P&C will provide a free sausage sizzle for our families
Bring your own refreshments, nibbles and a chair

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CAROLS BY THE LAKE

Please join us as our students sing and play at the Carols by the Lake.

Saturday 12 December
Lake Cathie – by the Lake
Arrive at 4.30 - meet Mr Garven and Mrs Egan near the stage.
Perform at 5.00pm

What to wear - appropriate Christmas Mufti
What to bring - Instrument and music (Band), big voices (Choir), Chairs and nibbles (Families)

Merry Christmas
END OF YEAR FUN DAYS

Our Kindergarten and Year 1 students will enjoy a “Water Fun Day” at school on Wednesday 16 December. Parents are most welcome and will provide valuable assistance for the staff running games involving water and laughter. The children can come out of uniform and wear clothes that can get wet. Bring a hat, towel and apply sunscreen in the morning.

Our Year 2 – 6 students will travel to Wauchope pool to enjoy the water and games Mrs McCleary and Miss Jesser have in mind.

Information for these two events has been provided in separate notes. At 2.15pm on Wednesday 16 December, all students and staff will join in and make a large tunnel to enable our Year 6 students to leave primary school on their way to holidays and High School in 2016. Parents, please join us for this celebration.

SURF DAY CAMP

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students and staff enjoyed a cracker day at Diamond Head recently. So much fun was had as a result of great equipment, organisation and friendliness from Endless Summer Surf Adventures that we will definitely return in 2016, this time for a three-day camp. Notes and payment plans will come out during term 1 next year. See the photos later in the newsletter.

STUDENT REPORTS

Student reports will be handed out today and tomorrow highlighting the learning achievements of our students. They are an honest reflection of the academic, cultural, sporting and social development of our students. Staff have spent hours preparing these reports for parents and believe this is part of the open relationship teachers, parents and students have to encourage learning for life. A return slip will be in the report envelope and we ask parents and carers to return this slip to school so that you acknowledge receipt of your child’s Semester 2 Report.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

We have had a great response from our families with many goods being placed under our Christmas Tree. Many non-perishable goods and toys for boys and girls will be passed on to the Smith Family to help them provide much spirit to those families that are less fortunate than others to brighten their Christmas just a little. We will continue to accept donations until Tuesday next week.

THANK YOU TO OUR FABULOUS STAFF

Our success is, in a large way, due to the excellent staff we have at Lake Cathie Public School. Our teachers, Ms Gray, Mrs Haste, Miss Jesser, Mrs McCleary, Mrs Egan, Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Irving and Mr Pringle as well as the many casual teachers we have met throughout the year, have gone above and beyond what is expected and have provided much Spirit and Opportunity in our foundation year.

Kylee and Anne in our office, as well as Lyndal, Kylie, Karen and Tracey who have been the public face of our school at the office and on the phones. I am amazed at how they have set up much of the organisation, routines, procedures, finance and first aid within the school, to mention just a few of their accomplishments.

To Mrs McNiff, Mrs Sewell, Mrs Irving and Mr Hayward, our teachers’ aids, their work is often unseen but as important as any other role in our school. Their support of our children, not only those with additional learning and social needs, has been outstanding.

To Mr Hutchinson, our General Assistant, has worked in heat, wind and rain to ensure our school is well presented and safe.

And what about our P&C! An amazing group of parents, keen on adding to the Spirit and Opportunities available to our students. Right from our Public Information Nights at the Surf Club in 2014, organising uniforms, setting up the canteen, raising money for programs to support our students, the list is lengthy. To Susie Storm and the P&C team, we thank you so very much.

Kylie Whiting, including most of her family, has set up our canteen incredibly well and it has become a great source of support to all of our families and the staff! For this to be done on a voluntary basis for 3 terms is testament to the Spirit of Kylie and her great band of regular parent volunteers.

2016

We welcome Mrs Annette Bailey in 2016 as our first Assistant Principal. She joins us from a very accomplished and professional impact on Wauchope Public School. They will certainly miss her in Wauchope!

Enrolments for 2016 are over 140 students now and we anticipate a few more at the beginning of the school year. Classes will be carefully considered with decisions being made after we confirm all students and their families have returned in late January next year.

STUDENT RETURN DATES

Thursday 28 January Year 1 – Year 6
Tuesday 2 February Kindergarten

BEST START KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENTS

Thursday 28, Friday 29 January and Monday 1 February will be days for new Kindergarten students to have their Best Start Assessment. Appointments have already been made. If you have not yet made an appointment time, please call the office on 6584 8060.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

As previously stated, attendance at school is compulsory by law. If students are absent from school, parents are required to provide an acceptable reason in writing within seven days. We have a significant number of student absences that have not been explained and will be logged in our official rolls as unexplained absences. Rolls are official documents and will remain in school archives for a significant number of years. They are legal documents that can be subpoenaed by courts of law. Please make sure you write a note or use the Lake Cathie School Bag App (free) to let the school know why your child has been absent.
TREE PLANTING PROJECT

On Wednesday 25 November, 2/3J, Miss Jesser, Mr Hutchison and several parent helpers were involved in a tree planting morning at school. The trees were purchased with a $400.00 grant from the NSW Teachers Federation, designed to provide funding for the purchase of native trees and native shrubs for planting in public school grounds. The Tree Levy helps the environment, improves our public schools and positively promotes the union in the local community.

Students gained a great deal from the experience and it was a wonderful opportunity for families to get involved with such a worthwhile cause. Thank you again to parents and carers for your assistance. We have certainly ‘planted the seed’ for future tree planting opportunities at LCPS.

SURF DAY CAMP
# Assembly Award Winners

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CLASSROOM REQUISITES FOR 2016

Classroom Needs for Kindergarten

The following items will be needed by each child. You may bring these on the first morning and place them in the boxes outside the classrooms.

Please label all items:

- Paint shirt (a big old T-Shirt is suitable)
- 4 large glue sticks (Bostick – not DATS or runny glue)
- 2 boxes of 200 tissues (Home Brand type suitable)
- NO pencils / textas / books (these are provided at school)
- Sipper bottle with water each day for on their desk
- Library Bag
- Home reading bag (extra large sturdy pencil case is ideal)
- 2 division, double zippered back pack suggested – big enough to hold lunch box, home reading folder, library bag etc (Great school back pack available for purchase).
- Pair of undies in a clearly labelled plastic ziplock bag

Classroom Needs for Year 1 – Year 6

The following are the requisites for all students. More specific lists may be given out by your child’s teacher during Term 1.

Please label all items:

Year 1 & 2

- 6 x HB pencils (good quality that can be sharpened easily, preferably brands like Staedtler or Columbia)
- Set of good quality coloured pencils (12 or 24 adequate)
- Pair of scissors
- Sharpener – barrel type which contains the shavings is best
- Pencil case (please avoid large ones as they are too big for the desk tops
- Library Bag

Year 3 – 6

- Small to medium size pencil case only
- A quality rigid 30cm ruler (not flexible), preferably with an “O” at the beginning of the ruler. Cm, mm marked not inches.
- 2 x large glue sticks (Bostick – not DATS or rung glue)
- 6 x HB pencils – good quality that can be sharpened easily, preferably brands like Staedtler or Columbia
- Set of coloured pencils (pack of 12 suggested)
- 1 x eraser
- 1 Library bag
- Sharpener – barrel type which contains the shavings is best
- Paint shirt (adult t-shirt is preferred)
- Pair of scissors
- Dictionary with larger print and wider spacing. Better ones are labelled as “school dictionary”
- 2 boxes of tissues.
CAMDEN HAVEN PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Camden Haven Physical Culture Club will be resuming classes in February 2016.

New members are always welcome, so come and give it a try — with a FREE class.

Classes are available for both girls and ladies. The proposed timetable for 2016 is as follows:

CLASS TIMES:
Monday 3:30 - 4:15 3 - 8 years
4:15 - 5:00 8 - 10 years
4:30 - 5:30 Boys - 1st or Senior
5:30 - 6:30 Ladies
6:30 - 7:30 Open Ladies
Tuesday 3:30 - 4:15 Mini-Horse—Preschool
4:45 - 5:30 K - 8 years
Wednesday 3:30 - 4:15 Mini-Horse—Preschool
4:45 - 5:30 K - 8 years
4:45 - 5:30 8 - 12 years
5:30 - 6:30 Figures — All years
6:30 - 7:30 Ladies
7:00 - 8:00 Open Ladies

Classes are held on Monday and Tuesday nights at the Camden School of Arts, 20 Old Street, Camden, and on Wednesdays at the Camden Community Hall, 192 Baradene Street, Camden.

For more information please contact Melanie Sullivan on 0429 213 193.

Lake Cathie Carols by the Lake

Proudly presented by Lake Cathie - Bonny Hills Lions Club

Saturday 12th December 2015

Lake Cathie Foreshore

Free Admission
M.C.—Lynn Lehane

5:00pm Tacking Point Lions Club Food Van
Lake Cathie Primary School Performance

5:30pm Official Opening
Bugs Ukulele Group

6:15pm Young Guns Youth Concert Band

7:00pm Santa arrives — lollies for the kiddies

7:30pm Young Guns Youth Concert Band

8:15pm Raffle Drawn

Special thanks to: Lions Club of Port Macquarie Tacking Point, Young Guns Youth Concert Band, Lake Cathie Rural Fire Brigade & Lake Cathie Progress Association

[To conform to current OH&S rules, flame candles will not be permitted]
Come and join in the Laurieton Community

**Carols by Candlelight**

*Longworth Park*  
(opp Plaza Theatre)  
**Friday 11th December**  
from 6.30 pm

*featuring*

**Camden Haven Concert Band**

- Christmas music
- Community carols singing
- Rotary BBQ & drinks
- Santa’s visit
- Treats for the kids!

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**CAROLS ON THE DECK**

Sunday December 13, Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) will once again host ‘Carols on the Deck’ at Bonny Hills.

Residents are invited to bring along a picnic blanket and chairs and enjoy entertainment by local school choirs, the Camden Haven Band, North Haven Band and HATCH from 5.15pm.

Barbecue food and glow sticks will be available and Santa will make an appearance thanks to the local fire brigade at 7.45pm.

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Contact Kylee on 6584 8060 to place your advertisement in the School Newsletter