Amazing Start to Lake Cathie Public School

We welcomed the fabulous kindergarten students to our school yesterday. It is great to complete the package with all 81 of our students embarking on the next part of their learning journey at Lake Cathie Public School.

On Wednesday last week, we had the first of our “Baggy Blue” hat ceremonies where every student was presented with their new school hat in the new hall in front of very proud parents. Yesterday we had the second ceremony where our kindergarten students received their Baggy Blues.

As we all start on this journey, I would ask all parents and families to show high levels of support to the educational needs of our children. This can be done in so many ways. Firstly, I encourage you to read to, and with your children. Secondly, when your School asks for assistance, please volunteer in the Spirit to which we want our children to develop. As adults we must demonstrate this Spirit and this can be done with support for the school directly through volunteerism, eg. P & C and Canteen Helpers.

### Dates to Remember

- **Monday 2 February** Kindergarten commences
  *West Tigers visit 1.30pm*

- **Thursday 5 February** Kinder photos + Inception photos of whole school

- **Tuesday 10 February** Parent Information Night for each class (in classes) 3.00pm and 3.30pm
  P&C Meeting 7.00pm Library

- **Thursday 12 February** Swimming Carnival at Wauchope Pool 10.00am

- **Tuesday 17 February** Hastings/Camden Haven Swimming Carnival (Port)

- **Wednesday 18 February** Parent Teacher discussions 8am-3.30pm
  Information to come

- **Tuesday 3 March** P&C Meeting 7.00pm Library

- **Thursday 12 March** Official School Opening

- **Thursday 2 April** Easter Hat Parade, *(Last day of term)*
  performance and morning tea.
Please take time to complete all return slips and surveys in the newsletters to ensure the efficient organisation of our School. This issue includes: OOSH Survey, Canteen Helpers, eNewsletter Request.

Our canteen will open in the coming weeks on Thursdays and Fridays. We will need a volunteer coordinator to plan, purchase and provide canteen facilities until such time as we can offer the position in a paid capacity.

Our School is likely to have changed starting and finishing times to accommodate significantly extended bus routes and services. Details will follow very soon with maps, routes, stops and times.

Thank you to the many people that have made our start at Lake Cathie Public School the success that it is. Your Spirit is greatly appreciated.

Jock Garven - Principal

Staff - 2015

School Admin Manager
Ms Kylee Hughes

School Admin Officer
Mrs Lyndal Lawson

Kindergarten
Ms Trish Gray

Kinder/Yr 1
Mrs Katy Haste

Yr 2/3/4
Ms Kelly Jesser

Yr 5/6
Mrs Hayley McCleary

Learning and Support Teacher
Mrs Jane Egan

Teacher Librarian
Mrs Bernadette Cassidy

School Learning & Support Officers
Mrs Kim McNiff
Mrs Roz Sewell

General Assistant
Mr Adrian Hutchinson

A marvellous website to find out loads of information about children and going to school.

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home

Lake Cathie Public School
2015 Inaugural Swimming Carnival

12 February 2015
Notes home today

Lake Cathie Public School Term 1 Week 2 2015 Issue # 1
**Anaphylaxis – Severe allergic reactions**

At Lake Cathie Public School we would ask families not to bring nuts or nut products to the school site or to school activities. We have already identified a number of our students who are allergic to nuts and nut products, some who have an anaphylactic reaction.

While this is an acceptable harm minimisation strategy, it is never possible to guarantee a school site is nut free.

We have auto injector adrenaline devices (epipens) readily accessible when the need arises. Students who have a known anaphylactic reaction to allergens are required to provide an Anaphylaxis plan from their doctor as well as providing the school with an up-to-date adrenaline auto-injector pen. These will follow students on any excursions or sporting event outside the school.

**Communication**

1. **School Website**
   lakecathie-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

2. **Facebook Group**
   If not already in the group please ask at the office.

3. **Skoolbag app - free**
   Search for “Lake Cathie Public School – Skoolbag”

4. **Newsletter via email**
   After the first few weeks we would like to save loads of paper by emailing the newsletter home. Please complete slip overleaf.

   The Newsletter will also be available from all of these sources.

   Website - Skoolbag app - Facebook Group

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**School Canteen Helpers**

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<th>Child’s Name: __________________________</th>
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<td>Preferred day: Thursday Friday</td>
<td>Please tick one or both</td>
<td>I am interested in being a Volunteer Canteen Coordinator. Phone: ____________________</td>
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**Buses - Update**

We are in final negotiations with Busways to provide significantly extended bus services in both Lake Cathie and Bonny Hills. In line with this change we will alter our school bell times as follows:

Start – 8.45am  Finish – 2.45pm

Comprehensive maps, routes, stops and times will be provided. We will provide the start day for changed bell times next week.

**OOSH - Update**

The next stage of seeking approval for hosting an OOSH facility is to a have community need established. Please fill in the survey at the end of the newsletter. The more responses the greater the case we have.
A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions and medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Parent Pick-Up Zone

Please assist by picking up your children from the silver seats. This avoids congestion near the bus line area.

Thank you.

School Fees

In the next few weeks an invoice will be sent home with your child / children. This will include a non compulsory school contribution (school fees) and costing of student book packs.

Non-Compulsory School Contributions

(*Minimum suggested by the Department of Education & Communities)

1 Child $45.00*
2 Children $80.00
3 Children $100.00

These vital funds help our school meet large budgeting requirements each and every year. Thank you for your assistance in this area.

Student Book Packs

(Minimum classroom resources including textbooks, exercise books etc.)

Per child $35.00

(Kindergarten to Year 6)

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Per child $35.00

(Kindergarten to Year 6)

Thank you.
Money handling at LCPS

EFTPOS is available in the office for payments. In order to keep bank fees at a minimum, a $10.00 minimum payment has been set for both EFTPOS and Parent Online Payments (POP).

Cash will be accepted in all situations however the security of large amounts of cash in your child’s bag can be a risk.

**Any amounts being forwarded to the school under $10.00 should be placed in an envelope or a plastic zip locked bag clearly stating child’s name, amount and description of what the payment is for. This allows for the payment to be quickly processed and a receipt sent home with your child, usually the same day.**

Make Online Payments (Parent Online Payments POP)

It is also possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance).

There is also a category called Other. This is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

• the student’s name, and
• class and reference number OR
• the student’s name, and
• date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit / debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and / or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

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Newsletter – Electronic Copy

I / we would like to receive the school newsletter electronically by email. □ Yes please

Name: ________________________________

Child’s Name: ________________________________  Child’s Class: ________________

Preferred email address: ________________________________
Lake Cathie – Bonny Hills Community Notices

Lake Cathie/Bonny Hills Junior Rugby League Club – registration day Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February 4.30 pm at the Lake Cathie Sporting Fields. Special guest will be the West Tigers NRL tea attending. Any enquiries to Mick on 0419 483 892.

Camden Haven Netball – registration will be held at the LUSC Sports Bar on Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} February 5-7 pm and Saturday 7\textsuperscript{th} February 10am-2pm. Any enquiries to Lyn on 6559 7538.

Port City Hockey – registration days at Port Macquarie Hockey Field Sunday 8\textsuperscript{th} February for Junior hockey U7s to U16s and Womens & Mens. Juniors: 3-4 pm Senior 4-6 pm trial games). Another 2 rego days also being held on Sunday 15\textsuperscript{th} and 22\textsuperscript{nd} February 3-4 pm at the hockey field. Contact – 0427 934746 info@portcityhockey.com www.portcityhockey.com

Lake Cathie Raiders Football Club (soccer) - Registration days for the 2015 season will be held on the 7\textsuperscript{th}, 14\textsuperscript{th} and 21\textsuperscript{st} of February. Registrations will take place at Lake Cathie Bowling Club from 10am-1pm. For any enquires, contact Lou on 0418811183 or email secretary.cathieraiders@gmail.com

Lake Cathie Raiders Football Club

Junior Golf Every Sunday At the Kew Country Club
Starting at 1pm
Including a 4pm Presentation with refreshments in the club house

Competent Juniors to play 9 Holes
For proshop vouchers
Parents welcome to join in

For more information contact Howard Burrow 6559 2203
Or the Club on 6559 2203

Beginners will spend time receiving coaching at the practice facilities before playing some shortened holes

Centre Youth

2015
6:30-8:30
Friday Nights
Years 6-12
Camden Haven Anglican Church
2 Mission Tte Tce Lakewood
05520 50386
havenanglican.com

Lake Cathie Public School Term 1 Week 2 2015 Issue # 1
Dear Parents,

A working party has been established to determine if there is a need for Outside School Hours Care at

Lake Cathie Public School.

If you think that your family would use the outside school hours care service on a casual, part-time or permanent basis, we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the following survey and return it to school by FRIDAY 13 February.

A. Name of the school that your child/ren currently attend:

B. Number of children in your family in the following age groups:
   - 5 to 9 years ________________
   - 10 to 12 years ________________

C. Are you currently using any childcare arrangements for your children? If so, what type? For example, Family Day Care, friend, grandparent, other OOSH service (please state which one), etc.

D. What hours would you expect the centre to be open:
   - From. .................. to .................. am for before school care
   - From .................... to ................ pm for after school care
   - From .................... to ................ pm for vacation care.

E. Which sessions of Outside School Hours Care do you anticipate you will need? Please circle.
   - Before School Care YES NO
   - After School Care YES NO
   - Vacation Care YES NO

F. Which days do you anticipate you would use care? Please circle.
   - Before School Care MON TUE WED THUR FRI
   - After School Care MON TUE WED THUR FRI
   - Vacation Care MON TUE WED THUR FRI
G. If you have a child with special needs that would use the service, please provide brief details of the child’s need.
   You may attach this information separately if you wish.

H. We anticipate that a committee of parents will oversee the service. Would you be interested in helping to establish and oversee the centre? If yes, please provide your name and contact details:

   Name: ________________________________________________________________

   Telephone/Mobile: ______________________________________________________

   Best day/time to contact you: ___________________________________________

I. Are there any suggestions or specific questions you have relating to the proposed service? If yes, please list them below, along with your contact details, so that we can discuss them with you:

Thank you for your time in completing this Survey.

We will stay in touch and let you know the outcomes of the Survey and whether or not the proposed Outside School Hours Care service will become a reality.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Contact number: ______________________________________________________