OFFICIAL OPENING

Our School will be officially opened on Thursday 12 March. The ceremony will start at 10.00am. Our students will lead the ceremony and provide some great items for the entertainment of the audience.

We invite all families and friends to our celebration, a celebration many years in the making.

MORNING TEA

We ask that all families contribute to our Official Opening Day morning tea by sending in something yummy, without nuts, on a disposable plate and covered securely or in a disposable container. All morning tea items can be taken to the canteen first thing in the morning on Thursday 12 March.

DAYS TO REMEMBER

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PARKING

Parking will need to be considered carefully. If parking out on Ocean Drive, please consider your safety and that of your passengers. If you have passengers with mobility restrictions you can drop them off in the "parent kiss and drop area" near our crossing.

Save the Date
Lake Cathie P & C Trivia Night Saturday 23 May

Easter Raffle – Drawn 2nd April 2015
Donations of Easter eggs to make up some fabulous prizes would be greatly appreciated.
The Principal, staff and students are pleased to invite

Parents / Carers and Community Members

to the

**Official Opening of Lake Cathie Public School**

by

*The Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP*

Minister for Education

Thursday 12 March 2015 at 10.00am

The ceremony will take place in the school hall.

Morning tea will follow.

*We look forward to your company at this special event.*
OUR FIRST SCHOOL LEADERS

We had a fantastic Leaders Ceremony last Friday where our inaugural leaders were announced. I congratulate our student leaders and I am sure that they will provide outstanding leadership throughout the year and beyond.

Captains for 2015: Melodie Cicak and Hayne Newell
Prefects: Phoebe Harrison, Sam Tougher-Wells, Jemma Joyce and Jordan Thorne
BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Clubs offer a convenient way for your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books. Issue 2 order forms were handed out this week. To order books use LOOP to order and pay by credit card before 16th March.

You do not send the order form to school. The books are delivered to the school and then given to your child to take home. You should receive your items about 25th March. LCPS also receives reward points from each order that will allow us to obtain books from Scholastic for the school.

How to Order using LOOP

Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

Select NSW and enter Lake Cathie Public School in the school name box. You will be directed to the ordering page which has information and a video on how to use LOOP.

- Select order from the top of the page
- You may need to select the school again
- Choose the issue and click order
- Click + to add your child’s first name and last initial eg Sam A
- Choose their class and click add
- Enter the item number from the catalogue
- If you have another child add their name and complete their order
- Continue to enter credit card details for payment

If you need help with ordering please ask at the library.

BOOK CLUB ORGANISER WANTED

Book Club is offered twice a Term and is a valuable fundraising tool for our school.

Please see Kylee in the office.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA (NCCD)

During the year, the Government will ask all schools across the country to contribute data about the number of students who have any form of disability and who receive adjustments to their learning and participation in their schooling. These adjustments may include learning, emotional, behavioural, physical mobility, vision, hearing, etc. There will be no mention of student names or details when the data is collected.

The aim of this Nationally Consistent Collection of Data is to ensure the successful provision of adjustments for students with a disability is happening and that the Government is providing enough support for our students.

The word Disability is used as a broad term to identify students with additional needs who receive adjustments and or modifications to their every day life and learning.

The amount of support already in place at our school for all of our students, including those with additional learning needs, is a credit to the strong partnership between parents and the staff at Lake Cathie Public School.

The Learning and Support Team mentioned in our last newsletter is an effective tool in planning and implementing adjustments for many of our students already through weekly meetings.

EVACUATION PRACTICE

Tomorrow we will have an Emergency Evacuation Drill.

During our weekly Assembly, staff will introduce to our students the need to have practice drills for when a real emergency may occur. We will demonstrate the sounds of the bells - different to the regular bell - and also the way we want them to line up and move off safely to the Emergency Evacuation Point where class rolls will be checked to account for all students, staff and volunteers.
**CANTEEN**

The Official Opening of our canteen happened today. We want to ensure the success of our canteen in its aim to provide quality food, snacks and drinks for our families. The staff will also support the canteen’s operations regularly. Special Meal Days will come up from time to time and will be advertised in our newsletters and on Facebook.

An enormous thank you to Kylie and Michael Whiting for the significant organisation in preparation for our canteen's first day.

Tony Green and The Good Guys at Port Macquarie have been very generous with our orders providing significantly reduced prices and a number of donated items of equipment.

If you would like to help out in the canteen please contact Kylee in the office.

**SCHOOL FEES**

**Non-Compulsory School Contributions**

Invoicing has not yet been completed however you can pay these fees at the office at any time.

*Minimum suggested by the Department of Education & Communities*

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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.

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**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY**

Please take time to complete the survey regarding selecting our local high school for Lake Cathie Public School students. The survey was sent home today.

**Please return survey by 13 March**

**SCRIPTURE**

Special Religious Education (SRE) will begin in a few weeks. Scripture will be presented in a positive non-denominational way and those students not attending will continue with learning activities set by their class teacher.

**P&C MEETING**

Thank you for the continued support of our school through superb P & C gatherings.

We invite any interested parents or citizens of our school community to be part of the Spirit evident in these meetings.

The main additions to our calendar include a School Disco on 26 March and a Super Trivia Night in May.

**DISCO**

26 March 2015 5.00pm
JULIET BONE - KINDERGARTEN
Teaching her friends how to read.

MELODIE CICAK HANDMADE BOWS

Last issue we had a photo of Melodie and her hand-made bows. We forgot to include the information. Sorry Melodie.

These super hand-made Hair Bows are on sale at the office for $4.00 each or 3 for $10.00. Melodie is donating a significant part of all sales to charity. Well done Melodie!
Camden Haven Bombers
Junior AFL

Registration day

Sunday 8th March
North Haven Bowling Club.

Age divisions are Auskick (4yo to 9yo), u11’s, u13’s and u15’s.

Any enquiries call Todd on 0404 090 732.