OFFICIAL OPENING

Thank you!

What a wonderful atmosphere generated at our opening.

We have received so many wonderful comments about our school and the wonderful children, parents and staff who make up our school community. All student items and our superb student leaders were magnificently presented. Our classrooms, hall and our great library were all glowing with sensational student work. I must sincerely congratulate the dedicated staff who worked so hard to make Lake Cathie Public School what it is already and for the great preparation for the official opening. The staff put in a significant number of hours before and after school and many hours on the weekends to ensure the success of our school. The canteen is already running very smoothly, thanks to Kylie Whiting and we have had the pleasure of welcoming many volunteers helping out Bernadette Cassidy in the library. The library is now ready for use!

To the many parents who sent in morning tea and to those that helped on the day, we all say a big thank you. Thanks also to the great volunteers from our local Lions Club for running the BBQ and drinks stations. Thanks to Lyn’s Bloom Room, Lake Cathie Bakery, Caramels @ Cathie, Munster Street Butchery, Hire Port and The Good Guys for their support of our school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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School term finishes 2 April 2015

Easter Raffle – Drawn 2 April 2015
LIBRARY – STARTS TOMORROW

It's time to borrow!

Our new library system is ready early so Mrs Cassidy is hoping everyone can bring in a library bag, preferably waterproof, to borrow from the library tomorrow, Friday 20 March.

Congratulations Mrs Cassidy and the wonderful parent and community volunteers. You have done an outstanding job.

HELPERS are still required on Fridays to assist Mrs Cassidy with preparing resources for borrowing. If you can assist, your help would be very much appreciated.
STUDENT DISCO – THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2015

The P&C are also hosting a disco on Thursday 26 March in our school hall. Starting time is 5.00pm and concluding at 6.15pm. You can drop your kids off as they will be supervised by teaching staff and volunteers from the P&C. You are also very welcome to stay. The cost of the disco is $5.00 and each of the children will receive a drink and a packet of chips during a short break to gather their breath and use the toilets ready for the second half.

P & C MEETING 7.00PM TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2015

The next P&C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting followed by a regular meeting. We need your input! All positions will be declared vacant with fresh nominations and voting to take place. An annual P & C Membership of $1.00 will be collected prior to the meeting to enable everyone to vote.

CANTEEN
MILKSHAKE DAY FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2015
HOT DOG DAY WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015

The canteen is well underway with providing a great service to students and families. Kylie Whiting is a volunteer coordinator and is being supported by a few very supportive parents. We need more volunteers if the canteen is to be a viable operation. Please contact Kylie Whiting at school on Thursdays and Fridays on 6584 8060.

The canteen is running their first Special Meal Deal day on Wednesday 1st April. Please note that in the last week of term, the canteen will be open on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd as Good Friday is the first day of the school holidays. Special Meal Deal “Hot Dog Day” will include a Hot Dog, cookie and popper / water for $5.00. A note will come home for pre ordering. Please fill out the note and attach to brown paper bag as usual and return to the school as soon as possible for ordering.

K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE & K-6 PERFORMANCE DAY FOR FAMILIES AND VISITORS – THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2015

Please help prepare and deliver an Easter Hat for your child/ren to wear for our first Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April staring at 10.15am. This is for students in Kinder, Y1 and Y2 however any students in Miss Jesser’s 2/3/4J can also make and wear an Easter Hat. Stay for morning tea and watch them perform their Opening Day item afterwards at 11.15am. Our students will perform their items from our Official Opening day again for those who were unable to attend last Thursday. This will be after recess with the performance starting at 11.15am.

STRANGER DANGER

Please follow up on the message of Stranger Danger and the “No Go Tell” strategies to prepare our children for any unsafe situations that may arise. Talk about safe places to go when something isn’t quite right. Police are still following leads from the attempted pick-up of one of our students in Lake Cathie two weeks ago.

STUDENT HEALTH – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be aware that we have a few students in our school with low immune systems and one with no immunity. We call on parents to keep students at home if they are unwell as any illness is easily passed onto our students, including those with significant health care plans. Keeping sick children home can be hard to arrange but the health and indeed safety of our students is paramount. Please be considerate of all children and their needs.
EASTER RAFFLE
DRAWN THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2015

The P&C are sending raffle tickets today as one of their first fundraising activities. We will draw the raffle at our performance day and Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April. We would appreciate your support in this fundraising activity.

There are 16 great prizes to be won. Tickets due back on Wednesday 1 April. Please see Kylee in the office if you need more books to sell.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Please remind your children to use the footpaths when entering or leaving the playground area. We have had a few situations where our students are walking unaccompanied through carpark areas when cars are driving through. We ask that you use the pathway between the kindergarten rooms and the toilet area. This means all of the footpaths are accessible including the crossing. Where possible, children should be asked to enter the car through the door on the kerbside, avoiding doors being opened on the roadside. The speed limit for the road inside the school grounds is 10km/h. Yes, this is slow, but for very good reason. Thank you for your assistance in this significant safety issue.

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

| 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)

CUTE KOALAS

We had a visit from Geoff Best and Janette Burge representing the Koala Preservation Society in Port Macquarie who presented our school with a full set of books outlining detailed information on the koala with a great deal of local information. A visit to the Koala Hospital at the Roto House historic site on the corner of Lord Street and Roto Place is a great way to introduce our children to our native koalas. Thank you to the Koala Hospital for their generous donation.
ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

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WINTER UNIFORMS

We currently have the full size range of winter trousers in stock. Boys and girls winter trousers are $24.00 with the sport tracksuit pant priced at $30.00 (Optional). Please call into the office to check for sizing so we can place an order before end of Term 1. There is an expected price rise by the supplier so we would like to place an order before this comes into effect. Please visit the office before 9.30am or after 2.00pm to advise sizing for your child.
If you would like to advertise in our newsletter please contact Kylee in the office on 6584 8060 if interested.
Only 7 spots available.