RED HEART DAY

What a wonderful experience. Our students certainly got the message about community support and spirit. We have raised $650.00 to go towards research into heart disease. We were all very pleased at the sea of red being worn by the students, parents and staff. Even seeing our little mate in Melbourne with his little brother sitting up in hospital wearing his red was a lovely addition to our day. Thank you also to Simon and Kaylee at Caramels and Karen at Lake Cathie Medical Centre Pharmacy for their support in helping to make our fundraising total larger.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 10 March
- Kindergarten Colour Day – Orange
- Formal Assembly 4/5/6M - 2.00pm

Thursday 17 March
- Kindergarten Colour Day – Purple

Thursday 24 March
- Easter Hat Parade – time to be advised

Easter Raffle – Drawn 24 March 2016

Donations of Easter eggs to make up some fabulous prizes would be greatly appreciated.
EASTER HAT PARADE

Thursday 24 March - time to be advised. Please start thinking of designing and creating an Easter hat for the parade. Our student leadership team will run the parade and select, at random, a few students to be awarded prizes. The Easter raffle will be drawn at this time. Parents are most welcome and will add to the audience for this lovely occasion.

EASTER RAFFLE – P & C FUNDRAISER

Please support the Easter fundraising effort by donating some Easter eggs and helping to sell a book of tickets to family, neighbours or work colleagues. A book of tickets will be sent home this week. Last year we had 25 Easter Egg baskets. Let’s see if we can improve on that number this year!!

PARENT / CARER - TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

As indicated in the notes home earlier this week, Parent Teacher Discussions will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm - 5.00pm over the last four weeks of term. Please return your note with the preferred day as soon as possible.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

We are sending home reminder notes for student absences where no explanation has been received. This is to assist parents who may have overlooked this requirement during the hustle and bustle of daily life. You can use the Skoolbag App - free - to send in a reason for absence from school. Louise Haynes, the Department of Education’s Home School Liaison Officer visits every term to check student attendance. The school will work with parents and the Department to ensure attendance rates are maintained and explanations are provided when students are absent from school.

Year 6 into Year 7 – Expression of Interest forms

Year 6 students need to return their High School Expression of Interest forms back to the office by Friday 11 March. If you require information about our great local high schools and the process of transition to high school, please contact Jock at school on 6584 8060.

NAPLAN TESTING 2016

Advance notification about the Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN testing dates for this year:

Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May.

OSHC

Out of School Hours Care - During the Parent Teacher discussion afternoons, I will be asking parents waiting outside the Library to complete a survey relating to Out of School Hours Care. The P&C are still investigating OSHC and possible funding avenues to assist us in this endeavour. I am happy to discuss this issue with you anytime over the four Tuesday afternoons. The survey will assist us with up to date parental before and after school care requirements to submit if and when required.

P & C AGM AND REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday 15 March – 7.00pm. Please see information in the P&C page within this newsletter regarding the AGM process. Copies of the P&C Constitution and AGM minutes from 2015 will be available on the night or you can call the office if you would like to see these documents before the meeting.

TRIVIA NIGHT 2016

After a great Trivia Night last year, we are booking in Saturday 18 June for 2016. We will have 15 tables of 10 people and will be a first in basis for the 150 tickets available. Booking forms will be available from Kylee in the office with the closing date for bookings being the 1 June. Tickets will be available from the beginning of Term 2.
SCHOOL FEES

NON-COMPELLSRY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

*Minimum suggested by the Department of Education

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.

STUDENT BOOK PACKS

Minimum classroom resources including textbooks, exercise books etc.

Per child  $30.00
(Kindergarten to Year 6)

These fees have been invoiced and can be paid at the office or using POP online.

Thank you for your assistance in this area.

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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 on the Lake Cathie Public School 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.

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. 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.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact Kylee in the office.

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.
The P&C are working closely with Kylie and her wonderful volunteers to make our canteen a financially viable part of our school. Many volunteers ensure that our costs can be kept to a minimum for the benefit of all families. I urge you to consider the healthy and yummy food that is prepared at our canteen and that supporting it through lunch orders or money to purchase over the counter will help to make the canteen sustainable. Thursday and Friday orders from the canteen’s great menu will help increase the money to cover the operating expenses.

Congratulations to Georgia Hodges. Georgia placed fourth in the 12 years Girls Freestyle and Snr Girls Backstroke. On Wednesday she competed at the LNC Swimming Carnival at Kempsey. Georgia placed 5th in both her events. Fantastic effort Georgia
Lake Cathie Public School was recently the lucky recipient of a new ‘Buddy Bench’ compliments of Bunnings, Port Macquarie. The Buddy Bench has been designed as a strategy to foster inclusivity within the playground. If students are feeling that they don’t have anyone to play with, or chat with during recess or lunch they can come to the Buddy Bench as a welcoming, quiet space. Other students are encouraged to keep an eye out for anyone on the Buddy Bench in need of some company, and approach them to ask them to come and play. Many schools have had great success with implementing the Buddy Bench in the past and we are already recognising the impact that ours is having in the playground at LCPS. Thank you Bunnings.

to Jemma Joyce for being nominated, across a statewide competition, for a highly commended award in recognition of her Anti Bullying poster. This is an activity sponsored by Interrelate and supported by the State Government. Jemma will attend a presentation ceremony in Sydney on the 18 March. Well done Jemma.
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 11th 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 24th 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.
Welcome to our first official column! We welcome all new families to the school, and invite you all to join us at our next P&C meeting on **15 March 2016**. This meeting will also be our AGM, which means, amongst various formalities including voting for executive positions, we are also celebrating our first birthday!

Our role within school is to assist and comment on policy development, but mainly we organise and run **fundraising** activities for our school. We fundraise through the school canteen, running the uniform shop, school banking, and a variety of fundraising activities every term.

If we look back over last year’s events these have included a giant Easter egg raffle, with a massive 25 bundles of easter egg goodies, Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, commemorative t-towel, children’s discos and a pie drive. Last year Mr Garven won the ‘who ate all the pies’ award with the largest pie order. Can your family beat him this year? We may need to create a trophy for the winner, 2016. They were locally made, and delicious, in case you were wondering.

Our highest ranking fundraiser was our Trivia night, held last June. Through ticket sales, raffles and an auction we raised over $6,000 in one night! Not only that, the participants and the P&C had great fun. Staff and students decorated the hall for our black and white theme so the committee were able to concentrate on the serious business of writing the questions!

Please mark the **18 June 2016** in your diaries – organise the babysitter, gather your friends, or come and help run the night. We will be looking for new committee members this year.

The P&C has been very fortunate – running on a school of approximately 65 families the amount of help from many has been amazing. We do hope you will come and help out in any way you possibly can.

Last year we sent home a survey to all parents/carers to get some fundraising ideas and to see how people were able to help. We will be sending this survey out shortly, with a bag of lollies to the class that returns the highest number the quickest. Yes, the kids will be encouraged to nag you!
P&C DATES FOR THE DIARY

7 pm, Tuesday 15 March
LCPS P&C meeting and AGM

Monday 21 March
Last day for Easter raffle donations to school

Thursday 24 March
Easter hat parade and P&C Easter egg raffle draw

Saturday 18 June 2016
Trivia Night 2016!

support your school through your school canteen!

Thursday & Friday
Recess & Lunch

Baked treats from 20c
Lunch orders from $2.00

EASTER
EGG RAFFLE

We ask for your support by donating chocolate eggs and other Easter goodies to the office by Friday 18th March. Easter raffle tickets will be on sale from 3rd March from the office, $1 a ticket or 12 for $10. Please donate and buy as many as you can. Winning tickets pulled out of the hat after the hat parade on Thursday 24th March.

BUY NOW!
## MEETING DETAILS

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### Principal's Report

- 145 Students enrolled 2016, 44 Kindergarten students, 17 across other years.
- Staff numbers increased to 6 classes (including 2 Kindergarten classes).
- Goal setting for 2016 have been set, including smaller milestones. (eg Teacher Professional learning). Small Syllabus changes to be implemented this year. (eg Geography). These will be communicated throughout the year.
- Cricket nets to be erected in next couple of months on school site. For school and community use.
- Financial Audit being carried out this week.
- By end of term school will write an annual report.
- Road works, Jock has spoken to Public Works, owners of land adjacent will determine when the new road is created on eastern side of school.
- Trivia night to be held again mid year.
- School budget is set on previous years' enrolments. Expenditure outlays income at the moment. Small reliefs in budget can be requested (eg power / energy relief). Will need some sort of reimbursement from P&C for uniform spend before the end of the year.
- Joint funding application for Air Conditioning of Library, office (fixed buildings)
- Year 6 students have been given permission to assist in Canteen on need and on Invite only basis. Needs to be run by Risk Management this week. Would be purely serving only.
- New staff - Annette Bailey now Assistant Principal, teaching 1/2B, Jai Pringle in teaching 1P, Lisa Clarke F/T teachers aide, Melissa Harris 2 days per week.

### Canteen Report

- Great 1st 2 weeks at Canteen.
- Application for Canteen grant submitted still waiting on outcome.
- Request for bigger oven, GoodGuys have supplied extra oven racks which will help.
- New pie warmer requested.
- Lunch bag orders a success, only 20 left.
- Free fruit recess and lunch, supplied from Woolies.
- Change milk suppliers this year requested samples of custard cups and yoghurt, to hopefully introduce shortly.
- New volunteers received for Canteen this year so far. Looking at having 3 people on a Friday when busy.
- Extra fridge donated has been received.
### General Business

- Head Lice story to come in newsletter as information for Parents and Carers on how to treat.
- P&C now officially incorporated, we can now start to apply for Grants. Julie to send request for funds from Federal Member, David Gillespie, wanting suggestions of what to request funds for, Jock suggested funds towards OOSH. Suzie, Claire & Jock to draft letter. Solar Panels to energy conserves. Sun Shade over playground, letter to Cancer Council to request funds.
- Next council meeting 17th Feb. Someone to attend to ask when road will be complete and sporting fields will be built adjacent to school, for future planning of school.
- Fundraising for Term 1. Katie to look into picture plates for mothers day.
- Car Wash??
- 26th Feb Wear Red day, Heart Research, raise funds for Heart Foundation and also towards Defibrillator for the school.
- Disco to be last week of Term 2.
- Easter Raffle, donation of eggs, Easter baskets toys, drawn Thursday 24th March coinciding with Easter Hat parade.
- Fundraising questionnaire to be sent home to get ideas etc.
- No right turn into School from Bonny Hills.
- Parent information night notes have been sent home today. Sausage sandwich to be provided.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- Meeting Closed: 8:50pm
- Next meeting 15th March – Includes AGM