Students of the Week

**Week 8**
Jayden Freshfield - Year 3
For improved effort in Literacy and Numeracy.

**Week 9**
Jacob Watts - Year 2
For progressing in his reading. Well done!

Principal's Message

We have had a very busy term and I thank you all for the great support you have given me and the school throughout the term. I look forward to working with you and your children next term as well.

I have been busy in the past weeks with various meetings and conferences which has taken me out of the school a bit. I apologise for this and I have been mindful of disruptions to class time. I can assure you that the professional development and meetings have given me a greater understanding of the role of teaching principal and of the massive reforms happening across our school sector. These reforms include funding restructures, financial restructures and many other areas but these changes are exciting for our school.

I have also been revising the school plan with support from advisors such as Sue Ruffles and Bruce Inwood. I will be holding a community consultative meeting to discuss changes and directions for our school in preparation for the next year as well. At this meeting I will also explain an exciting adventure we embarking on, which is ‘Visual Learning Spaces’. This meets our strategic direction of 21st Century Learning where students will know what they have achieved and areas they are working towards. This is a huge task to set up but I’m hoping it will be up and running next term. Watch this space!

I had a meeting with Glenn Stewart on Wednesday and I brought up concerns of parents regarding head lice. He has advised me we are able to organise a Nit-Buster day where all students participate in treatment of nits. This of course will need complete support of all families. If that is an option we would like to go down then please let me know and I can put out a permission note. I do not believe this will fix the problem as all schools are having the same issues. If you need assistance with treatment then please contact us.

As this is the last newsletter for the term I hope you all have a safe and restful school holidays.

Mr Allan Johnston
Relieving Principal

Atlina Wildlife Park Excursion

Thank you for supporting this great excursion I think everyone had a wonderful day, I know we did! A big thank you to the crew at Atlina Wildlife Park (IT’S WILD!!!!) and Mrs Monica St Baker (Principal) and the staff of Hanwood Public School for hosting us for lunch! Check out the back page for wonderful photos!
Survey on Reading
I have delayed releasing the results of the student surveys until next term but please I encourage you to participate in the parent surveys about your child’s reading and the school's Reader’s Club program. Please remember your results help us develop stronger plans for our school to support you and your child. Please note that your answers won’t be publically displayed and this is just to measure over a period of time how effective some of our programs are working in the school.

NRL Clinic
A huge thank you to Tim from the NRL Development team, who has been fantastic with our students in the delivery of a great program. The students have had a great time and learnt many new skills.

Lachlan Children Dental Service
A huge thank you for their continued support in delivering the free dental check-up on Thursday 10th September! We greatly appreciate this service!

NAIDOC Day
Students need to ensure they have recess and wear full sports uniform. Please note this is different to the permission note as we will stand out clearer in our red jumpers than our blue jumpers. It is meant to be an exciting day. A huge thank you to Josie from Lake Cargelligo School for all her organisation as well as the AECG committee.

You need to ensure your child is at school 9:00am sharp as we need to be in at the Lake Rec centre for 9:30am.

Transition to School
Due to NAIDOC Day next week there is no Kinder Transition.

Reminders...

Kids Club - Postponed
Kid club will be postponed until further notice. Mrs Brett apologises for any inconvenience.

Head Lice
There has been reports of head lice in the school. Please ensure you are regularly checking your children’s hair for evidence of head lice and treat it immediately. If you need information on treating head lice please don’t hesitate to contact the school and we can assist.

Student Absences
It is a requirement of the School Attendance Policy that parents/caregivers must supply an explanation of absences within 7 days of the first absent day. It is also a requirement that the school has procedures to monitor absences. Verbal explanation is fine but if you could please provide written explanation as well, that would be appreciated. After the 7 day timeframe, absences will be marked as unexplained. A simple hand written note with a reason provided will suffice to explain the absence.

New Procedures for Late Arrivals/Early Leavers
It is a legal requirement that we keep up-to-date records of student absences including partial absences. I understand issues can come up which could cause your child to be late to school or it could be you need to pick up your child if they are sick.

We have created a booklet which will be kept in the primary classroom and parents/caregivers will need to sign in/out their children with a reason. If this isn’t done the normal procedures will apply where a hand-written note will need to be produced within 7 days of the absence otherwise it will be classed as unexplained.

Calling the School
If you need to ring the school on Mondays and Fridays please...
try to ring during breaks as we will have an answering service on during teaching time. This is to maximise teaching time.

**Appointments to see the Principal**

Please remember to make an appointment if you need to talk with the Principal.

**Lunch Orders and Purchasing**

Students can only order lunch on a Thursday. There will be NO CREDIT given this year so if they do not have the money we will make them a sandwich. There is no purchasing before and after school. The pricing list has stayed the same as there have been some small increases which we won’t pass on at this stage.

**School Contribution Fees**

Due to a drastic change in school funding, school contribution fees will no longer cover all excursions and travel. Parents and carers will be requested to fund student excursions and activities throughout the year. All funds paid via school contribution will be set aside to help pay for these excursions and activities. Once these funds are exhausted then parents and carers will be responsible for the costs associated. School Contributions are:

- Single Student: $40.00
- Two Students: $70.00
- Three or More Students $80.00

**Community Messages**

**Colin Maher Tennis Coaching**

Monday 21st September to Thursday 24th September
9am to 3:30 pm
Cost $12.0 per child
Lake Cargelligo Tennis Courts
Names to Kerry Johnson (6898 1213)
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### Other Important Dates

- Thursday 10th December (Week 10 Term 4) Presentation Day
- Wednesday 16th December (Week 11 Term 4) Last day for students