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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NAPLAN results

Late last term, Year 3 and 5 children were given their National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Test results. These are the results from the Literacy, Numeracy and Writing tests completed by all eligible students in Years 3 and 5 in May this year.

The test was designed to assess some aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. Your child’s NAPLAN results should be viewed along with other assessment data such as the Student Report which provides a comprehensive assessment of all curriculum areas.

The school results were great and reflect the quality of the Literacy, Numeracy and Writing programs in the school. The results of Year 3 and Year 5 in Literacy and Numeracy were on par with the state average. The overall school results are being analysed and will be reported on fully in our Annual School Report. We are very proud of the students and their results and growth they have shown in this process. Well done!

If you wish to discuss these results with your child’s classroom teacher then please phone the school to make an appointment.

Selective High School applications

The application process for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2017 is open from 9am on 13 October 2015 (Tuesday of this week). There is only the online option available to apply, from this year there will be no more paper applications.

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Email: lidcombe-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.lidcombe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Application information booklets will be distributed to all intending applicants, and promotional postcards with the website address will also be distributed as now, all applicants have to apply online. Just ask at the office for an information booklet about the process.

It is certainly easier to apply online if you have internet access, your own email address and a printer but you only have to submit one application per student. A common reason for duplicates is that parents realise after submitting their applications that they have made an error and they complete another application for the same student. If you have made an error in your application, you can email the Unit at ssu@det.nsw.edu.au to have any information corrected and then you do not need to complete a duplicate application. If you need to make alterations, please ring the Selective High School unit or see Mr. Lewis.

All students seeking placement in a selective high school will be required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 10 March 2015. Parents applying online will need to lodge their applications by Monday 16 November 2015.

ICAS Competition Results
Congratulations to the following students for achieving these wonderful results in the ICAS English and Maths tests..

ENGLISH EXAM – 107 people took the exam
8 Merit Certificates were awarded to:
Atticus D’Adam (Yr3)  Joseph Kim (Yr3)
Edwin Cho (Yr4)  Jacob Ng (Yr4)
Rianna Tiwari (Yr4)  Emelia Chong (Yr5)
Kayla Hill (Yr5)  Prisha Rajbhandari (Yr5)

18 Credits were awarded to:
Steoffie Chau (Yr3)  Joohee Han (Yr3)
Amanda Heng (Yr3)  Jenna Jarvis (Yr3)
Ethan Park (Yr3)  Nathan Lwin (Yr4)
XinYing Wu (Yr4)  YuChen Chen (Yr5)
Ian Jung (Yr5)  Naomi Lee (Yr5)
Evelyn Phuong (Yr5)  Jessica Trang (Yr5)
Vincent Yu (Yr5)  Peter Bae (Yr6)
Loren Byron (Yr6)  Leo Chau (Yr6)
Simran Tiwari (Yr6)  Brendan Trang (Yr6)

3 Distinctions were awarded to:
Samah Rahman (Yr4)
Samuel Livingston (Yr6)
Xin Weng (Yr6)

MATHEMATICS EXAM – 99 people took the exam
9 Merit Certificates were awarded to:
Emily Cai (Yr3)  Rebecca Liang (Yr3)
Rianna Tiwari (Yr4)  Xin Wu (Yr4)
Emelia Chong (Yr5)  Brian Thai (Yr5)
Ethan Wong (Yr5)  Malak Zreika (Yr5)
Cathy Chan (Yr6)

20 Credits were awarded to:
Alexander Chan (Yr3)  Hayley Chiem (Yr3)
Joohee Han (Yr3)  Eddie Yu (Yr3)
Caitlyn Bui (Yr4)  Edwin Cho (Yr4)
Nathan Lwin (Yr4)  Samah Rahman (Yr4)
Jiang Yuan (Yr4)  YuChen Chen (Yr5)
Ian Jung (Yr5)  Wookho Jung (Yr5)
Evelyn Phuong (Yr5)  Prisha Rajbhandari (Yr5)
Loren Byron (Yr6)  Elisa Chay (Yr6)
Samuel Livingston (Yr6)  PJ Pene (Yr6)
Brendan Trang (Yr6)  Jason Yang (Yr6)

8 Distinctions were awarded to:
Jack Li (Yr3)  Ethan Park (Yr3)
Jacob Ng (Yr4)  Ji O Im (Yr5)
Jessica Trang (Yr5)  Leo Weng (Yr5)
Peter Bae (Yr6)  Aadi Huang (Yr5)

Well done to these students – a tremendous effort!

Green Event – Indigenous Infusion
Due to no fault of our own, the people at Cultural Infusion did not provide us with a performer on the last day of Term 3 for Indigenous Infusion. We have now re-scheduled the Green Event for Friday 16 October - tomorrow.

Phone Numbers – Student Information Update
Every now and then when we have to ring parents, we are finding that some of the information we have is no longer current and needs our urgent attention. I ask you to send in, where necessary, change of phone numbers, contact details, address, emergency contacts, doctor so that we can have all the relevant information if something was to happen. You may also want to include other important details in a letter stating extra medical information, plans for an asthma attack or custody details (along with accompanying papers of proof) or anything you feel is important for our school to know about your child. I assure you all matters are dealt with in the strictest of confidence. These records are not shared with anyone outside of the school premises or outside of the staff. We require the right information if there is an emergency of some sort within the school. We want to update these details as soon as possible, so please forward these details to the office soon.

Not allowed !!!!
Of late, we are seeing too many stainless steel bits of cutlery like forks come into our school. These are NOT ALLOWED to come into a school. If left around, they can become a dangerous hazard for children by stepping on them and causing some real injury. If your son or daughter needs to bring in some cutlery to eat their lunch, please provide a PLASTIC fork for them to eat with. Also, we are now hearing that students are bringing in small cans of tuna in with the pull back lid – again, these pose a risk of cutting your child on the fingers or hand as it is very sharp. These are no longer permitted on the school either. In the interests of student safety, please ensure that you abide by this message!

Website, School App & Facebook
Don’t forget to keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and our School App – these are all great ways of keeping up with what’s going on in the school

App log in details are:
username: **community**
password: **lidcombeps**

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**Re-printing of Notes**
Lately, the re-printing of notes handed out has become out of hand. Last week, a certain note was copied another 60 times, which was more than half of the original amount of notes. As a school, we are trying our best to minimise our footprint on the environment, as witnessed with our crusade to be able to email out our newsletter to all families instead of printing it. This situation is making it worse. Our procedures for notes are to print them out, and most times send it out to the youngest family member, or if it is a specific note, a note to everyone involved. From there, we place most notes on the webpage for your convenience, so that if a note is lost, you can view it on the web on your computer. As this problem of re-printing notes is getting worse, we may have to institute a fee to cover these costs. For mine, its simple – check your child’s bag for notes every day and if a note is lost, look it up on the webpage and print it off at home. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

**Enrol now for Kindergarten 2015**
Does your preschool child turn 5 years of age before 31 July 2016? Have you enrolled your child at Lidcombe Public School for next year? Now is the time to fill in your application. Please call into the office for an enrolment form as soon as convenient or arrange for one to be sent home with an older brother or sister.

Our 2016 Kindergarten Transition program has changed dramatically (same as last year though) and will begin with our transition days, running from 9.00am to 11.00am in the mornings on the following days:-

- Thursday 15 October 2015
- Thursday 22 October 2015
- Thursday 29 October 2015
- Thursday 5 November 2015
- Thursday 12 November 2015
- Thursday 19 November 2015
- Thursday 26 November 2015
- Thursday 3 December 2015

There will be a number of great activities for your child and you as their parent that will not only strengthen your bond, but also familiarise and build confidence in your child about their classrooms, teachers and other students.

If you have already completed an Application for Enrolment form for your Kindergarten child you will automatically receive further details about these sessions as they become available. If you would like to read some general information about enrolling in a
NSW public school please refer to the Department of Education and Training website link:-

Kindergarten students will start school on Wednesday 3 February 2016. Of course, parents and Kindergarten students will be called in before that for their Best Start Interview – times to be announced.

Platinum Awards
Being Green suggests that your child is behaving very well and is doing what our teachers expect of them in the classroom and the playground. These awards are always a great pleasure to hand out to our wonderfully behaved students. No recipients in the last two weeks. On Tuesday of this week, we had our last Platinum adventure to FX Zone in Homebush. Others presented with a Platinum Award after 8 September, will be in line for the following Platinum excursion.
Week 1 recipients: Ryuma Rodthong (2F) and Joseph Kim (S2L).
Week 2 recipients: Sara Bardouh (3/6R), Audrey Tran (1/2B) and Elena Chen (S2C).

Outstanding Fees
It has come to my attention that some families have not paid fees for their Stage 3 Diaries or PSSA sport from previous terms at this point in time. I need to remind people that in getting these diaries or organising buses for PSSA sport, the school makes no money on these items. If we have people who do not pay their fees for these things, the school loses money and that is not very fair to those families that do pay.

I need to, however, qualify that remark with the fact that some families may be doing it tougher than others in this economic climate we are in. If this is the case for you and your family, please see Mr. Lewis as soon as you can to work out a way of paying these overdue fees. If this doesn’t apply to your situation, please pay very soon.

P&C Meeting
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 October, starting at 9.15am in Lidbury Hall. It would be wonderful to see the number of parents we have seen over the last few meetings.

Newsletter
If parents wish to have the newsletter emailed to them directly please fill out the form below. Electronic distribution is a much better method of communication with families as it allows the school community to enjoy great images of students in full colour without the environmental impact of substantial paper usage. We hope many of our families take up this option in the future. Thank you for taking up this option and saving just that little bit more of our environment.
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**NEWSLETTER**

I would like to have the newsletter emailed to me each fortnight.

Name of Child: ____________________

Class: ____________

Name of Parents: ___________________

Email address:________________________

Please hand in to Mrs Rush in the office as soon as possible.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** IN 2016, WE WILL NOT BE PRINTING ANYMORE PAPER COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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**SCHOOL TIMES**

Students MUST NOT arrive at school before 8:30 am and must leave promptly at 3:00 pm

Parents are reminded that school supervision exists between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm. A Before and After School Care facility is provided on the school site for parents needing child minding. Contact 9749 2817 after school hours for further details.

Leaving students unsupervised on school grounds has legal implications for both the school and parents.

Access to the school is only possible via the pedestrian gate near the sandpit (Mills Street) during school hours. All visitors must report to the school office. Unauthorised persons on school premises are considered to be trespassing and will be reported to the police.

**SMOKING IS PROHIBITED ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

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**THE GREAT BOOK SWAP**

We will be having the wonderful Great Book Swap again next week on Tuesday 20 October. This is a wonderful initiative of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to raise money for programs that support Indigenous literacy throughout the country. Don’t forget to find a book that your child would like to bring in to school and swap for a different book. This will also be a mufti day where children can wear red, yellow or black clothes. Closed in shoes must still be worn. We will also be collecting gold coin donations on the day for this great cause.

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**BREAKFAST CLUB**

We are very close to getting our breakfast club up and running on a Thursday morning before school. A few parents spoke to me about wanting to help out, if you are interested please let Julie know. If you can spare some time next Tuesday morning we could have a chat about same after the P & C meeting.
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Everyone should have received an individualised school photograph envelope last week. Please DO NOT lose these envelopes. When you have chosen which package you would like to purchase please complete the envelope, place the correct money inside and return it to the office as soon as possible.
Should you wish to have a group photo take of all your children, separate envelopes for this are available from the office.

Sports and other special photos will be taken on Tuesday 27 October. Class photos will be taken on Thursday 29 October.

PSSA

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The head louse is a tiny, wingless parasitic insect that lives among human hairs and feeds on tiny amounts of blood drawn from the scalp. Lice (the plural of louse) are a very common problem, especially for kids. They’re contagious, annoying, and sometimes tough to get rid of. While they’re frustrating to deal with, lice aren’t dangerous. They don’t spread disease, although their bites can make a child’s scalp itchy and irritated, and scratching can lead to infection. It’s best to treat head lice quickly once they’re found because they can spread easily from person to person.

Although they’re very small, lice can be seen by the naked eye. Here are things to look for:

Lice eggs (called nits). These look like tiny yellow, tan, or brown dots before they hatch. Lice lay nits on hair shafts close to the scalp, where the temperature is perfect for keeping warm until they hatch. Nits look sort of like dandruff, only they can’t be removed by brushing or shaking them off. Unless the infestation is heavy, it’s more common to see nits in a child’s hair than it is to see live lice crawling on the scalp. Lice eggs hatch within 1 to 2 weeks after they’re laid. After hatching, the remaining shell looks white or clear and stays firmly attached to the hair shaft. This is when it’s easiest to spot them, as the hair is growing longer and the egg shell is moving away from the scalp.

Adult lice and nymphs (baby lice). The adult louse is no bigger than a sesame seed and is grayish-white or tan. Nymphs are smaller and become adult lice about 1 to 2 weeks after they hatch. If head lice is not treated, this process repeats itself about every 3 weeks. Most lice feed on blood several times a day, and they can survive up to 2 days off the scalp.

Scratching. With lice bites come itching and scratching. This is actually due to a reaction to the saliva of lice. However, the itching may not always start right away — that depends on how sensitive a child’s skin is to the lice. It can sometimes take weeks for kids with lice to start scratching. They may complain, though, of things moving around on or tickling their heads.

Small red bumps or sores from scratching. For some kids, the irritation is mild; for others, a more bothersome rash may develop. Excessive scratching can lead to a bacterial infection (this can cause swollen lymph glands and red, tender skin that might have crusting and oozing). If your doctor thinks this is the case, he or she may treat the infection with an oral antibiotic.

You may be able to see the lice or nits by parting your child’s hair into small sections and checking for lice and nits with a fine-tooth comb on the scalp, behind the ears, and around the nape of the neck (it’s rare for them to be found on eyelashes or eyebrows).

Please check your child’s hair regularly and if you discover that your child does, indeed, have lice or nits, please contact the office and let us know. We can then advise our families to help stop the spread.

Lice are highly contagious and can spread quickly from person to person, especially in group settings (like schools, childcare centers, slumber parties, sports activities, and camps). Though they can’t fly or jump, these tiny parasites have specially adapted claws that let them crawl and cling firmly to hair. They spread mainly through head-to-head contact, but sharing clothing, bed linens, combs, brushes, and hats also can pass them along. Kids are most prone to catching lice because they tend to have close physical contact with each other and share personal items.

Treatment - medicated shampoos, cream rinses, or lotions are available over-the-counter at chemists.
The Uniform Shop at Lidcombe is run by the P & C and staffed by volunteer parents who do a fabulous job. We are presently looking for some new volunteers to help staff the shop next year. If you are interested see Julie or any of the ladies in the uniform shop.

We are pretty well stocked at the moment and more stock coming in shortly to see us through Kindergarten enrolments.

Lately we have seen a number of children playing on the playground equipment after school hours.

The reason this area is padlocked shut is because the equipment is UNSAFE at the moment. We are in the process of getting it fixed but still waiting on parts.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW your children to climb the fence to play in this area – it is dangerous.

As was mentioned earlier in the newsletter, from 2016 ALL NEWSLETTERS will be emailed to our families. To ensure that you do not miss out it would be appreciated if ALL FAMILIES could provide us with an up to date email address as soon as possible.

Child’s name: ___________________________  Class: _______

Email address for newsletter: ____________________________________________

Have any of our other details changed – it’s important that these records are kept up to date.

New address: __________________________________________________________

New home phone number: ____________

Mum’s work number: _________ Mum’s mobile number: ____________

Dad’s work number: _________ Dad’s mobile number: ____________

Emergency contact name: ______________ Relationship to student: ____________

Phone number: ______________ Mobile number: _________________________

Office Use Only - Updated information given to the office on: ___/___/___