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**Principal’s Report**

**Sad News**

Over the weekend, Mrs Robinson lost her husband Noel after almost three years of battling paraplegia and cancer, as well as other ailments along the way. Mrs. Robinson is holding up well but of course, she won’t be returning to work this year and KPurple will still have Miss Zong as their classroom teacher. For those who want to show Mrs Robinson their support, the funeral will be held at the South Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery starting at 12.30pm.

**Lidcombe PS “Gives a Gonski”**

Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. This funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski Review warned...
too many children were missing out on the education they needed due to a lack of resources.

The review, headed by respected businessman, David Gonski, said Australia was under-investing in education and not delivering funded to where it was needed most. Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level.

Our school has used the additional resources to better meet the individual needs of students. The ways they can use the funding include:

- **Employing additional specialist teachers in areas such as literacy (Extra EALD)**
- **Creating extra opportunities for students in extra-curricular areas**
- **Providing greater assistance and support for students with disabilities or behavioural problems.**
- **Building the skills and knowledge of teachers.**

While our emphasis for improving literacy has focused on K-2 students we know it is important to extend the same high quality teaching, learning experiences and resources for all students in Years 3 to 6 and if we receive six years of Gonski funding this is what we will do.

We recognise that teachers need to be learning all through their careers and funding from Gonski will also mean that high quality, ongoing professional learning for teachers will be a possibility. That’s why it is so crucial that we have certainty that we will get the full six years of funding, from the Federal Government.

It is clear that Gonski funding has worked for us and can work for other schools in similar positions. There can be no excuse for turning our backs on students by failing to implement the full six years of this vital reform.

**Great Book Swap**

What a wonderful day we had for Great Book Swap last Wednesday. It is certainly great to see everyone reading with enthusiasm and energy, as well as having some very good reading role models other than teachers, like our senior students.

The day was superbly organised by Mrs James, Mrs Gowling, Mrs Aitken, Mrs Smith and Mrs Pant, and promotes not only the swapping of old books not used anymore for someone else’s old book, but also promotes great reading habits, so it is an important strategy at our school. Also, we raised $708.15 to aid resourcing in reading for Aboriginal students in not so “well off” areas.
Selective High School applications

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

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 2016. Parents applying online will need to lodge their applications by Monday 16 November 2015.

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.

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

Not allowed !!!!

Just this term, look at the collection of stainless steel forks we have had handed into the office. Again, 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!
**Enrol now for Kindergarten 2016**

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. Currently, we have 112 Kindergarten students starting next year!

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.

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**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. Announcing that our Semester 2 Platinum Party for all platinum Award winners in 2015 will be Monday 7 December at B1. Students presented with a Platinum Award after 8 September will be in line for the following Platinum excursion.

**Week 3 recipients:** Jason Lee (2L), Arzu Andeder (S3N), Ian Chen (2L), Daniel Aaron (S3B) and Xavier Atkins (2L).

*There wasn’t a K-6 assembly this week due to rain.*

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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.
Congratulations!
Congratulations to Jayde Pene (ex-student of Lidcombe PS) on becoming school captain of Arthur Phillip HS. Well done!!!! (pictured here with Emine Andeder).

Outstanding Fees
It has come to my attention that some families have not paid fees for their textbooks or PSSA sport at this point in time. I need to remind people that in getting these textbooks 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.

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.

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**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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Principal
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

60 SECONDS WITH MR. LEWIS

This newsletter, Hamiora Te-Hira-Robinson from 2Firewheel is our focus of 60 seconds with Mr. Lewis.

Name: Hamiora Te-Hira-Robinson
What games do you play? Soccer.
What would you like to be when you grow up? A artist.
Best piece of advice you have ever received? Be nice to other people.
Favourite school subject? Science and Maths.
Favourite colour and number? Gold and Silver, 10 361.
An interesting fact about yourself. My nickname is Nona.
Is there any one thing you can’t do without? Football.
Worst habit? Stepping on bugs.
Favourite footy team? New Zealand All Blacks.
What’s your favourite school moment? Friday funday in class.

Thanks for spending 60 seconds with Mr. Lewis, Hamiora!

UNIFORM SHOP – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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.

GROUP/SPORTS PHOTOS

School photos were taken this week and student orders should be back at school within a few weeks.

Sports & Group photos will be on display and also available to view online sometime next week - order envelopes will be available from the office.
SUCCESS STORIES

Recently, Abigail Chung of 1W entered the Global Inclusion Network News State Street Children’s Art Competition. The topic for the picture in the Children under 6 Year Old Category was to draw a portrait of your family, yourself or someone famous. Here is Abigail’s entry:

![Image of Abigail Chung's entry]

Abigail received a private tour of the Archibald exhibition for herself and four guests.

BREAKFAST CLUB

All being well our Breakfast Club will be open from Thursday next week 5 November. It will be based in Lidbury Hall and will be open from 8.30am – 8.55am (when the bell goes). We are very close to getting our breakfast club up and running on a Thursday. Keep an eye out for more information.

P & C BUNNINGS BBQ

The P & C will be holding a fundraising bbq at Lidcombe Bunnings on Saturday 7 November from approximately 8am to 4pm. We will need helpers on the day, please let Julie know what times you are available to help. Many hands make light work!
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HEAD LICE

The facts
Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person’s head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment
- daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)
- school communities may need to hold 'check and treat' or Nitbuster days where everyone learns about and starts treatment on the same day. See the NSW Health website for more information about Nitbusters and for standard forms that schools can download and reproduce for organising a Nitbusters Day. These forms are also available in translation.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice
As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

MUSIC: COUNT US IN CELEBRATION DAY – THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER

Music education has been proven to improve students’ literacy, numeracy, school attendance and confidence. On Thursday 29 October 2015 more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide participated in singing the song “Gold”.

Today at the end of Break 2 Classes 1/2B and 2F sang the song to the rest of the K-2 students.
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

4PM-9PM

RIDES
(Armbands $25 – unlimited rides)
Including the Zoomer

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
STEAK
SANDWICHES
NOVELTIES

CLASS ART AUCTION – 7pm
This year each class will be creating a piece of artwork to be auctioned on the night.

GIANT HAMPER RAFFLE – Drawn 7.45pm

All proceeds from the night go to Lidcombe Public School P & C Association