# Dates to Remember

**Term 4**

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“A dynamic innovative school always moving forward”
Safety concerns around our school
I have been worried about this for quite some time and I am terribly fearful that without the correct supervision, some students may be hurt in our school grounds if the following rules aren’t adhered to.

1. School starts at 8.30am. This means that there is no teacher on duty until this time. I see way too many students enter into our grounds a long time before 8.30am and I think it is really unsafe of parents to drop them off at school before this time. When dropping off your children to school, ensure it is at or after 8.30am.
2. The canteen also doesn’t open until 8.30am. If you need to order and don’t have the time to wait for the canteen to open, I suggest you buy some brown paper bags, label it correctly and then send it to school with your child so they can put it into the canteen lunch order basket.
3. When school has finished for the day at 3.00pm, it is time to go home! Not even for people waiting for Tae Kwon Do to start, go home first and return 5 minutes before classes start at 4.30pm. Students should not be playing in the grounds at all, supervised or unsupervised and certainly, parents should ensure that their children are picked up at 3pm instead of using the school grounds as a minder for their children – it is not on!

If things go terribly wrong at these times and someone is injured, I can get into very big trouble, but I will share that trouble with the parents involved. The message is clear – get to school after 8.30am and leave the school promptly at 3pm.

Important dates coming up
2 December – Love & Light Home Rainbow day
3 December – High School Orientation day
7 December – Platinum Party – B1
8 December – P&C Meeting 9.15am
8 December – Parent Helper Morning Tea 11am
9 December – Sports Presentation Day
9 December – SRC thank you party – B2
10 December – Presentation day
11 December – Reports go home
14 December – Kindergarten Graduation 9.30am
14 December – Year 6 Farewell – Dooleys 6.30pm
15 December – Lidcombe’s Got Talent
16 December – Last day – Family Fun Night 4pm
17 & 18 December – Staff Development Days

Auburn Review Citizenship Award
Mrs Willis and I had the pleasure of attending the Auburn Review’s Citizenship Awards at Dooleys last Wednesday night. There were lots of great candidates from the many schools in our area and reading through their biographies certainly highlighted the amount of great talent we have in this area.

Daniel Aaron was our representative, and is very deserving of such a high honour. He is extremely well-liked by all students and approaches his work with determination, pride and enthusiasm. It was lovely to meet his parents and older brother Adam again - indeed a lovely family and certainly a great environment for Daniel to be growing up in. Congratulations Daniel!

CCD Heroes – DVD
Some of you would remember that we were toying with the idea of selling a DVD of our Community Celebration Day performances for “Heroes”. After viewing the footage, the image quality is just not good enough due to the poor quality of the camera we used. I would like to thank Sana Soliola for her tireless efforts on the day in filming the whole concert. Many thanks as well to Miss Kim who tried valiantly to make it look as good as possible. It has made me think that we need to buy a decent quality camera, so we will do so for 2016 and hope that we will be able to produce a high quality product for 2016’s show.

Student Leaders elect 2015
In week 5, I was lucky enough to hear every single speech for each of the boys and girls who are in line for election for school leaders in 2015. The speeches were fantastic and really articulated why these very good students should be chosen as our leaders. These year 5 students really impressed me as well, with how far they have come as public speakers, with well organised speeches, in some cases some humour, but all managed to keep the audience of years 2 to 6 captivated.
Of course, after these speeches were completed, years 2 to 6 voted for the student leaders of their choice.

The results will be kept secret until the announcement of these leaders, including the school captains and vice captains, on Presentation Day, Thursday 10 December.

Up until this time, our candidates still need to ensure their behaviour is beyond reproach if they are to remain in the race, but in saying that, our candidates are very nice children, so this shouldn’t prove to be a problem at all. Below is a list of our candidates for Student Leaders in 2016 and we wish them all the best for the impending announcement.

Boys:
Adam Kadayifci
Darpan Gurung
Sam Lee
Nicholas Tan
Ozan Zincirci
Kerim Ozdemir
Matthew Purvis
Ian Jung
Jeremy Vo
Timothy Yoon
Koray Djemal
James Seo

Girls:
Judy Keum
Sophie Edwards
Malak Zreika
Jessica Trang
Natania Levula
Cat-thy Chu
Chanel Wong
Litia Fusi
Kayla Hill
Sneha Singh
Jana Khodr
Alexandra Harnn

Year 6 Farewell
The Year 6 Farewell will be held at Dooleys (The Doug Meanie room) on Monday 14 December 2015, between 6:00 – 9.00pm. This is usually a great event where the Year 6 students celebrate 7 years of primary education before moving on to high school. As previously advised, any students contravening the school rules will not be allowed to participate in the Farewell. We request that you escort your child to the function room (club rules say you MUST do this) and be on hand to pick your child up at 8.45pm. We are looking forward to spending the night with our very adult-like Year 6 and their wonderful families.

Congratulations !!!
This year, we have an incredible 10 students that have received a Selective High School placement, a tribute to their dedication to study and determination to do very well. Of course, it will certainly be up to the students and parents as to whether they will accept this placements or not – either way, whichever school they go to, that school will receive an amazing student(s).

Congratulations to:
*Peter Bae
*Aleya Oner
*Laura Moe
*Xin Weng
*Sam Livingstone
*Leo Chau
*Loren Byron
*Jordan Mai
*Jason Yang
*Emma Song

Building in the school
As some of you know, I had a meeting, along with 6 other schools, with demographers to talk about the exploding population happening in this area. Basically, it was agreed at this meeting that Lidcombe PS and Auburn North PS will receive building upgrades by 2020, as well as provisions for two other primary schools to be built in the area. I did ask about a co-educational high school and yes, one is due to be built in Sydney Olympic Park by 2020 also. Good news all around!

LGT – Lidcombe’s Got Talent!
Lidcombe’s Got Talent is certainly proving to be a very popular event with over 100 acts seeking an audition within the next few weeks. The audition process will be held over the next 3 weeks during B1 and B2, with certain stages given specific days and times to audition. Any act requiring the use of an iPad or iPod need to make sure they have signed the permission note from home and then bring it into the office for safe keeping until their audition. Once the audition is finished, the device must be returned to the office until home time pick up.

With the interest surrounding LGT, we have decided to make it our Green Event on Tuesday 15 December. I must stress at this point that: “Lidcombe’s Got Talent will not be seen as something competitive, it has been organised so that the students can have fun and be gainfully employed by an activity towards the end of the year. Everyone that participates will be a winner no matter what and the acts selected in the final show will be based on how organised the group or individual is rather than how good they can potentially be.” Also, this is a students only event and parents are not invited to this particular show – we do this to take the competitive edge out of it. We all want to enjoy the process, but we will leave the seriousness out of this event and look forward to enjoying the show.

Final Scripture lessons
The final scripture lessons for 2015 have happened (Tuesday of this week) and I would like to thank all of our scripture teachers for volunteering to be a great part of our school culture. It is always wonderful working with them all and we hope to see them all back in 2016.
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: lidcombps

Debating
On 12th November, our Lidcombe debating team went up against Auburn Primary school in their final debate for the year. The topic for this debate was ‘Homework Should Be Compulsory’ where we were arguing the negative. Both teams had well structured points, and were very good at picking the faults with each other’s arguments. Our third speaker, Samuel Livingston, was a stand out. He was able to keep the audience engaged and even had the other school cheering for him at the conclusion of his speech. While Lidcombe had a very strong argument and had seemingly won the debate, unfortunately we missed one key element which meant the Auburn team were victorious. It has been a wonderful year for debating, and I congratulate all our team members. Asilah, Leo, Sam and Sophie put in a fantastic effort which was apparent within their teamwork and the arguments they produced, especially with these being their first formal debates. I look forward to seeing what next year’s team can do! Thank you so much to Miss Polman, for recognising that there was no district program for Debating, so she rang other schools to become involved and two schools joined. Next year, with Miss Polman organising it again, I’m sure there will be more schools joining this wonderful competition.

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 115 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. We have had 7 very well attended sessions and our last one will be next 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.

School Toilet Blocks
Please remember that the toilets on the school premises are for the use of students only – they are not to be used by members of the public or even parents.

Platinum Award Party
This will be held on Monday 7 December 2015 at B1. All people awarded Platinum Award this year will be eligible to go the party on this day.

SRC Party
We also reward our hard working SRC with a party and we will celebrate their efforts on Wednesday 9 December at B2.

PSSA

Congratulations to all our PSSA teams who have made it to the Grand Finals – good luck tomorrow.

*Girls Softball and Boys T-ball to be played at Harry Gapes Reserve Lavinia Street Merrylands
*Senior Cricket at Mona Park, Chisholm Road Auburn
*Junior and Senior AFL at Webbs Avenue Playing Fields, Auburn
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 7 recipients: Alyssa Kassem (2B), Ranin Al-Mousawi (S3T) and Antonio Yang (2M).
Week 8 recipient: Amanda Gong (S2S)

Notification of late start or leaving the school

Also, if you are planning to have an extended summer vacation that means you will arrive later than the expected start to the school year, ie. 28 January 2016 OR you are intending to enrol your child at another school, could you please fill out the appropriate forms that appear in this newsletter.

We need this information as it is vital to the make-up of our classes for 2016. Please ensure you return any relevant information by Friday 11 December.

NOTIFICATION OF EXTENDED SUMMER VACATION

Dear Mr Lewis,
This is to inform you that my child/children:

Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________

will not return to school in Term 1 (28/1) 2015 until ___________(date) due to an extended holiday.

Signed: __________________ Date: ________
(Parent/Guardian)

NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN LEAVING THE SCHOOL

Dear Mr Lewis,
This is to inform you that my child/children:

Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________

will be leaving Lidcombe Public School on ________________ and will enrol at ________________ Public School.
The last day of attendance will be: __________.

Signed: __________________ Date: ________
(Parent/Guardian)

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.

**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.

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

Principal

**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**
60 SECONDS WITH MR. LEWIS

This newsletter, Prajen Rajbhandari from 2 Lilli Pilli is our focus of 60 seconds with Mr. Lewis.

Name:  Prajen Rajbhandari  2 Lilli Pilli
What games do you play?  Soccer, rugby and tennis.
What would you like to be when you grow up?  A scientist.
Best piece of advice you have ever received?  Don’t get distracted.
Favourite school subject?  Technology.
Favourite colour and number?  Orange and 100.
An interesting fact about yourself.  Some people don’t know that I’m from Nepal.
Is there any one thing you can’t do without?  Food and my mum and dad.
Worst habit ?  Sometimes I get angry.
Favourite footy team?  Sydney Swans AFL team.
What’s your favourite school moment?  Playing with my friends.

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

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club started a few weeks ago on a Thursday morning in Lidbury Hall, opening from 8.30am – 8.55am (when the bell goes). So far Stage 2, Year 2, Year 5, 3-6Ruby and today, Year 1, have attended and been offered things like toasted cheese or ham and cheese sandwiches, cereal with banana, freshly cooked banana muffins. There is always the offer of toast with a spread if they do not like what the weekly special is. This week the children had a lovely fresh fruit salad with yo-hurt for breakfast. Next week will be Kindergarten’s turn and then in Week 10 it will be open to our Year 6 students.

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.**
As part of their science unit of work Stage 3 held their Challenge Expo on Tuesday 17 November. They were all eager to get prepared for the day, coming in to school early to set up their stalls and lay out their equipment. When the other stages arrived for their time down amongst the stalls, Stage 3 did not disappoint. All the stalls showed enthusiasm and energy to attract students to try out their games, giving clear instructions and helping out when they needed to. They also showed great teamwork between the stalls as Wicked Hairspray ran out of colours, Cray Spray were happy to give them some of their own. While all the stalls had a line up of people, it was Spooky House and the popcorn stall that proved most popular. It was a fantastic day that was enjoyed by all, with Stage 3 being able to raise over $3000 to help the school. Good work everyone, and thank you to all the teachers for helping out throughout the day.
Our fabulous junior and senior choirs led by Mrs Pant and Miss Kim sang at the opening of the Lidcombe K-Mart wishing tree today and they were absolutely delightful to listen to.

The Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal helps everyone. We receive a lot of gifts for children, but we also distribute gifts for everyone that might be having a hard time. Thanks to our Appeal partners The Salvation Army and Mission Australia, everyone including adults and seniors are assisted by the Wishing Tree Appeal.

With your gifts in tow, visit your nearest Kmart store and take a tag from the Wishing Tree. Using one end of the tag, indicate the age group and gender of who you think might like to receive your gift. All you need to do then is place the gift under the Wishing Tree. Don't forget to take the other half of the tag to hang on your tree at home.

As an alternative to donating gifts, you can make a cash contribution at any Kmart store. Grab a ball from the wishing tree and scan it at the register to add a contribution to your transaction. Press the 'Give' button at the self-serve check out to add a contribution to the Appeal. Drop a coin at the coin box located at the registers.

HEAD LICE
We have been advised that head lice are around again. Please check your children’s hair for any signs of infestation and treat accordingly.

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
These Summer Holidays

Kids Bowl Free

When accompanied by a full paying adult
One adult per free child

Holiday rates
9am - 11am $8 games
11am - close $12 games

Tenpin City

Lidcombe Shopping Centre Top Level Carpark
92 Parramatta Road, Lidcombe NSW 2141
Bookings essential - 9737 8044
Auburn Service Centre open from late November

More services for your convenience

Your Auburn Service NSW Centre enables you to complete over 800 NSW Government transactions in the one location.

Open: Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm
Saturday 8.30am to 3pm

Transactions include:
- Driver Licence and photo ID cards
- Vehicle registration
- Contractor Licence
- Seniors Cards

Visit service.nsw.gov.au, call 137788 or download the mobile app.

Silverwater Motor Registry is transforming into a Driver Test Centre

From late November, motor registry transactions and more will be provided at Auburn Service Centre.

When the Silverwater Driver Test Centre opens in mid-December it will provide Driving Tests only.

Open: Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm