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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another school year at Lidcombe PS. I am delighted to see so many smiling faces in the playground, on assembly and in the classrooms so far this year. Also, so many fresh uniforms, shiny black shoes and lots of smiling faces on the parents as well. The staff are really looking forward to a very successful year for your children.

All students in Years 1 to 6 were placed in their new classes on the first day back, last Thursday. Kindergarten have also been ushered into their new classes, their first day was Wednesday (yesterday) after our teachers had completed most of the Best Start testing with them. The staff and school Executive have worked very hard in placing the students into classes for 2016. A lot of professional time, effort and thought goes into trying to ensure students will be happy in their new class, but also in

“A dynamic innovative school always moving forward”.

Welcome Back!
a class that will be a challenging environment for them as well as matching the student's personalities with that of the teachers, so that we can get the best out of them. All students went to their new classes happily. I need to say that the classes have been finalised as our numbers are healthy and have been submitted to the Department.

On occasion, some students can feel a little upset in their new surroundings, usually because they feel they are not with any of their friends, or they have heard some unfounded gossip about a teacher. I ask you to support your child by talking positively about the new situation, reassuring them and encouraging them to be strong and resilient in dealing with the change. As students move through the years of primary schooling, new challenges face them every day and the best way to cope with change is to make the most of it, embrace and enjoy the challenge. Most of the time, the upset feelings can pass quickly and sometimes, very rarely, the feelings can take a little longer to pass. It is important as parents to keep being positive. Children read their parents very well, if they feel you are worried about them, this will reinforce to them that there is something for them to be worried about too.

The fact is that we have amazing teachers here at Lidcombe PS and every single one of them are very rigorous with their analysis of data and are keen to remedy the weaknesses the students have to raise their results. That is why so many families seek enrolment at our school - it is a high performing school with a great school culture and atmosphere. I feel blessed to be working here, and no doubt as parents, you are also proud of what our school achieves. Last year, our class names changed to suit our new student management system and we continue in that format this year. Kindergarten retain their colour names, Stage 1 have Australian Native Flora names, Stage 2 Early Australian Explorers and Stage 3 Famous Aboriginal Identities.

Our class teachers for 2016 are:
K Blue = Miss J. Zong
K Lime = Miss D. Sage
K Red = Mrs P. Gowling
K Yellow = Mrs K. Aitken
K Purple = Ms H. Robinson
K Orange = Ms M. Morgan
1Acacia = Miss S. An
1Eucalyptus = Miss J. Yang
1Kangaroo Paw = Miss N. Callan
1Grevillea = Mrs J. Smith
1Waratah = Miss S. Mo
2Bottlebrush = Miss C. Brebner / Mrs K. Gow
2Firewheel = Mrs A. Pant
2Lilli Pilli = Mrs N. Harvey / Mrs A. Colley
2Melaleuca = Ms R. Scott
S2Bass = Mrs K. Gordon
S2Cook = Miss R. Hendy
S2Hume = Mrs. Y. Kim
S2Flinders = Mr C. Windle
S2Lawson = Miss N. Clift
S2Sturt = Mrs A. Rovere
S2Wentworth = Mrs. S. Scilitani / Mrs C. Pisano
S3Bennelong = Miss R. Libro
S3Freeman = Mr T. Cleary
S3Namatjira = Mrs L. Willis
S3Truganini = Mr G. Hulley
S3Yunupingu = Miss S. Polman
3/6Ruby = Mr R. Terry
K-6Sapphire = Mrs N. John
K-6Emerald = Mrs R. Carlier (M,Tu,W) / Mrs L. Dodson (Th,F)

See below for a location map of these classes.

We had quite a few staff changes from last year. Final goodbyes were made late last year to some fantastic teachers, whilst others should come back this year.

Mr. B. Gatwood transferred to Warilla North PS.
Mrs B. Swan retired.
Ms Y. Ibrahim remains a PBIS consultant for 2016.
Mrs L. Larwood (on maternity Leave but has accepted a permanent teaching job at Horsley Park School)
Miss C. Brebner will be on Maternity Leave until 1 March 2016. Her place for this month has been taken by Miss T. Siu.
Mrs S. Scillitani will be on Maternity Leave until term 2 2016. Her place for this term has been taken by Mr. E. Kucuk.
Mrs J. Murray is currently on Long Service Leave.

Later in this newsletter, the roles of the other teachers in our school are explained. I ask you to please support the decisions we have made about placing the children into classes for this year, but as always, if you feel there may be a problem, come and have a chat with me.

Website, School App & Facebook
We encourage you to keep an eye on our school website www.lidcombe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and to become involved in our school and work with us in the interests of your child’s education. We have also purchased a “School App”. All you need is an iPhone, iPod Touch, any smartphone android device (eg Samsung) or an iPad, and then download the free “School App” to your device. Having a school app will revolutionise our communications with our community. It will be a notification type service, that will allow you to get updates, reminders and even our school newsletter!

Get into the App store on your phone or device, put into the search engine “Lidcombe Public School”. Our school logo will come up straight away, so press the button to install.

Once it is installed, you will need the username and password to get into the information provided on our school app.

User Web Portal, iPhone App and Android App
username: community
password: lidcombps

We have also launched a Facebook page called “Lidcombe Public School”. Many of you have already liked our page which means of course, you will get all of our messages and updates. If you haven’t liked our page yet, just put into the search engine “Lidcombe Public School” and it should be the first item that comes up, select it and you be on the Facebook page to like it.

Considering the many challenges and opportunities being experienced at the school and our relentless pursuit of school improvement it’s going to be another interesting and rewarding year at Lidcombe PS. Details of our 2016 priorities and School Management Plan will be communicated to you through the school website, newsletters and special bulletins as the year progresses. Our initial priorities are to establish our classes and to confirm our staffing entitlements.

Support Roles in 2016
Schools can be quite complex environments and quite often all you see is the interventions made with our students via the classroom teachers, but there are
several other support personnel who assist the teachers with raising the standards of our students.

They are:

**Librarian** Miss M. Cole & Mrs N Ortado (Thurdays)

**L&ST (Learning and Support Teacher)**
Our L&ST staff are Mrs J. Ramsay, Mrs L. James, Mrs. L. Smith and Ms J. Ellis. Their roles are flexible across the school with Mrs. Ramsay and Mrs. James also having the added responsibility of Reading Recovery.

**ESL**
- Mrs M. Whittaker (ES1-5 days)
- Mrs. L. Choo (Stage 1 – 4 days)
- Mrs R. Ranasinghe (Stage 2 – 5 days)
- Miss J. Lee (Stage 3 – 4 days, Stage 1 – 1 day)

**RFF**
- Mrs A. Colley (4 days)
- Mrs. R. Black (3 days)
- Mr. N. Su (3 days)
- Mr. E. Kucuk (3 days)

**Community Languages**
- Ms D. Qui (Chinese – 5 days)
- Mr S. Fil (Turkish – 3 days)
- Mrs M. Wehbe (Arabic – 3 days)
- Mrs E. Park (Korean – 5 days)
- Ms J. Ji (Chinese – 1 day)

**School Counsellor** Mr. James Watkins
(Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays)

These support teachers are tremendously hard working and add greatly to our school’s culture.

**Executive Roles in 2016**
Our school executive team comprises seven (7) teachers in school leadership positions. Our school executive team members are as follows:

Mr Matt Lewis Principal
Mr Michael Duffy Deputy Principal

There are five Assistant Principals with delegated leadership and management of different teachers and students within the school.

Mrs. Neha John - Special Education
Ms Debbie Sage - Early Stage One (Kindergarten)
Mrs. Nicole Harvey – Stage One 4 days (Yrs 1 and 2)
Miss Natalie Callan - Stage One 1 day (Yrs 1 and 2)
Mrs Kylie Gordon - Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)
Mrs Lee Willis - Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6)

Even though we are always very busy, the ethos amongst our leadership team continues:
“Building the capacity of teachers and leaders through engagement in quality professional learning is the key to improving student learning outcomes.”

The combined teaching experience and expertise of our school leadership team exceeds 100 years. Throughout 2016 we will be using that combined experience and expertise to focus on the further enhancement of our own leadership capacity and the professional practice of our colleagues with particular emphasis on successful classroom organisation and effective reading strategies and techniques. In 2015 the school’s academic priorities will focus on improving student engagement in literacy and numeracy through whole school understanding of ESL teaching strategies and increased student use of interactive technology.

How do your children get to and from school?

The start of school term signals the start of the Mills Street, John Street and Doodson Avenue traffic chaos. To ease traffic congestion, improve child safety and lessen parental stress, perhaps your child could walk or catch the bus to school?

While younger kids need to be accompanied, older children are often both willing and able to make their own way to school. Yet many Year 5 and 6 students aren't given the opportunity until high school, when greater distances make it an extremely daunting experience for the uninitiated. Obviously we don’t all have the time to walk our kids to school, but perhaps a car-pooling or “walk-pooling” arrangement could be made with parents that live nearby. Whatever works for you, you’ll be doing everyone a favour (including the ozone layer) by leaving the car at home.

Some good reasons to walk to school:
• the weather is with us - make the most of it!
• younger kids benefit from the one-on-one time with their parents

Some good reasons to walk to school:
• older kids enjoy the independence that walking to or from school fosters, not to mention the time to chat and unwind with their friends
• all kids (and their parents) benefit from the exercise and the chance to take stock of their surroundings
• parents can surreptitiously check out what’s going on in their neighbourhood. Perhaps you might get some renovating or gardening ideas along the way
• if nothing else, you’re bound to be rewarded with a friendly “Good morning” and smile, making your community that much nicer (and safer) for your child to grow up in.

Too far to walk?

Perhaps your child can catch the bus:
The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) provides free travel between home and school Monday to Friday on school days through an Opal Card.

To be eligible for the scheme an applicant must be a resident of NSW, 4 years 6 months of age or older and enrolled as one of the following:
• an infant student (K-2), the distance between their home and school being irrelevant
• a primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.6 kms (radial distance) from school, or 2.3 kms or more by the most direct practical walking route to the nearest entry point to the school
• a secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2 kms (radial distance) from school, or 2.9 kms or more by the most direct practical walking route to the nearest entry point to the school

Application forms are available from the school. Forms must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the school, which will verify that the student is enrolled. The school will forward the application form(s) to the transport operator, who will assess whether the student meets the distance eligibility criteria. If eligible, the operator will issue the student with a pass, which indicates that it is solely for travel under the scheme. Note that a new application must be completed when a student progresses from
Year 2 to Year 3; changes name, school and/or address; or applies for an additional travel pass in a joint/dual custody situation.

Medical Issues
As a reminder, we have a few children who have an extreme allergic reaction (which can be life threatening) to peanuts and other nuts. This means that this child cannot come into contact with other people who have eaten nut products (e.g. Nutella, peanut butter, any types of nuts or any foods that contain nuts or nut products.) I realise that the school can never really be nut free, but I’m sure that all parents can be very vigilant about this problem and not send their children to school with anything that contains nuts, including home made birthday cakes etc. This way, we will become nut-aware. It is a challenge for us at school as well as our community, but I am confident that everyone will pull together to make our school a safe place for every child.

As a rule anyway, if your child does present as ill before they come to school, it is better that you keep them at home, so as not to spread the disease throughout the school. We respectfully request that all children and parents of Lidcombe PS follow these guidelines over 2016 and beyond. If you have any enquiries regarding this, please contact me at the school office.

School Uniforms
The parent community of Lidcombe Public School has determined that all students attending Lidcombe PS should wear school uniform. The principal and school staff fully support and endorse this decision and encourage all students to comply with this expectation. All students are expected to exhibit good grooming and personal cleanliness. Offensive slogans on clothing or belongings will not be permitted. At the end of 2011, we officially took over control of the Uniform Shop from Lowes and now parents can buy the uniform from our school. It is located at Lidbury Hall (near Blocks A and C) and you can visit the Uniform Shop on Wednesdays 8.30 to 9.15am or on Friday afternoons 2.30 – 3.15pm.

This year I would like to focus on the wearing of our school hat and black school shoes. There seems to be a few students who tend to wear any hat to school, and when I look out over the school population at a morning assembly, it doesn’t look good. The wearing of a hat is especially important during hot weather and we are definitely insisting that our students wearing their hats outside. With the wearing of black school shoes, these can be black sneakers also, whichever of the two they are more comfortable in, but they must be black.

Whilst on the uniform shop, I need to thank two very hard working, friendly and very supportive parents who run the uniform shop – Mrs Sonia Lopes and Mrs Janine Duchstein. They spend countless hours voluntarily, chasing up or filling orders and providing a wonderful service to our parents. They are also assisted at times by Mrs Sonia Lopes and Mrs Raelene Harris. It greatly upsets me when their roles are taken for granted by rude parents who don’t like to wait their turn, who display a lack of manners towards these volunteers or who don’t supervise their children appropriately whilst at the uniform shop. We are very lucky to have the two ladies working for free to provide this service for the parents and our students and of course, having the Uniform Shop back under our control allows us to keep the prices much lower than what the stores used to charge. Now our uniforms are cheaper and on-site, this is obviously easier for our parents.

On the issue of supervision, please ensure you have your small children with you. They are not allowed on the equipment outside the uniform shop – we are not covered for any accidents that happen on this equipment without direct supervision and of course, when they are on the equipment, it is mostly during class time which serves as an unnecessary distraction to our students. Also, please don’t leave your child alone in Lidbury Hall as accidents can happen there.
too. Your children must be kept with you, safe and sound at all times. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Excursions and School Performances
During the year the students will be provided with opportunities to participate in excursions, visiting performances and other activities that cost money. These activities are very important to the overall education of your child(ren) and therefore it is expected that all children involved will attend. If parents require assistance with payment for any of these activities, please speak to Mr. Lewis.

Closing the main school gate
If you are visiting the school during school hours and coming through the main school gate, please make sure the gate is closed behind you when you enter and when you leave to avoid a quick and easy exit for some of our younger students. We have a student in our school who is a flight risk, so this issue is very important!!! Also, we are keeping the pool gate near the Uniform Shop closed as well – please ensure when you walk through it, you close it behind you!

Mobile Phones
While it is accepted that mobile phones play an important part in modern life and communications, it is important that all staff, students and parents accept that their use during class time and on various other occasions at school is inappropriate.

If mobile phones are to be brought to school by students, they need to be switched off and left in their bags until 3pm or better still, left at the office. Parents and carers must give written permission for students to bring mobile phones to school. The school will not accept any responsibility for a mobile phone being lost or damaged.

Fruit Breaks – Crunch and Sip
Like last year, our staff decided they would follow the new program “Crunch and Sip” in their classrooms, to improve the way our students think at crucial periods during our school day.

As our morning session is 2 hours long, and physically, some children have not eaten for 4 hours between breakfast and recess, we are now asking that you provide a small portion of fruit (you determine the size depending on the age of your child(ren)), so they can spend 2 minutes at around 10am having a quick bite of something healthy to recharge them for the rest of the morning. Also we are encouraging the use of a water bottle filled with chilled water only, to sip on at this time. The rules are, however, that it must be a small piece of fruit and water only to take advantage of this break. If you would like more information about this program, see Mr. Lewis, Mrs Rush or visit www.crunchandsip.com.au. I am sure that this will lead to even more success in the classrooms.

Scripture
Scripture lessons won’t start until Tuesday 23 February, but in the meantime, I have been contacted by the Islamic Scripture Council asking if we could advertise for someone to volunteer as a Muslim Scripture teacher. If you are interested, please contact the office.
For our Kindergarten parents.....
Our new Kindergarten students have settled in well and have begun their great journey for learning in the primary years with great enthusiasm. Just a couple of reminders are below to help you make your child as successful as possible:
*All students need to wear closed in shoes – no sandals or thongs!
*All students must be wearing a school hat outside as part of our Sun Safe policy. They are only $12 at our uniform shop. PLEASE make sure you label all hats with your child’s name.
*It is summer at the moment, so jumpers are probably not a wise thing to dress your children in. Put the jumper in your child’s bag if you are worried.
*We have a program called “Crunch and Sip” happening at 10am in the classrooms. Your child needs a small portion of fruit (bite-sized) and water to drink every day for this activity. Please see further information regards Crunch and Sip in this newsletter.
*Please ensure that you pack an appropriate amount of lunch to eat each day. We have witnessed some Kindergarten students take almost the whole of their lunch break to consume what they have for lunch. Play time is important too.

School Swimming Carnival
Our swimming carnival will follow the tremendously successful model from the last 3 years, the Water Sports Day.

All children in Years 3-6 will be attending our swimming carnival down at Granville Pool. As Ruth Everuss Pool at Auburn is being refurbished, we have no choice but to hold this year’s carnival at Granville Pool. There will be an extra fee to this year’s swimming carnival to cover the cost of buses. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience. The morning session will focus on the races needed for representatives to go on to our Auburn Zone carnival and then for the rest of the day, focus will shift to students placed in groups to learn aspects of water safety in the pool. We feel this will be of most benefit to all students. Our carnival will take place on Wednesday 24 February 2016 with a note (translated in four major languages) coming out very soon.

When this note comes out, it will be very important that you read all of the information and place your child in the most applicable group that applies to their swimming ability – beginners, intermediate and advanced. Beginner and intermediate groups will still be able to touch the bottom of the pool without going under, but the advanced groups will be learning in the deep water – we will be testing their ability to take part in the advanced group as well as highlighting what group each student is in with a very brightly coloured wristband. Of course, you are more than welcome to attend, even help out on the day.

Should you misplace your note please go to our school website and download a replacement note.

Summer PSSA Sport
We are also entering into Summer PSSA sport this year. The sports on offer are:
*Junior and Senior Cricket
*Junior and Senior AFL (Aussie Rules)
*Senior Boys and Girls Softball
*Junior Boys and Girls T-ball

Trials have started yesterday and will conclude on Friday morning, given your child in years 3 to 6 two chances of trying out for PSSA Summer Sport teams. If successful, your child will need a permission note signed by you to participate, they will need to sign a code of conduct sheet and pay the PSSA sport fee (one off payment for the term) before the season commences. Summer PSSA sport will commence on Friday 19 February 2016.

Playground Equipment
The playground equipment near Block G (Kindergarten rooms) is a popular afternoon destination after school, but there are rules. Our rule at the school is that no child can play on the equipment unless they are directly supervised by one of their parents after school. Also, all students and parents must leave the equipment (and the school grounds) area at 3.30pm.

We don’t want any accidents to happen out there at all, and students will be told to move away from the equipment if we can’t see a parent close by, watching their children on the equipment. A few parents observe these rules, but others haven’t and it would be a shame if I had to make a blanket rule that no-one was allowed to use the equipment at any stage because too many people were being unsafe out there. Please consider this of an afternoon.

P&C Meeting
Our next meeting is the Annual General meeting and will be held on Monday 8 February, starting at 7.00pm in the staffroom, we would love to see you there.
**Car Parks / Parking**

Unfortunately, I must stress this particular point again, but in any case our new Kindergarten mums and dads might not be aware of this either. The car parking facilities (the Staff car park at end of Mills Street and the two located off Doodson Ave) **must not** be used by parents or carers to **park in or walk through**. One parent on our first day of school, in a maroon car, parked inside our grounds, let out their children and then proceeded to drive over our Basketball court to leave via Mills Street. Quite a few parents have been seen parking in our grounds or behaving in an unsafe manner outside the school, **(mostly parents that know the rules !)** but the fact is that if everyone started parking in our grounds, we would be **seriously compromising the safety of the students**. Please ensure you drop your child(ren) off outside the school in a safe manner or walk you children to and from school using the pedestrian access points, **not** through the car park.

Other parents have now complained about our parents double parking in Doodson Ave and Mills St. What is happening is extremely dangerous and stupid, with students getting out of cars from the wrong side of the car into oncoming traffic. We almost had 3 children run over the other day! Please do not double park to let your children out. It is against the law and I have no problem contacting the authorities and giving them your license plate number if you are doing the wrong thing out there. I would really appreciate your assistance in this matter.

**School Leaders 2016**

With great pleasure I re-introduce to you in this newsletter the school leaders for 2016 who will do an outstanding job in leading our school. They are:

**School Captains:**
Timothy Yoon and Sophie Edwards.

**Vice Captains:**
Sam Lee and Jessica Trang.

**Prefects:**
 Kerim Ozdemir, Judy Keum, Nicholas Tan, Litia Fusi, Matthew Purvis and Kayla Hill

Our school will be led by a group of students who are full of enthusiasm, reliability and pride in our school. They will not let anyone down and I look forward to seeing how they will work within these roles throughout the year.

**Family Fun Night**

After cancelling Family Fun Night at the end of last year, the date is now rapidly approaching! It is a night that our whole school community looks forward to, so hopefully the weather will remain fine for it. The date is: **Friday 12 February 4-9pm.** We look forward to seeing you all there! (Don’t forget, we will be holding an auction for those amazing class paintings !)

**Homework**

Homework will start in week 4 for Stage 2 and Stage 3, whereas Stage 1, Special Education and Early Stage 1 will start in Week 5. Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be organising Homework under the same grid system we have used for the last few years. In these grids, there will be compulsory items to complete each week, as well as some optional activities for those students who are exceptionally keen. The format and content will be discussed at the upcoming Parent/Teacher Information nights. It is important to remember a couple of things:

*If there is a problem with the homework, please seek out your child’s teacher or stage supervisor to discuss it.
*If your child is feeling overwhelmed by the homework and tears start, stop them from doing the homework and inform your child’s teacher.
*Some of the compulsory homework will be differentiated to suit the student’s level.

Like everything, we are here to support your child and you as parents as well. Please let us know if there is a problem and we will rectify it as soon as possible.

**Flag Bearers**

As part of the responsibilities we give our year 6 students, one very important job is the management of our flags. There are quite a few rules associated with bearing the flags, so the students chosen must be of a high calibre to remember and carry out the rules on a day to day basis.

Congratulations to: Aye Aye Win, Sean McGlade, Ethan Wong and Ian Jung. They will do a superb job!
Regional Athletics representation
Recently, young Stephanie Mishkarudnaya represented her little athletics club at the NSW Region 8 championships. In this long distance race, Stephanie was coming 4th but fell back to 10th at the finish line which is still an outstanding feat considering this event attracts athletes of a very high level. Well done Steph!

Toilets
The toilets at the end of our school buildings are for the use of the students only. If you are on site and are in desperate need to go to the toilet, please go to the office and use the toilets there. As I’m sure you can appreciate, having adults and school students access the student toilets (someone even used the inside Kindergarten toilets!) at the same time can create a child protection issue. We will be sign posting our toilets with signs saying “No Parents allowed” once they come in.

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.
**DID YOU KNOW??**

Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are prohibited in school grounds, (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled).

For the safety of all students, toddlers, babies and adults, please do not bring dogs into the school grounds, even on leashes. Some children have a genuine fear and it can be quite distressing for them as well as for parents, particularly those with very young children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Principal

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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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**NEWSLETTER AND EMAIL ADDRESSES**

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

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: ____________________________________________
# Lidcombe Public School

**List of materials for classroom use 2016**

## Kindergarten – Early Stage 1
- 2 family size box tissues *each semester*
- 1 old shirt
- Headphones – Moki ($9 from Woolies)

## Years 1 and 2 – Stage 1
- 2 glue sticks (solid type) *per term*
- 2 family size box tissues *each semester*
- Homework book (A4 size book)
- Pencil case
- Sharpener
- Ruler (30cm length)
- Eraser
- Scissors
- 1 roll of paper towels or wet wipes
- 1 old shirt
- Whiteboard markers
- Headphones – Moki ($9 from Woolies)
- * Library bag

## Years 3 and 4 – Stage 2
- Pencil case
- Coloured pencils or twist top crayons
- 6 HB lead pencils *per term*
- Pencil sharpener (with room for shavings)
- 2 glue sticks (solid type) *per term*
- 30cm Ruler (showing millimetres)
- Eraser and scissors
- Highlighters
- 2 family size box of tissues *each semester*
- Homework book (A4 size book)
- Painting shirt
- Whiteboard markers
- Headphones – Moki ($9 from Woolies)
- * Library bag

## Years 5 and 6 – Stage 3
- Pencil case
- Coloured pencils
- 6 HB lead pencils *per term*
- 3 blue & 2 red biro pens (bic brand or similar)
- Highlighters
- 30cm Ruler (showing millimetres)
- Pencil sharpener (with room for shavings)
- 2 glue sticks (solid type) *per term*
- Eraser and scissors
- 2 family size box tissues *each semester*
- A4 Homework book
- Whiteboard markers
- Painting shirt
- Geometry Set
- Headphones – Moki ($9 from Big W)
- * Library bag

**Optional:**
- Textas
- Calculator
- Oxford Dictionary/Thesaurus
- USB drive / flash disk

* NB: Library bags are available from the Uniform Shop ($12-00 each)*

All Kindergarten Students will receive a library bag in the next couple of weeks.
ATTENTION: PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS OR DRIVERS OF ANY CARS

We need to draw your attention to the following safety issues:

- Parking: Park only in the designated zones, parking in the “No Stopping” area will result in a large fine. Vehicles incorrectly parked obstruct the view of people waiting to cross at the zebra crossing. **IF WE CAN’T SEE THE DRIVER, HE/SHE CAN’T SEE US EITHER.**

- Parking: Park your vehicles within 30 cm of the kerb. There are too many vehicles parked further from the kerb which is a big hazard for road traffic, making it difficult for other drivers to pass safely in our high peak times.

- Vehicles on the crossing: Drivers approaching the crossing please allow 5 metres space between the front of your bumper and the first white lines of the crossing. RTA recommends this distance for a safe crossing. There are several drivers coming to a stop too close to (or on top of) the zebra crossing lines.

- Unless you have a disabled card that gives you authority to park in a disabled parking spot, under no circumstances can you park in the disabled car park spot directly opposite the main schools gate on Mills St. Please leave this space clear for those who need it.

- Children in vehicles: Parents please help your children enter and exit from your vehicles from the kerb side passenger doors at ALL times if possible. It is very dangerous to allow them to get in/out on the road side.

Given that a child was seriously injured just last year at a neighbouring school, it is probably about time that everybody took safety on the roads around our school very seriously! I know that a large majority of you do and you are to be applauded for your positive role modelling of how to take care of all pedestrians when in your cars, but unfortunately, there is a very small minority who still think they can do whatever they want, whenever they want, and this includes breaking the law. This attitude has to stop – will it take something serious to happen in our school community for people to wake up? – I hope not!

Thank you to everyone who is being a patient and considerate driver or pedestrian around the school zone and crossing, our children will remain safe and happy with everyone’s continuing efforts.

Mr Lewis – Principal

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property presents a large problem for us because so many articles of clothing in particular, hats, jumpers and jackets do not have your child's name on the article.
PLEASE NAME EACH AND EVERY ARTICLE OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING WITH THEIR FIRST AND SURNAME PLEASE.

All items of lost property are placed in the Lost Property Bins situated near the notice boards on Blocks D and G. All items remain there until the end of each term. They are then sorted, named items are returned, unmarked uniform items are given to the Uniform Shop to be sold as second hand clothing and anything that is not school uniform is donated to charity.

Please remember to check your child’s hats/jackets etc occasionally to make sure they have not picked up someone else’s by mistake. They are expensive to replace and frustrating for parents who do put names in and not have things returned.

P & C MEETING

The Parents & Citizens Association (P & C) at Lidcombe Public School is a friendly group of parents/caregivers and community members who meet on a regular basis to find out what’s happening in the school. It is your opportunity to be part of discussions and decision making that can influence your child’s education. It's also a great way to meet other parents and make new friends as well. Our first meeting for the year will be held on Monday evening, 8 February in the Staffroom in the office block starting at 7pm. We invite all interested parents to join us. Children welcome.

Dates for P & C Meetings for the year are as follows:

- Monday 8 February 7pm in the staffroom
- Monday 2 May 7pm in the staffroom
- Monday 8 August 7pm in the staffroom
- Monday 7 November 7pm in the staffroom
- Tuesday 8 March 9.15am in Lidbury Hall (AGM)
- Tuesday 7 June 9.15am in Lidbury Hall
- Tuesday 6 September 9.15am in Lidbury Hall
- Tuesday 6 December 9.15am in Lidbury Hall

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniforms are only available for purchase from our Uniform Shop situated on the school premises in Lidbury Hall (John Street end of the school). The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday mornings, 8.30am to 9.15am and Friday afternoons 2.30pm to 3.15pm and is staffed by volunteer parents. If you are unable to get to the shop during opening hours you can collect an order form from the office or download one from the school website http://www.lidcombe-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/parent-activities/uniform-shop/uniform-shop. These orders will be filled and sent home with your child. Please note that the Uniform Shop only accepts cash or cheques (made payable to Lidcombe Public School P & C Association).

Due to a larger than expected Kindergarten enrolment we are presently out of stock of sizes 3, 4, 6 and 8 polo shirts. These are on order and should arrive at the end of next week.

The Uniform Shop offers 3 styles of hat for our students:
Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Stage 2 children can choose from

Legionnaires Cap or Bucket Hat

Stage 3 children also have the option of choosing the cap.
We are also out of stock of stage 3 caps. These are made in China and due to Chinese New Year will not be available until early Term 2. There is plenty of stock of the other two styles of hat.

Good quality proper fitting shoes are important for growing feet. At Lidcombe PS children are expected to wear **black school shoes or black runners**.

The above shoes are examples of the correct style of shoe for school. These shoes give your child’s feet protection and support while they are growing.

**Canvas and sandal style shoes are not suitable for school.**

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**ON SITE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**Kang’s Tae Kwon Do** – Instruction of Tae Kwon Do – 4.30pm-5.30-pm Mondays and Wednesdays – contact Hyung Kook Kang 0414 491 078 (School Hall)

**Primary Music Institute** – Keyboard lessons on site after school hours – see the office for application forms.

**Before & After School Care** – Before & After School Care – 6.30am-9.00am / 3.00pm-6.00pm and Vacation Care/Pupil Free Days 7.00am – 6.00pm – for more information call 0296431666 or pick up a form from the office.

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**MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOONS**

Our Meet the Teacher Afternoons will be held on the following days:

**Monday, 15 February:**
- Stage 3 in Larcombe Hall at 3.15 and then classrooms
- Stage 2 in the School Hall at 4pm and then classrooms

**Monday, 22 February:**
- Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) at 3.15 in Larcombe Hall and then classrooms
- Special Education classes at 3.15 in Special Education classrooms
- Stage 1 in the School Hall at 4pm and then classrooms

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**SchoolAtoz – When lunch comes home again**

What's going on when school lunch comes home uneaten again, now a stiff and sweaty cardboard cut-out impression of a sandwich at the bottom of the bag? Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

School Banking restarted yesterday, if you would like your child to take part in banking please collect a form from the office.

Banking day at Lidcombe Public School is every Wednesday. Bank books must be left at the office before 9am on Wednesday mornings.
**PARENT GROUPS**

A big welcome to all our families old and new for 2016. Once again this year we will be offering many different opportunities for our parents to be involved in their child’s schooling. Keep an eye on the newsletter and notice boards for lots of exciting things coming up.

If you have any enquiries about any of our parent groups or you have ideas for parent workshops please come and see Julie in the office or give me a call on 96497576.

**PARENT RESOURCE / LIBRARY GROUP - Lidbury Hall – 9am – 11am**

On Tuesday mornings starting 9 February, parents are invited to come and help us make resources to be used in the classrooms. Cutting, laminating, pasting etc. If you have an hour or two to spare and would like to join us for a cup of coffee, a chat and help out at the same time, meet us in Lidbury Hall after assembly. No experience necessary! We will also be helping the library out by getting books ready to go on the shelves.
Our Preschool Playtime Sessions will be starting on **Monday, 15 February from 9am-11am** in Lidbury Hall. These sessions are for all siblings of students already attending our school or children starting in Kindergarten in 2017. Come along and join us for free play, craft, stories, songs and more.

**Our first craft for the term will be a ‘name’ craft.**

In line with being a “Crunch & Sip” school please bring a drink (preferably water) and a piece of fruit to share for your child’s morning tea.

There is a small fee to join up and then $2 each week you attend. All moneys go towards craft items and new toys. New families are welcome to come and try their first week for free.

**LIDCOMBE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE**

Did you know we have a Lidcombe Public School Facebook page. Don’t forget to like us and keep up with what’s happening at school.

[https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Lidcombe-Public-School/851349074924545](https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Lidcombe-Public-School/851349074924545)
FAMILY FUN NIGHT  
FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY  
4PM-9PM  

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

SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE  
STEAK  
SANDWICHES  
NOVELTIES  

CLASS ART AUCTION – 6.30pm  
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
NOTES, PERMISSION SLIPS and MONEY

Notes are important and care should be taken with them but we understand that notes do get lost. All notes are placed on the school website weekly.


When your child brings home a note that requires payment you will also receive a payment envelope.

Here is an example:

![Payment Envelope Example](image)

-LIDCOMBE PUBLIC SCHOOL-

Child’s Full Name ………………………………… Class …………………..

Stage 2 Dance2bfit

PAYMENT OPTIONS (please tick one)

- I enclose cash payment of $22.50
- I enclose cheque payment of $22.50

(amount made payable to Lidcombe Public School)

ALL MONEYS FOR THIS EVENT MUST BE PAID TO THE CLASS TEACHER

This tells you whether the money should be returned to the class teacher or the office

There are silver letterboxes outside the office. If money envelopes are to be sent to these it will appear on the bottom of your payment envelope and the letterboxes will be marked appropriately as shown below. These boxes are emptied daily.

* Please make sure the correct money is placed in the envelope – we DO NOT hold change at the office.

* If you are paying by cheque please make payable to Lidcombe Public School. It would also be appreciated if your child’s name could be written on the back of the cheque as surnames often differ.

* Money is accepted in the mornings only to ensure that appropriate banking procedures can be followed. Payments to be deposited in the letterboxes should be done before the end of Break 1. Payments to the class teacher should be handed in by the child when they get to class after assembly.
Please see the office for enrolment forms.

FOCUS, CONFIDENCE, RESPECT, SELF DEFENCE, DISCIPLINE & FUN!

KANG’S TAEKWONDO

LIDCOMBE
Lidcombe Public School
Mills Street, Lidcombe
Mon & Wed 4:30 – 5:30pm

Contact us at: 0411 150 305 | www.kangstaekwondo.com.au | Facebook.com/kangstkd.au
**SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

*Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2014*

- **NO STOPPING**
  - Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP** your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.
  - **Maximum Penalty:** $415 + 2 Demerit Points

- **BUS ZONE**
  - Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.
  - **Penalty:** $311 + 2 Demerit Points

- **DOUBLE PARKING**
  - You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.
  - **Penalty:** $311 + 2 Demerit Points

**Notes:**
- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $311 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: $415 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $173 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: $519

*Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2015. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.*

**Discovery Art & Music**

Invites Lidcombe Public School students to join Art & Music programs after school or during weekends.

Music Classes: Guitar, Keyboard, Piano, Violin
Art Classes: Art & Craft, Painting & Drawing
(We also run Holiday Programs during term breaks)

**ENROLLING NOW**

Phone: 8041 0583 / 0421 226 939 (text)
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