Responsibility
Respect
Endeavour

Dates to Remember

April/May – Term 2
24  Children’s ANZAC Service
    Children’s Disco
    Production Rehearsal
26  Band Workshop (Sunday)
27  Cross Country - New Date
29-1 Year 4 Camp – Milson Island
29-11 Life Education
6  Zone Cross Country
8  Stewart House Awards
12-14 NAPLAN
19  Yrs 3-6 ICAS Digital Technologies
    Stage 3 State Parliament/Imax Excursion
20  Student Leadership Day
    Production Tech Rehearsal (Chorus only)
    Stage 3 State Parliament/Imax Excursion

June – Term 2
3  Yrs 3-6 ICAS Science
4  Year 5 C.A.R.E.S
    Production Dress Rehearsal
10  Year 5 C.A.R.E.S
    Production – Matinee/Evening
11  K-2 Mariners visit
    Production – Evening
22  School Photos - New Date

Principal’s Report

POSTPONED ACTIVITIES
Due to the shocking weather conditions and oval closures we have had to postpone the school cross country which was to take place tomorrow. The rain date for the cross country is now next Monday 27th April, however if the rain persists this date may also be unsuitable. Watch this space!

The School Photographer staff arrived this morning, but it was decided that the weather was too severe to go ahead with the school photos. The new date is now Monday 22nd June, the Monday of the last week of this term. These photos will be taken with the children in full winter school uniform.

OOSH NEWS
Our new OOSH provider commenced their before and after school program this morning. What horrible weather!

Mrs Hurst and I visited this morning and everyone was happily eating breakfast or playing indoor games.

The new OOSH phone contact is a mobile number only. It is 0475 966 771 and the email address is: lanecovewest@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

If you still wish to enrol in the program please contact the admin team (as above) for enrolment forms, alternatively you can enrol online through www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

This week’s value for Years 3-6 is – Endeavour
The expectation is – Cheer on your peers at the cross country
The value for K-2 is Respect
The expectation is - Wear the correct uniform with pride
TERM 2 ASSEMBLY DAY CHANGE
From the commencement of Week 2 this term, K-2 and 3-6 assembly will swap days due to timetabling issues.

Years 3-6: Monday afternoon
Years K-2: Tuesday afternoon

The usual K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies were not held this week.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF
We welcome several new staff members to our school. Mrs Alice Bannerman will be sharing the teaching of 3B on Monday and Tuesday with Abby Brown (Wednesday to Friday). Alice will be replacing Ros Gee, who has had to leave the class due to ill health and medical treatment.

Amanda Hung is also new to our school and will be teaching Mandarin to all classes from Year 1 to Year 4 from Wednesday to Friday each week.

OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
We welcome Ms Kylie Della Valle as our new Assistant Principal. Kylie will be teaching class 6M for the remainder of the year and supervising Stage 3, following Ms Montgomery’s secondment as SEO1 to the Department of Education and Communities.

Kylie was appointed to our school following a merit selection panel held late last term. Thanks to Daniel Strassberg, who was the parent representative on the panel. Kylie is an experienced Assistant Principal and has come to us from Seaforth Public School. We look forward to a long and happy relationship with Kylie.

MORE STAFF NEWS
Congratulations to Shelly Quick and husband Quentin, who are expecting their first child in August. Michelle is planning to take maternity leave early in Term 3.

Congratulations to Bridgette Kell-Clarke (2K) who arrived back after the holidays wearing a lovely diamond engagement ring! Bridgette is engaged to Chris.

Congratulations also to Kate Limbrick (1K) who has just announced her engagement to Dan.

We welcome Judy Cowell back after her wedding to Matt and honeymoon in Thailand. Judy will retain her former surname – Cowell.

ANZAC SERVICES
On Friday 24th April we will be holding two ANZAC assemblies, one for K-2 and another for Years 3-6. Students are asked to wear their full school uniform, or may wear their Scouts, Guides or other service uniform. We will welcome Councillor Deborah Hutchins, the Deputy Mayor of Lane Cove and Mr Harvey Porter from the local sub-branch of the RSL as our special guests.

The Year 3-6 commemoration ceremony will commence at 10.30am sharp.

The K-2 ceremony will commence at 11.40am.

Parents are most welcome to attend either, or both commemorations.

The RSL will have some badges and pens available for sale at recess from $5.00-$20.00 Please see attachment for details.

Mr Rastall, with members of the SRC, will attend the ANZAC Service in the Lane Cove Plaza to lay a wreath on behalf of the school on ANZAC Day, Saturday 25th April.

ANZAC LONE PINE PLANTING
During the school holidays Lane Cove Council, in association with the RSL planted a “Lone Pine” tree near the Cullen St entrance to the school, complete with a sandstone plinth and plaque commemorating 100 years since the first ANZAC Day. I’m sure the pine will do really well with all the rain.
A BUSY FIRST WEEK BACK

*Thursday 23rd*: Cross Country at Blackman Park

*Friday 24th*: Two ANZAC Services and P&C Children’s Disco

*Sunday 26th*: Band Workshop

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

All staff attended school on Monday 20th April for a very long day of training sessions. There was a 2 hour practical session on CPR, followed by an introduction to the new Professional Development Framework for teachers and then a session on creative writing. The Learning and Support Team then presented a session on the National Collection of Disability Data (NCDD) which will be undertaken this term, followed by stage planning sessions.

SAD NEWS

Many parents will remember Nora Balfe, mother of Pierce and Sian Doherty, who was a parent at our school in 2011-2013. The family was transferred to Australia from Ireland with Mr Doherty’s work and on arrival Nora was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was so thrilled with the school and community support she received that when she had completed her treatment she organised a huge morning tea, with pink finger buns to raise funds for the Cancer Council. Shortly after the family’s return to Ireland her cancer returned and she passed away over Easter.

There will be a Celebration of Nora’s Life at the Diddy on Sunday 3rd May from 5.30pm. Please RSVP to Mandy Brown on 0412 995 545 or email divchops1@optusnet.com.au if you would like to attend.

Jared Rastell and the SRC will be organising the Biggest Morning Tea later this term to raise funds for the Cancer Council, as several of our parents are currently undergoing treatment for cancer and we would like to do as much as we can to raise funds to support cancer research. I know you will all be very supportive of this activity.

Judy Doherty
RSL Appeals NSW

2015 ANZAC Day Appeal

$5 RAN Badge

$5 ARMY Badge

$5 RAAF Badge

$10 Centenary Badge

$20 ANZAC Badge

$5 Floating pens

ARMY – M1 Abrams Tank & Bushmaster on other side
SCHOOL NEWS

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

No usual assemblies in week 1.

Friday 24th April - ANZAC assemblies  3-6 - 10.30am  K-2 - 11.40am

3-6 Assembly:  Monday, 27 April at 2.45pm – No Assembly due to Cross Country
K-2 Assembly:  Tuesday, 28 April at 2.45pm – No Assembly

P & C NEWS

BAND

Parents on Band Duty Mon 27 April - Wed 29 April
Senior Band   Deepa Karthilk & Fiona/Carl Lucas
Concert Band   Janjgava Family
Junior Band   Caroline Elsik & Cindy Suen

If you are unable to make your listed duty can you please go through the list of rostered parents and find a replacement.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 26 April  Band Workshop
Sunday 24 May   Ryde East Music Festival
Sunday 23 August NSW School Band Festival

BAND WORKSHOP

A reminder that our first band workshop day for 2015 will be held on Sunday 26 April, in the school assembly hall.

10.00 am  Senior and Concert Band students arrive
1.30 pm   Senior and Concert Band students finish
2.00 pm   Junior Band students arrive
3.45 pm   Jazz Band students finish
3.45 pm   Concert by Junior Band for Junior Band parents
4.00 pm   Workshop Day is finished.

The Students will need to bring their instruments, music, a bottle of water and a small snack for a break in the middle. All Students should wear their own clothes and be prepared for what is usually a cold start to the day.

Cost for the workshop is included in the annual band fee and attendance is required. **If your child is not able to attend, would you please let me know as soon as possible.**

BAND FEES INVOICE & UNIFORM

Band invoices have been issued with payment due by our first workshop day on Sunday 26 April. Band Uniforms will be given out on the morning of the workshop.

If anyone has a friend who is a bass player or keyboard player to play the bass line even a guitarist (we could provide an electric bass) please let us know as our Senior Band would love to hear from you.

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Concert Band Email:  concertband2015@gmail.com