

New Lambton Heights Infants 'A Family School'

School Newsletter



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers and Friends of New Lambton Heights Infants School,

Daffodil day was a great success! Thank you for your support. The children enjoyed being a part of such a positive event and the support from families was wonderful. We raised a total of \$227 which is a great effort!

The rain is persistent! The school grounds are soaked and even muddy in spots. When it is actually raining, we keep the children out of it and organise play activities under the shelter of our wonderful covered areas. If we have breaks in the weather we do tend to give them some time in the drier parts of the playground because too many days of restricted play leaves them restless and keen to run. Please forgive any muddy patches on their school cloths that result from these times in the playground.

The rain we have had over the past days and the forecast weather for the next few has helped me make the decision to postpone the open day. The children will need to keep their wonderful book character dress ups on their coat hanger and **come to school tomorrow in their regular school uniform.**

Michael Salmon Author/Illustrator

Michael Salmon will be presenting to the children tomorrow morning. He will have books available for purchase and signing on the day. Please ensure you complete and return the permission form sent home. The cost is \$4 per student.

Kindergarten Orientation

Next Wednesday morning from 9.30am–11.45 we will be holding our first Kindergarten Orientation for our new Kindergarten students for next year. The children will all go to KE classroom, whilst parents will meet in the Resource Room for a talk about OOSH and healthy lunchbox ideas.

Year 3 2015

We are currently working out Orientation Dates with New Lambton Public School for those students who will be attending there next year. If your child is going to attend another primary school, please contact them direct to organise orientation days to enable your child to transition into their new school.

Education Week/Book Week – Postponed

The rain over the past days and the forecast weather for the next few has helped me make the decision to postpone the open day. It will now be held on 4th September 2014. I am sorry for any inconvenience and look forward to better weather conditions in the coming week. This year we are once again combining Book Week and Education Week activities. We are having an **'Open Day' on Thursday 4th September at 12 o'clock.** There will be an assembly to celebrate the school's achievements. The theme is **'Connect to Reading'.**



The students are invited to come dressed as **a book (not a TV/Movie) character.** Please remember that the weather may limit some choices and that we are only an infant's school. You can add to the theme by dressing up also if you wish.

The children will present an item for you and the Year 2 dance group will perform the dance they have prepared for the Hunter Schools Dance Festival. You will then be able to go to your child's classroom to look at the work that they have been doing this year.

At lunch you are invited to have a **family picnic on the school grounds - NO BBQ will be operating on the day.** The P&C will have chips/popcorn and drinks available for sale on the day.

Also, during the lunch break there will be a Book Fair in the library where parents will be able to buy books to donate back to the school's library. **The library will be open from 8.45am for those parents who are unable to come to join us at lunchtime.** Books will be on sale for donation. (Books will be priced \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20).

Each book donated will have the child's name on a bookplate inside the cover. They will also be the first child to be able to borrow the book.

I hope this will be a great opportunity for the students to share their learning and for families to observe our outstanding quality school.

Athletics Carnival

Our school will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival on Tuesday, 9th September (weather permitting). You are invited to attend the event as it is traditionally an ideal *family day*. There will be a free sausage sizzle and fruit cup for the school's students. You will be able to buy a drink and sausage sandwich for yourself and other family members on the day.

Please remember to pack a large drink of water, regular recess and a school hat. Sunscreen will need to be applied before school and please send some in their bags for reapplication throughout the day.

Lunch will be a free BBQ for the school's children, however, as children often become quite hungry on sports days a second healthy snack could be packed.

We have had some parents and other family members come forward to offer assistance as volunteers on the day, however we are still in need for more to help with holding the finishing tape, judging, etc. If you are able to help from approximately 9.30am–12.30pm please add your name to the volunteer list outside Mrs Dowman's room.

The carnival starts at 9:30am:

- **Sports Houses march past**
- **Events round 1**
- **Recess break**
- **Events round 2 and finals**
- **Lunch break** – BBQ/picnic
- **Presentation Ceremony** – *participation awards, finalists' ribbons* will be awarded and the *winning house announced*
- **Pack up**
 - ✓ **Kinder parents** to help pack away the recording table and event equipment
 - ✓ **Year 1 parents** to help pack up and carry up the shade shelters and ground tarps
 - ✓ **Year 2 parents** to help pack up and carry up the BBQ, chairs and tables

It will be lovely to see the children competing and hear them cheering each other on. I look forward to what will be another wonderful day full of great memories at our school.

Aboriginal Incursion

The whole school participated in an incursion last Monday to learn about local Aboriginal artefacts and local Aboriginal knowledge.

National Parks delivered this and we had a great Aboriginal instructor who visited our school making the experience exciting and memorable. This will be followed up with our excursion to Blue Gum Hills, Minmi on Monday 8th September to participate in an Aboriginal Bush Tucker walk. Please return permission notes and payments to the black office dropbox.



School Leaders

Congratulations to Vincent Poposki and Kaidi Shao, our school leaders for Weeks 7 & 8 of Term 3.

Awards

KE	K/1P
Sam Treyvaud	Rosa Crispin
Jessica Parsons	Gabriel Tobin
Rhiannon Cushing	Amelia Dawes
Sam Cole	Jack Mackay
1D	2C
Archie Vandenberg	Cooper Gilligan
Arabella Parker	Mia McKee
Luka Derkenne	Oliver Tobin
Matildah Friend	Vincent Poposki

Gold Principal's Award:

Lilly Kime

Principal's Award:

Reuben Crispin

Gold Awards:

Luigi Brollo

Samien Dowman

Jade Willis

Dates for your Diary 2014

TERM 3	Date
Event	
Sport – Sally Yoga	Every Friday Term 3 – Sports uniforms to be worn
Michael Salmon visit Author/Illustrator	Thursday (<i>tomorrow</i>) 28 th August \$4.00
Kinder Orientation (Whole Group)	Wednesday 3 rd September 9.30am – 11.45am
Education/Book Week Open Day	Thursday 4 th September 12.00pm
Blue Gums Hills National Park Excursion	Monday 8 th September \$15
Athletics Carnival	Tuesday 9 th September
Wetlands – Year 2 10am–2pm	Thursday 18 th September

PBL – We are safe

PBL enables the explicit teaching of our values to support positive behaviours. Safe hands / safe feet & right place right time.