

## 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,

We are moving quickly through another term. The end of this term will mark the end of the first semester of the school year. It is hard to believe that the year is almost halfway through. Though I must say that visiting the classrooms and observing the children during this week has made me realise how much the children have learned and how much they have grown.



Harmony Day is held every year. It has links with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The message of Harmony Day is *everyone belongs*. It's a day to celebrate Australia's diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. This year is Harmony Day's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

New Lambton Heights will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Harmony Day is an out of uniform day. Students and families are welcome to dress in clothing/costumes from other countries.

We are still finalising times and activities for the day. If you would like to organise a short activity for the children or create a display/stall of cultural significance please write your details and ideas on the form at the front office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### School Reports

Half Yearly Reports are currently being written and will go out to parents at the end of term. We will not be conducting formal parent/teacher interviews as these were held earlier in the year. If you do wish to discuss anything regarding your child's progress please make an appointment with the teacher.

### Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution

Thank you again to Val Gent and her team of wonderful parent helpers for organising the Jamie Oliver Food Revolution Day and to Woolworths donating some of the ingredients for this

event. The children were so engaged in the wonderfully creative activities and learned a great deal about food. Many tried foods that they had never tried before.



### KB Chickens

So far this term in KB, we have been learning about informative and imaginative texts. What they are, how they are different to one another, the different formats each style of text can take, what we need them for and who uses them.

We have been looking at texts surrounding chickens and their life cycle, both imaginative and informative.

This week, to help us in our Literacy learning we have a hatchery in our classroom! We are very excited and love our chicks already! Some have even been named. My personal favourite is "Caramello" (thanks Mrs Whetham).

The hatchery has only been here three days and already KB have seen chicks hatching out of eggs, fluffy down growing on the chicks and we are looking forward to seeing their down change to feathers. Plus we still have ten more eggs to hatch!

KB are making observations and writing and drawing daily about the changes they can see. Not only is this a fabulous stimulus to develop their talking and writing skills, the children in KB are also learning about the needs our chicks have which links in perfectly with our HSIE unit on Needs and Wants.

Once the chicks hatch and grow, they are able to be adopted. KB families will have the option first and then others can nominate to adopt. If you choose to adopt our chicks you must

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take at least two. You might like to think of adopting if your family have an appropriate yard for chickens or already have chickens. Please see me if you're interested.

Kate Baker



### New Assembly time - leaving early on Fridays after assembly made easy

The new class and break times are working out very well. The students are enjoying their schooldays.

One thing that is great about the Friday afternoon session is that it is shorter and means that it is almost home time. It is important that if you wish to take your child home after enjoying the assembly that the children are signed out before they leave. To make this easier we have organised that the class teachers will have a simple paper roll for parents to sign. This will be quick, safe and easy.

### School Assembly Items

We have planned that each class will be presenting at the whole school assembly on certain Fridays at **2.35pm**. Please see the table below and come along if you can.

Term 2	Date
1/2L	FRIDAY Week 5 22/5/15 2:35pm



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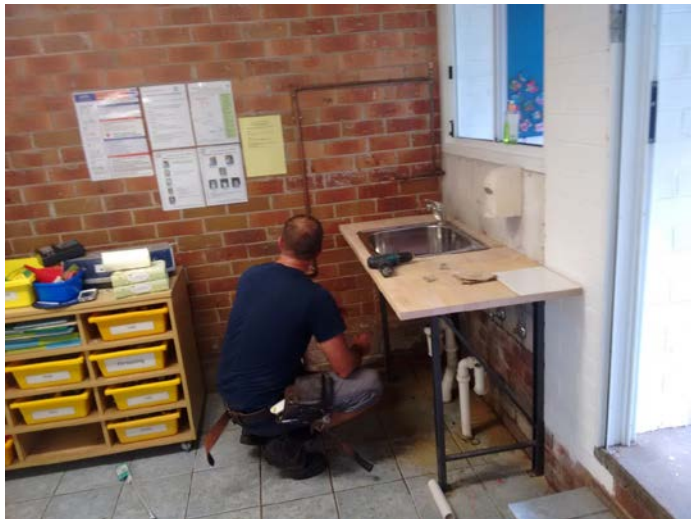
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### Working Bee - This Saturday

There will be a Working Bee held at the school this Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 8am until lunch. We have painting, gardening and other small jobs that need to be done. We would love to see you there to lend a hand! We have some tools but it might be helpful if you brought a few along eg wheelbarrow, painting equipment, electric sanders would be handy ... Please see me for more information.



Don't forget our Walkathon through Blackbutt Reserve coming up. The P&C will be offering an option of a BBQ lunch at Carnley Avenue when the students finish. These lunches must be ordered by **this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**.

Families are encouraged to cheer the students over the finish line at the 'Creek Shelter' and have the option of joining them for the BBQ afterwards at approximately 12.30pm.

It is great to listen to the stories of the effort the students and families are putting into sponsorship! Thanks for the effort. The children are so excited!

### Pyjama Night

We had our first night event on Thursday night – PYJAMA PARTY!

Our school's P&C Pyjama Party was a SMASH! The children enjoyed their night. They were excited and so well behaved. The children came dressed in their pyjamas and many even brought their teddy. They came with cushions and pillows to help make themselves comfortable.

Thank You to the P&C, school staff and the parent helpers.



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### Awards

Congratulations to all award recipients:

<b>KB</b>	<b>K/1P</b>
Matilda E	Bridgette C
Zachariah J	Sibella D
Olivia M	Gabriel J
Joseph V	Maggie M
<b>1/2L</b>	<b>2C</b>
Will G	Amelia D
Ellie M	Kiara D
Sophie M	Addyson M
Sophie T	Sarah M

### Citizenship Award:

Lacey E

### Gold Principal's Award:

Isaac C

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Jack M

### Gold Award:

Riley B

Patrick L

Elise M

Lena M

### Leaders

Congratulations to our Year 2 Leaders for Week 4 and 5 Term 2  
– Reuben C and Arabella P.

### Dates for your Diary

<i>Term 2 Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
School Banking	<b>TUESDAYS</b>
Dance2bfit (SPORT)	<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> Week 1 – Week 10
Working Bee	<b>SATURDAY</b> 23rd May 8am until lunch
<b>Walkathon</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> 29th May
Harmony Day	<b>Friday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> June

Enjoy your week.

Greg Culhane

Principal