

New Lambton Heights Infants 'A Family School'

School Newsletter



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Respect

Responsibility

Safe Learning



Principal's Message

The wonderful start to 2016 has continued with classes well settled and learning programs well under way. I have had some wonderful conversations with parents and have been asked for ideas when supporting children's learning at home. In the newsletter, I will be sharing some effective resources which may be useful.

If you haven't already looked at the **School's A to Z** resource, I would encourage you to do so. It has wonderful information about: school life, English, Mathematics, homework and student well-being. There is a website and mobile applications available. Please find the links below:

Website:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>

Mobile Applications:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications>

Parent Information Sessions

The Parent Information sessions are being held this evening at 5:30pm and 6:00pm. The two sessions will have the same information and are to enable families with more than one child at our school (or work commitments) to attend. We look forward to seeing you there. Due to time constraints and supervision, we ask that children do not attend these sessions (where possible).

P&C

It was wonderful to attend the P&C meeting last week. If you would like to be involved, please join. The P&C work wonderfully to support the school and provide many of the fantastic learning resources for the school. I look forward to seeing the volunteers at the BBQ this Saturday at Bunnings Kotara.

School Fees

The combined school fee is \$80.00 for the year (including school contribution and resource fee). It would be most appreciated if they could be paid by Monday 21st March. These fees assist the school in providing well-equipped and maintained school resources for the benefit of all students.

School Banking

School banking began yesterday. There will be information available at the Kindergarten parent information sessions this evening. Banking will be done every **Tuesday**.

Gymnastics

The gymnastics sports program began last Friday and it will continue for this term. Sports Uniform is to be worn each Friday for this period. The cost of this program is \$50 per child. Permission slips are available from the rack outside the office, on the Notes Home page of the school website or can be accessed through Skoolbag. Payment can be placed in the black dropbox outside the office (envelope with child's name/class) or made through the new Parent Online Payment tab on our school website.

Assemblies

School Assemblies will start next week (Friday 19th February) at 2.45pm. The first few assemblies will be conducted in the Stage1S (Mr Swain's) classroom. Our Year 2 students will have a roster and students can practise their speaking roles in the lead-up to their turn. The roster will be distributed at the parent information evening. We look forward to Kindergarten joining us when their school day is extended to a full day in Week 8.

Award System

Just a reminder, if you have any outstanding awards, please send them in and they will be presented at next week's assembly.

Skoolbag App

The school uses the Skoolbag App (available in Apple and Android) to communicate with the school community. Please download from the App Store; search for 'New Lambton Heights Infants School' and check the app regularly.

Parent Online Payment – POP

We now have available an online payment system. A \$Make a payment link is located on the front page of the School's Website. By selecting the \$Make a payment link you will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page. You will no longer be in the School's website.

There are no passwords or PINs to remember.

The payment process is intuitive and follows the format of many online payments that you may use.

Note: You do not need to enter a Student Registration Number.

Homework

Homework will commence in Week 4 after the parent information sessions. This will include:

- Early Stage 1 – Home reading
- Stage 1 – Home Reading, Spelling Word practice and Mathematics revision

Professional Learning

The staff at New Lambton Heights Infants School is committed to providing outstanding teaching and learning opportunities to the students of our school. Throughout the year, staff members will be undertaking professional development courses. These will be organised to cause no disruption to teaching and learning programs.

Mrs Dowman will be training in **L3 Stage 1**, which is a Department of Education initiative which supports students' individual literacy development.

Mr Swain and Mrs Whetham will be training in Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) which is the Department's new administrative and student support procedures.

Dates for your Diary 2016

<i>TERM 1</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Event</i>	
Parent/Teacher Information Night	Wednesday 10 th February 5.30pm & 6.00pm
Bunnings BBQ Kotara	Saturday 13 th February
P&C Meeting and AGM	Wednesday 2 nd March