

## New Lambton Heights Infants 'A Family School'

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### Principal's Message

I am looking forward to tonight's P&C meeting. If you have the opportunity, please come along.

Information was distributed earlier this week about Harmony Day. This will be a fantastic multicultural educational experience for all students. If you did not receive this information, it is available on the Notes Home page of the website or from the rack outside the school office.

I will be having my first morning tea with the Principal Award recipients for 2016 soon. If you have outstanding awards, please send them into your class teacher.

### Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 20 May is *Walk Safely to School Day*. The purpose of this day is to promote parents and carers to walk to school with primary age children. The day also sets out to promote the health benefits of walking.

For more information, go to:

[www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

### Learning Management/Business Reform

As mentioned in previous newsletters, Department of Education schools are changing the way schools are administered and supported. As we move to the new system of accounting and banking, there will be a period of two weeks when the school will not be able to receipt any money. Arrangements will be made to ensure that all programs run smoothly during this transition period.

### Hunter Life Education

The Hunter Life Education Centre had double booked our session which was scheduled for 2 May. The students will now be attending on 10 May. There is no alteration to payment or permission notes.

### Schools A to Z – Student Wellbeing

Please find the link to an article about "When lunch comes home..." It has some great information from Dr Rebecca Golley from the CSIRO.

### Working Bee

We will be having a Working Bee to beautify our school grounds on Sunday 22 May. If you are able to help out on this day, it would be most appreciated. It will start at 9:00am and conclude at 12:00noon.

### Language Screening

New Lambton Heights Infants has the wonderful opportunity to have fundamental language screening completed with all Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) children. This will be conducted by our School Counsellor. Please complete the attached permission note and return to school to enable your child's participation.

### Extended Leave

From time to time, families may need to travel during the school term. If this is the case, an application needs to be made for extended leave. The school office has copies of the application form and they need to be submitted to the Principal. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr Swain.

### Dates for your Diary 2016

<i>Term 2 Events</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>
P&C meeting	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May @7:30pm
Term 2 Sport Dance2bfit	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Hunter Life Education * date changed	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Harmony Day	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
School Disco	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Semester 1 Reports distributed	Week commencing 27 <sup>th</sup> June

### P&C News

#### Friday Canteen

Our Friday canteen volunteers for this week are **Fiona Cushing** and **Lee Illfield**.

Canteen is held between 12:45pm and 1:10pm (recess time). Please make sure you can setup at 12:30pm ready for this time. Thank you.

If you have any queries you can contact the P&C via email [nlhipandc@gmail.com](mailto:nlhipandc@gmail.com)

**P&C Meeting Tonight**

The Next P&C Meeting is on tonight at 7:30pm in the Resource Room, next to the Staffroom. Everyone welcome. Come along, meet some other parents and find out what’s coming up at the school.

**Trivia Night**

We are pleased to announce that this year we will be holding a Trivia Night on Friday, September 2nd (mark it in your calendar!)

The Trivia Night will not only be a great fundraising opportunity, but a wonderful night of fun, games and community! In order to make the night successful we need some volunteers to help with the organisation. We do not expect this to take up too much time and as the saying goes, “many hands make light work!”

So if you are keen, have any ideas or inspiration, or can help in any way possible, from setting up on the night, to marking answers or collecting donations, we would love to hear from you.

The P&C are also starting to collect donations for the evening, if you, or a friend or family member has business and would like to make a donation it would be greatly appreciated.

For volunteering/donations or any further information please Contact Carly Crispin on nlhipandc@gmail.com /or ask for her mobile number at the Office.

**School Disco**

Tickets are now on sale for the New Lambton Heights Infants School Disco, which is on Thursday, 26th May from 6.00 – 7.00pm, at the school.

All current New Lambton Heights Infants students are welcome to come along for a fun-filled event. The evening will be supervised by school staff and parent volunteers. If parents wish to stay they may, but other siblings (older or younger) are unable to attend.

The cost is \$7.00 per child or \$10.00 for 2 children. This price includes water, an ice block and a glow item. Please fill in the slip below if you wish your child to attend. Notes and money should be returned to the cream P&C drop box outside the office by Friday 20th May, noting that late slips will be not accepted.

**Entertainment Book**

Entertainment books will be sent home with your child next week. You can decide whether to purchase the book and retain it, or simply return it to the school.

If you do not want a book sent home, please let us know by email (nlhipandc@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

We can also organize extra books for family and friends who wish to purchase through the school as well.

Digital memberships are also a fantastic option, very easy and convenient. If you have thought about a digital membership, but are unsure if it is for you, you are able to try and swap it back to the book if you require.

Both book and digital memberships can be purchased through the link below:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/342i57>

Dear Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Parents and Carers,

The school counsellor has the opportunity to provide a screening test for all Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) students to determine the students’ level of language acquisition and understanding. The results will be discussed with you and used to assist the class teacher.  
Please return the permission slip below as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,  
Chris Swain

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
to be assessed by the School Counsellor for language acquisition and understanding.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# School Banking is improving your kid's 'Common Cents.'



It's been a great start to the school year, and every week we see the students putting in a fantastic savings effort. That might be because of this year's Grand Prize: a VIP tour of Australia Zoo to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin! Many of our true blue Outback Savers are well on their way to reaching their 15 deposits by the end of Term 3, which will give them an automatic entry into the Grand Prize competition.

Aside from the Grand Prize, two new reward items are available this term. After making 10 School Banking deposits, students can redeem the Mud Splat Handball or the Outback Pat Bag Tag!

## Learning about your child's 'Common Cents'

Earlier this year, CommBank released a report exploring just how clued-up about money Australian children are. They were asked to complete the 'Common Cents' Quiz, which looked at five key areas of financial literacy: spending, saving, earning, budgeting and investing.

The research revealed our nation's kids are – on average – educated earners and spenders, and children whose parents have smarter money habits recorded higher 'Common Cents' scores. Here are some of the statistics we've uncovered:

- 68% of Aussie kids like saving their money more than spending it.
- 77% of them understand they can earn extra money by doing chores around the house.
- Only 50% know what a budget is, with one in five thinking it's a sheet of paper with numbers on it.
- Over 50% of children surveyed would take \$5 now, over larger monetary sums if they have to wait.

The report also shows that 69% of primary school children in Australia receive pocket money, and 82% of those are expected to complete tasks to earn it. Pocket money is a great way for parents to teach kids the value of money and the earning process.

If you're curious about your child's 'Common Cents', we encourage you to take them through the simple Quiz that's available at [commbank.com.au/commoncentsquiz](http://commbank.com.au/commoncentsquiz)

For more tips, videos and activities to stimulate your child's interest in money skills, head to The Beanstalk at [commbank.com.au/youthsaver](http://commbank.com.au/youthsaver)



Mud Splat Handball



Outback Pat Bag Tag



**Things you should know:** Conditions apply, see [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 25/1/16 and ends 11.59pm AEST 30/9/16. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in CommBank's School Banking program, have parent/guardian consent to enter, and make at least 15 separate deposits into their Youthsaver account through the School Banking program during the promotion period. Limit of 1 entry per person. The draw will take place at 12.00pm AEST on 11/10/16 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip for up to 2 adults and 3 children (17 years or under) to the Sunshine Coast, Queensland with return economy flights (depending on winner's place of residence), 4 nights' accommodation, 5 days' car hire, \$1,000 spending money and a 1 day VIP family Platinum Zoo Adventure tour of Australia Zoo, valued at up to \$13,591. The winner's name will be published in the public notices section of *The Australian* on 17/10/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, 3/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Call 13 2221. NSW Permit No LT/PS/15/07166; ACT Permit No TP15/7385; SA Permit No T15/1610. **About the research:** Independent research carried out on behalf of Commonwealth Bank of Australia, by ACA Research. A total of 1,130 surveys completed among parents and their children aged 5–12 years. A quantitative online research methodology was used, with a 10-minute questionnaire for parents, and 5 minutes for children. National sample throughout Australia. The fieldwork was conducted between 14 and 18 December 2015.



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