

New Lambton Heights Infants 'A Family School'

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School Newsletter

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Respect

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School Uniform

Winter has arrived. Well done to all the children who look wonderful in their winter uniform. Please ensure that all jumpers, jackets and hats are labelled with your child's name. This makes their return much easier.

LMBR

From 7th June, the Payment Online system, will be temporarily closed. This is so that the school can transition to the new finance systems. From June 7–21, the school will not be able to receive any money (online or in person). We have organised our school calendar, so that this should not affect anyone. If you have any concerns in this regard, please see Mrs Whetham or Mr Swain at your earliest convenience.

Vegetable Garden

Stage 1 have started their environmental education program with Mr Dawes. The students are planting new seeds and weeding the garden beds.



Reports

Teachers are busily working on compiling students' reports. These will be distributed during week 10 of this term. Students' reports will cover the 6 Key Learning Areas at school. (**English, Mathematics, Human Society and Its Environment** [History and Geography], **Science, Personal Development/Health and Physical Education** and **Creative Arts**).

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) students will have their attainment in English and Mathematics described as:

- Working towards grade level
- Working at grade level
- Working beyond grade level.

Stage 1 students will have their attainment described in each subject with the following grades:

A. Outstanding – The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B. High – The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C. Sound – The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D. Limited – The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

E. Basic – The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

This is a departure from how grades were allocated in previous generations. Please note from the descriptors that 'C – Sound' means that your child is at the expected level for their grade.



Congratulations to our award winners from last week!

P&C News

Friday Canteen

Our Friday canteen volunteers for this week are **Kate Ringland** and **Val Gent**. 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

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting is on **tonight, 1st June**, at 7:30pm in the Resource Room, next to the Staffroom. Everyone is welcome. Come along, meet some other parents and find out what's coming up at the school.

Out of Uniform Day

This coming Monday, 6th June, is an out of uniform day. Please bring a gold coin to support our World Vision child, Jesman. Coins to be given to class teachers at first bell. Thank you!

School Disco

The students had a wonderful time at the school disco last week! Thanks again to all the parents and teachers who helped organise and supervise this event.

Cupcakes for Kids with Cancer

A huge thank you to New Lambton Heights Infants School for supporting such a wonderful cause. With the generosity of our gorgeous community we were able to raise \$218.90. This money goes straight to the John Hunter Children's Hospital, Paediatric Oncology service and will be used for much needed resources required in the care of children with cancer.

Thank you to those who baked cupcakes and other goodies for the day and to all those who bought them!

Silver Line Day

On Monday 20th June our school is having a Silver Line Day to support Ronald McDonald House. Up until recently one of the students at our school was living at the local Ronald McDonald house while his sister received treatment at John Hunter Hospital.

Over the next few weeks we are asking people to save their silver coins and drop them in at the school. Each classroom will have four jars to put them in. On Monday 20th we will line each sporting house's coins up under the COLA and see which line is the longest. Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful charity.

Trivia Night

We are still looking for parents to help with the Trivia Night, especially with collecting donations for prizes for the evening.

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, please contact Carly Crispin, nlhipandc@gmail.com or ask for her mobile number at the Office.

Entertainment Book

If you have neither paid for nor returned the Entertainment Book sent home earlier this term please do so as soon as possible. If you are looking to purchase extra books for friends and family we are happy to organise this. Either email nlhipandc@gmail.com or put a note in the cream P&C box outside the office.

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

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/342j57>


Dates for your Diary 2016

<i>Term 2 Events</i>	<i>Date</i>
Term 2 Sport Dance2bfit	Wednesday 27 th April – Wednesday 29 th June
P&C meeting	Wednesday 1 st June 7:30pm
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 13 th June
Semester 1 Reports distributed	Week commencing 27 th June
NAIDOC	Friday 1 st July

Too sick for school?



Generally if your child feels unwell, keep them home from school and consult your doctor. This chart and the information it contains is not intended to take the place of a consultation with your doctor.

Bronchitis	Symptoms are coughing, a runny nose, sore throat and mild fever. The cough is often dry at first, becoming moist after a couple of days. There may be a slight wheeze and shortness of breath. A higher fever (typically above 39°C) may indicate pneumonia.	 ... until they are feeling better. Antibiotics may be needed.
Chickenpox (Varicella)	Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.	 ... for 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried.
Conjunctivitis	The eye feels 'scratchy', is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.	 ... while there is discharge from the eye unless a doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious cause.
Diarrhoea (no organism identified)	Two or more consecutive bowel motions that are looser and more frequent than normal and possibly stomach cramps.	 ... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.
Fever	A temperature of 38.5°C or more in older infants and children.	 ... until temperature is normal.
Gastroenteritis	A combination of frequent loose or watery stools (diarrhoea), vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.	 ... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea and/or vomiting stops.
German measles (Rubella)	Often mild or no symptoms: mild fever, runny nose, swollen nodes, pink blotchy rash that lasts a short time.	 ... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Glandular Fever (Mononucleosis, EBV infection)	Symptoms include fever, headache, sore throat, tiredness, swollen nodes.	 ... unless they're feeling unwell.
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)	Generally a mild illness caused by a virus, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area in babies.	 ... until all blisters have dried.
Hayfever (Allergic rhinitis) caused by allergy to pollen (from grasses, flowers and trees), dust mites, animal fur or hair, mould spores, cigarette smoke	Sneezing, a blocked or runny nose (rhinitis), itchy eyes, nose and throat, headaches.	 ... unless they feel unwell or are taking a medication which makes them sleepy.
Head lice or nits* (Pediculosis)	Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found on the scalp.	 ... while continuing to treat head lice each night. Tell the school.

Hepatitis A	Often none in young children; sudden onset of fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine, pale stools.	 ... for 2 weeks after first symptoms (or 1 week after onset of jaundice). Contact your doctor before returning to school.
Hepatitis B	Often no symptoms in young children. When they do occur, they can include fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine.	<div>  ... if they have symptoms. Contact your doctor before returning to school. </div> <div>  ... if they have a chronic infection (not the first outbreak) and no symptoms. </div>
Impetigo (School sores)	Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.	 ... until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.
Influenza	Sudden onset fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches.	 ... until well.
Measles	Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes for a few days followed by a red blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads down the body and lasts 4 to 7 days.	 ... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Meningococcal Disease	Sudden onset of fever and a combination of headache, neck, stiffness, nausea, vomiting, drowsiness or rash.	Seek medical attention immediately. Patient will need hospital treatment. Close contacts receive antibiotics.
Molluscum Contagiosum	Multiple small lumps (2–5mm) on the skin that are smooth, firm and round, with dimples in the middle. In children, occur mostly on the face, trunk, upper arms and legs. Symptoms can last 6 months to 2 years.	
Mumps	Fever, swollen and tender glands around the jaw.	 ... for 9 days after onset of swelling.
Ringworm* (tinea corporis)	Small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring.	 ... for 24 hours after fungal treatment has begun.
Runny nose or common cold		 ... unless there are other symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough, rash or headache. Check with school.
Scabies*	Itchy skin, worse at night. Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.	 ... until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
Shigella	Diarrhoea (which may contain blood, mucus and pus), fever, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting.	 ... until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours. Antibiotics may be needed.
Slapped Cheek Syndrome (Parvovirus B19 infection, fifth disease, erythema infectiosum)	Mild fever, red cheeks, itchy lace-like rash, and possibly cough, sore throat or runny nose.	 ... as it is most infectious before the rash appears.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.	 ... until the first 5 days of an antibiotic course has been completed. Unimmunised siblings may need to stay home too until treated with an antibiotic.
Worms (Threadworms, pinworms)	The main sign of threadworms is an itchy bottom. Sometimes children feel 'out of sorts' and do not want to eat much. They may also have trouble sleeping, due to itching at night.	 ... and tell the school as other parents will need to know to check their kids.

***It is important that the rest of the family is checked for head lice, scabies and ringworm**