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Lake Cathie Public School
Presents
The Cracker Christmas Show

Welcome in the festive season with an evening of Christmas entertainment. Featuring all students K-6. Come and enjoy this variety concert.

When: Tuesday 5th December

Where: Lake Cathie Public School Hall

Time: 6.30pm

BBQ will be running from 5.00pm -6.00pm

CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ LAKE CATHIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

– All students involved

Tuesday 5 December

5.00pm – 6.15pm P&C BBQ and HATCH Big Band

6.30pm – 7.30pm Christmas Concert in the hall

Family seating in the hall. Classes will come one at a time from the holding rooms to perform. Student will see the show at the two dress rehearsals prior.

Costuming requirements and final details note to come.

Please ensure all children are safe as you are parking and entering the school.

PRESENTATION DAY

Thursday 7 December – 9.30am (School Hall)

Band and Choir performing

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

Friday 8 December – 10.30am (School Library)

CAROLS BY THE LAKE

Saturday 9 December

Please bring your children to help perform on this night as the community supports our school.

Band, Choirs and some class items will also be performing.

Details to come.

CANBERRA TRIP

What a fantastic trip away with our senior students from Years 4, 5 & 6. Mrs McCleary, Mrs Cowan, Mrs Sewell and myself left our families last week to allow our senior students to experience a wonderful educational look at our nation's capital. Matt our driver helped make our week away a memorable one. I'm sure you saw all the fun on Facebook as I bombarded you over the four days. Congratulations to our students for their behaviour, positive attitude and presentation at each of the venues visited.

UNIFORMS AND BEHAVIOUR

A reminder for students to be in full school uniform each and every day as well as demonstrating acceptable behaviour throughout the year, right through to the last day. We have Rewards Day and End of Year Fun Days planned and aim to have all students attending this term. Unfortunately we already have three students that will not be attending.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Year 5 students have moved through the nomination phase of our 2018 Student Leadership election process and are preparing their speeches ready to present to the school next week.

HOME READERS

Please check at home for any Home Readers you may have. We are now undertaking a major stocktake of these books. Each book costs at least \$10.00 and we want to maintain the number and quality of home readers for many years to come. Start sending them back into school please. We would like all books, including library books and home readers back next week, by Friday 1 December. Thank you for your support in this huge undertaking.

BAND 2018

We would like all existing band members to continue with our band and form next year's Senior Band, embarking on new music and greater numbers of performances during the year. Band Camp this year was fabulous and our Lake Cathie Public School students who went really progressed in their playing significantly.

Expressions of Interest, including instrument preferences, for our Junior Band for 2018 were handed out at our band information night on Tuesday. If you missed coming, these notes are available from the office. This would be students starting next year for their first year in band. This is a very exciting time for our young budding musicians.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Congratulations to all of our swimmers for their achievements in the swimming scheme for 2017. This program is an indication of just how important it is for our children to develop their swimming skills and strength, hopefully leading to confidence and good decision making when it comes to pools and the beach. Thanks to Kelly Jesser, Jay Pringle and Kim McNiff for their daily support of our students over the past two weeks.



PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Congratulations to all of our finalists at the annual Public Speaking Competition held on Monday. It was marvellous to see students as young as Year 1 presenting informative and entertaining speeches.

Many thanks to our teachers and of course parents for the support shown to our students right throughout the school preparing speeches in all Year 1 to Year 6 classes.

The grade winners were:

Year 1	Locke Williamson	Year 2	Summer Waite
Year 3	Alexa Drury	Year 4	Brooke Instrell
Year 5	Vincent Miller	Year 6	Sonny Crisp

SCHOOL PLANNING 2018-2020

Our staff have been working on the areas of whole school direction for the next three years. Through consultation and collaboration, our three Strategic Directions will include the following focus areas:

1. Quality Teaching and Learning
2. Wellbeing and Welfare for all
3. Futures Focused Learning including STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)

Our plan, as with all other schools, will be finalised early in 2018 and will be communicated with the community.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

As we come to the end of 2017 we will welcome Rachel Caller starting next Monday as our substantive School Administration Manager. Rachel was successful at interview earlier this year and we are really looking forward to having her join our great team.

At this time we would like to acknowledge the amazing professionalism, jolly hard work and friendship that Kathryn Johnston has continually demonstrated this year as our relieving School Administration Manager. Kathryn has truly been amazing and we will be forever grateful for the significant role she has undertaken this year, particularly after she had previously retired. We thank you Kathryn from our entire school community. Kathryn will stay with us to hand over finance and administration of the school to Rachel over the final three weeks of school.

KINDER EXCURSION

Apart from a strange day of weather, our kindergarten students and their teachers enjoyed an interesting adventure throughout the local area including North Brother Mountain, Pilot Beach, North Haven and Bonny Hills. Thanks to the parents who followed the bus to join in at each destination but importantly, thank you to our kindergarten staff for making sure the kids were very safe on this big excursion and had a great day.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you have old uniforms and no younger siblings, consider donating them to the uniform outlet so that they can be given or sold, sensitively, to those families who need our support. Thank you.

CANBERRA EXCURSION - PACER REBATE

48 students from Years 4, 5 and 6 from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The cost of the excursion was calculated with this rebate in mind.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 24 November	Kinder 2018 Drop in Day
Friday 1 December	Year 6 Fundraising Day
Tuesday 5 December	High School Orientation Day
	LCPS Christmas Concert
Thursday 7 December	Presentation Day
Friday 8 December	Student Reports home
Saturday 9 December	Carols by the Lake
Monday 11 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Wednesday 13 December	Reward Day
Friday 15 December	K-2 Water Fun Day
	3-6 Pool Day
	Last day for students

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 30 JANUARY

DUE THIS TERM

- Year 3-6 Pool Fun Day payment
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner payment
- Outstanding School Fees
- Outstanding Band Fees Term 3 and 4
- Lost Book Fee

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and POP (Parent Online Payment on the School Website.)

2018 Student Leaders

Nominated Year 5 students will present their speeches in the Hall on Wednesday 29 November commencing at 9.00 am.

PRE ORDERED UNIFORMS FOR CHILDREN STARTING KINDERGARTEN IN 2018 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AND PAYMENT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Premier's Reading Challenge



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

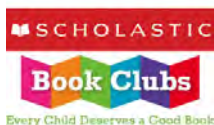
The NSW PRC aims to encourage a love of reading. It runs each year from March to August and students must read a certain number of books during this time. It is not a competition but a challenge for each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Congratulations to the 57 students at Lake Cathie Public School who completed the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge.

A gold certificate is awarded a when a student completes the challenge for the fourth time. This year these students received a gold certificate:

Abby	Charlotte
Chloe	Eliana
Jordyn	Lachlan
Reid	Ryan

When students complete the challenge for the 7th time they receive a platinum certificate. Congratulations Mackenzie who has achieved this by completing the challenge every year since starting school.



Issue 8 order forms were handed out last week and orders are due in by Friday 24 November 2017.

Place your order online at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and pay with your credit card. You can order for multiple children and you don't need to return order forms or payment receipt details to school. If you order using LOOP you may be able to get bonus books with Scholastic's "Keep it Rolling" program.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 24 November	9-2pm	Mary-ann Grant
	10-2pm	Brooke Tougher
Wednesday 29 November	10-11.30am	HELP REQUIRED
Thursday 30 November	9-2pm	HELP REQUIRED X 2 (meal deal day)
	10-2pm	Kate Pagotto
Friday 1 December	9-2pm	HELP REQUIRED
	10-2PM	HELP REQUIRED



Insulated Lunch Bags available from the Canteen \$10.00 each (cash only)



Bus Pass Applications

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel entitlements are now open.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017.

Please note: Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/applyNow>



Year 6 FUNdraiser

Lake Cathie Public School Fun Fair FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER

Years 5 and 6 are providing some fun activities to raise money for Year 6 to buy a parting gift for the school.

There will be a variety of activities

Face Painting	=	3 tokens
Sponge Throw	=	2 tokens
Football Target	=	1 token
Wheel of Fortune	=	2 tokens
Soccer Shootout	=	1 token
Golf Putt	=	1 token
Colour Hair Spray	=	3 tokens
Ice Cream	=	2 tokens



Money can be sent in to buy tokens prior to Friday 1 December. Just place money in an envelope with child's name and class on it.

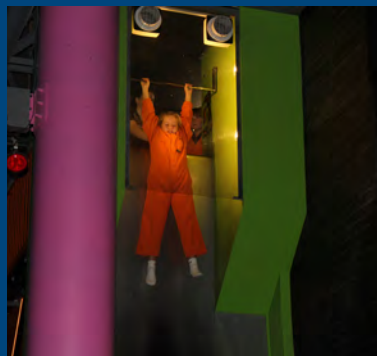
\$1.00 will get 10 tokens but you can buy as many as you like. Years 5 and 6 can also buy tokens to spend at various stalls.

Thank you

Year 6 Fundraisers

Mrs McCleary

Canberra Excursion



Public Speaking Finals



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Assembly Awards



Term 4 Week 6

	CLASS AWARD	SPORTS AWARD	STUDENT OF THE WEEK	WORK OF THE WEEK
1P	Kaitlyn Latham	Alexandra Ellis	Ella Grant	Jake Savage
	Tora Smith			
1W	Evelyn Hope	Talia Kapila	Lily Havron	Max Jordan
	Jarraah Ingram			
2B	Haidyn Taylor	DJ McCabe	Tyler Little	Ayla Cross
	Annabelle Broderick			
2J	Nate John James	Adam Hines	Tasha Barnett	Rylan Rogerson
	Summer Waite			
KE	Annaliese Murphy	Odin Barlin	Marci Peterson	Cameron O'Callaghan
	Bailee Taylor			
KG	Jack Watt	Mila Rae	Breanna Butt	Cameron Webster
	Deklyn Latham			
KH	Wilo Thomas	Grace Broderick	Jarred Tumes	Kai Colgin
	Charlotte Drury			

Term 4 Week 7 FORMAL ASSEMBLY

	1P	1W	2B	2J	3/4B	4/5C	5/6M	KE	KG	KH
MERIT	Lachlan Jones	Kye Randall	Lavali Connors	Kaii Nation	Chloe Kapila	Sean Robinson	Kristan Arnold	Summer Prophet	Kai Richards	Noah Smith
	Eli McDonald	Ekana Pemberton	Orson Wainwright	Rochelle Grant	Harlen Thomas	Eliana Pagotto	Dylan Gordon	Darwin Wainwright	Breanna Butt	Tilly McDonald
	Lilli Ireland	Evie Hall	Lekeisha Sargent	Liam Henderson	Cooper Taylor	Charlotte	Olly Farrell	Charlotte Hill	Sienna Love-Spillane	Wilo Thomas
	Ava Miller	Locke Williamson		Aurora Briscoe	Hayden Gunn	Zoe Ruurda-Waters	Denver Dixon	Indi Garvey	Jack Watt	Zac O'Brien
SPIRIT		Jarraah Ingram					Zoe Bulmer			



Helping Your Child to Read

- Tell your child they do not need to worry about knowing all the words because you will be reading with them.
- Tell them to only say what you say.
- Ask them to keep their eyes on the words as your finger moves across the page and read aloud WITH you, not after you.
- Synchronise your voices exactly with your finger, moving smoothly across the lines of print and reading naturally.
- Find a comfortable speed – not too fast or too slow.
- Stop at natural pauses and give a positive comment.
- Read with enjoyment and talk about what you have read as well as any illustrations or relevant background information. Don't correct errors and don't give negative comments. This must be a totally positive experience.



Read together as you follow the words.

Older children like to listen to audio books and e-books. E-books can be found online, while audio books can be borrowed from the library or you can make your own recording. Many popular titles have been recorded by actors and your child will enjoy following the book being read as they listen to the expressive voices. They can play the story over as many times as they like, helping to build confidence in their own ability as they learn the language of stories and, if they're following the text, gain knowledge of new sight words.

Listening to audio books helps build your child's understanding and enjoyment of stories.



Building your child's comprehension

You can help improve your child's comprehension by encouraging them to predict what will happen with the six steps of 'reciprocal teaching'. This is a good approach particularly for factual texts and requires the child to preview, predict, self-monitor, question and summarise.

1. Predicting

Your child predicts what will happen using their background knowledge, the title, pictures, table of contents and any other clues. You can ask questions such as, 'What does the title suggest?'

2. Reading

Your child reads the text silently or aloud.

3. Discussing

Were the predictions correct? What happened?

4. Clarifying

Ask your child if there are any words they don't understand that need to be explained and talked about.

5. Questioning

Use 'Here, Hidden, Head' questions (see page 32).

6. Summarising

Talk together to summarise what has happened so far. Encourage your child to do this more and more without your support.

When the text is just too hard your child may need extra support. As a parent you can try:

- Paired reading strategies – read the story to your child, stopping to define unknown words. Ask them their thoughts to help them gain vocabulary skills and discuss the meaning of the story.
- Echo reading – read a sentence or two of the text and then have your child re-read the sentence.
- Drawing the story – ask your child to draw a diagram of the different scenes of the story they are reading. This activity can be used with echo reading and is a good technique for visual learners who like to represent what they have read in a picture.
- Book language/conventions of print – explain to your child as you read how to use features such as headings, subheadings, index, table of contents, graphs, maps and diagrams to gain information.

What should my child be able to read?

Your child's teacher will be the best guide to tell you whether your child is reading at a level that matches their age or grade. Schools use a variety of resources to assess and monitor children's reading. Speak with your school about the programs they use and how they assess progress. It is important to focus on your child's own progress rather than making comparisons with siblings and other children in the class.

The NSW Board of Studies website has an Assessment Resource Centre at <http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/> with work samples, including reading examples, that offer a guide to what children of different ages are achieving.

Assisting in your child's classroom during literacy activities is an excellent way to gauge your child's progress and gain an understanding of the different ways children learn to read.



Your child's teacher is the best guide to their reading ability.



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Positions Vacant

Looking for adults to fill the following roles in our group:

- 2 x scout leaders**
- 1 x cub leader**
- Group Leader**

Full training is provided by Scouts Australia, support provided to the role by current leaders in the group, district and region.
 A current working with children check is required (volunteer)

Parent Support group members (Various roles)

If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Tara Chapman (Leader in Charge) 0423118352 or chsscubs@gmail.com

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WHITE RIBBON

2017 WHITE RIBBON COASTAL WALK
 Sunday 26 November 2017

Lighthouse Beach to Town Green	OR	Flynns Beach to Town Green	OR	Town Beach Kiosk
7.30am - bus departs Town Green		8.30am - bus departs Town Green		10.00am - walk commences from Town Beach Kiosk to Town Green
7.30am - walk commences from Lighthouse Beach		8.30am - walk commences from Flynns Beach		
8.00am - walk commences from Tacking Point, SLIC		9.00am - walk commences from Flynns Beach		

The White Ribbon Coastal Walk is a FREE community event consisting of walking the Coastal Walk from Lighthouse Beach, Flynns Beach OR Town Beach Kiosk to the Town Green to raise awareness about **White Ribbon Day, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**. It is for anyone with at least moderate fitness to undertake the 9km walk from Lighthouse Beach, the 3km walk from Flynns Beach or enjoy the paved surface from Town Beach Kiosk to the Town Green.

FREE buses will depart from the TOWN GREEN, taking participants to their choice of start for the walk, either Lighthouse Beach or Flynns Beach. Buses are not available to Town Beach Kiosk.

Registration is essential and must be received no later than Friday 24 November 2017. You can register online at www.pmhastingsdvv.com.au or fill in a registration form, available from Liberty Cottage 155 Gordon St or SNAP 110 William St.

To participate, we request people wear a white t-shirt. It is also recommended that participants bring a water bottle and wear a hat and sunscreen (slip, slop, slap).

Please Note - This is Not A Race!

For further information, go to: www.pmhastingsdvv.com.au or contact 6584 9102. Unfortunately, **pets are not allowed** between Lighthouse and Nobbys Beaches; the walk from Town Beach Kiosk is suitable for strollers, prams & mobility aids.

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