Calendar Term 3 Weeks 8-9

Mon 7 September 2020
Book Club orders close
Parent Teacher Discussions

Tue 8 September 2020
Parent Teacher Discussions
Uniform shop. Order online through school website

Wed 9 September 2020
Student Banking
P & C Zoom Meeting 7.00pm

Thu 10 September 2020
Year 3 - 6 Term 1 Catch up sport session
Canteen Order online at My School Connect
Uniform shop. Order online through school website

Fri 11 September 2020
Canteen Order online at My School Connect

Mon 14 September 2020

Tue 15 September 2020
Uniform shop. Order online through school website

Wed 16 September 2020
Student Banking

Thu 17 September 2020
Canteen Order online at My School Connect
Uniform shop. Order online through school website

Fri 18 September 2020
Canteen Order online at My School Connect

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If your child is sick, keep them at home and get them tested for COVID-19.

COVID-19 symptoms can include:

- fever
- sore throat
- cough
- shortness of breath

If your child is unwell, get them tested and keep them at home until they receive a negative result. Read the latest COVID-19 advice for families on:


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Uniform shop is filling orders on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Order forms available on the school website
Canteen is open Thursday & Friday Online orders only
School Office Hours 8.15am - 3.15pm
Student Banking is on Wednesday
Thank You to our School Administrative and Support Staff

Last week we acknowledged the wonderful contribution of all of our non-teaching staff for their support of our students, staff and parents-families and magnificent organisation of our school. Please join me in thanking Rachel, Anne, Kylie, Megan, Tara, Ben, Kim, Trisha, Lisa, Amanda, Ros, Skye and Adrian for the quality work they do each and every day. We also welcome Chloe as she engages in her work placement as a teacher’s aide.

P&C Fathers’ Day Stall

Thanks again to an amazing group of parent volunteers who organised and ordered gifts for the Fathers’ Day stall and to Kylie Whiting for setting up and monitoring the online stall, packing all the orders and with her Year 6 helpers delivering gifts to the students this week. I hope that there will be numerous happy fathers on Sunday!

School Facebook Group

After a review by the Department of Education, school Facebook accounts will need to meet updated privacy and legislative requirements, including the Department being one of the Administrators. We are planning to move to a new Page setup hopefully all in operation by the first week of Term 4. We will continue to run the closed group for a period while families and members transition over from the Group to the new Page. Further details will appear in the next newsletter and through our Facebook group in the coming weeks.

Parent-Teacher phone calls

I hope the current process of phone calls for student progress updates is meeting your needs and expectations. If you feel you would like extended or extra time for certain discussions please just ask. Staff are feeding back comments on numerous positive phone calls with parents in what is such a different way of connecting.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Surveys

Information will shortly come home requesting valuable parental feedback on topics covering learning, communication and wellbeing. This vital feedback is being used to inform our planning for the next 4 year school improvement plan currently being heavily worked on in schools across the state. We would love your ideas and thoughts please.

School Sport Fun Days

What a great time for our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 at Laurieton Oval last Thursday. So much fun was reported by our students and staff. A huge thank you to Ms Gray, Mrs McCleary and our entire staff for the planning and running of these days. Thanks also to the canteen staff for still providing the meal deal with such few helpers. We tried to keep this to an absolute minimum to meet our Covid requirements. Check out the photos!

Assessment of Learning News

The school has assisted the Department of Education in trialling the Year 3 and 5 “Check In Assessments” covering outcomes in Reading and Mathematics. This assessment is being used to inform teachers of student learning and progress. It is not linked to NAPLAN and does not provide information at this stage to parents.

We are also conducting the Year 1 Phonics assessment which is providing teachers with valuable information to assist in the development of reading and literacy skills. These assessments inform our practice.

P&C Meeting on Zoom

Please join Rebecca Bouldin and the P&C executive team at our meeting next Wednesday 9 September starting at 7.00pm on Zoom with the following link:

https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/64082709168?pwd=emE4SW5FQ3ZPenNZeXFoRy9KUkhBQT09

Details if needed: Meeting ID: 640 8270 9168
Passcode: 432916

Please try and log on early to have time to sort any technical connection problems. I will open the meeting up at 6.30pm to allow for this preparation time. Remember to keep your microphone off until the start of the meeting.

Debating

Our debating team worked collaboratively on Wednesday 26 August to defeat Tinonee Public School. The topic was ‘That we should ban primary school kids from having phones’. Well done to the entire team for their persistence and growth in the last month. Congratulations boys and girls.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic

So many happy faces last week at our Kindergarten Teddy bear picnic for lunch. I think the teddies ate all their sandwiches....
Mindsets for Learning

Integrity is the ability to act in ways that are consistent with the values, beliefs, and moral principles we claim to hold. It is about doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. It is about being honest and respectful in our every day actions.

For the next three weeks, all classes will be focused on developing a deeper understanding of ‘Integrity and Respect’. This week students are thinking about what it means to be kind and caring. Many classes are taking the challenge to fill a ‘Kindness Jar’ with all of the kind and caring deeds they have done throughout the week for their peers and teachers.

Here’s a short video clip about the science of kindness created by the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation that you might find interesting and inspiring. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9UByLyOjBM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9UByLyOjBM)
Create a Feature for Our New School

An exciting opportunity has been created for Lake Cathie Public School students to design a feature that will be installed in our new school. Interested students can create a sculpture or object that will sit atop of the new main walkway. The object might be a weathervane to show the direction of the wind or it could be a decorative sculpture.

Students will be provided with the design template and are asked to send all entries to the office before 30 October 2020. Extra copies of the template can be located in the school office.

This is a really exciting way students can become involved in our new school buildings and contribute something that will become a feature of the school for years to come. All designs will be judged before a final product is decided. The included image is our architect’s screenshot of the walkway tower that the feature will be installed on. This image is just to give students an idea about what kind of structure the object will be installed on.

We are looking for students to create a design that reflects Lake Cathie Public School. Some ideas students might consider could be the colours of our school, local landmarks, animals or plants. The feature might be designed to have moving parts, such as a weathervane that moves with the wind. Some examples of weathervanes and sculptures are pictured on the poster to inspire students.

All students are encouraged to use their Mindset for Learning by taking on this challenge with confidence and contributing something special to our school. Any questions about the design competition can be directed to Mrs Haleblian or the school office.

Create a Feature for Our New School

CREATE A DESIGN FOR A FEATURE THAT WILL SIT ATOP THE WALKWAY IN OUR NEW SCHOOL. YOUR DESIGN SHOULD REFLECT OUR SCHOOL IN SOME WAY. IT MIGHT BE A WEATHERVANE TO SHOW THE WIND DIRECTION OR IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING DECORATIVE.

ALL DESIGNS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND JUDGED. THE FINAL VERSION WILL BE MANUFACTURED AND INSTALLED ON THE ROOF OF THE STRUCTURE SHOWN BELOW.

Designs to be retuned by Friday 30 October 2020 to the school office.
Lake Cathie Public School Walkway Feature Design Competition
Infants Sport Fun Day
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**Canteen Operation**

The canteen is open on Thursdays and Fridays with online ordering through My School Connect for both recess and lunch. Orders need to be placed before 9.00am on the day of the order.

**My School Connect Ordering**

If you have submitted an order for your child and they are then absent you are able to go in and edit the order before 9.00am on the day of the absence. You can either cancel the order and your payment will be refunded to your account or you can change the date of the order for the following week.

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**Birthday Buckets**

Share a cool Birthday treat with your classmates. Birthday Buckets can be ordered online and delivered to your child’s class. Each bucket is filled with enough Quelch ice blocks for the whole class. $15.00 per bucket and the birthday child keeps the balloon to take home.

Order online at [www.myschoolconnect.com.au](http://www.myschoolconnect.com.au)

Birthday Buckets can be ordered Tuesday to Friday.
What is Minecraft?
Minecraft is a video game where players are given a 3D world to create and adapt as they see fit. It is popular with primary school-aged children, but is played by millions of people of all ages from all over the world. It's like a huge virtual sandbox in which players use a variety of tools to gather resources from the environment and use them to build structures and craft tools. Players can create weapons and armour to fight monsters and interact with other players.

What devices can Minecraft be played on?
The original version of Minecraft is available for Windows, Mac, and Linux computers. A console version is available on the PS3, PS4, PS Vita, Xbox 360, and Xbox One. There is a condensed 'pocket edition' of Minecraft for phones and tablets running Android, iOS and Windows Phone.

How do children interact with other players?
Players can interact with others in several ways when playing Minecraft. While you can play offline and play on your own, players can also join small private servers where a group of friends play cooperatively online, or huge servers with thousands of players from all over the world.

To play Minecraft you need a username, and players select their own username to identify them in the game. If you want to restrict your interaction with others, it’s important players know their friends usernames, and vice versa, so they know who they are playing against.

What are the benefits of playing Minecraft?
When played alone, Minecraft is a game that enhances creativity and problem-solving skills. It can help children with their reading, writing, maths, and basic geometry. Played online with others, it can encourage teamwork and improve social skills.

What are the potential problems with Minecraft?
As with any online environment, children playing Minecraft online may be exposed to undesirable content or malicious individuals. Players can message each other privately or participate in a public chat with all other players connected to the same server. (A server is like a 'room' in which the game is played in, so only the people allowed into the room can play and everyone within that room can see what everyone else is doing.)

Bullying, swearing and rudeness are not uncommon in online gaming and, because servers in Minecraft can be hosted by anyone, there’s no guarantee that server administrators will moderate the chat or stop negative behaviour when a complaint is made. Online gaming may also be an environment in which young people are exposed to inappropriate content or unwanted contact from adults for exploitative purposes.

Can I restrict who my child plays Minecraft with?
If your child plays on a server administered by someone who you don’t know, then you have no control over who your child plays with. Some servers may have hundreds or even thousands of players on them.

If your child wants to play online with their friends we recommend they play on a server administered by a trusted adult, such as a parent. Whitelisting mode (where only players on the approved list, the ‘whitelist’, can access the server)
should be turned on and configured to ensure that only your child and their friends are provided with access to the server that they play on.

Advice on how to configure a private server, or how to purchase hosting through a third-party, can be found at minecraft.net.

Disabling the chat function
Chat can be disabled in multiplayer mode by selecting Options > Multiplayer Settings and clicking on the chat button to toggle it between 'Shown', 'Hidden', and 'Commands Only'.

By setting the chat function to hidden, your child will not be able to see private messages or the public chat.

Disabling multiplayer mode
In single player mode, a user does not interact with other users of the game; however, you can still access the multiplayer mode and enable online play with others. The ability to access this multiplayer mode cannot be disabled.

Downloading 'mods'
 Mods are user-created files which modify the game by adding new features or changing existing features. Mods are not inherently dangerous; however, some malicious users attach viruses and other malware to the mod files they post online. If your child wants to download mods for Minecraft, we recommend that they only download them from reputable websites and that the files are scanned by up-to-date anti-virus software.

What can I do if another player is harassing my child?
Server administrators are able to control which players are given access to multiplayer servers. You should contact the server administrator for the specific server that your child plays on and report the abuse to them. However, it is up to the server administrator to determine what action should be taken. While some servers have strict rules and codes of conduct for players, others may operate with no rules.

If you are unhappy at the response from the administrator you should consider having your child move to another server with more strictly enforced rules, or hosting your own server for your child and their friends to play on privately.

More information
The Minecraft website (minecraft.net) contains further information on the game and links to further resources.

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What is Snapchat?
Snapchat is an application which is free to download on iOS and Android devices that allows users to send images and videos (‘snaps’) to each other. Snaps can be viewed for up to 10 seconds before they ‘dissolve’.

Operating the app requires use of the device’s data plan or a wireless internet connection. Images can be drawn on using a whiteboard-style tool and can be given a caption. Snapchat also gives users the ability to put special effect filters and emojis over images or videos to create different looks or themes.

What is the age restriction for Snapchat?
The age classification for Snapchat is 13 years and over, although much of the content may be inappropriate for that age group. If children under the age of 13 sign up for an account they are given access to ‘SnapKidz’ which is a limited version of the app where users are not able to send images to other users. It is important to note that these classifications are set by the app’s creator and are not overseen by an independent body.

How are kids using Snapchat?
Snapchat is used by many young people to connect with their friends and to send photos to each other. However, Snapchat can be used for inappropriate purposes and it is important to sit down with your child and explain to them that it is not okay to share images that are rude, offensive or sexualised.

Should I be worried if my child is using Snapchat?
Any application when used incorrectly has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you communicate openly with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. Children and young people also need to be aware of the risks of communicating with people they don’t know via any mobile application.

Does an image really delete on Snapchat?
There are many ways an image can be saved, even on Snapchat. iOS and Android devices have a feature which allows the device to take a photo of what is on the screen (screencapture). Snapchat notifies the sender if an image they have sent has been captured, however there are also other ways images can be saved without the sender being notified, so it is important to encourage children to think before they send a snap.

What are the privacy settings on Snapchat?
Snapchat has limited privacy settings so it is important to monitor your child’s usage of the application. One privacy setting that is available is the ability to restrict who can send your child photos or videos, ‘snaps’. This can be enabled by going into the Settings menu, select ‘Who can send me snaps’, then select ‘My friends’. This will ensure that only users in your child’s contact list can send images.

It is important to read the Snapchat privacy policy as it provides information about how the images and videos are stored and used. Users need to be aware that Snapchat has the right to reproduce, modify and republish photos and videos, and save them to the Snapchat servers, particularly in relation to the ‘Live Story’ feature.

Is Snapchat a ‘safe sexting’ application?
It is important to know that there is no such thing as ‘safe sexting’ and Snapchat is no exception. Young people need to be aware that as soon as they send an image they have lost control over where it ends up. Sending sexually explicit images of someone under the age of 18, with or without their permission, could be an offence under State and Commonwealth legislation.

What are the potential problems with Snapchat?
Sharing images that are rude, offensive or sexualised can see young charged under State and Commonwealth legislation which carries serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on their reputation and others.
Sexting is commonly defined as the sharing of sexualised or naked images via the internet or mobile phone, this includes mobile applications like Snapchat. Children and young people need to realise that as soon as that image is sent they have lost control of it. It is possible that images shared privately between people on social networking services could end up elsewhere online. Taking, sending and saving these sorts of images can also constitute child pornography offences and can have long term legal ramifications on a child’s future.

If these images become public, the child in the image can be subject to bullying and cyberbullying. This may happen face-to-face at school or even online with people posting and sharing the image on social networking sites or through instant messenger applications. It is important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so that they can openly communicate with their child about safe and responsible use.

How do I delete my child’s Snapchat account?

After talking with your child about the ethical use of Snapchat and your family’s rules around technology, you may feel it’s appropriate to delete the Snapchat account.

Open discussions are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Removing technology from your child when they have used it inappropriately is not the best response as it may lead the child to access technology through other means making it more difficult to monitor, supervise or support them if something goes wrong.

However, in some cases it is necessary for a parent to delete an account. To do this, you need to go to https://support.snapchat.com/delete-account and enter your child’s account username and password. If you do not have your child’s password you can submit a deletion request to Snapchat.
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5pm Saturdays at LCPS
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Kids’ program for children in years K-6
Supper and kids’ dinner provided
Everyone welcome!

UNIFORM SHOP

20% OFF SALE*

MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER
TO
FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER
SPECIAL SALE SHOP HOURS

TUESDAY & THURSDAY
8.30-11.30am & 1-4pm

GATE CLOSURE REMINDER
Please remember that gates will be closed to all motor vehicles during the following times

Recess (10.45am - 11.15am)
Lunch (1pm-1.45pm)

If you are coming to school during these times you can park to the right of the gates and walk in.

Bus Pass Applications

Applications for 2020 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel entitlements are now open. If your application is rejected due to living within the walking distance radius, please contact the school office on 6584 8060 for assistance.