



LONG FLAT SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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Week 6 Term 4 Tuesday 20th November 2018 Success through Innovation

Dear Parents and Community Members,

This week is our final week for Kinder Transition. By now, teachers have a much better understanding of the delightful students who are coming here next year and the children themselves will be much more comfortable and connected when they begin school full time in 2019.

We would like to thank all those involved in seeing that our 2019 kinder students have been able to attend school each Thursday, particularly the parents and bus drivers, who in some cases went out of their way to do additional bus runs to get all students to and from school.

Lucky Christmas Prizes

Thank you to those families who have been donating gifts for the prize draws we do throughout the night at the Christmas Concert. At this stage, we are still hoping many more items come in as we are sure your unwanted (new) items would make great gifts for others.

School Photos

Please have a look in your child's bag today as the school photos are coming home. If you have any enquiries about the photos, please ring MSP Photography, their contact details are in your package.

Year 6 Farewell

Our year 6 farewell is on Monday night (17th December). Students in years 5 and 6 will receive their invitations to this event soon. Parents of year 6 students will also be invited.

This is limited to a maximum of **two** parents/carers for each year 6 student. Younger siblings are not invited unless they happen to be in year 5. Once received, we will need confirmation of numbers attending by the stated date. With Mrs Pearce being EXTREMELY busy this year, it would be greatly appreciated if parents could send this information back before the due date so she does not have to make unnecessary phone calls.

Year 5 students will be invited to attend on their own. Parents can drop them off and pick them up. Staff will look after them during the night.

P & C Meetings

Rumour, gossip and innuendo! Occasionally, staff hear about things that supposedly happened at school, yet to our surprise, all too often, no other staff member knows anything about it. The rumour, usually goes through several groups of adults before eventually coming back to a staff member. In the vast majority of cases, it starts with a student sharing some information with a parent that is totally incorrect and that parent accepting the child's word as if it were gospel. Some even go as far as to check with their children's friends. A rather dubious habit to fall into. Why you might ask?

A wise principal once said, "If you promise not to believe everything your children tell you about school, then I promise not to believe everything they tell us about home." Always keeping this in mind has saved staff in schools from making many brash decisions.

One of the solutions to this type of dilemma is to participate in P & C Meetings. This is where a wide range of decisions are made and the

school principal gives a report on the types of things that have been happening at school and what is coming up.

If you have more individualised concerns, the first question we should be asking ourselves and each other is: Have you spoken to the teacher about it? If the answer is yes, and you still have concerns, then have you been back to discuss this concern further? Our staff are always willing to discuss parent concerns and clear up any misunderstandings.

Kinder Transition

Kinder transition is going well. We are learning new things every week. The students are getting a great opportunity to see what school will be like when they start full time next year.

We are contacting all parents where required so that any individualised plans that need to be put into place before next year, can be organised this year before the students attend on a daily basis. This includes learning plans, behaviour plans and medical plans. Be aware that in some cases we may require input from a medical practitioner, before the school can develop our plan for your child.

Speeches for 2019 Captain Positions

Last week, every student had the opportunity of giving a speech to be selected as school captain for 2019.

It was good to see students stepping up to the mark and sharing the things they value or think are important. It was great to see them starting to think about leadership and what it means to them to be a good leader.

Despite some people thinking this type of task is too difficult for some students, the demonstration by students themselves proved that many of our students are more capable than some want to recognise.

Our 2019 Captains will be announced at the year 6 farewell or at the end of year assembly. Best of luck to all those who would dearly like and deserve these positions.

COMING EVENTS	
22 Nov	2019 Kinder Orientation
23 Nov	Swimming
26-30 Nov	Swimming
14 Dec	Community Christmas Tree & Year 5 speeches
17 Dec	Year 6 Farewell dinner (invite)
18 Dec	Special Assembly
19 Dec	Last day of school for students 2018

CANTEEN ROSTER	
Fri 7 Dec	Faye & Amy
Mon 10 Dec	Kylie & Karen
Fri 14 Dec	Vanessa & Helen
Mon 17 Dec	Caitlyn & Sharon

Year 6 Fundraiser

Our Year 6 students will be selling ice-creams in a cone for just \$1 each. This will be on Wednesday at lunchtime, until their supply of ice-cream runs out!

Long Flat Community Christmas Tree

The Christmas concert is planned for **Friday 14th December at the school**. All students from the school will be involved in singing and drama.

The night will begin at 5.30pm with a FREE community BBQ. This is being provided by the P & C.

The performance will kick off at approximately 6.30pm. Students from both the Primary school

and the Pre-school will be performing.

At the end of the night there will be supper **(please bring a plate to share—preferably with food on it)** and Santa will visit to give the students gifts. A note will be coming home to parents so you know what needs to be done to organise a surprise for your child(ren).



LUCKY Christmas Tickets will become available in a few weeks. In the meantime, we would like you to send in items that would make good prizes for the many ticket draws we do at the Christmas concert.

Such items might include NEW (unused): tools, linen, bathroom supplies, kids toys, big kids toys, family games, kitchen items, handy items, gadgets, nick-knacks, ornaments, plants, CDs / DVDs, new electrical items or services with a value amount. Eg. Car Wash & Clean.

In general, these items should be new items that have been sitting around the house unopened for some time as they were never really needed. They might have originally been some type of gift or an e-bay bargain that you never actually used.

The more items we have donated, the more chances people will have of winning a LUCKY Christmas Prize. **Please send them into the school anytime before Friday 30th November.**

Regards, Mr P Mason

P&C NEWS

Our next P&C Meeting will be at 5.30p.m. on 3rd December. We are hope you can make it.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Long Flat Preschool Family Picnic and Open Day– Friday 23rd Nov 10am til 12pm
Come and enrol for 2019.