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*"With Heart, Soul, Mind And Strength"*

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NEWSLETTER

Issue 5

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Amazingly, this is the last Newsletter for Term 1, 2009. Even an 11 week term flies. As usual the term has been packed with activities. Our swimming and cross-country carnivals have been highlights, with great College spirit shown and tremendous individual efforts on behalf of Colleges. Congratulations to those students who went on to represent Lakes at HRIS Swimming and to those who represented HRIS at State level (Combined Independent Schools). All those students have helped to maintain our school's reputation for well-behaved students with a commitment to their school and team.

Last week the Art camp at Bundanon was very enjoyable. The students (and teachers) learned a lot from the artist who tutored us in drawing and painting. Year 11 has attended its study skills and leadership camp this week and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Year 10 returns today from its visit to Canberra. Thank you to the teachers who gave up their home lives to provide our students with these valuable experiences.

### GRANDPARENTS' DAY AND EASTER SERVICE

Grandparents' Day is always a highlight of Term 1. Grandparents and Special Friends are invited to attend the school from 8.45am for class room visits and a concert at 9.45. All K-6 students will be involved. We have sent a note home and would appreciate your RSVP so we can plan seating. After morning tea our Easter service will be held. We ask you not to take children home until after the Easter service.

### ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is Saturday, 25 April. As is our custom, Lakes Grammar students are invited to represent our school at the march and service that will be held at the Doyalson/Wyee RSL Club. For hardy souls the Dawn Service commences at 5.00am. Weather permitting, marchers will form up at the traffic lights at 8am. Our students march behind the school banner and representatives lay a wreath during the service. I or another staff member will be there at 8.00am, so find that person as a gathering point.

Our school will hold an Anzac service on Wednesday, 29 April at 9.00am in the Junior School courtyard. Parents are invited to attend.

### AUSTRALIAN AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The Australian Government has announced that nominations are open for these prestigious awards. If you feel that a staff member in any of the following categories deserves such recognition please see the nomination procedures at [www.teachingaustralia.edu.au](http://www.teachingaustralia.edu.au). Nominations close 19 June. The categories for awards are excellence by:

a teacher; a Principal; a beginning teacher; a support staff member; a school and its community; and excellence in teacher leadership.

### OPEN DAY AND SCHOOL FAIR

Remember to mark Saturday, 16 May in your diary for our annual Open Day and Fair. Planning is well under way and we look forward to another wonderful day like last year. If you can help or contribute in any way please contact Liz Evans at school.

### PRINCIPAL'S LEAVE

As I announced in the last Newsletter I will be on leave in Term 2. The arrangements for relieving staff are as follows:

Relieving Principal - Mr Ian Samways (our Deputy Principal).

Relieving Head of Senior School - Mr Jeremy Horrocks (our Maths Co-ordinator). Mr Horrocks replaces Mr Samways but the role is not K-12 Deputy as Mr Samways currently has.

In the event of Mr Samways' absence, Mr David Sarich, Head of the Junior School, will be Relieving Principal.

With Mr Maslen and Mrs Turner on long service leave also in Term 2 there are some other administrative duties that Mr Andrew Jones and Mrs Anne Hobden will perform. Particularly in relation to students and parents, Mr Jones will have oversight of discipline in the Senior School.

These leave arrangements and consequent reallocations of duties for various staff mean that some Secondary classes will have a change in their teacher for Term 2.

I wish you all well in Term 2. I expect to return in Term 3 refreshed and re-energised by my travel experiences.

### RAISING DIFFICULT MATTERS WITH YOUR SCHOOL

I received a NSW Parents Council newsletter this week that has a very interesting article on this topic, written by the Headmaster of Shore School in North Sydney, a very long established and respected Anglican Grammar school. I have reproduced the article in our Newsletter for you. It reminded me to let you know the channels of communication at Lakes Grammar. I have included a document titled "Communicating with School Staff and Resolving Problems". Just remember the changes for Term 2 outlined above.

### *HAPPY EASTER TO ALL IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY*



*You seek Jesus of Nazareth,  
Who was crucified.  
He has risen, He is not here;  
see the place where they laid Him.  
Mark 16:6*

Mr M Hannah (Principal)

## UNIFORM STORE

ALINTA APPAREL – Ph: 4392 9128

The Uniform Shop will be open one day during the school holidays.  
**Wednesday, 22 April 9.00am to 12.00pm.**  
Blazers & trousers will be available.

### TERM 2 - 2009 OPENING HOURS

**Mondays** 8.00 am to 10.00am  
**Wednesdays** 8.00am to 10.00am  
**Thursdays** 2.30pm to 4.30pm

The uniform shop can be contacted outside of trading hours by email on: [alintasports@bigpond.com](mailto:alintasports@bigpond.com)

**School Holiday Office Hours 9.00am – 3.00pm**  
**Closed for lunch 12.00 to 1.00pm**

### HEAD OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

During this week we have had a busy few evenings. On Tuesday there were **Parent – Teacher Interviews**, Wednesday there was the **Athletics Club Presentation** and on Thursday there was the “**DanceFever Challenge**”. We look forward to “**Grandparents Day**” next Thursday, 9 April and trust that a good number of parents and grandparents will be able to join us. Notes have been sent outlining arrangements for the day.

#### SPORT

A number of our students have continued on to higher levels in sport over the past couple of weeks.

**Swimming** - congratulations to Jordyn Bush, Jacinta Clark, Isabelle Hayward, Caitlin Hodges, Tyler Jones, Gabby Keevill and Harry Loader who represented HRIS at the recent Combined Independent School Carnival at Homebush. Well done to Jordyn and Jacinta who have gained representation in the All Schools Carnival - State Level.

**Soccer** - congratulations to Bailey Appo, Dylan Bain, Ethan Dial and Coen Ella who tried out for the HRIS Squad. Coen and Ethan made it into the "Possibles" and "Probables" team and Ethan gained selection in the HRIS Soccer Team as goal Keeper. Well done to all!

#### “COLLEGE FUN DAY”

Next Tuesday, 7 April we plan to have a “College Fun Day” during Sport time. Students should wear their normal sports uniform but may also bring a top, hat, ribbon, face paint etc in their College colours to dress up in. All the events will be held during the normal Sports time. This will not be a competition but an opportunity for Colleges to have fun together.

**11:00 – 12:40** Years 3 -6 - each College will break into 3 teams and be involved in tabloid sports.

**12:40 – 1:26** “College Lunch” - all the students will gather on the oval in their College Groups and have lunch together. You may like to add a Green Apple for Cranmer, a yellow banana for Lightfoot, some Red strawberries for Ridley or Blueberries for Tyrrell!!!

**1:26 – 3:00** Kinder to Year 2 will play some games in their College groups helped by the College Captains.

We are looking forward to a really “FUN” Day at the end of Term.

#### MOBILE PHONES

It is recognised that mobile phones can be a safety measure for some students travelling to and from school. However, while at school Junior School students are expected to hand their phone to their class teacher for safe-keeping, they will be returned at the end of the day. At no time should students take photos of other students at school with their phone. The support of parents is appreciated in this regard.

#### TEACHER-PARENT INTERVIEWS

These will continue on Monday, 6 April from 3:30pm to 7:30pm. If you have not made an appointment by 3 April, I'm afraid you will not be able to make a booking for Monday's interviews.

**3 – 6 performing at the Warnervale Fair**



Mr D Sarich (Head of Junior School)



### HEAD LICE

To help curb the spread of head lice in our school we would appreciate your co-operation over the holidays by checking your child's hair and taking immediate steps to treat any infestations before their return on Tuesday, 28 April. Please remember to treat hats and bed linen as part of your eradication process. Always advise the school if you find head lice in your child's hair. A flyer from Harrison's Pharmacy has been given to all K-6 students. Please take the time to read this.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 - 2009

### APRIL

Mon 6	K-11 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tue 7	AICES Touch Football 7.00 pm P&F meeting
Wed 8	Chinese/ Maths Excursion Yr 7
Thu 9	Easter Service K-12 11am Grandparents Day 8.45am -10.30am END TERM 1
Tue 28	TERM 2 – students return
Wed 29	Yr 7 & 10 Immunisation Anzac Service
Thu 30	Secondary Athletics Carnival - Mingara

### MAY

Fri 1	K-12 Awards Assembly ( <b>note date change</b> )
Mon 4	HRIS Cross Country Carnival
Fri 8	Mothers' Day Breakfast ( <i>more details to come</i> )
Tue 12- Fri 15	NAPLAN testing Yr 3, 5 & 7
Tue 12	7.00pm P&F meeting
Sat 16	Open Day/ Fair/ Fun Run
Tue 19	Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
Sat 23-Sun 24	HRIS Equestrian – Maitland
Mon 25	Yr 7-10 Exams commence
Wed 27-Thu 28	NSW CIS Cross Country
Fri 29	Yr 11 Business Studies Excursion

## Parent Lounge

Thank you to those parents that have given feedback about our 'Parent Lounge' web portal (accessed from the school website). Over 40% of parents are now actively accessing Parent Lounge for information about school activities. We are progressively trying to improve the level of information available to parents.

Recently, links have been added (on the links menu item) for the canteen menus for both the Senior School and Junior School.

The school calendar is regularly being updated with excursions, camps, exam timetables, etc. Parents can find out more information about various upcoming events by double clicking on the event in the calendar. For example – double clicking on the Yr12 half yearly exams will lead you to an attachment showing the full exam timetable for the whole exam period – you will know when your child has an exam, be able to print a copy if they lose theirs, have an idea of what and when they should be studying, etc. Progressively, the same sort of information becomes available as we draw near to excursions that are occurring (e.g. Yr 11 camp). I hope all find this useful.

If you have lost your username or forgotten your password for Parent Lounge please contact Liz Evans at the school office.

**Remember you can also update your own details in Parent Lounge.**

**Mr B. Maslen (Executive Assistant to the Principal)**

## CLERIC'S CORNER

### Matt's Mutterings

This week has marked the anniversary of surgery on my Achilles tendon after it snapped last year. Sadly unlike our Easter celebrations and Jesus, my soccer life is still yet to be resurrected. Not to worry...there is still hope. I have had to learn to walk again, run again, jump again (tentatively) and I am still to learn to hop on my left leg. Life's journey continues! And speaking of journeys I feel a segue coming on.

This term chapels at school have been all about discovering Jesus and we are this week reaching the pinnacle where we talk about his resurrection from the dead (note the journey language in that sentence...what a segue!) We've talked about Jesus' miracles, power, compassion, sacrifice and love for us and indeed for all people. We've witnessed great skits, awesome singing and water being thrown around in our library (no books were harmed during this stunt). It's been great having parents, siblings and grandparents coming along too and some even join in on the actions in our junior chapel songs. My prayer for all who are at our chapel services is that they may discover Jesus and his love for them and that he has a purpose for their lives. And we try to have fun as we explore how this is played out in our lives.

So as you celebrate Easter this year may you too discover Jesus' love for you and purpose for your life. As you eat your chocolate eggs may you be reminded not of the calorie content, but of them being a symbol of new life, of Jesus' resurrection. And as you follow your Easter tradition with your family may you discover the hope that Jesus can and will place in your heart...resurrection hope. Many blessings to you all this Easter and I'll catch you next term...maybe with a soccer ball at my feet.

**Matt Shorten (Chaplain)**

### Robyn's Ramblings

Hi folks, sorry you haven't heard from me for a while - the weeks fly by. Remember I told you about Maggie Hamilton, author of the book "What's happening to our Girls"?

Maggie will be a guest of the school on Wednesday, 11 November so keep this date in mind. There will be more reminders so stay tuned. Quote from her book, *Brands are very important to tweens (8-12). They now use them to help define who they are and what they aspire to.* I say, 'It's not what is on the outside of us that makes us who we are, it is what comes from inside'. Something to think about.

Our morning coffees on Tuesdays at Warnies from 9am, have been a wonderful time of community building, fellowship and sharing and from that, we are going to hold a scrapbook workshop on the second Monday of term two. This date is the 4th May. At this point we are using the Church of the Holy Spirit - the great thing about this is I can make you real coffee!

More info first Tuesday back. Please join us in this community building if you are free.

Years 3, 4, OC, 5 and 6 at lunch times have been experiencing meditation, where we look at a scripture and relax then go through a guided meditation. This has been a time of quiet reflection and participants have really enjoyed the experience. If you need to know more talk to me. If you would like to experience this for yourselves I would be happy to organise meditation for you.

Well, Easter is upon us and my prayer for you is that you will experience the risen Christ and that your holidays will be a joy and have a safe one. All my love and prayers. Rev Rob

**Robyn Pullin (Chaplain)**

## STAGE 6 NEWS

Three days away from school, comfy cabins, fantastic food (and plenty of it), fun activities, peaceful bush setting overlooking the waters of Port Hacking and 16 great students. Ahhhh... its hard to take but earlier this week Mr Horrocks, Matt and I had the hard task of accompanying Year 11 on their Leadership / Study Skills Camp.

While we did not rough it at all, we did work solidly on developing a number of skills that will assist these students as they prepare for their final year of school, and also make them more self-aware so they can modify current work practices to increase their own effectiveness as they work. They were a great team of students who worked well the entire time and it was wonderful to hear a number of very positive comments both during and after the camp. Thank you all for a lovely time (even though I felt quite sleep deprived by Wednesday afternoon). Also thank you to Mr Horrocks and Matt for all their help on the camp.

I hope each student will now spend some time reflecting over the next few weeks on what they learnt about themselves and implement some changes to help them as they progress through Stage Six. I also hope they will seriously consider applying for a formal leadership role in Term Three as I was quite impressed with the level of commitment and tenacity all students showed throughout the camp as well as some of the mature, responsible attitudes that were evident among the team.

Year 12 have been sitting their Half-Yearly Examinations during the last week and from all reports have been working well to produce their best effort. Good luck with the results. I will be on leave during Term Two and would like to wish all students well throughout this time. Work hard and apply yourselves, that really is what matters in the end.

**Mrs J Turner (Stage Adviser)**

## STAGE 4 NEWS

### YEAR 7

Here we are almost at the end of Term One, 2009! It has been a long term and our students need to be congratulated on their manners and their positive attitudes which have continued unabated!

Year 7 students are now attending the School Library once a fortnight and it is encouraging to see so many people borrowing books to take home and enjoy. Many of our students are also remembering to read books for the Reading Award Program, in which they have elected to read 20 books this year.

History assessment tasks are all due this week and students are producing some wonderful work on an interesting topic – “OTZI THE ICEMAN”. We are all looking forward to our new topic for Term Two – ANCIENT ROME – which we have commenced work on already. It is great to see the enthusiasm of our students as they participate in the activities.

A camp has been organised in September for all Year 7 students and a letter will be going home early next term which will outline the venue, program and costs. This has been a regular feature of life in Year 7 at our school for a few years now and the students always have an enjoyable experience at the camp. They will probably be accompanied by their Year Adviser and Tutor Group teachers but more details will follow.

It is also good to see so many students participating in Science Extra on Fridays and next term a Chess Club will begin and will operate in the library on Thursdays at lunch time. Debating teams have been selected and will begin work on the Inter-School Debating Competition early in Term Two.

All in all, it has been a busy term and we are looking forward to another busy term ahead, not the least of which will be Half-Yearly Examinations in the week of May 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is present at school on those dates unless unavoidable. It can be somewhat of a disadvantage for a student to do those examinations at a later date and on their own.

Finally, do have an enjoyable and very safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Mrs J Nash (Year 7 Adviser)**

### YEAR 8

This has been a good term for Year 8, the teachers have seen many improvements in the students' character, academic achievement and behaviour. Moving to the Senior School site has helped as Year 8 is now at the bottom of the age group rather than the top as was the case in the primary school. This has disrupted the comfort zone of some and also given them a strong role model to follow in the senior years. I believe this, along with the students maturing personally, is the reason for the encouraging performance we have seen so far.

Throughout the term we have seen a great response from the students in the cross-country and swimming carnivals, academic performance and the general social interactions that students have in the school grounds and classroom. It has been encouraging to see the number of white awards and positive comments in diaries given to the students. It is also encouraging to see most students responding in a mature and considerate way toward one another.

Last week we went on the Sydney excursion to view the wonders of Egypt on the amazing Imax screen. The students all enjoyed themselves and learnt many important facts in the process. It was great to see the students well dressed and well behaved in front of the general public. They also acted appropriately amongst other students from different schools. The excursion was a great success and many thanks are due to the organising teachers and the students who attended. I would also recommend going to the Imax cinema if you have not yet been as a special treat for the eyes.

I hope all students and parents of Year 8 will have a restful and safe break over Easter and I'm looking forward to the coming term and the rest of the year with Year 8. I'm sure we will see many more great things from this energetic and excited group of students.

**Mr D Langejans (Year 8 Adviser)**

## STAGE 5 NEWS

### YEAR 9

It has been a great pleasure to hear so much positive feedback from students and staff regarding the Year 9 camp. Students enjoyed the many activities, particularly the hiking, and staff appreciated the behaviour and attitude of campers within each of their groups. A special thank you goes out to Mr Campbell for his organisation, Ms Nicholls, Mr Beecroft and Mrs Crick for their guidance and encouragement. The next newsletter will allow you to have an insight into the day of a camper at Barrington. These recounts will be provided by Year 9 students.

Congratulations to those students selected to participate in the 2009 Australian Geographic Competition which was held on Tuesday. These students have demonstrated their abilities within this subject over the course of their three years in Secondary school and I look forward to seeing their results when they are returned next term. The students involved include; Laura Gillespie, Lewis Weber, Jordan Fitzgibbon, Rosie Collard and Joel Bateman.

Finally, it has been very rewarding meeting many of the parents and guardians who have attended the interviews at school. It is wonderful to communicate with the parents face-to-face and endeavour to demonstrate the solidarity between the staff, home and the student. It is this combination which provides the student with a willingness to learn and achieve their best in all facets of school life.

Have a safe, enjoyable and relaxing holiday Year 9 and I look forward to seeing you next term.

God Bless.

**Mrs K Rindfleish**

### YEAR 10

Year 10 are currently on Camp enjoying the sights of Canberra with Ms Nicholls, Mr Horrocks, Mrs Gallagher, Mr Lord and Mr Madden who will all deserve lots of rest and relaxation when they get back. I'm sure everyone is having a great time and I can't wait to hear all of their interesting stories next week. There will probably be quite a few!

I am happy to see that most Year 10 students are taking their School Certificate very seriously and are applying themselves so diligently. There are still a few Assessment Tasks due before the end of term for some students and then all students need to start thinking about Half Yearly Examinations which are in Week 5 of next term.

Students recently received a 'Guide to the 2009 School Certificate' which is published by the Board of Studies. It covers rules and procedures, and also outlines the School Certificate Examinations which are in November. Please read through this document with your child and if you still have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Lastly, the second night of Parent/Teacher Interviews is on Monday, 6 April and it would be great to see lots of Year 10 parents attending. If your child has not yet made appointments and you would like to see their teachers, appointments can still be made on Monday through your child's diary or feel free to call the school.

If you have any questions or wish to contact me, please feel free to email me at [rachel.griffith@lakes.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rachel.griffith@lakes.nsw.edu.au) or call the school.

**Miss R Griffith (Year 10 Adviser)**

### IMMUNISATION



Immunisation forms have been distributed to Years 7 and 10. IF YOU ARE A YEAR 7 GIRL WHO DID NOT RECEIVE AN INFORMATION PACKAGE AND CONSENT FORM FOR HPV contact the school office. Please return your immunisation form **EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT BEING IMMUNISED** to the school office before April 9 (last day of term) Immunisation will take place on the first Wednesday back to school – April 29.

## SCIENCE NEWS

Has it been 11 weeks already? The term does seem to have passed very quickly, however, when I look at the volume of work completed by our students it is great to realise how well they have used this time. Year 7 to 10 students are all completing their second module of work with Module Tests taking place over the remaining days. Good luck to all. There are a number of great assignments lining the walls and shelves of both the labs and I look forward to next Term when they are all put on display at Open Day.

The start of next term will also see the commencement of major assignments for Year 7 and 8 students as they begin their CREST Research Projects. Year 7 will study factors affecting crystal growth while Year 8 explore the growth of plants. Year 9 students are applying the knowledge and skills learnt in the Electricity module by wiring a house with lights and other appliances over the next few weeks, ready to hand in next term. Year 10 will also begin work on their major assessment task for the Year – an independent research investigation which is also linked to the CREST Award program.

Year 11 Physics students are preparing for their first assessment task during the last week of this term and the Chemistry and Biology students will complete theirs at the start of next term.

With all of this and the crystal growing competition commencing in Week 1, Term 2 is already looking like another very busy term. I would like to encourage all students to keep up the great work ethic they have displayed throughout this term as half-yearly examinations take place for Years 7 – 11 in week four.

I wish you all a relaxing break, time to recharge the batteries ready for more scientific challenges next term. I will be on leave for the term so if there are any concerns regarding Science matters please contact your child's class teacher immediately

**Mrs J Turner (Science Co-ordinator)**

## MATHS NEWS

### YEAR 7

It was very pleasing to see so many parents at the Year 7 interview evening earlier this term. Some students have moved classes in order to maximise their potential and ensure that they are at the correct level for their ability. The process of moving students will continue after the Half Yearly examinations and I encourage all parents to contact me if there are any concerns about the movement of students. Teachers will be giving students extra work sheets during the last week of term, in order for students to revise some areas of individual difficulty. Please encourage your children to work through these sheets and return them promptly early next term.

### NAPLAN

Years 7 & 9 will sit the National Examinations in Literacy and Numeracy in week 3 of Term 2. Students need to be aware of these coming exams and realise that extra sheets will be distributed in order to prepare thoroughly. Parents need to note the dates of these exams and encourage students to work diligently on these extra sheets. The exams are important and we would like to see all students perform to their potential.

### YEARS 7 – 11 EXAMINATIONS

Examinations for Year 11 commence week 4 and in week 5 for Years 7 to 10. Study is essential and all students need to be actively preparing for these exams from the first week of Term 2. Teachers will be giving students a breakdown of topics covered in class and students are encouraged to revise by actively doing mathematics questions. Teachers will assist by distributing extra sheets for this preparation.

### EASTER AND HOLIDAYS

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter as we remember what Christ has accomplished for us by dying on the Cross and rejoice in the good news of his resurrection. May you all have a safe holiday and that all students return ready for hard work in Term 2.

**Mr J Horrocks (Maths Co-ordinator)**

## PDHPE NEWS

Well as we come to the end of the term we would like to congratulate all students on the effort they have put into PE lessons throughout the term. All year groups are about to complete their first theory unit of work and will soon begin preparing for the athletics carnival in PE practical lessons.

Students had a fantastic day last Wednesday participating in the Gatorade Sweat Force Program. They learnt about hydration and body functioning, while working up a sweat running around playing a variety of fun games and activities. The presenters were extremely impressed with all students and look forward to coming back next year.

Year 8 will be attending Glendale Athletics and Gymnastics Centre Wednesday of the last week of term. They will expand on existing gymnastics skills and will learn new skills from highly qualified and experienced gymnastics coaches. We do remind all students to continue to bring their correct sports uniform and hat to each PE lesson.

Have a great Easter break and we look forward to seeing you next term.

**Mr Campbell & Mr Beecroft**

## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

### ART

Selected students from Years 7-9 attended Art Camp last week. They stayed at the beautiful, riverside properties of the late artist Arthur Boyd. The accommodation looked over a wonderful vista of the Shoalhaven River near North Nowra and was an inspiring location for artists. Students took part in a variety of workshops ranging from charcoal drawing, water colour painting to graphite sketching and acrylic painting. Everyone created several art works and developed new art making techniques.

The work from this camp will be on display in the Annual Art and Design Exhibition, later in the year. Congratulations to all the students who took part in the camp and many thanks to Mr Hannah for accompanying students and driving the bus. The camp will run again next year and I look forward to including Year 10 and Year 11 students in future.



**Mrs A Hobden (Co-ordinator)**

## A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY

I feel that Book Week is fast approaching when the shortlisted books are announced by the Children's Book Council. This announcement was made on Tuesday and consists of 28 titles, all of which were published in the past 12 months. I am pleased to say that of the 28 titles, our Library at Lakes already has 18 of these on the shelves. The other 10 are in the process of being ordered to add to our collection. You may view the list by clicking the link on the Library homepage.

During the past two weeks Year 1 to Year 6 students have been given a visual demonstration as to how they may access the Library catalogue (OPAC) both at school and from home. This week, some of the classes have also been shown World Book Online. The Library subscribes to this electronic resource for students K-12 to access either at school or from home. Access from home is via the Library homepage on the school Intranet. In case your son/daughter has forgotten the address and directions for access I am again including them in this article.

**The steps they need to follow to access from home are:**

1. After connecting to your internet go to the school Intranet site which is <http://intranet.lakes.nsw.edu.au>
2. Click on the Library tab. This will display the Library Homepage, which will be updated throughout the year.
3. To the left you will see "OPAC" with a magnifying glass beside it. Click here. This will take you to a search screen which is the Library Catalogue, and, where you begin your search for resources. For the Junior students you may then click on the "Olly" Tab which will connect you to a more user friendly interface for younger children.
4. There is a Tab at the top of the Library homepage which when clicked will take you to World Book Online. There is also a younger children section of World Book which is called World Book Kids. You will see the link at the bottom of the World Book homepage.

If you are using Vista with Internet Explorer 7 you may experience difficulties. Some Vista users will need to update to Internet Explorer 8 or use Firefox or Chrome. XP users should not experience any difficulties.

As Library services move more and more towards electronic resources it is important that your children feel comfortable and become competent accessing information in this way. This is not to downplay the importance of reading books, simply expanding the avenues of information available to your children for their education.

My best wishes for a blessed Easter and safe holiday, and remember - Happy reading!

Sue Jansson (Librarian)

## SPORTS NEWS

### SPORT CONTACTS:

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[anne.gaul@lakes.nsw.edu.au](mailto:anne.gaul@lakes.nsw.edu.au)

**PRIMARY SWIMMING:** Following the school's success at the HRIS Primary Swimming Championships our qualifiers for the NSW Combined Independent Schools Championships certainly looked forward to competing against some of the best in the country. They certainly did not disappoint!

Following the morning heats we had 6 qualifiers for the finals

#### Heat Results:

Isabelle Hayward: 8 Years	50 Free (3 <sup>rd</sup> ), 50 Back (15 <sup>th</sup> )	
Jacinta Clark	9 Years 50 Free (16 <sup>th</sup> )	
Caitlin Hodges	10 Years 50 Free (13 <sup>th</sup> )	
Jordyn Bush	10 Years 50 Free (11 <sup>th</sup> ), 50 Back	(6 <sup>th</sup> ), 50 Breast (13 <sup>th</sup> ), Fly (13 <sup>th</sup> ), 200
IM (8 <sup>th</sup> )		
Harry Loader	10 Years 50 Fly (16 <sup>th</sup> )	
Tyler Jones	12 Years 50 Free (9 <sup>th</sup> ), 50 Back (12 <sup>th</sup> )	and 50 Fly (10 <sup>th</sup> )
Caitlin Hodges,	Junior Girls Relay – (4 <sup>th</sup> )	
Isabelle Hayward,		
Gabrielle Keevill and Jordyn Bush)		

Finals: The afternoon commenced with the Junior Girls Relay who swam their hearts out to finish fourth overall. A great result from a team of extremely talented and hard working swimmers.

Isabelle Hayward then swam the 8 years 50m Freestyle finishing in third place and gaining a bronze medal. This was after a re-start where Isabelle completed the whole lap after another competitor false started. A great effort!

Tyler Jones swam another personal best in the final of the 12 Years 50m Freestyle to finish 8<sup>th</sup>. He then swam the final of the 12 Years 50m Butterfly, increasing several places with another personal best to finish 7<sup>th</sup>.

Finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the heats of the 50m Backstroke Jordyn Bush would have to swim fast to place in the final and that she did, A 1.5 sec personal best with a great start saw her finish 2<sup>nd</sup> and receive the silver medal.

Following the CIS Championships the CIS team was named and Jordyn Bush and Isabelle Hayward will contest their events at the NSW PSSA All Schools Championships next Wednesday and Thursday at Homebush. We wish them all the very best.

I have had the privilege of working with these swimmers in the leadup to the CIS Championships and I cannot compliment them enough in the commitment to training and their sport. It is very refreshing as the School Sport Co-ordinator to see athletes such as these perform while representing the school.

**PRIMARY DIVING:** Over the past 6 months Isabelle Hayward has taken up the sport of Diving. Her talents and hard work certainly came to the fore last week when she contested the NSW Combined Independent Schools Diving Championships. In the 1m Springboard Isabelle placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 8/9 Years Girls division. This placing has seen her selected in the NSW CIS team to compete at the NSW PSSA All Schools Championships next week. We congratulate her and wish her all the best!

**SECONDARY SWIMMING:** We wish Nicholas Ward, Jack Fraser, Alexandra Stallard, Jake Hunt and Ronan Parry-Williams all the best at the AICES Swimming Championships being held on 2 April at Homebush. Full results in the next newsletter.

**CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The School Cross Country Representative Team has been chosen and notes have be distributed. Our team will compete at the HRIS Championships on Monday, 4 May at Walka Water Works – Maitland.

**CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING:** The School will now be offering cross country running training for those students who are preparing for the school representative carnivals. Training will be on Monday mornings. Students need to meet Mr Beecroft on the Junior School oval at 7.30am each Monday.

**REPRESENTATIVE SOCCER:** Congratulations to Ethan Dial who has been selected in the HRIS Soccer Team that will compete at the CIS Championships in early May. Ethan was selected as a goal keeper and has certainly performed well as many HRIS schools have very talented soccer players. Well done Ethan!

**TOUCH FOOTBALL:** Congratulations to Toby Carver who has been selected in the HRIS Under 16 Boys Touch Football team. This team will compete at the AICES Championships next week. Well done Toby.  
Also congratulations to Mr Campbell who will coach the HRIS Under 16 Boys team at the AICES Championships.

**LAKES GRAMMAR GEMS SPARKLE AND SHINE!!**



Last Saturday was the start of the netball season for the new Lakes Grammar Netball Team, the Gems. What a great start it was! A highlight of the day was a personal email message from Liz Ellis. This email message is on display in both Junior and Senior School Sport Noticeboards. This email delighted and inspired the girls to great success in their matches.

The day then began with the annual march past of all the teams that play in the Wyong Netball competitions. The Gems looked fabulous and showed great school pride in the way they presented themselves. Our teams all played their best with many of our teams winning their first match of the season. Lakes Grammar has 9 netball teams this season with players ranging from beginners to experienced players. The players range from 5 years to a ladies team, with teams named after gemstones. The teams include the Jades, Pearls, Topazes, Emeralds, Rubies, Aquamarines, Sapphires, and the Diamonds. Many of our players have played on other teams around the Central Coast and have now joined together to form an enthusiastic school team. Many of our older girls took on the

daunting job of becoming umpires and started their training on the weekend. All the girls did a fabulous job and we are very proud of effort they put into it.

Results from Saturday's matches are as follows:

Age	Name	Coach	Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March Results
7	Jades	Margaret Mayall	Netta Ball - Not scored
7/8	Pearls	Michelle Park	Netta Ball - Not scored
9	Topazes	Tamara Hocking	Flash LM 11 d. Topazes 0
10	Emeralds	Lisa Frazer	Emeralds 12 d. Frangipanis WL 11
10	Rubies	Julie Anne Smedley	Rubies 10 d. Little Roos 4
11	Aquamarines	Amy Brock	Bye
13	Sapphires	Sharon Glachan	Sapphires 13 d. Dolphins BB 11
13/14	Opals	Michele Sweeney	Opals 41 d. Rusty Stars LW 9
Ladies	Diamonds	Elisa LeRay	Bye

Our committee has worked tirelessly to ensure the start of the season has run smoothly. Many thanks to all the committee members for their efforts. The netball committee would like to extend many thanks for the effort that everyone put into making this netball team happen.

Thank you to the umpires and the fabulous umpires in training, the coaches, players, and parents. Thank you to Mr. Ellen who took photos of the day.

Without the help and support we would have not had such a successful start to our season.

If you are free one Saturday during the season come and watch our Lakes Grammar Gems Sparkle.

**Mr A Jones (K-12 Sports Co-ordinator)**



**Equestrian Team News**

The equestrian calendar is finally taking shape. Many of you are competing at open events, agricultural shows, pony club and sporting events. Well done to you all. During the holidays I'm sure you will all be busy riding and enjoying your horses. My family will be competing at Sydney Royal in the second week of the holidays so if you go for a visit look out for us.

Below are the upcoming events. I have the programs for Frensham-Gib Gate, which is always a well run show down in Bowral. Please contact me if you are interested in competing at any of the events below.

- Frensham-Gib Gate Equestrian Day** - Sunday 3 May
- Galston High School Showjumping Competition** - Saturday 9 May
- Hunter Valley Grammar School Equestrian Championships** - 23 - 24 May
- Camden High School Interschools** - September 5 2009
- Berry Primary School Interschools** - September 5 & 6 2009
- Oxley College Equestrian Day** - 20 September 2009

**Ms Jobe-Parker**



**SNOW SPORTS**

**NSW SNOWSPORTS CLUB OF THE YEAR**

Wow!! I was stunned last week to receive an email from NSW Snowsports announcing that Lakes Grammar has been named as the NSW School Snowsports Club of the year. Given that the snowsports club is less than two years old this is a great result and testament to the achievements of our students and the outstanding efforts of all snowsports club members. Anyone in the club will tell you all activities are all-together events, so well done *all*. The award criteria were:

- Size and participation levels, having regard for the overall size of the school.
- Athlete participation & performance from school to elite level – contribution to the pathway of an elite performance.
- Athlete education, including safety, fitness, skills and dry-land training activities.
- Variety of discipline exposure (moguls, slalom, etc.) – evidence of introducing new participants to snowsports.
- Recognition of snowsports and athletes by the School and Club.

There will be a presentation of this award at the Interschools NSW Championships in August. This award encompasses both NSW and ACT schools (private and public). Not too shabby an achievement for a school way up here on the Central Coast!

**SNOWSPORTS CLUB MEETING**

Thank you to all who turned up for our first snowsports meeting last week. Planning is under way for events this year and it seems we are looking forward to another good season of events. The next meeting is planned for 6.00pm Tuesday May 12 in the Junior School. All are welcome. If you are interested in finding out more about snowsports club activities, such as competing for the school at Interschools or the Family Snow Weekend, come along.

**HELP!**

One activity being planned for Open Day is the snowsports demonstration which requires lots of snow (and I mean tonnes of it) being collected from an Ice Rink and delivered to the school. If anyone knows of someone with a small tipper and/or a bobcat (or similar) please let us know. It would be greatly appreciated.

#### **FAMILY SNOW WEEKEND**

Notes about this year's Family Snow Weekend will be distributed before the end of this term to students. The weekend is booked for August 28 to 30. The basic itinerary of recent years will be in place (staying at a lodge in Jindabyne, 2 days at Thredbo, 1 day at Perisher-Blue, Snowsports Club Championships, etc.). Last year's weekend was a great success and it seems all had fun (although Mr Horrocks did suffer an injury) and we look forward to another family fun weekend. It has been decided to offer an accommodation, meals and transport only package as well as the Full Package. This may be for those that don't particularly want to get involved in the skiing/snowboarding side of things. It may be attractive (and more cost effective) to those that aren't particularly that way inclined but would still like their child/children to have the experience. If a note doesn't make its way home contact the school office for a copy, or there will be a link on Parent Lounge from the end of term.

**Mr B Maslen**

#### **P&F NEWS**

Dear Parents,

Please be advised that the next P&F meeting is to be held on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009, in the Junior School library. The agenda is available in this newsletter. All parents and teachers are welcome to attend and we look forward to the opportunity of working together to the benefit of the school. We have received a nomination for Treasurer but nominations are still open for that position. We are also seeking a catering co-ordinator.

2009 is shaping up to be quite an eventful year with many events already being planned; for example the Easter Raffle, a Mothers' Day Breakfast (Friday, 8 May – more details will be sent next week), Grandparents' Day and the Entertainment Book Fundraiser. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many people who help co-ordinate these events. If you have any ideas or would like to assist please contact the event co-ordinators through the P&F email address and we will forward them on for you.

**Easter Raffle tickets – if you haven't sold your tickets please return them to the school office as they can be used in other fundraising events. Thank you to all who have sold and returned their tickets and money. Please remember to return tickets by Tuesday, 7 April**

**P&F Executive 2009**

#### **HUNGER STOP CANTEEN**

##### **SENIOR CANTEEN (PH: 43934167)**

Hello! Well this will be the last canteen news for the term. A roster for next month is attached. Next week we will be selling hot X-buns in the canteen for \$1.20 each. There will be chocolate, fruitless or fruit ones. Last Week, my husband surprised me with a week away in Vanuatu for our 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. I want to express my gratitude to all my volunteers who took over for me during my absence and allowed me to have a stress free week. Thank you for all your support in the canteen this term. Have a safe & happy Easter.

**Michele Sweeney (Senior Canteen Supervisor)**

##### **JUNIOR CANTEEN (PH: 43934109) Mira 0416205800**

The Canteen could do with more help. If anyone can help on the days where there are only two people rostered on next term it would be most appreciated. Otherwise, the **canteen with been closed** for over the counter service and orders only will be attended to. I hope every one has a happy holiday and enjoys Easter. Just a reminder Hot Cross Buns are on sale on Monday – please place an order for these. On the menu HOT DOGS come with a choice of Tomato or BBQ sauce. Next term on Tuesdays we will have Hot Chicken and Gravy Rolls - \$3.50.

**Mira Britton (Junior Canteen Supervisor)**

#### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP DATES**

Open 8.30 to 10.00am on the following day.

**(Term 2)**

Monday, 4 May

Monday, 18 May

#### **DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

##### **BRONZE**

The Duke of Edinburgh camp was a great success. All students participated to the best of their ability and built some very strong relationships. It was obvious that the groups communicated very well and looked after each other very well. It was pleasing to see that some people assisted each other so well that they were willing to take some equipment from people who were struggling and by doing so increasing their load, but helping each other as much as they possibly could. This was done to help all participants involved get through this challenging few days. It was a massive challenge for all involved and it was pleasing to see people change as a result of participating in this activity. The students had a great time camping in tents and experienced new activities, like hiking in STEEP terrain and canoeing along grade 1 + 2 rapids. It is very pleasing to see all students participating in activities and encouraging others to do their very best. It was just as pleasing to see the elation on the child's faces when they had achieved the results of achieving their goal. There is some lost property in the senior reception for those who are missing anything from the camp.

All participants should have received their bronze workbooks and now should be commencing their physical recreation, skills or service. It is great to see all the reports from the camp and now it is time to stick the reports into the bronze book. Don't forget to check with Mr Campbell if you are uncertain about any activity. If any organisation requires an insurance waiver please don't hesitate to contact me.

##### **SILVER**

It is very pleasing to see how many people are continuing on the silver program. It is also pleasing to see how many people have started and have done so much work for their physical recreation, service and skills. This preparation will help manage your time later on when you have exams.

PLEASE SEE MR CAMPBELL IF YOU REQUIRE AN INSURANCE WAIVER OR GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEB ADDRESS: <http://www.theaward.com.au/Resources-SW.html>

**Mr Campbell (Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator)**



### Duke of Ed Camp Pop Quiz

- Q. If you were a Year 9 boy and your group's tent fell down what would you do?
- Prevent it by making sure the night before it was constructed correctly
  - Put the tent up straight away
  - Hold the tent up with your hands all night
  - Leave the tent down because it is warmer

Answer: If you went on the Year 9 camp it is option (d).

### MR BOTFIELD – SECRET ROCK STAR !!!!



Our new Year 4 teacher Mr Botfield has an alter ego – rock star Christopher Stuart!

In August last year, Christopher hit the studio to record his first ever CD. Recording took place over the next 6 months, finishing in January 2009. Now, with all the artwork finished, the E.P "In Colour Dream" is ready.

To launch "In Colour Dream", there will be a "Launch Party" where Christopher and his band will be playing songs from the CD as well as some well known cover songs including INXS's "Don't Change" and Billy Thorpe's "Most People I Know".

The show will be at 'The Hub' on Saturday, 2 May, 2009 at the Erina Youth Centre, Erina Fair. Tickets to the show are only \$5 and are available for purchase from Mr Botfield in the 4B room at recess and lunch all next week. The CD "In Colour Dream" will be released at the launch party for the special party price of \$10.

For more info, and to hear a sneak peak of some of the songs, go to [www.myspace.com/christopherstuartmusic](http://www.myspace.com/christopherstuartmusic) or Facebook: Christopher Stuart.

### The Most AMAZING offer you'll see all year!!

The Lakes Grammar Netball Club has managed to source a fantastic offer for all the Female Teachers, Staff, Mums, Grandmas, Sisters, Aunts, Friends, Neighbours and NETBALL players.

Fernwood, the Women's Health Club at Wyong, has made available to us, an UNLIMITED 21 day pass for just \$20. This pass includes a FREE Personal Training session, a FREE consultation with a "Simplicity" consultant, a FREE guest pass to take a friend along, and access to all fitness classes, gym equipment, weights and strength training equipment, and FREE healthy breakfasts for 21 days. You may go three times a week or three times a day. That is up to you!!!

The best part is that the Lakes Grammar Netball club keeps 100% of the money. ALL PROFITS STAY AT THE SCHOOL. Fernwood is interested in promoting health amongst women, and this is a totally obligation free offer. Simply buy the temporary membership and activate it within 30 days. Of course, if you enjoy it, you may then go ahead and join the gym. They then have further discounts and offers that can benefit our school and you personally.

If you would like to take part in this offer, please contact Helen van Loon on 43927542 or 0414 014 577 or grab me when you see me at school. I can also be found at the Senior Canteen on a Monday.

**Helen van Loon**

### LAKES ANGLICAN NEWS

Enquiries phone Church Office 4393 1333

At our recent Friendship Lunch year 10 students from Lakes Grammar School gave up their Lunch hour to serve our 140 special guests.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Cassy Manson, Natalie Sale, Sam Willmott & Jordan Chappell.

Our Guests enjoy having the students with us on the day.

#### PROGRAMS AT LAKES ANGLICAN:

Sundays: 7.30am	Holy Communion Service
9.30am	Family Service & Kids Zone
11.30am	Baptisms (by arrangement)
5pm	Freedom @5 for Families & Youth

#### WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Playtime:	Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30am	
	Tiny Tots & Preschoolers	
Quilters:	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 10am	
Kids Praise:	Wednesday 4.30 – 5.30pm	
	Music - Year 8 & over	
Kids Plus:	Wednesdays 6 – 7.30pm	
	Girls & Boys 5 – 11years	
Girls Ignite	Alternate Fridays from 6.30pm & Boys	Ignite:
	Yr 6 – Yr 8	

#### EASTER SERVICES

Wednesday in Holy Week (April 8th)  
 7.30pm Oils Eucharist - Bishop Brian Farran  
 Maundy Thursday (April 9th)  
 6.30pm Sung Eucharist (with footwashing)  
 Good Friday (April 10th)  
 8.00am Good Friday Worship (Traditional)  
 10.00am Good Friday Worship (Contemporary)  
 Easter Day (April 12th)  
 5.30am Dawn Service (with Communion & BBQ breakfast)  
 7.30am Sung Eucharist  
 9.30am Sung Eucharist

SENIOR CANTEEN ROSTER - April 2009				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>30-Apr</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Michele S Helen V "V"	Jacky F Michelle H "V"	Michele S Helen G Leanne K	Michele S Mira Karen R	Michele S Jill Louise Munce
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Michele S Helen V "V"	Jacky F Michelle H Kerry Y	Michele S Helen G	Michele S Mira Karen R	Good Friday
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Easter Monday	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays	Holidays
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1-May</b>
Pupil Free Day	Jacky F Michelle H "V"	Michele S Helen G Anne Rose	Michele S Mira Karen	Michele S Jill Dianna
<b>"V"</b> (volunteers needed, please)				

JUNIOR CANTEEN MAY ROSTER				
<b>27</b> Pupil free	<b>28</b> AMANDA sue Jacqui Morris	<b>29</b> Mira Caroline Marilyn Goodman	<b>30</b> Julie-Anne Fay Marilyn Goodman v	<b>1-May</b> Mira AMANDA Ann Hoolihan Daphne
<b>4</b> Mira Lisa	<b>5</b> Amanda Michelle Packwood Carol Janine	<b>6</b> Mira Fiona Michelle Williams	<b>7</b> Julie-Anne Fay Leesa Grant v	<b>8</b> Mira AMANDA Michelle Bishop
<b>11</b> Mira Judith Alison	<b>12</b> Amanda Sue Marilyn Pantsos	<b>13</b> Mira Michelle W Leonie Jodie Howard v	<b>14</b> Julie -Anne v v Faye	<b>15</b> Mira Amanda Daphne
<b>18</b> Mira Debbie Ryan Marcella	<b>19</b> Amanda v Maxine Chiver v	<b>20</b> Mira Caroline B v v	<b>21</b> Julie -Anne Faye Cheryl	<b>22</b> Mira Amanda Daphne Michele Park
<b>25</b> Mira Janice Nigel Croft	<b>26</b> Amanda Sue Jacqui	<b>27</b> Mira Lisa Leanne V	<b>28</b> Julie -Ann Faye Michelle Williams v	<b>29</b> Mira Amanda Daphne

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### Raising difficult matters with your child's school”

Principal's perspective by Dr Timothy Wright, Headmaster – Shore



No matter how well intended schools or their families may be there arise from time to time tensions that ought to be followed through. Not all families will face this, but all schools will. There are some helpful ways to do this, and some approaches that lead to further tension.

The first question one must ask is: Do I know all the facts? If I am relying on my child's version of the situation have they told me everything I need to know? Parents can be placed at a distinct disadvantage if they go to the school half informed. It will almost certainly lead to an unsatisfactory conclusion. It is wise to call the relevant point of contact and ask for any other information.

In doing so it is wise to remember that the school is focused on the benefit of all children, and staff members care greatly about student welfare. Your daughter won't have been dropped from a team as an act of spite, nor will your son have received a detention "for doing nothing".

The second question is: who should I contact? Different schools have different processes, but go to the relevant person. Your child's Principal is entirely unlikely to know where a lost bag is, or why Ms X did not set homework. Taking the matter to the wrong point is time consuming and parents will usually get redirected anyway.

How contact is made is crucial. Heated letters of complaint or emails which denigrate staff will make resolution more difficult as an automatic defensiveness will come to the fore. I think it best to speak. The first call should be one seeking information – "I hear that there has been a resetting of mathematics student and my son has moved class. Would you mind telling me the process by which the decision was made?"

A face to face interview is often necessary, and should be approached with warmth and positivity by all parties. It is essential to understand that schools cannot be infinitely flexible, so a willingness to compromise is necessary. A school operates on a utilitarian basis that seeks the greatest good for the greatest number and sometimes the perfect solution for an individual means injustice for others. The school cannot set precedents that would make its task impossible.

A final word about discipline. Parents ought to support the school in all disciplinary matters. An unwillingness to agree to this must inevitably affect the capacity of the school to act in the interest of all students. It is also true that the school can work with a supportive family far more successfully than with one that will not accept consequences.

At all times remember the benefit and best outcome is not always the one we sought.

## **LAKES GRAMMAR – AN ANGLICAN SCHOOL**

### **COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL STAFF AND RESOLVING PROBLEMS**

The purpose of this leaflet is to provide families with a clear understanding of the communication channels that are in place in our school. Board of Studies registration requires schools to have a set of procedures for home-school communication and for raising and responding to matters of concern identified by students and parents.

#### **Questions or concerns**

If you have questions or concerns about your child's academic progress, behaviour, homework or social/emotional development:

- Junior School (K-6) - please contact the class teacher.
- Senior School (Years 7-12) - the subject teacher will be able to deal with these issues as they relate to that subject only. If you have broader concerns please raise them with the relevant Year or Stage Advisor. If you wish to follow up on comments made by your child about what happened in a particular class you should first speak with the relevant class teacher.

#### **Higher-level concerns**

You may have concerns, need a clarification or wish to make a complaint that will need to be dealt with at a higher level than the class teacher. For that you will need to speak with a person holding a position of special responsibility. Please see the "chain of communication" outlined below under "Resolving Problems".

The names and roles of the staff with positions of special responsibility in 2009 are:

#### **Principal:**

*Mr Michael Hannah*

Chief Executive Officer accountable to the School Board for the functioning of the school. Responsible for implementing the Board's policies. Teaches Studies of Religion Yrs 11-12.

#### **Deputy Principal:**

*Mr Ian Samways*

Deputy Principal K-12, oversight of curriculum and assessment, discipline, staff professional development; acts for the Principal in the Principal's absence. Teacher of Mathematics.

#### **Business Manager:**

*Miss Jennifer Evans*

Accountable to the Principal for the financial and some other administrative functions of the school. Supervises the administration staff. Oversees maintenance, grounds and building projects.

#### **Executive Assistant to the Principal:**

*Mr Brant Maslen*

Responsible for daily organisation K-12 such as casual relief and some other organisational matters; timetables; student reports process; supervises Stage Advisors in the Senior School. Curriculum and assessment in Technology and Applied Studies.

#### **Co-ordinator of Science and PDHPE:**

*Mrs Jenny Turner*

Responsible for curriculum, assessment and discipline in the above subjects.

#### **Co-ordinator of English, History and Christian Studies:**

*Mrs Michelle Smith*

Responsible for curriculum, assessment and discipline in the above subjects.

Literacy co-ordinator Years 7-12.

#### **Co-ordinator of Human Society in its Environment (Geography, Commerce, Business Studies)**

*Mr Andrew Jones*

Responsible for curriculum, assessment and discipline in the above subjects.

#### **Co-ordinator of Mathematics and Chinese:**

*Mr Jeremy Horrocks*

Responsible for curriculum, assessment and discipline in Mathematics.

#### **Co-ordinator of Creative and Performing Arts:**

*Mrs Anne Hobden*

Responsible for curriculum, assessment and discipline in Visual Arts and Music.

## **JUNIOR SCHOOL**

### **Head of the Junior School**

*Mr David Sarich*

Responsible to the Principal for the operation of Kindergarten to Year 6. This includes curriculum, assessment, discipline and welfare of students, under the oversight of the Deputy Principal.

## **YEAR AND STAGE ADVISORS (YEARS 7-12)**

Year and Stage Advisors have a focus on the welfare of students in Years 7-12. They also arrange, with the assistance of a Support Teacher, for Special Provisions for students in Years 10-12 with special needs in regard to exams and assessment tasks (eg. a reader/writer; rest breaks; extra time).

<b>Year 7 Advisor:</b>	Mr Daniel Langejans
<b>Year 8 Advisor:</b>	Mrs June Nash
<b>Year 9 Advisor:</b>	Mrs Kellie Rindfleish
<b>Year 10 Advisor:</b>	Ms Rachel Griffith
<b>Stage 6 Advisor:</b>	Mrs Jenny Turner (Years 11-12)

If you have a general concern about your child or you need to inform the school of a family situation that may affect your child's welfare, please discuss these with the relevant Stage Advisor.

### **Making appointments**

When parents have an enquiry that they wish to discuss with a staff member it is always preferable to make an appointment. Please do this by phoning the school office. If the staff member is available at the time the parent rings it may be possible to discuss the matter by phone. If a message has to be left the staff member will endeavour to reply within 24 hours. Please avoid "door stop" interviews as staff are often on their way to a lesson or a duty. If you contact a staff member by email please do not expect an immediate reply as information may need to be gathered before a response can be made.

### **WHERE TO DIRECT NON-TEACHING ENQUIRIES**

**General enquiries:** contact one of the receptionists in person or by phone (4393 4111).

**General enquiries about school fees:** Contact Mrs Karyn Bolton. Some fee enquiries may need to be dealt with by the Business Manager, Miss Jennifer Evans or by the Principal.

**New enrolments enquiries:** contact the Registrar, Mrs Racquel Jolly.

**Appointments with the Principal:** contact the Principal's Secretary, Mrs Liz Evans.

### **RESOLVING PROBLEMS**

Lakes Grammar is a community that consists of students, staff, parents/caregivers and school Board. A community is based on relationships. In order for our school community to function well and with a united purpose it is vital that relationships between individuals are healthy. Mutual trust between parents, staff and students is central to this. The section above outlines the structure of responsibilities within the staff of the school so that you may know whom to contact in certain circumstances. The following section outlines several steps that are designed to protect the health of the relationships between members of the school community while attempting to resolve problems or concerns. They are based on Christian principles.

#### **Step 1: Talk with the person with whom you have a problem.**

In the first instance any problems or concerns should be addressed informally between the two parties involved. The aim is to find out if the problem you see is a real concern or just a problem of communication. So, a parent should discuss any concerns or complaints they may have directly with the relevant staff member in private. If this does not resolve the problem the matter may be taken to the next stage.

#### **Step 2: If you can't resolve the problem, involve another person.**

In this step you would take the matter to the staff member's immediate supervisor. In our school's structure, for a teacher, this would be the relevant subject co-ordinator in the Senior School and Head of the Junior School for K-6. If this does not resolve the problem it should be referred to the Deputy Principal. If all these steps fail to resolve the matter please contact the Principal.

#### **Step 3: Parents access the Board only through the Principal.**

If you believe that a matter has not been resolved at the above levels you may believe that the matter is important enough to request the Board's advice. Please address any letter to the Chairman of the Board via the school. It is not appropriate for a parent to approach or canvass an individual member of the Board. Any Board member who is approached directly with a complaint will not enter into discussion on the subject but will merely request that the matter be addressed through the appropriate channels as outlined in this policy.

Decisions by school staff are made after considering the needs of all members of the school community, particularly of the student body, and this sometimes means that an individual's needs or wishes might not be met in the manner they would hope. If, after the above steps have been taken and parents consider that the matter has not been resolved to their satisfaction, parents could:

- accept the situation as it is, in good faith that the decision has been made after taking into account all relevant factors,
- consider whether they wish to remain members of the school community.

#### **Maintain confidentiality about any matters discussed.**

In order to preserve the dignity of all involved please keep confidential any problems discussed. Gossip or rumours will only harm relationships and ultimately the school. If you have complaints please use the channels described above. It will only harm our school if you discuss them with people who are outside the school community and it may damage individuals' reputations if you discuss such matters with others within the school community.

# Warnervale Fun Run

## Entry Form

Registration from 7.00am at the Junior Campus

Please circle the race category you are entering from the table below

	<b>Individual Age Entry Male</b>	<b>Individual Age Entry Female</b>	<b>Team Entry</b> (team entries should all be submitted at once. Each team member must complete a separate form)
<b>1 km</b>	<b>Fun event</b>	<b>Fun event</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>3 km</b>	<b>&lt; 12, &lt;14, Open</b>	<b>&lt; 12, &lt;14, Open</b>	School team (4 members) _____ (name)
			Family team (1 <sup>st</sup> 3 across the line) _____ (name)
<b>6 km</b>	<b>&lt;14 , &lt;16, &lt;20 &lt;30, &lt;50, 50+</b>	<b>&lt;14, &lt;16, &lt;20 &lt;30, &lt;50, 50+</b>	Open team 4 members _____ (name)

Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place overall male and female 6km place getter (Note if you win this prize you are not eligible for the age category prize). Prizes will also be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place in each age category.

All participants will be eligible for the lucky draw prizes, but must be in attendance at the presentation ceremony.

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In the case of an emergency please phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **(name) on the following phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Competitors Agreement, Discharge, Release and Indemnity

- In consideration of my entry in the Warnervale 6km Run, 3km Run, 1km Run, (collectively called the 'event'). I for myself my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns hereby release, discharge, and forever hold harmless the organisers and all sponsors of the event and their servants agents (collectively called the 'organisers') with respect to (and agree to indemnify and keep the indemnified the organisers in respect of any and all loss arising as a result of any and all causes of action, claims including but without limiting the generally foregoing, claims for legal costs and consequential loss of life), which I may now have or at anytime heretofore had, or at any time therefore may have of but for the execution of this release discharge and indemnity could have against the organisers with respect to or in any way connected with my participation in the event.
- I agree to abide and be bound by the Race Rules, as varied from time to time governing the event.
- I recognise the difficulties of participating in the event and am sure that I am physically fit to compete safely, have trained sufficiently and have not been advised by a qualified medical practitioner not to compete in the event.
- I agree to receive and pay for medical treatment including transport by ambulance, which is considered by the organisers to be advisable and which is provided to me at the request or direction of the organisers before, during or after the event.
- I consent to the publication and/or use in any form of media whatsoever of my name, image, voice, statements or otherwise, without payment or compensation.
- I agree that should the event be cancelled for any reason whatsoever, my entry fees will not be refunded and no liability whatsoever will attach to Organisers.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understood and accept this agreement (all entrants must sign this personally):

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Declaration for Minors

If you are under 18 years at the time of entering the event, your parent or guardian must sign this declaration.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ certify that I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (the minor) who will be \_\_\_\_\_ years of age on the day of the

event. In consideration of the organiser accepting the minors application to participate in the event, I agree to indemnify and shall keep indemnified the organisers in respect of any losses they or any of them may suffer as a consequence of any claim/s by the minor and to the same extent as any other competitor indemnifies the organisers pursuant to clause 1 above.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# The Parents and Friends Association of Lakes Grammar – An Anglican School AGENDA for Meeting

Date/Time: **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.00pm**

Venue: Lakes Grammar Library

<b>1</b>	<b>Meeting Declared Open and Everyone Welcomed</b>		David Groth
<b>2</b>	<b>Opening Prayer</b>		Michael Hannah
<b>3</b>	<b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b>		Open
	<b>Determine Financial Members Present</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Motion / Second / Carried	Previous Attendees
<b>5</b>	<b>Business Arising from the Previous Meeting</b>		
	Election of Treasurer		David Groth
	Election of Catering Officer		
	Spa raffle	Update on negotiations	Charlie
	Piano purchase request	Update on negotiations with music staff and spending application form	
<b>6</b>	<b>Reports</b>		
	President's Report		David Groth
	Principal's Report		Michael Hannah
	Treasurer's Report		
	Canteen Supervisor's Report	First Canteen Meeting – where, when, who...	Mira Britton and Michele Sweeney
	Catering Report		
	Events:		
	Gala Ball		Carol Spalding and Amanda Bignall
	Social Networks		
	Business Directory		Helaine Taylor and Alison Preller
	Open Day and Fun Run		Liz Evans, Alison Preller, Amanda Bignall and Sharon Ellen, Doug?
	B4B		David Groth
	Imminent	Easter	Tracey Stevens and Amanda Bignall
		Grandparents' Day	
		Entertainment Books	Alison Preller
		Mothers' Day	Luke ? and Grant ?
<b>7</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>		Cindy Bidwell
<b>8</b>	<b>General Business</b>		
	Fundraising grants	Any wish list applications	
<b>9</b>	<b>Items Raised by Parents this Month</b>	<i>If you have any issues that you wish to bring up at P&amp;F Meetings please email <a href="mailto:pfa@lakes.nsw.edu.au">pfa@lakes.nsw.edu.au</a></i>	
	Transparency of other groups, e.g. netball, athletics, snow sports	What reporting are these groups responsible for (and to whom) with regard to funds raised and spent	Cindy Bidwell
	Class sizes, specifically Yr 2		David Groth
<b>10</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>		
<b>11</b>	<b>Meeting Declared Closed</b>		