Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

**SCHOOL PHOTOS – MONDAY**

School photos will be taken NEXT MONDAY. Please ensure that your child is dressed in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. (Black shoes are preferred) Further details regarding school photos can be found on Page 2 of today’s newsletter.

**NAPLAN**

Commencing next Tuesday, the students in Years 3 & 5 will be completing the NAPLAN tests. These tests provide a snapshot of student performance and progress in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Unfortunately, this time can be stressful for students in these grades due to undue pressure placed on them by parents and the media. In order for students to successfully complete this process and achieve their best results, follow these simple rules:

(These rules are good for all students – regardless of their age!)

1. Ensure that your child is in bed at a reasonable time. (A well rested student is a happy and productive student!)

2. Ensure that your child eats breakfast each morning (being hungry can greatly affect a student’s ability to concentrate)

3. Reassure your child that you just want them to TRY THEIR BEST. (Student’s need to know that their best is good enough!)

**Mothers’ Day Stall**

Today we had the first of two Mothers’ Day stalls. Thanks to the time and dedication from members of the P&C students have been given the opportunity to commemorate this special day by buying a small gift for their mother (or significant female in their life). The Mothers’ Day stall will be operating again tomorrow to accommodate those students who forgot to bring their money today. All funds raised from the Mothers’ Day stall will go directly back into the school to support our student’s learning.

Mark Greentree - Principal
Application For Opportunity Class In Year 5 In 2015

Parents seeking opportunity class placement (OC) for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16th May 2014. Students who are currently in Year 4, are eligible to apply for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 are able to apply online from Monday 28th April 2014 by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Printed application packages will be available in our school. Any enquiries regarding opportunity class school placement should be directed to Mrs Storkey.

Stewart House Donation Drive & Clothing Appeal

Stewart House is a not-for-profit organisation which provides refuge for children who may need a break from their regular schooling or family circumstances.

Each year Stewart House looks after 1,800 public school children across NSW and the ACT. These children take part in a 12 day residential program at the organisation’s headquarters on Sydney’s northern beaches.

Stewart House relies on donations so this service can continue. Your donation towards this will help and will put you in the draw to possibly win a $4000 family holiday.

Please return the envelope, with your details completed and your $2 donation enclosed to the office by Friday 16th May 2014.

Clothing Donations are due back by Thursday 22nd May 2014.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2014
School photo day will be on Monday 12th May

Pre-payment envelopes were sent home with students. Student package prices start from $32. Family photos will also be available for students enrolled at Prestons PS with costs starting from $15. Family envelopes can be collected from the office.

Student envelopes must have correct money enclosed.

Envelopes can be handed in at the office prior to the date, though all students must have their envelopes on the day of the photos.

Please Note – No change will be available from the office.

P&C Used Uniform Shop
The used uniform shop will be open Fridays from 8.30am

The shop is located behind the hall and will be open on these days for approximately 1 hour.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS

K/1RB – Abathur & Sezen
KS - Noah & Ben
KL - Maria & Brayden
1J - Natasha & Kristian
1M - Mitchell & Nena
1S - Matthew & Lisa
2H - Namisha & Kody
2M - Jay
2V - Stamatis

Walk Safely To School Day
The fifteenth annual Walk Safely to School Day initiative is on Friday 23rd May 2014

The event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine, because children need a minimum of 60 minutes exercise per day. It also encourages parents to drive less and walk more, aiming to decrease dangerous vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars.

It encourages children to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle by simply including a walk at the beginning and end of each day. The event also promotes reduced car-dependency, greater use of public transport, cleaner air, improved diets and road safety to primary school children throughout Australia.
News from KL

Kindergarten is great:

Maria: I’ve learnt to paint.
Marti: I like to write numbers and letters.
Lojane: I like helping the teacher.
Zachariah: I’ve learnt about spiders.
Tajran: The best activity is building blocks.
Selma: The best activity is to paint and play.
Matilda: The best activity is rolling the dice. I like everything about numbers.

Isabel: I learnt sounds and numbers.
Aleksandar: I’ve learnt how to write my name. I like Homework.
Chelsea: I really like sounds. I love playing dress-ups with my friends.
Shania: I can count up to twenty.
Thomas: I’ve learnt numbers and letters.
Jalal: I learn to do counting and numbers. I like to draw.
Shayaan: I like tower-building. I’ve learnt to count to 50.
Tara: I’ve learnt about animals. I like making stuff.
Khaled: I’ve learnt how to play Snap. I like reading and saying numbers.
Lachlan: I’ve learnt to count. I like to colour with crayons neatly.
Mohammed: I’ve learnt letters and sounds. I liked making spiders.
Brayden: I like sport.

Shreesha: The best activity is dress-ups. My favourite activity is sounds.
Daniel: I’ve learnt how to write letters. My favourite letter is D.
Zayd: The best activity is making a tower with blocks. I’ve learnt how to write letters.

Classroom Chat with 3S

What an exciting first week we have had! Our excursion to Fairfield Historical Museum was awesome. We saw lots of old style things including a school with nib pens and inkwells, a blacksmith that made naughty teacher hooks and a general store set up like 100 years ago. It was very interesting and I certainly don’t want to be on the end of a naughty teacher hook!!!!!

In class we have been working hard on listening skills, keep it up 3S! Please ensure your child has the correct equipment for school. It would be extremely useful for each student to have his or her own glue stick.

Don’t forget NAPLAN is on next week the 13th, 14th and 15th May.
Pictures from the Stage 2 Excursion to Fairfield Museum

Students from Year 6 attended Lurnea High School yesterday and were involved in a Pottery Lesson – here are the pictures!!!