

Dates for your diary

3 rd Feb	Swimming Carnival
9 th Feb	Library (all students)
10 th Feb	Active After-School starts for 2012 (3pm finish)

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to a rather rainy 2012! It has been wonderful to catch up with everyone's exciting adventures over the holidays. We have heard some amazing recounts and enjoyed tales of near misses, high drama and vivid descriptions of family happening and antics.

I would like to start by thanking everyone for coming to our presentation night - it was wonderful to see so many faces. I know the children love having you present as we celebrate the wonderful achievements of our extraordinary students.

Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Stanley informed me that the Big Day out at the movies and Pizza Hut was enjoyed by all and that the children behaved respectfully and responsibly as we know Lyndhurst children do.

The year 6 excursion to Sydney was fantastic with a lot of ground covered by all participants. Having asked the students to each verbalise what their highlight of the trip was, I think it was summed up best by one young man who said, "I don't have one." Surprised, and a little taken back, I asked, "Was there nothing you liked about our trip?" To which he replied, "NO, NO.

I can't have just one - it was all amazing. So can I say *all* of it?" This answer was echoed by the eight other delightful young ladies and gentlemen we took away. What a pleasure it was to spend time with these beautiful young people. Mrs Colson, Zoe and I had a great time talking, listening, learning, shopping and sharing with them.



In the Christmas mood at Central Station.

Now to 2012. A big warm welcome to our new students, Zach, Malaki and Kiandra, Josh, Daniel and Ben. We are sure you are going to enjoy your time here at school as much as we love having you.

This term all students are settling into their classes and school routines well. The primary class are completing a unit on Space. The students will be reading and studying a range of information texts

on the topic, researching the different planets and completing experiments to discover what phenomenon occur and why. I am sure they would all like to demonstrate our gravity experiment for you.

To start the year there are few housekeeping things that need to be mentioned.

The Heritage Small School swimming carnival...

is this Friday. If you haven't already returned your permission note, please bring it to the pool on Friday. For your information I have attached the program so that you have an idea of what will be on and when. If anyone is having difficulty getting their child to the pool please contact me.

Absence Notes... an important reminder - *please* send in a note or contact us if your child or children are absent from school.

Mobile Phones...

These are expensive pieces of equipment which can be easily lost and misplaced so it would be best that they are not brought to school. If they are needed for after school they should be given in at the office where they will be locked away for safety and returned at the end of the day. If your child needs to use the phone we will continue to allow them access.



Healthy Body Healthy Mind...

I have had a large number of articles across my desk from the Education Department at the end of last year and the beginning of this year talking about promoting healthy lifestyles and creating programs in schools to educate all students. We have decided therefore to become part of the "Crunch and Sip" initiative.

This program is about encouraging students to eat fruit and raw vegetables during snack time and to sip water throughout the day. As part of the program we have applied for a grant to continue our gardening program and to purchase a water cooler for the children's use.

We have also changed our recess menu. This year students will be able to buy items such as cheese sticks and fruit and vegies presented in various fun ways (like "slinky apples" or watermelon "iceblocks").

Friday will continue to be an Amber day where students can order their lunch (low fat pies, sausage rolls/ pizza etc).

To help us make this program a success, we ask that you encourage your children to bring to school a full water bottle, more fruit and/or vegies and less processed snack foods.

P&C...

The P&C annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th Feb at 3:15pm. Please put any nominations for the executive positions in writing with someone to second the nomination, as in previous years.

I would like to thank the small but very dedicated group of parents who worked tirelessly last year to raise funds to support the students and staff. A special thanks to John and Tracey Mackie our outgoing President and Secretary.

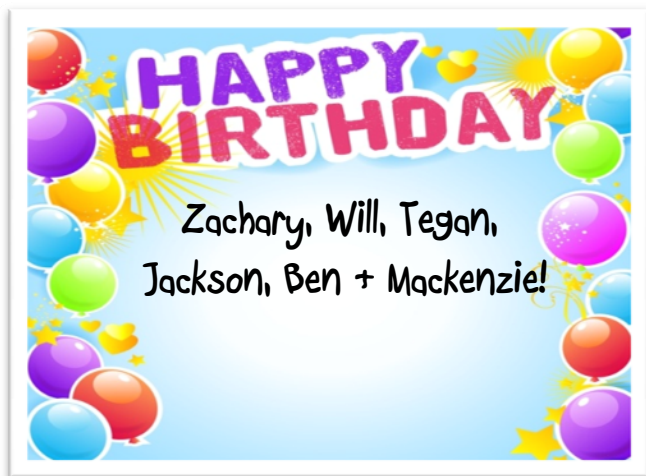
School a to z...

This is a new online school community for parents of primary and high school students created by teachers, parents and specialists in practical, plain English. It's designed to give parents the support they need to help their children's learning, wellbeing and overall development. Included in the 1,000 content items are assignment starters, "how to" videos, printable homework help sheets, lunch box recipes, technology A-Z articles and podcasts of expert tips and information. Well worth a look!

The address is: www.schoolatoz.com.au

Sally Beer





Library News....

Due to the disruption caused by the installation of a new flued heater in the library over the holidays, we will be starting library next Thursday (9th Feb) for all students. There will be special rewards for students who not only borrow regularly, but who bring in their library bags. Every student received either a calico bag or an orange “Rad Reader” bag at the end of term 4 last year, but any sturdy bag will do.

Hopefully, lots of wonderful books were read over the holidays!

Did you know?

*It only takes 10 minutes of reading a day
to become a strong reader.*

Book Club...

The first Book Club issue for 2012 – sent home with the newsletter – is due back 21st February.