

# The Lyndhurst Times

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Term 1 – Week 2

8<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## Dates for your diary

6 Feb	Library!
12 Feb	Active After School Starts (3.45 finish)

## Welcome to the new school year!

It was lovely to receive the enthusiastic greetings as everyone arrived back at school for the first day back. We hope you had a fantastic holiday and enjoyed spending time with your beautiful children.

A great big Welcome to our new families, to our lovely new Kindies and to Mrs Annette Gainsford our new K-2 teacher! Mrs Gainsford has been teaching in Bathurst and is very excited to join us at Lyndhurst.



New K's: Patric, Rachel, Jonathon, Sophie & Tess  
with Mrs Gainsford

Welcome back also to Mrs Hawken who will be with us for 2 days a week for learning support and take the classes for release which will include library.

## Swimming Carnival...

We certainly hit the ground running as we started the year off with the Heritage Small Schools Swimming Carnival last Friday at Blayney Pool. Activities were organised for non-swimmers on the dry court and in the wading pool so everyone had the opportunity to participate in the day. Unfortunately the day was cut a bit short due to the extreme weather conditions. and the usual presentation ceremony didn't go ahead as planned. The relay team is off to district. Other results will be upcoming.

## Homework...

Homework will start this week. As always, it is department policy that homework be given and the expectation is that students will complete the work and return it to school on the due date. Homework in Primary school is about providing opportunities for students to practise and consolidate the skills learnt in the classroom. It is also about building routines to support students as they move further into their education. We don't hand out large amounts – a few minutes per afternoon are all that's needed to complete it.

## No Note, No Go....

There has been a tightening of policy, procedure and accountability in the Department of Education regarding student permission. **Verbal permission** will no longer be accepted. Unless a written, signed note is handed in BEFORE the excursion your child/children will not be allowed to attend and will have to remain at school under the supervision of a

teacher. This means that the school may have to bear the cost of employing additional staff if it is a whole school excursion.

Included with this newsletter are several permission notes which need to be filled out and returned as soon as possible please.

### Medication...

If your child requires medication or any sort to be given at school by staff, you will need to fill out the correct form & send it in with the medication. Please note: we are not allowed to give students ANY medication without the proper consent. **Please note: this form plus most other school forms & notes can be found on the school website.**

### Any concerns?...

As a matter of school (and DEC) policy, If you have a concern about your child or children regarding school, please contact the classroom teacher **first** and **then** the principal if you have any further concerns.

### Active After-School...

We will start this year's program next Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of February with swimming at Blayney pool, and will continue with it on Tuesdays and Fridays until Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Tuesday sessions will finish at 3.45pm and Fridays will be a normal 3pm finishing time.

### Voluntary Contributions...

The yearly school contribution (otherwise known as "school fees") has been set at \$30 per student or \$50 per family. The school will be running on a much tighter budget than in previous years as our National Partnership funding has finished. We will be relying on these contributions to help with the supply of text books and stationary for students and also, hopefully, to supplement excursion costs.

### Library...

Library this term will be on **Wednesdays** for all stages. Mrs Hawken will be teaching library and IT skills and Mrs Colson will be looking after the borrowing and administration. Please remember to bring your library bags!! I think there might be a small prize for those people who DO remember... and unfortunately, those who don't bring their bags may not be able to borrow.

### Bus delays...

Rachel has asked me to let you know that the bus may be a bit delayed over the next week or so due to road works.

*Have a great week!*

*Sally Beer*



### Friday lunch...

*Due to popular demand,  
Friday lunch for this term will again be  
"make-it-yourself" salad rolls  
with all fresh ingredient.  
Only \$2.50 each.*

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## **FREE parenting course For families with children aged 3-8 years**

Triple P courses highlight the importance of good communication between parents and children, and suggest simple routines and small changes that help make big differences. Parents learn to understand how their family works and how to use the things they already say, think and feel in new ways. This helps to:

- create a stable, supportive and harmonious family
- encourage positive behaviour from children
- build positive relationships with children
- establish ways to plan ahead to avoid or manage potentially difficult situations
- find suitable solutions for parents to take care of themselves while balancing work and family responsibilities.

Sign up today to find practical answers to your everyday parenting concerns, and learn how to raise happy, healthy children.

Triple P is available free to all families with children aged 3-8 years.

**Date: 18 February '13**

**Time: 12:30 – 2:30pm**

**Location: Cowra Family Support Service, 5 Vaux Street, Cowra**

**Cost: Free**

**Bookings: Cowra Family Support Service –**

**Ph: 02 6342 3432**

***Child Care is Free***

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO SECURE  
YOUR PLACE!**

## **FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA**

We have recently launched the website  
**Family Law Network Australia.**

This website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to families.

We invite you to visit us at:  
[www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au](http://www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au) where you can find information on separation and divorce, parenting arrangements, property settlement and child support.

