Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a busy start to the term we have had! We wish to welcome Ms Kim Atkins our new Deputy for the remainder of this year. Ms Atkins brings a wealth of curriculum knowledge to our school. Mr Strong left us last term and is currently on Long Service Leave. We wish him in his future endeavours.

I would like to sincerely thank Mr Brendan Markich for giving up his time to repair the limestone retaining wall around the veggie patch during the holidays. His time and skills are very much appreciated.

Our veggie patch is about to take on a new lease on life with a big announcement made at assembly this morning. We hope that our community will get behind our Waste Wise project. The figures on the back of this newsletter I must admit did shock me. The amount of good food wasted is a shame. Please reinforce our message at home with regard to good food packed for your child’s lunch.

The worm café is about to get a new lease on life, a refrigerator has been donated but needs to de gassed. Do we have any parent who can help us out with this exercise? The fridge will be home to the worms.

As our community is aware we have been trialling the app called “Skool Bag” with much success. I would appreciate any feedback parents have on the app so that we can make a decision about purchasing it. Should we purchase the app it will be available to both Apple and Android smart phones.

The week commencing 12th May is NAPLAN week in all schools. If your child is in years 3 or 5 we would appreciate them being at school and on time for that full week barring illness as they will be involved in testing most days. There will be a catch up day on Friday 16th May if any students miss a test.

I have some good news on our endeavours to get flashing 40km zone lights around the school. I have a meeting with Alyssa Hayden MLC for East Metro Region in the coming week to discuss our issues and to hopefully be considered for signage this budget period.

A reminder to our school community to please take care when driving around the school or parking. Our students safety is paramount. The staff car park is not for student pick up or drop off unless you are at school on official business.

First semester reports will be issued to parents via students on MONDAY 30th JUNE. This will give time for those parents wishing to have an appointment with their child’s teacher prior to the end of the term.

**Term 2 finishes on FRIDAY 4th July and Term 3 commences on TUESDAY 22nd July for students.**

Mrs Lesley Meyers
Principal
Congratulations to the following children who received Merit Awards at the assembly today:

Martina from Room 1  Monika from Room 2
Maahir from Room 5  Shyane from Room 7
Ellie-Rose from Room 8  Macy from Room 9
Troy from Room 9  Tony from Room 10
Danny from Room 12  Alyssa from Room 12
Dyson from Room 15  Indiana from Room 16
Kaitlyn from Room 18

Justine from Room 12 for Italian
Jovan from Room 7 for Phys Ed
Justine from Room 12 for Art
Danny from Room 12 for Art
Vivian from Room 16 for Music

P&C NEWS

The P&C General Meeting will be held tonight 6th May at 7pm in the staff room. We would love to see you there.

The Mothers Day Stall was up and running today and again tomorrow. Raffle tickets are available for 50 cents each with the chance to win lots of fantastic prizes and the winners will be drawn on Wednesday at 1pm. Please see the ladies in Room 3.

Don’t forget that the uniform shop is open on Tuesday mornings from 8.30 am to 9 am. Now the weather has turned colder, please remember to put your children’s names on their jackets as the lost property basket ends up overflowing with un-named items.

SPORTS NEWS

It’s wonderful to see so many children enjoying early morning fitness before school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Children who are at school at 8:15am can walk or run laps, with each lap going towards points for their faction. Family members are quite welcome to join in!!

Self Defence classes will begin in week 3 of this term for Years 1-6. The cost is $10 to be paid through the classroom teacher. It will be a very practical course and lots of fun for the children.

The Lightning Carnival for years 5/6 is on again week 6 of this term against Ballajura, South Ballajura and Illawarra Primary Schools. The children have begun trials and training for Netball, Soccer and Football. More information will follow.
Applications for enrolments for Kindergarten at our school are now being taken for 2015.

The closing date for these applications is Friday 25th July 2014. To enrol your child, please fill out an Application for Enrolment form, which is available from the school office. It will be necessary to sight your child’s Birth Certificate and Immunisation Records at this time.

We will notify you in writing if there is a place for your child at our school within 3 weeks of the above closing date. Please be aware that by applying to enrol, you are not guaranteed a place at our school, but we will help you find a place at another school if we cannot accommodate you.

We would be happy to talk to you about enrolling your child, so please contact us on 9342 3388 if you require further information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 6th May
Thursday 8th May
Friday 9th May
Tuesday 13th May
Wednesday 14th May
Thursday 15th May
Tuesday 20th May
Monday 26th May
Tuesday 27th May
Monday 2nd June
Tuesday 3rd June
Friday 6th June
Monday 16th June
Tuesday 17th June
Tuesday 24th June
Wednesday 25th June
Thursday 26th June
Friday 27th June
Tuesday 1st July
Friday 4th July

7.00 pm P&C Meeting
Yr 6 Academic Testing
EC2 Mothers Day Morning
NAPLAN
NAPLAN
NAPLAN
Assembly Rm 2
School Photos
School Photos
WA Day (Public Holiday)
Assembly Rm 10
Year 5/6 Lightning Carnival
PP Dental Screening
Assembly—Specialist Areas
7.00 pm P&C Meeting
Choir Fest
K/PP Incursion
Year 6 Camp
Year 6 Camp
K/PP Incursion
Assembly Rm 16
Last day of term
Today saw the launch of the Waste Wise Project at our school assembly. The aim of the project is to reduce the amount of litter around the school buildings, recycle more efficiently and reuse items that can be reused to ensure that we send the least amount of waste to landfill. This will result in a more attractive school, save money and educate the school community to make positive choices regarding the environment.

Over the next few months we will be introducing a range of waste wise initiatives to assist us to achieve our aim and these will be promoted at our assemblies and in the school newsletter. At the end of last term we had a Waste Audit of the waste from our school lunches. The students in Room 12 completed the audit with the assistance of Waste Wise Education. The results are in the graph below.

The biggest concern was that 29% of the waste in the bins was either unopened packets of food or whole pieces of fruit. Not only is this a waste of food but for you a waste of money.

Some suggestions to assist in reducing this are:

- Cutting up fruit and placing in a reusable container
- Buying a large packet of food and placing small amounts in a reusable container
- Discussing with your child that if they don’t like something not to throw it out but bring it home and discuss it with you.
- Saying it is okay if they don’t eat everything but bring it home rather than throw it out.

If you would like to be part of the Alinjarra Waste Wise Committee or help in the School Veggie Patch please see Dianne Hodgson in Room 12.

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Scholarships in Specialist Agriculture, Specialist Basketball and Contemporary Music are currently available for students commencing Years 7 and 8 in 2015.

Closing date for Specialist Programs and Scholarship applications is Friday 9 May.

Enrolments for entry in 2015 are now open.

Application and enrolment forms are available from the local intake primary school administration office or directly from Lockridge SHS website www.lockridge.wa.edu.au.

Parents and students are welcome to tour our facilities by appointment or if you need further information please contact Angela Bartels - Transition Co-Ordinator - 9378 0200 or email Angela.Bartels@education.wa.edu.au