Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to a very busy term!

I hope all students and staff had a fantastic holiday and are refreshed for some quality teaching and learning as well as important and exciting events in and out of the classroom.

Some important dates for the term ahead are listed below:

9th October - 5P School Planning for all staff
10th October - Swimming Program Commences
27th & 28th October – 4/5/6 Bathurst Camp
29th October – P&C Meeting 9:15am
30th October – Halloween Disco
5th November – LEPS Goes to Hollywood Concert Rehearsal at Lansvale Public School
6th November – LEPS Goes to HOLLYWOOD School Concert Evening Performance
12th November, 19th & 26th November – Kindergarten Orientation Program for 2015 students
19th November – P&C Meeting
1st December – Community of Schools Performing Arts Rehearsal (choir students only)
2nd December – Community of Schools Performing Arts Matinee and Night Performance (choir students only)
3rd December – Orientation Day for Year 6 students attending government high schools for Year 7 in 2015. Each high school will provide information to the students about the organisation for this day.
10th December – Year 6 Farewell
11th December – Presentation Day
17th December – Last day of school for students

Have a great Term 4!

5P Whole School Planning

On Thursday, 9th October all teaching staff participated in a day of professional learning on the new school plan. The new school plan is firmly focused on promoting the importance and quality of teaching and learning in schools. It involves identifying 3 strategic directions which will ensure a high level focus that will drive the ongoing growth and development of the school. It involves determining the purpose of each strategic direction before considering what will be achieved and how this may be undertaken. The importance of working with students, staff, parents and community members is recognised in building the shared understanding, knowledge and skills required to achieve the educational practices necessary to bring sustained growth. Therefore, we ask that all our parents come along to the next P&C Meeting (Wednesday, 29th October 9:15am) where we will collaboratively discuss the new school plan and the schools 3 strategic directions.

APPA Conference

The Australian Primary Principals Association Annual Conference will be held on the 22nd October – 24th October. This is the first time this conference has been run as a National Event including principals from all over Australia. The conference has been designed to provide professional learning for principals. In addition, the conference allows opportunity for school leaders to engage in talks from keynote speakers from all over the world. In my absence Miss Simmons will be relieving as Principal.
**Long Service Leave**

This term I will be taking long service leave. My long service leave will commence on Monday, 1st December and I will be return on Wednesday, 10th December. In my absence Miss Simmons will be the Relieving Principal. Miss Simmons will be happy to assist you with any questions or concerns during this time.

Rebecca Tooney
Principal

**Kindergarten Transition**

Our Kindergarten transition program will commence in Term 4 and consists of 3 sessions to be held on Wednesdays of Weeks 6, 7 and 8. The dates are 12th, 19th and 26th November. This is a fantastic opportunity for children commencing kindergarten to have a small taste of ‘big school’ before they start in 2015. It also enables teachers to begin to identify your child’s needs to help them plan effectively for teaching.

We strongly recommend that all children commencing Kindergarten in 2015 enrol for school and attend these sessions. If you have a friend or neighbour who has a child who is ready to start school, but has not yet enrolled, please ask them to come up to the school to do so as soon as possible. Invitations to our transition program have been posted to children enrolled in Kindergarten for 2015.

Miss Simmons

**Halloween Disco**

The Halloween Disco will be held on Thursday, 30th October as part of the Year 6 farewell fundraising. Students are encouraged to have a look at home to create a scary costume to wear on the night or wear a costume they already have. Enclosed shoes must be worn (no thongs or open shoes). There will be prizes for the most creative costume in each class.

Please note: Only current students of LEPS are able to attend the disco. **Students must be collected from the hall area at 7.30pm.** They will not be allowed to leave the school grounds unaccompanied. Students have received a separate note with a Sausage Sizzle Meal Deal order form.

**4/5/6 Bathurst Camp**

Our major two day excursion to Bathurst for Years 4/5/6 will be on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th October. The students and staff are very excited! The staff accompanying the students on camp will be Ms Tooney, Miss Simmons and Miss Potter. Miss Perdomo will teach 1/2/3SW on these days.

A reminder that all outstanding payments are due to the office and must be finalised prior to camp. Medical information sheets must be completed by Friday, 17th October.

If you require a note detailing the itinerary and accommodation please see Mrs Langston in the office.

**LEPS Goes to HOLLYWOOD School Concert**

The staff and students have been working very hard preparing for the Lansvale East Public School 2014 concert, ‘LEPS Goes to Hollywood’ and we are all very excited!

The concert will showcase the fantastic talents of all students from K-6. The night will also include special guest performances from Canley Vale High School and our very own ‘Littlies’ playgroup. The school concert will be an extremely valuable and educational experience for our students and will provide them with lifelong memories.

**Date:** Thursday, 6th November 2014

**Location:** Lansvale Public School, Chancery St, Canley Vale.

**Start Time:** 6pm for a 6.30pm start time

**Finish Time:** Approximately 8pm

Parents will need to organise transport for their child/ren to and from the venue for the evening performance. The evening performance will
commence at approximately 6:30pm; however, students need to arrive at 6:00pm sharp. The concert is estimated to finish at approximately 8:00pm. Further information about what is required on the night will be given closer to the date.

Tickets for ‘LEPS Goes to Hollywood’ are now for sale in the office. To purchase tickets, feel free to come into the office. All parents are encouraged to come and watch their child/ren perform.

Ticket prices are as follows:

- **Adult** - $5
- **Child** - $3 (2 yrs and up)
- **Family** - $15 (2 adults and 2 or more children)

**Cybersafety Parent Workshop**

A huge thank you to Mrs Edwards for informing our community about the importance of Cybersafety at the Parent Workshop held on Thursday, 18th September. A huge thank you to the parents who attended.

Unfortunately we only had four parents attend such a very valuable and informative workshop. Mrs Edwards has very kindly offered to present the same workshop of an evening to ensure we get these very important cybersafety messages across to our parents and families.

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.

We highly recommend all our parents and community members attend the next evening Cybersafety Parent Workshop. Further information will be provided once the date has been confirmed.

**Parent Survey about Learning**

As part of our school’s self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. The information will be used to develop a picture of responses from across public schools in NSW. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

Lansvale East Public School strives to assist all students in achieving high standards of learning. In order to continuously improve in our commitment to educating today's students we ask that you complete this short survey.

Please complete the survey online: [http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/SQqHApec](http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/SQqHApec)

You can also find the link on our school website or skoolbag app. Please click on the link and fill out the survey. Alternatively, please see Mrs Langston if you would like to fill out a paper survey which is available in the office.

**Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015**

Enrolments are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2015. Children who turn 5 by the 31st of July 2015 are eligible to enrol. Please ask at the front office of the school for an enrolment pack. We look forward to welcoming our new kindergarten students and families.

**Our School App**

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Lansvale East Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.
Term 4 – Week 2

17th October  Swimming

Term 4 – Week 3

22nd – 24th October APPA Conference (Miss Simmons relieving Principal)

Term 4 – Week 4

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30th October  Halloween Disco

Playgroup

Our very successful playgroup is in operation again this term in the newly renovated and furnished Community Room. Playgroup is on every Thursday at 9:15am – 11:00am.

We would like you to come along and join in on the fun!
Please invite any family or friends who would like to come along to our Playgroup. All new families welcome 😊
Thank you to our wonderful P&C President and Playgroup coordinator Megan Hyde for her commitment and successful running of our playgroup.

HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE CENTRE WITH MRS HAGGETT!

Our Homework Assistance Centre is now open! The Homework Centre offers our students and parents an opportunity to ask a teacher for further explanation or assistance completing their homework tasks.

When: Thursday mornings
Time: 8:30 - 9:00am
Where: Community Library

Getting organised for Term 4

Welcome back to school! Keep track of the week numbers of each Term and help your family stay on top of the million and one things happening this time of year with School A to Z's monthly planners. They’re easy to print out and pop up on the fridge for all to see. You might even want to print a spare for each child's bedroom so there are no excuses for them to forget homework, chores and other weekly activities. http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Motivating “laid-back” children

Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical?
Find out more: http://bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Lunch box ideas

Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z's Lunchbox section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches. http://bit.ly/gsfDOE