Dear Parents / Caregivers,

With the end of term 1 quickly approaching there are many things happening at Lansvale East.

**EASTER HAT PARADE AND PEDDLERS STALLS**

The Lansvale East Public School Easter Hat Parade is being held on the Thursday 10th April, starting at 10am. Parents and families are invited to attend. If your child has any younger siblings who would like to join the parade they are welcome to come along and join in.

All K-6 students will be making their Easter Hats at school as part of our visual arts program. Students are able to bring in additional craft materials from home if they wish to add it to their hat.

Following the Easter Parade Year 6 will be holding various peddler stalls, as part of their fundraising for the Year 6 Farewell. Most of these stalls will cost $1.00 each to participate. Showbags will be available by pre-order and remainder will be sold on the day. These will be all subject to availability.

Thank you for your continuing support of our school. We look forward to seeing you then.

**EASTER HAT MAKING**

This year we are inviting our parents from K-6 to be part of our visual arts program and assist in the making of Easter Hats. On Tuesday, 8th April between 2pm-3pm, all classes will be open for parents to come and join in with this exciting craft experience.

Teachers and students often enjoy assistance from parents and carers in the classroom. If you are available to assist with other classroom activities such as reading, please talk to your child’s classroom teacher or come and see Miss Simmons or Miss Tooney.

**NAPLAN 2014**

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. Despite what you may have heard there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more:

In 2014, NAPLAN tests will be held on 13-15 May.

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Please save the date for our NAPLAN Parent Workshop on Wednesday, 2nd April where we will answer the following questions and more:

- What is NAPLAN?
- Why do students do NAPLAN tests?
- What will be tested and how?
- Can I help my child prepare for the tests?
- What does the test look like?
- How are NAPLAN test results used?

SCHOOL CONCERT!
The students and staff are very excited! Lansvale East Public School will be holding their K-6 School Concert again this Year! Miss Humphreys held auditions for the 3-6 dance group last week. There was a great response from students who tried out. Unfortunately, only sixteen students could be selected to participate. If your child has been chosen to take part in the 3-6 dance group, he/she will participate in the Lansvale East PS school concert and various other events throughout the year.

Through participating in 3-6 dance group students have the potential to develop confidence, enthusiasm, self-esteem, communication skills and the ability to work as a team member. Along with this the children who perform experience the atmosphere, lighting, sound and thrill of a real theatre performance whilst learning skills in stage craft. The students involved have fun interacting with students from other schools and create lifelong memories.

Further information about the Lansvale East PS School Concert will be posted regularly in the school newsletters to keep you updated.

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.

LANSVALE EAST ‘LITTLIES’ PLAYGROUP
Our very successful playgroup is in operation again this year in the newly renovated and furnished Community Room. Mrs Megan Hyde will be convening the weekly sessions and we really appreciate her volunteering to do this. The playgroup commenced on Thursday, 13th February (week 3, term 1) and will continue to run 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 😊

Miss Simmons
YOU ARE WELCOME AT SCHOOL
Children love to see their parents and carers at their school, whether helping out in the classroom, canteen or being involved in other ways. Research shows that students perform better at school when their parents or carers take an active interest in their school work. Your contribution to the school is needed and valued.

Ways you might get involved:

- help in the classroom
- listen to children read
- help with school excursions
- prepare food and serve children at the canteen

HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE CENTRE
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: Wednesday mornings
Time: 8.30 - 9.00am
Where: Community Library

Please note: As of next term, Homework Centre will be open every Thursday with Mrs Haggett

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When: Wednesday, 2nd April 2014
Where: Community Library
Time: 9:15am – 10:30am
RSVP: Tuesday, 1st April 2014

Come and join us at this workshop where we will answer the following questions and more:

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You also get to take home information pack with example test papers to help your child prepare for NAPLAN.

SAVE THE DATE
Lansvale East PS K-6 School Concert

Our K – 6 school concert will be on again this year. It will be held at Lansvale Public School, Chancery Street Lansvale on Thursday evening, 6th November 2014. Please mark this date in your family calendar or diary so that every child can participate and every family can be in the audience.

It should be very exciting!
Morning tea will be provided

Please RSVP to Miss Simmons by contacting the office on (02) 9728 1278 or email lansvalee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au by Tuesday, 1st April 2014

I look forward to seeing you there.
Miss Simmons

SCHOOL A TO Z APP
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z