Dear Parents/ Carers

Last Friday was a very busy day when the school had about 40 visitors from the GPT Group, Charlestown who had a working bee in our Outdoor Learning Area. They started at 8am and didn’t stop until 4pm, moving 15 cubic metres of gravel, establishing paths, fitting out our ‘rainforest’, digging holes, moving mulch, planting plants, fitting watering systems and much more. Within the day they got through a huge amount of work and on behalf of the Lakeside School community, I would like to thank them greatly. It would have taken us years to have completed what the GPT team completed in a day. They are welcome back to Lakeside anytime. Photos of the day can be seen on our Facebook page.

It was great to see too, our senior students participating in the IOTAS Concert at Newcastle Panthers earlier this term. The crowd loved it and I heard nothing but positive feedback. Thank you to Sharyn who organised the performance, putting in many extra hours of work. Well done also to those students who graduated on the day and now prepare to move towards their post-school life.

I would also like to congratulate Pru Bottomley in being the successful applicant for Assistant Principal Relieving for 2016. Pru will be replacing Chris Oliver who is on leave for the year. Applications for class teachers will be advertised in upcoming weeks.

Don’t forget this Saturday, 7th November, two of our teachers, Miss Pru and Mr Bede, will be tossed from a plane to raise money for our new school bus and sensory room. They are seeking sponsorship for this event so please let friends and family know. If you would like a sponsorship form or sponsor our ‘Toss the Teacher’ fundraiser, please don’t hesitate to contact the school. They will be jumping from 40000ft above Belmont Airport and landing between 11 – 11:30am.

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd November at 10am. I encourage as many parents/ carers to attend as we will also be discussing our 2016 planning.

Please note in your diary our Presentation Day which will be on Wednesday, 2nd December where we get to reflect and celebrate the year. There will be entertainment following with a light lunch. It would be great to see as many people attending as possible. For catering purposes, could you please fill in the slip below if you wish to attend and the number of people attending.

Don’t forget to ‘like’ our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/lakeside.school.dec. Under the Department of Education’s guidelines, staff are advised against ‘ friending’ parents on Facebook so please don’t be offended if a request has not been accepted. For more information, please don’t hesitate to refer to the Department’s Social Media Policy.

All the best

Darren Barnett - Principal

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Lakeside School Presentation Day - Wednesday, 2nd December, 2015

Student’s Name: ................................................................. Class: .............................................

Number of guests attending: ..............................

Signed: ................................................................. Date: .............................................

Please return to school for catering purposes
The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability who have a permanent or developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

If you live in Maitland, Newcastle or Lake Macquarie and are under 65 you may be eligible to access the NDIS.

Visit us: Find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting our information stands between 9.30 and 4pm at:

**Rutherford Marketplace:** 28th October, 18th Nov & 9th December

**Lake Macquarie Fair:** 4th November, 25th November & 16th December

**Morisset Square:** 11th November & 2nd December

**Bonnells Bay Shopping Centre:** 9th November & 1st December

**Phone:** 1800 555 727  
**www.ndis.gov.au**
PLEASE RETURN YOUR SPONSORSHIP FORMS AND PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ~ THANKYOU

TOSS THE TEACHER FUNDRAISER

THIS Saturday, 7th Nov 2015 at approx. 11am

Thanks from Lakeside School

Exciting things have been happening at Lakeside! Our 15 year old bus has been in constant need of repair so we have been seeking sponsors to help replace it. We have been fortunate to now have 2 major sponsors who will make our dream become a reality.

The Belmont 16s and the McCloy Group have each donated $15,000.00!!! This has been such a wonderful help as now we can move towards having a new bus with Variety’s help.

Our students often have limited opportunities to engage in the wider community. We have a variety of programs which include Riding for the Disabled, swimming, surfing, trampolining, Sailability, shopping, bowling, fishing, community access and inter-school activities, which are all dependent upon the ability to transport pupils safely on a bus. We endeavour to run 2 buses so our pupils have maximum opportunity to participate in these programs.

The contributions from Belmont 16s and the McCloy Group will ensure our pupils can continue participating in all the exciting programs that require a bus as an essential means for this community access.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, 7th Nov
Toss the Teacher - Fundraiser

Monday, 23rd Nov
P & C Meeting, 10am, All Welcome

Wednesday, 2nd Dec
School Presentation Day