Dear Parents/ Carers

As this will be our last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank staff, students families and carers for their support in 2015. Thank you to the P&C and other volunteers who have given up their time to make Lakeside School the fantastic place it is.

Please note that our Presentation Day will be tomorrow, commencing at 10am. This is a great opportunity to celebrate student achievements. The presentation will be followed by some entertainment from Tasha’s brother, Caleb and Hunter Sports High School Band. Light refreshments will also be served.

Next year Chris Oliver will be taking leave for the year. An Expression of Interest for his position for 2016 was advertised and I would like to congratulate Pru Bottomley on being the successful applicant. Pru will continue relieving as Assistant Principal for 2016. Sharyn Carr will also be taking leave for one year and we are awaiting the outcome of the Expression of Interest process to be completed for the Classroom Teaching positions.

Last week we had the pleasure of supporting two students from Whitebridge High School as part of their Service Learning requirements. They spent the week helping around the school and gaining a better understanding in supporting children with disabilities. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to thank them for their efforts.

I would also like to thank Sophie from Hunter Sports High School. Sophie has been working at Lakeside one day per week and her skills displayed in supporting our students have been outstanding. Sophie has displayed the ability to not only work in a team environment but to also engage and support students in their learning. Sophie has shown she has a definite skill in special education.

As we come to the end of the year, we see students move on. I would like to farewell Braydon, Tom, Tasha, James and Brock who will be graduating. We trust that you enjoyed your time at Lakeside and wish you all the best for the future.

I would like to wish everyone happiness for Christmas and the New Year.

All the best
Darren Barnett
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 2nd Dec  School Presentation Day, 10am
Monday, 7th Dec  Graduation Lunch - Year 12 Students
Wednesday 9th Dec  Tomaree Aquatic Centre Excursion - selected students
Wednesday, 16th Dec  Last Day of Term 4 - 2015
January, 2016
Wed, 27th Jan ‘16  Staff Development Day - no students at school
Thursday, 28th Jan ‘16  Students return to school for Term 1 - 2016
The School P & C have put into effect as from 1/1/2015 all students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be required to wear this new shirt. Families have a two year period in which to become compliant with this new uniform. We believe that this smart new black with red trim shirt embroidered with our school logo will be a smart edition to our school. The shirts are 65% polyester and 35% cotton for comfort and ease of care and complies with Australian standard for UPF protection, and are $40.00 per shirt.

If you would like to purchase a new school shirt, please contact the office. PH: 49 438999

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**Christmas Community Notice Board**

**Carols by the Lake ~** Date: 10-Dec-2015
Starts: 6.00 pm  Ends: 9.00 pm  Venue: Toronto Foreshore, Victory Parade.
Description: Carols by the Lake - A community event, suitable for all ages.
Bring the family and enjoy the festive atmosphere, Santa's arrival and spectacular fireworks!
Website: [http://www.carolsbythelake.torontonswevents.com/](http://www.carolsbythelake.torontonswevents.com/)

**The Salvation Army ~ Bonnells Bay Community Christmas Carols** Date: 13-Dec-2015
Starts: 4.30pm  Ends: 9.30pm
Venue: The Salvation Army Bonnells Bay Corner Station St and Marconi Roads Bonnells Bay
Description: The Salvation Army Bonnells Bay invites you to join them for their annual Community Christmas Carols and Fireworks Spectacular. It is a wonderful family friendly event. Open from 4.30pm on the 13th December with the fireworks set to go off at 9pm. Come and Meet Kyal and Kara from The Block! There will be hot food, glow sticks, petting zoo and jumping castles, plus many other stalls to enjoy. Entry available by gold coin donation.

**Carols by Candlelight ~** Date Sunday, 13 December 2015 Location: Speers Point Park
Time: 12:00 PM- 9:00 PM  Cost: Free
Description: Save the date! Lake Macquarie City Council is proud to present a spectacular evening of fireworks, entertainment and special guests as we count down to Christmas. Watch 'Frozen' on the big screen from noon, followed by entertainment from local talent schools. There will be free face painting, a jumping castle and kids' activities all day before our guests, Sarah De Bono and Morgan Evans kick off the evening concert at 6.30pm. Look out for a special guest appearance by Santa and enjoy the fireworks display from 9pm!
Organisation: Lake Macquarie City Council

**Kiwanis Charity Christmas Trees ~** Date: 12-Dec-2015  Starts: 7am  Ends: 3pm
Venue: Kiwanis Charity Christmas Trees selling Sat 12th December from 3 locations:
- Telstra Tower top of City Road, Adamstown Heights;
- 161 Macquarie Road, Cardiff
- Lions Park, lake end of Gladgunson Drv, Eleebana
$50 each - all proceeds benefit children's charities
Website: [www.kiwanisnewcastle.org.au](http://www.kiwanisnewcastle.org.au)
All proceeds from the sales will benefit children's charities.