Dear Parents/ Carers

Thank you to all parents and carers who have attended meetings with their child’s teacher over the last couple of weeks. These meetings which reviewed IEPs/ ITPs are an integral part of our half yearly reporting process and an important step in future planning for your child. Thank you also to those who attended our P&C meeting yesterday.

For anyone who has visited the school over the past fortnight you may well have noticed some added colour to the school. I would like to thank Sharyn and Noel for their excellent murals in the courtyard and the wall outside Class 7. We are very fortunate to have such talent in our school.

It was great to see students engaged in a one hour drumming session this afternoon. Fod’e from Jamo Jamo Arts was excellent in engaging the students, having them follow a variety of rhythms. Fod’e, originally from Senegal in West Africa provided our kids with a very energetic performance, bringing enthusiasm and smiles.

This Friday 19th June, I would like to invite family, friends and carers to our NAIDOC celebrations. We will commence at 10am for morning tea. This will be followed by performances from students at Hunter Sports High, Windale PS, Mt Hutton PS and Wiripaang PS. Students will also be provided the opportunity to participate in the painting of a new mural to represent Reconciliation.

On the following Friday, 26th June, staff from Newcastle Permanent Building Society will be at Lakeside as part of our working bee. For the day we will be working on our vegetable and sensory gardens, creating some interesting structures out of recycled materials. Staff have been busy collecting ‘items’ from roadside pickups. Thank you to Kath who has obtained a range of tyres and Colleen for donating a water feature. If you would like to be part of the day, please don’t hesitate to come and join us from 9am onwards. There will be plenty of digging, planting, barrowing and laughing, plus a sausage sizzle.

Next term, Thursday 30th July, we will be holding a morning tea and information session commencing at 9.30am. Donna Surtees from Ability Links will be speaking on how they can support parents/ carers in accessing the National Disability Insurance Scheme. If you would like to attend, or know someone who would be interested in attending, could you please call the school for catering purposes. I anticipate there will be some valuable information shared on the day.

All the best
Darren Barnett ~ Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, 19th June  NAIDOC Celebrations 10am to 12noon
- Friday, 26th June  Newcastle Permanent Staff working bee at Lakeside
- Last Day of School Term
- Monday, 13th July  Staff Development Day, staff only return to school
- Tuesday, 14th July  Students return to school - Term 3
- Thursday, 23rd July  School Leavers Expo, Hunter 2015: Hunter Stadium, 9am - 1pm
- Thursday, 30th July  Information session 9.30am - Ability Links guest speaker
On Thursday 4th June the Valentine Lions Club ran a Bowls Gala Event and an auction as a fundraiser for Lakeside. Money raised will go towards building a permanent roof over our sandpit. The grand total has come to about $3,500.00. Bruce Harris and Paul Jones from the club have been constant supporters to me and the school in the process. I really appreciate all they have done!

Our school community did well in the raffle draw too. The Ilijevski family, Krista Boyle, Christiane Huens, Colleen Hattam and Sharyn Carr all won meat or fruit prizes.

Thank you to all who bought a ticket in support of this fundraiser. Those of us who attended were tempted at the auction too. It was a great night.  

THANK YOU VALENTINE LIONS!  

Cate (Buskin)