Dear Parents/ Carers

A reminder that tomorrow, **Wednesday 24th February will be our P&C AGM**. I would like to welcome and encourage all parents/ carers to come along and maybe accept a position for the upcoming year. The meeting will commence at 9:15am in the staffroom.

Next term all staff will undergo professional development on the first day of Term 2. Tuesday 26th April, attending a one day course, ‘Traffic Jam in my Brain’.

This is a Sensory Processing Approach to challenges associated with Autism, ADHD, ADD, Learning and Behavioural Differences. This learning will link in strongly with our ‘In the Zone for Learning’.

**Students will return to school on Wednesday 27th April, 2016 for Term 2.**

I would like to thank Hayden who has been volunteering in our school garden over the past few weeks. With quite a hot and humid summer, we returned from holidays to an overgrown garden. If you have knowledge of gardening or would like to donate a couple of hours, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Wishing you all the best.
Darren Barnett
Principal

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**Lakeside School - Sick and Recovering Students**

We wish to remind parents of our Sick and Recovering Student Policy.

Every possible precaution is taken throughout the school to minimise cross infection of both staff and students. If your child has signs of vomiting, diarrhoea, coughs and colds, or showing any signs of sickness, please keep them home.

What this means to you? It means that if your child has been ill with high temperatures, an infection (chest, throat, production of mucus); vomiting or diarrhoea that they be kept at home for 24-48 hours after the last episode. As you are aware, we have students who have fragile health concerns and we hope to minimise cross infection to everyone. It is most beneficial to the sick or recovering student to be well rested and cared for, so they can return to school and function to their full capabilities.

We thank you for your co-operation in the implementation of this policy. If you would like to refer to our ‘Sick and Recovering Student Policy’ the wording can be found on our Website: www.lakeside-s.schools.nsw.edu.au

Darren Barnett
Principal
Make Online Payments to School

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of our school website by selecting the “$ Make a payment” tab. Lakeside School Website: www.lakeside-s.schools.nsw.edu.au

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called “Other” this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. “Other” can also be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment on our Website you must enter:

- the students name and class
- OR
- the students name and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact Lakeside School. Phone 49 438999