Dear Parents/ Carers

I would like to thank all staff at Lakeside for a wonderful start to 2016. It was great to see the students returning with smiles and energy ready for the new school year. I would like to welcome Ricky, Olivia, and Tyrese along with their families to Lakeside. We are extremely lucky to have such a great bunch of new students.

I would also like to welcome Lynda Miller who will be replacing Pru Bottomley. Pru will be relieving as Assistant Principal for Chris Oliver who is on leave for the year. I would also like to welcome Sam Houston who is on Class 7, relieving for Sharyn Carr who is also on leave for the year. Also welcome to Kerrie Dixon who will also be working on Class 6 every Thursday and Friday. This year we welcome back Nick Moore who has been on a year’s leave, and it is great to have him back as part of our team.

Over the next couple of weeks teachers will be organising their Individual Education/ Transition Plan meetings. These meetings are an important part of the school planning process for your child, and your child’s class teacher will be in touch to organise a suitable meeting time with you and any support person you may wish to bring, e.g. ADHC caseworkers, psychologists etc.

Please don’t rely on walking your child to class in the morning and expect to speak to the class teacher. This is a very busy time for all teaching staff and it is critical that they are ready to implement learning programs. If you wish to speak to your child’s teacher, please organise a time via the office.

General permission notes and health care updates were sent out last week. It is important that these notes and forms are returned promptly so your child can access community programs throughout the year.

Could I also ask that student items and clothing be labelled to reduce confusion, especially when packing bags at the end of the day.

Thank you also to our parent volunteers who are assisting at Friday swimming. Without your support, we would be limited with how many students could participate.

Thank you also to Ardel (Trent’s grandmother) who came into school during the holidays to paint a beautiful mural in Class 3 Sensory space. Her talents have not only ‘lifted’ the room but provided a safe calming space for students when needed.

During the holidays, Pru has been busy coordinating builders and ordering equipment for our new sensory and therapy area which was our garage. It is now fitted with structural beams and ply walls, with dedicated spaces for therapy and sensory activities. It certainly is an exciting time. Thank you Pru for your fantastic work and dedication.

Please visit our website to keep up with what is going on at Lakeside. It is constantly being updated with student and class items and some informative links which may be of assistance.

We are yet to determine a date for our P&C Meeting but I will let you know as soon as possible.

Wishing you all the best.

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 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