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Dear Parents

Students have made a fantastic start to the 2016 school year and I would like to congratulate all new and returning students on the way they have conducted themselves during lessons and at break times.

It has been great to see continuing students making an effort to ensure new students feel welcome and understand the expectations of the You Can do It! keys and VIP expectations.

I have been really impressed with the calm, cooperative tone of all classes and it is clear that all students are taking their learning very seriously.

Thank you to all teachers, assistant teachers and teacher aides for being so well prepared for the start of the school year. I continually see you working with your students to develop high expectations and effective learning routines while also ensuring a sense of inclusive enjoyment during lesson time.

School Leader Induction Assembly

Congratulations to our Year 7 students who were inducted as Student Leaders at Friday's assembly.

Thank you to Kelvin Gurra for presenting this year's leaders with their certificates and badges and for talking to about the importance of leadership and the qualities that make a great leader.

Two Year 7 students were absent on Friday and they will receive their Student Leader badges at this week's assembly.

Student Council Representatives, elected by their class, will also be presented with their Student Representative Council badges this Friday.



Congratulations Week 1 Principal

Award Winners

Tamara Anglesey – Year Two

Bertilla Sigere – Year Five

Elijah Tiso – Year Seven

Abigail Robertson – Year Three

James Butt – Year One

After School Activities Term One

Singing Group will continue in 2016 for year four to year seven students. Mrs Neale and Morgan will again facilitate this activity which will run from 3 until 4pm on Monday afternoons.

The Grade 6 and 7 Homework Club will also continue, with Mr King, and take place from 3 until 4pm on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Thomas will also be running Homework Club, for Grade 5 students, at the same time as the Grade 6 and 7 Homework Club.

Parents and Wantoks

Thank you to all in attendance at the first P&W meeting for 2016. It was great to see some new faces along with returning committee members from 2015.

Christine Robertson was elected as President and replaces Virginia Napier who resigned from this role after two years of running the P&W.

Thank you Virginia for the enormous amount of time and effort you have committed in your role as P&W President and thank you also to Christine for taking on this important role that includes being the P&W Representative on School Council.

Good news is Virginia is not lost to P&W as she will be Treasurer during 2016.

Bronwyn Perkins is again Deputy President and Angela Smart will be secretary this year.

Thank you Christine, Virginia, Bronwyn and Angela for committing to these important P&W roles.

During Monday's meeting the following dates were agreed upon for P&W run school events:

- Movie Night Friday 26th February
- Trivia Night Saturday 21st May
- Golden Orchid Ball Saturday 20th August
- Book Fair mid-November (Date T.B.A.)

At Monday's meeting the first Golden Orchid Ball planning meeting was scheduled and this will be held at Haus 25 at 10:30am on Wednesday 17th February. All Parents and Wantoks of our school are welcome to attend this meeting.

We look forward to another year of fantastic P&W events.

School Council

Notice of Meeting: Lihir International Primary School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the staffroom from 7pm on Thursday 18th of February.

In 2016 Franz Hemetsberger will continue as our Newcrest appointed School Council Chairperson.

Kelvin Gurra, Fiona Karaut and Leo Kola are also Newcrest appointed School Council Representatives.

Mrs Jenny Thomas has been elected Staff Representative and Christine Robertson will be the P&W School Council Representative.

Jerry Tiso is the continuing Parent Representative and there will be two vacant Parent Representative positions to be voted on at the AGM.

The tenure of a School Council Parent Representative is two years – Killion Konillio has reached the end of his second two year term and I thank Killion for his commitment to School Council over the past four years. Killion is able to be re-elected, if nominated, to serve another two year term on School Council.

School Council meets at 7pm on Thursday week four and week eight of each term. If you are interested in finding out more about School Council please give me a call or make a time to come in for a chat.

School Council Parent Representative nomination forms are available from the front office.

Library Books

Our school library continues to be an extremely popular place for students to read books, use computers and play board games at lunchtime.

Mrs King will be in charge of our library this year and we are looking to building on the many improvements made in 2015.

It is fantastic to see so many children reading and borrowing books; however, we also need to make sure all books are returned. At the moment the library has over 300 overdue books from the end of last year and we ask all families to have a check at home to see if you have any library books that need to be returned.

School Food

During the first two weeks of school nearly all children have been coming to school with healthy food for lunch and recess; however, I have been concerned that some children are not being provided with recess.

Please ensure your child has recess and lunch every day. Hungry children find it extremely hard to concentrate and this is detrimental to their learning – recess is especially important as it refuels children for their learning between recess and lunch and ensures they have the energy to participate effectively in all school activities. Fruit is an excellent recess option.

Student Photographs

There are many photo opportunities at our school and student images are often used in publications, such as the Toksave, and displayed online through the school website.

The Toksave is uploaded to our school website www.lipschool.com.au every week.

Student images will continue to be used in the Toksave, website and other media this year. If you do not wish for photos of your child to be displayed through any form of print or digital media please let me know so that I can ensure no images of your child appear in any school material.

After School and Weekend Sport

In 2015 students were involved in Cricket, Aussie Rules, Volleyball, Rugby League and Basketball during after school sport.

After school sport is run by parent volunteers and if you would like to volunteer to run a sport this year please let me know.

Term one sport will begin this Friday afternoon with Bronwyn running netball for Prep to Year 3 students and I will run basketball for students from Years 4 to 7. Netball and basketball will run from 3 until 4pm on Friday afternoons.

If you are running a sport it is your decision as to what sport you are running, when you run it and which grades you will include in this sport – our school community is always grateful to those who take the time to organise after school sport.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding Lihir International Primary School please give me a buzz or make a time to come if for a chat.

Kind regards

Michael

Michael Bawden



Ronald (left) and Elijah
(below) discuss the
importance of Leadership at
last Friday's assembly

