Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Neale for coordinating the year 6/7 Show night last Friday. It was great to see the students performing so confidently. Well Done!

Mr. Hugh Griffin, Senior Project Officer with Education QLD International, will be visiting the school on Monday. He will visit classes, meet with myself and attend the year 7 graduation.

## Year Seven Graduation

Our graduating year sevens will share their official graduation function with their families this Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

Our year 7 class have been great ambassadors for our school, and we wish them every success as the leave LIPS and prepare to attend their new schools in 2017.

Monday's graduation event will commence at 6:30pm sharp and I am looking forward to seeing the families of all graduating students on this night.

## 2017 Class Organisation

MS Langusch and Miss Collins' onboarding process is currently proceeding as planned and due to this we will be able to begin the 2017 year with a full complement of six classes.

Class structure for 2017 will be slightly different to that of 2016 due to different student numbers in each year level.

The 2017 class structure takes into account the needs of all students and is designed to use our staffing allocation to provide the best teacher to student ratios and greatest teaching and learning benefits for all students at Lihir International Primary School.

2017 classes will be as follows:

- Kindy (7 Senior & 5 Junior) Mrs. Neale
- Prep (13) Mrs. Watkins
- Year 1/2 (10) Miss Thomas

- Year 2/3 (11) Mrs. Thomas
- Year 4/5 (14) MS Langusch
- Year 6/7 (15) Miss Collins

Expected class numbers, in brackets, reflect the current known number of students for each class. These numbers may change between now and the beginning of next year.

Children of new families, who I am expecting to arrive before the beginning the 2017 school year, have been factored into the current class numbers.

Miss Collins will be teaching physical education to all classes from Prep to Year Seven, while Mrs. Neale will again teach the Arts, which includes visual art, drama and music, to all school aged classes.

## Swimming Carnival Wednesday 7th December at 4pm

Our school swimming carnival is fast approaching and Mr. King is currently going through the final stages of working with children to place them in their choice of events. Please discuss with your child the events they intend to enter.

In order for students to be well rested for this event, school will finish at **12:45pm** and students are required to report to the pool at **3:45pm**.

During the swimming carnival children will need to be in the marshalling area and ready for their races. If a child is not in the marshalling area and ready to move to their race they will miss that race.



At the end of the swimming carnival a barbecue dinner will be provided for all students, families and school staff so please join us for this shared dinner at the conclusion of the carnival.

A swimming carnival program will be sent to all families on Monday 7th of December.

If your child is not going to be here on that day can you please let Mr. King know, as soon as possible, to help with organisation of teams and events.

#### School Year Book and 2017 Calendar

The 2016 School Year Book and 2017 Independence Day Calendar will be distributed to every LIPS family at the end of next week.

The year book includes all Lihir International Primary School students and will be a great memento of the 2016 school year.

The 2017 calendar provides a pictorial record of our school's celebrations of PNG's Independence as well as including important school dates, student birthdays and PNG public holidays for 2017.

Every effort has been made to include photographs of as many students as possible into the PNG Independence Day Calendar.

Thanks to Mrs. Thomas who spent many hours compiling the 2016 School Year Book.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TERM 4 WEEK 8 PRINCIPAL'S AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Kindy: Maryanne Sardo

Year 1: Ryleigh Smart

Year 2: Katie Kamong

Year 3: Tilano Tasman

Year 5: Hazel Napier

Year 7: Hayley Apfel







THANKS TO OUR YEAR 2 CLASS FOR THEIR VERY CREATIVE ASSEMBLY ITEM ON A. B. PATTERSON'S 'WALTZING MATILDA'.

### **After School Activities**

**Friday:** Yr. 3 – 7 Tee Ball: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

# **End of Term**

Term 4 finishes Next Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> December.







# LIHIR INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lihir International Primary School Swimming Carnival Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December First Race 4pm – students please arrive by 3:45pm

Dear Parents

Our school swimming carnival is this Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of December beginning at 4pm.

In order for students to be well rested for this event school will finish at 12:45pm and students are required to report to the pool at 3:45pm.

Children will have chosen the events they wish to participate in and a full program of events will be sent home on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

You will notice the program includes some events that have more than one age group or boys and girls swimming in the same race – judges are aware of this and points will be awarded for each age group in each race.

<u>For example</u>: **9 and 10 Year Old Boys 25 Metres Butterfly** - 9 year olds will be judged as racing against the 9 year olds and the ten year olds racing against the 10 year olds. Team and individual points will be awarded accordingly.

During the swimming carnival children will need to be in the marshaling area and ready for their races. If a child is not in the marshaling area and ready to move to their race they will miss that race.

The marshalling area is on the ocean side of the pool. This will be a busy area as students prepare for their races – we ask parents to watch and support from the oval side of the pool.

Kindy children will be the responsibility of their parents before and after their swimming event and we ask that Kindy children are not in the marshalling area during the swimming carnival.

Prep children will also need to return to their parents following their swimming event.

At the end of the swimming carnival there will be a presentation of the Samuel Karabus Memorial Shield to the winning team. Age group winners will have their medals and certificates presented at Thursday's assembly.

Following this a barbecue dinner will be provided for all students, families and school staff so please join us for this shared dinner at the conclusion of the carnival.

If your child is not going to be here for the swimming carnival can you please let Mr King know, as soon as possible, to help with organisation of teams and events?

If you have any questions regarding Wednesday evening's LIPS Swimming Carnival please contact Mr King at school.

Kind regards

Greg Neville Principal

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