Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

**Mother’s Day Stall Success** - What a wonderful event and service our P&C offered to our students. With generous donations of time and gifts it was a roaring success.

**The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** - These assessments begin today for all Year 3 and Year 5 students. They will complete Language Conventions and Writing today, Reading tomorrow and Numeracy on Thursday. Any students that are absent during these days will have the opportunity to catch-up on Friday.

**Jumaadi** - A terrific day of creative arts, drama and music was enjoyed by Stage 3 last Friday. A fabulous experience that was enjoyed by all.

**Anti-Bullying Plan** - Included with this week’s newsletter is a copy of our Anti-bullying Plan which is due for review this year. I welcome any feedback and will ask P&C to discuss at next week's meeting.

**School Information Book** - Mrs Robinson has been working on a new format for our information booklet and the draft is now ready for viewing. I will table a copy at next week’s P&C meeting and ask for feedback from the committee. If you would like to also have a look at the booklet and will not be at the meeting please see me and I will provide you with a copy.

Kind regards,

Christine Wild

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Students of the Week: Ashley Newman, Liberty Wares, (Absent Alana and Wyatt Goodwin), Suvannah Bell and Annabelle Guerin. Well done to all these students.

Merit Award Winners: William Moss and Savanah Bell
Our Great Artists: Lachlan Callaghan, James Morrison and Callan Wright
FULL LIST OF ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS:

Class KG: Student of the Week was won by Annabelle Guerin for giving everything a go. Merit Awards went to Thomas Newman for improved attitude, Beau Williams for effort in reading and Lachlan Callaghan for Improved Fast Maths results. The Artist award was won by Lachlan Callaghan for "Pop Bang Illumination".

Class 12B: Student of the Week Certificate was won by Alana Goodwin (absent) for always being on task and doing her best. Class Merit Certificates were presented to Savanah Bell for excellent effort in maths, William Moss for growing confidence in story writing and Colby Gill for passing 10 Fast Maths levels in last 12 weeks. The Artist award was presented to Callan Wright for enthusiastic approach to drawing.

Class 34P: Student of the Week Certificate was won by Wyatt Goodwin (absent) for his great attitude to learning. Class Merit Awards were won by Zach Nielsen for trying hard in all areas and Kaidee Harris for her improved attitude in class.

Class 56W: Students of the Week were Ashley Newman for dedication to her work and school and Liberty Wares for a more mature attitude to all school life aspects. Merit Awards went to Lee Smith for greater personal organisational habits, Shannen James for very insightful responses to literary discussions and Billy Neale for a big effort to learn facts to boost his Fast Maths marks. The Artist Award went to James Morrison for chalk drawing of icebergs.

BRONZE AWARD: was presented to Cheyenne Witchard... congratulations!

Jumaadi and Effendi worked with the senior class last Friday with many different activities focusing on traditional music, creative arts and drama from Indonesian Culture. The students had a wonderful time.
**P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**THANK YOU** - a big Thank You to everyone who supported the P&C Mothers’ Day Stall held last Thursday at the school. Because of the generous donations of some really beautiful items and the many helpers who assisted on the day, and also to the families who assisted by allowing the children to purchase from the stall, it was a great success. The children had a wonderful time choosing their gifts and hopefully they were enjoyed by the mums, grandmothers and carers on Mothers’ Day.

**Our Raffle was drawn** after the stall and the lucky winners were: Laura Horan, Rona Greenshields and Katie Wright.

**OUR NEXT P&C MEETING** - will be held on Tuesday 20 May in the Senior Classroom commencing at 6.00pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend. At this meeting we will be electing a P&C Treasurer as the position was not filled at the Annual General Meeting. Rebecca Moore has offered to accept the position once again and continue as our treasurer, but she was not present at the AGM. Come along if you can, and find out what is happening at our school and support the school P&C Association.

**ATTACHED AS PAGE 4 OF THIS NEWSLETTER:**

- **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014:** This is a letter forwarded by the NSW Department of Education and Communities to be passed on to all our families. The letter explains why and how this collection of data will take place and includes a tear-off section that can be completed and returned to the Principal, Christine Wild, if you do not wish your child to be counted in the data collection. Please contact the school and discuss your concerns with our Principal if you are not in favour of this data collection for your child/ren. To find out more about the process please visit the website indicated on the letter.


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**2014……TERM 2 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER**

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| WEEK 5       | Wednesday 28 May | CANCER COUNCIL BIGGEST MORNING TEA – in the School Library commencing at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome, please bring a small plate and a gold coin donation. |

**COMMUNITY NEWS:**  **Shell QUESTACON Science Circus –** is coming to TAREE!! The Shell Questacon Science Circus is a great opportunity for parents and children to share, discover and explore science together. You can encourage a fascination and enjoyment of science by exploring hands-on exhibits.

Spin like an ice-skater, discover how fast you can throw a ball, freeze your shadow on a wall and also test your reflexes.

Spectacular science shows are to be presented – you may see giant smoke rings, bricks being smashed on someone’s stomach or a presenter with their hands on fire!! Science toys will also be on sale (cash only).

**WHEN:** TUESDAY 20 MAY  
**WHERE:** SAXBY’S STADIUM TAREE  
**TIME:** Anytime between 6.00pm and 9.00pm  
**COST:** Family $18, Adult $6, Student/concession $5 (cash only) Children under 5 free. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**ENQUIRIES:** 0417 465028 or www.questacon.edu.au
Dear Parents and Carers

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

- Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.
- We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.
- The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.
- The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.
- If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.
- Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:
- If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school. If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Kind regards
Christine Wild
Principal

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Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014
LANSDOWNE PUBLIC SCHOOL

I/we ____________________________
Name/s of parent/carer

**do not** wish my child/ren ____________________________ to be counted
Name of child/ren

for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________