Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Welcome back!

It was great to see all students returned to school happy and healthy. We have had a very positive start to the year with all students looking amazing in their school uniforms and taking on our three whole school values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety.

We have some new faces in our school. We welcome Kayleen McCowan as our Senior Administration Manager in the front office. Mrs McCowan is replacing Mrs Lovedee who is taking leave to care for her mother in Sydney. We would like to welcome back Mr Peter Price. Mr Price is here three days a week. He will be working as our Learning and Support Teacher and taking care of our Library.

We would also like to welcome Shataeya Bell and her family to Lansdowne. Shataeya is a new student in Year 4.

Our numbers are currently 45 which entitles us to two classes. Fortunately for us we have funding through the Gonski funding model which has allowed us to establish three classes for more intensive Literacy and Numeracy sessions. Our class structure is:

K/1/2 – Mrs Stanborough (Mon, Tues, Wed odd weeks) and Mrs Stephen (Wed even weeks, Thurs, Fri)
2/3/4 – Miss Ashlee Dutka
4/5/6 – Mr Garry Bulley
Library – Mr Peter Price (3-6 Monday, K-2 Tuesday)

This year we will be having a big focus on Home Reading K-6. All students will be given a Home Reading Diary to complete. This diary has a reward system associated with it. Students are rewarded for every 25 nights of reading they complete. Each night has to be signed off by an adult. Instructions on how to use the diary are in the front of the diary. Older students are encouraged to take on the responsibility of selecting their own reading material. Mr Price will assist students in their Library sessions to borrow books for Home Reading. Books from home may also be used.

If you have any questions about the Home Reading Diary please contact your child’s teacher.

Assembly will be held fortnightly beginning in Week 3 (Wed 10th Feb) at 2.30 pm. All members of our community are welcome to attend.

We will be beginning Interest Groups on Thursday afternoons this term. Students will be able to select a group that is of interest to them. The choices will be:

- Choir – Years 2-6 only (students selecting Choir will have to try out for selection and be committed to performing at the eisteddfod),
- dance
- gardening/garden art
- cooking

Selections will be made this week and groups will commence next week. Groups will be held every Thursday this term 2.00 – 3.00pm. If anyone is interested in helping with these groups please let me know.

As part of the gardening group activities I am looking for donations of old wheel barrows or wooden barrels that could be decorated and used as garden beds. If you have one you could donate please contact the office.

We are also looking for a small, old wooden boat that could be used as a sandpit. Please contact us if you are able to help with this one.

Wendy Stanborough
Principal
Welcome Kindergarten 2016

Welcome to our Kindergarten students for 2016.
We wish Luke, Bailey, Edward, Dakota & Kataya a very happy year in Kindergarten here at Lansdowne.

Reminder: Swimming Carnival notes & money are to be returned to school by Thursday 4th February.

Community News:

Manning Valley Physical Culture—Dance classes for children from 3 years to ladies of all ages. Classes commence 8th February 2016—Taree & Cundletown. Contact Nola on 0419 237 715 or by email bathy142@optusnet.com.au

Lansdowne Football Club season 2016 Registrations are currently open and will close 28 February 2016. Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au
A registration day will also be held Saturday 13th February 9am—12 pm at Lansdowne Oval, BBQ at 11am.