At Lake Cargelligo Central School, it continues to be a very busy time. Last week I was out of the school Monday through Thursday attending the Principal’s Induction Conference in Sydney and our Lachlan Principal’s Network day on the way back in Parkes. These were outstanding learning opportunities, and provided a wealth of knowledge about the exciting times we are currently in in Public Education. Nearly 10% of NSW Principals were in attendance for the entire 3 days in Sydney, and on the Wednesday, this increased to over 10%. We have a large number of newly appointed Principals in our system and it is fantastic that we have a department that has things in place to ensure that our practices and systems are aligned with the State Plan. Over the coming weeks I will be sharing what I have learned with our whole staff, and our team will be setting our milestones for the next 12 months, making sure we are aligned with our school plan and state priorities. But above all, our new reforms and alignment of systems means that student achievement will continue to be at the centre of all decisions around Teaching and Learning, and school management.

A number of items have been initiated for action in the grounds. The three pepper trees outside Year 1 and Year 6 in the asphalted area are being scheduled for removal. This is because of safety and damage being done to the buildings and the trip hazards being created through the lifting of the asphalt. One of the office spaces opposite the Year 1 room has been closed because the damage is now so extensive that the room itself is a danger. Removal of the trees will inevitably have a significant impact on the provision of shade in the area. To overcome this, I will be accessing department funds to erect shade sails, or a shade similar to the one outside the canteen area. I will be meeting with our Assets Management officer this week to find out more information and to plan for the removal and erection of shade.

The following is an excerpt from a letter I wrote to P&C and AECG, to be delivered by Mr Symon Thompson in my absence last week.

“Further, with respect to trees: while these trees are being removed, the arborist will be tending to some limbs on other trees around the grounds that need some attention.

I have begun hearing the story of the Morton Bay Fig that resides at the back of Room 6 (Year 6 room). I understand that the tree is very old and has significant history attached to the school and the town. I was made aware of the damage that had occurred to the tree, and that many efforts have been made to save the tree. In looking up from the damage to the trunk, I noticed that the decay had spread into a limb that overhangs the path leading from Primary through to the Admin block. I also notice some branches that did not look healthy. Immediately I was concerned about the limb overhanging the path because it poses a significant safety risk to students and staff. In response I asked Assets Management and an arborist to inspect the tree. This inspection was carried out on Thursday 18th February. Unfortunately, the news for the tree is not good. The arborist found that most of the limbs are now in fact dead or dying. Some of the limbs and part of the trunk on the eastern side of the tree could be saved, however, the tree will continue to be a safety risk. The chances of it falling over in an easterly direction is not only highly likely after the removal of the dead and dying limbs and branches, but is highly probable with the first severe storm after any work. Regretfully, the entire tree will need to be removed to ensure the safety of our students, staff and any visitors to the school. The arborist is Brett Deaton. If you have any questions, Brett will be happy to answer them. If you have any questions tonight, please let Symon know. I will get in touch with Brett and get the replies to your questions and report back. It is important to know that this is not removal for removal’s sake, it is a question of safety now.

Because we are losing four significant shade bearing trees, I asked assets and Brett what we could get that were safe, shade providing and low maintenance. It was suggested that we get some
ornamental pear trees or Chinese elms. These are available for purchase in heights already established up to 3.6 metres. I plan to investigate some of these as well."

During the week, the local AECG meeting was held and I had Mr Symon Thompson read a letter on my behalf about the tree. The matter was discussed and AECG had some very good ideas about how to memorialise the tree, including a plaque and planting some saplings taken from the fig during NAIDOC celebrations.

It is my understanding that due to unforeseen reasons, the P&C meeting was cancelled, and thus this matter was not able to be raised. This is my reason for including the information in this newsletter.

I understand the significance of the fig tree to the school and the community. I am no expert in trees, but the safety of students and staff is paramount, and therefore the tree must be treated accordingly. If there are any questions about the tree, please contact me at the school. I will pass the questions on to the arborist, and get back to you with the answers. I will also publish questions and answers in the newsletter so that there is transparency throughout the process.

Craig Burdon
Principal

**Primary News**

Year 4 will be hosting this week’s assembly. We invite all parents and carers to attend on Thursday at 12:20pm.

Clean Up Australia Day will take place this Friday. All students from K-12 will be involved.

Best of luck to all of our students who will be representing our school at the Western Region swimming carnival this Friday. We look forward to hearing your results.

Scripture notes went home last week. Please sign and return this note if you do not want your child to participate in Scripture lessons. They will be sent to a buddy class whilst the rest of their class has Scripture.

Just a reminder that recess is from 11:00 to 11:20am and lunch is from 1:20 to 2:00pm. If you are dropping your child’s lunch to school please make sure they get it at the beginning of lunch. All students in K-6 remain in their classrooms from 1:20 to 1:30pm where they are expected to eat their lunch supervised by a teacher. Some students are not getting their lunch until almost the end of recess/lunch and then they are having to finish eating during learning time.

If you are interested in volunteering in your child’s classroom or another classroom in Primary please speak to your child’s teacher. It is a requirement that anyone volunteering/working with children has a current working with children check. If you have any questions in regards to this please don’t hesitate to speak with Georgia Bramich or myself, or check out the link below.


Home reading has commenced, please ensure your child is reading their home reader each night and returning it every day. The books your child brings home are ‘brag reads’ as they have already read them several times at school. Kindergarten will begin home reading at a later date.

Alissa Simmons
Assistant Principal
LLPSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Lower Lachlan PSSA Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 17th February. All students represented the school with great pride and our results were fantastic.

Lake Cargelligo Central School for the first time won the Overall Points Trophy with 220 points. The Western Region Swimming Carnival will be held in Dubbo this Friday 4th March we have 16 students who have qualified and permission notes will be going home soon.

Congratulations to the following students who broke records -
100m Open Freestyle – Holli (1:18.11)
50m 9 Years Freestyle – Lachlan (40.50)
50m Senior Girls Freestyle – Holli (33.41)
50m 11 Years Breaststroke – Ashton (48.68)
50m Senior Girls Breaststroke – Holli (49.77)
50m Senior Girls Backstroke – Mackenzie (44.59)
50m Senior Boys Backstroke – Joel (44.12)
50m Senior Girls Butterfly – Holli (42.59)
50m Junior Girls Individual Medley – Reagan (4:35.06)
50m Senior Girls Individual Medley – Holli (3:32.90)
50m Junior Girls Freestyle Relay – Azaya, Reagan, Charlotte, Ruby (3:23.78)
50m Junior Boys Freestyle Relay – Elijah, Cameron, Angus, Lachlan (3:04.87)
50m Senior Boys Freestyle Relay – Joel, Ashton, Liam, Sam (2:35.00)

Congratulations also to the following students who were Age Champions.
SENIOR GIRL AGE CHAMPION – Holli
JUNIOR GIRL AGE CHAMPION – Reagan
SENIOR BOY AGE CHAMPION – Joel
11 YEARS AGE CHAMPION – Ashton

Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped make the day a huge success.
Mrs Bussenschutt - Kinder
**Nash** for being a great listening and trying his hardest.
**Leroy** for following instructions and being an enthusiastic learner.

Miss Hurrell - Kinder
**Lachlan** for settling well into Kindergarten.
**Sonny** for great listening and motivation in class.

Miss Moulds - Year 1
**Lucas** for his enthusiasm and effort in all learning areas.
**Maisie** for using phonemic knowledge to spell.
**Tyrai** for his hard work in Maths.

Miss Freeman - Year 2
**Lakeil** for staying on task and trying his best during writing.
**Abbey** for producing writing of a high quality.

Mr Edwards - Year 3
**Jakiera** for being enthusiastic in all learning areas.
**Azaya** for great use of paragraphs in writing.

Miss Huggett - Year 4
**Mason** for being respectful to his peer.
**Lacey** for trying her hardest in all activities.
**Edward** for being a role model for good behaviour.

Miss Plowman - Year 5
**Dylan** for sharing ideas.
**Lachlan** for sharing ideas.
**Ashlee** for sharing ideas.

Mrs Bramich - Year 6
**Jade** for always being ready to learn.
**Ashlea** for always being eager to share her thoughts and ideas.
**Beau** for trying his best in all areas.

Recess is from 11.00-11.20am and lunch is 1.20-2.00pm. Please drop off recess food at the beginning of recess and lunch at the beginning of lunch.

P&C Meeting

Apologies to the parents who turned up for the P&C meeting last Tuesday. A notice was placed on Facebook on Monday advising that the meeting was postponed until March which will be the AGM.

Beth Ward
President
Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day will be celebrated on Friday March 4 with awards from the handwriting competition handed out as well as all students actively cleaning up all rubbish from our school and community.

Students will be participating in a handwriting competition in class. These are due today.

Roscelle Moulds

ZOOMobile
Primary School Performance

The presentation is delivered by a Zoo Education Officer and the highly respected Aboriginal elder, Col Hardy. You will be mesmerised by seeing and touching a variety of native Australian animals, music, stories, dancing and artefacts!

The aim is for students to explore animals in creative environment, with a strong focus on Indigenous Culture.

The school will subsidise this performance on Tuesday 8 March 2016 and as a result the cost will be $2.50 per student. If you have paid your school fees there will be no cost.

Georgia Bramich

School Fees

Have you paid your school fees? By paying your school fees there are no extra costs for in school performances. All fees are to be paid at the School Administration Office. Primary fees are $50.00 per student. Thank you for your support.

Marcus Geale

Head Lice

Has been found within the school again. Could parents/caregivers please look for the signs for this problem and deal with it accordingly. Your help is required to eradicate this recurring problem.

Vivo's

What a great start to the year we have had! There has been over 7000 Vivo's handed out this year for following the school’s values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning and a number of students are receiving there Silver and Gold Vivo awards. And a special well done to Ebony Turner, Michael Boaden and Sean Diaz who were our three top recipients last week.

All parents and guardians should be able to log onto their child’s Vivo account. If you don’t have your log in details or for any other information please contact either Marcus Geale (Secondary) or Pagean Huggett (Primary) and we’ll be able to help you.

Marcus Geale

Secondary Sport

Year 7-9 Girls League Tag has been cancelled as there was not enough interest from students. (There is an Open competition to be held in May.)

Western Region Under 15 and Open Rugby League trials information has been given to students. If they are interested in attending they need to see Miss Jolly asap so permission notes can be organised and nominations sent.

Lisa Jolly
Canteen News

Canteen Phone Number - 6898 1349

Casual Call Up Canteen Assistant Position
We are looking for a couple of people who would be interested in going on a casual call up list for the School Canteen. The position available will only be needed if one of the permanent casual staff are unavailable. Applicants must have a working with children’s check and some food handling knowledge.

Applications must be one page and show any experience and which days you would be available.

Applications close Wednesday 9th March.

Please put applications in an envelope addressed to the “Canteen Manager” and can be left at the school front office or the canteen.

Meal Deals for Thursday 3rd March -
Primary Meal Deal
Mini wrap, pop top (orange, Apple or ABC), cupcake $4.00

High School Meal Deal
Hamburger, large juice (apple, orange, ABC, pineapple) $7.00

Thank you
Simone Hooper
Canteen Supervisor

Yanco Agricultural High School Gala Day
Saturday 5th March 2016
Gates open 8am
Entry fee $5 per person or $10 per car
Variety of market stalls, fresh produce, Devonshire tea, BBQ and amusement rides. Program includes shearing competition, yard dog demos, YAHS choir, Grand Parade, Drum Corp, auction and a rugby league trial match between Yanco/Wamoon Hawks and Tumbarumba Greens.
Everyone welcome
www.yancoag-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
yancoagpandc.secretary@gmail.com

Veterans 4 Youth (V4Y) School Holiday Program
Our camps are designed for the “average” 11-16yo who might lack self-confidence; be disobedient, disrespectful, or rude; or prioritise computer games or social media above their homework or jobs around home.
They are NOT suitable for highly troubled teens who might be addicted, involved with the Juvenile Justice system, have a history of violence, or who have any form of mental issues. We will also have to restrict entry to any youth who requires large volumes of drugs to control their behaviour. This is a ‘very’ early intervention course only.
Course 3-16 (NSW/ACT/WA/TAS/SA holidays):
Tues 12 April 2016 to Sat 23 April 2016
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
www.v4y.com.au
For more information phone 1300 874 034 or email: info@v4y.com.au
Thank you for your support.
Together we WILL make a difference!

Lake Tigers Netball Rego Day
There will be another
Netball Registration/Information day
this Thursday 3rd March at the
Recreation ground 6.00-7.00pm
Everyone who has not registered needs to come down. We are also looking for netball coaches
If you are interested contact
Pagean Huggett or Nicole O’Neill

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