Welcome Back!
Welcome back to term 2. This term has certainly started at a cracking pace with a range of activities taking place which includes excursions, sporting events and carnivals all in the first few weeks. It is great to see so many of our students involved in these extra-curricular activities. Of course the week beginning the 12th of May also sees the annual NAPLAN tests for years 7 and 9 take place. It is extremely important that every student participates in these tests to the best of their ability as they not only give an indication of how the individual student is going as far as their Literacy and Numeracy is concerned, but also provides our teachers with valuable information which will help them to inform their teaching. If anyone has any questions regarding these tests please contact the school on 42963844.

Rose Assembly
Congratulations to all of those students who were recipients of awards at our ROSE Assembly that was held last week. These awards acknowledge excellence in effort and performance and in order to receive them a student must be working at a very high level. Well done!

Sport
Also well done to all of our athletes and their coaches who have participated with such distinction in the Zone Cross Country, OZ tag, soccer, rugby league and volleyball over the last week. Without exception your coaches have been delighted with not only how you have performed sporting wise but also how you have behaved. The level of sportsmanship displayed has been especially pleasing.

Athletics Carnival
Finally a reminder that our Athletics Carnival is on this Friday. This is a great day and I am sure that with the talent we have at Lake High that many records will be broken.

Have a great fortnight!
Tony Hicks
Principal

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and well-being.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Adobe Creative Suite 6 (CS6) - free download for students.
As part of the DEC’s Enterprise agreement with Adobe, students can download and install CS6 for free on one personally owned device. Adobe Creative Suite 6 includes Presenter, Captivate, Photoshop Elements, Premiere Elements and InDesign. These tools empower students to work with digital media such as photos, movies and websites at a professional level and are used widely in industry. To download the software, students need to log-in to their Student Portal and click on the link “Adobe DEC Software Download”. Instructions are provided from this link.
A Positive Future for Every Student

**Dates for Your Calendar**

**Term 2**

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“Milkshake Monday” Every B Week $2.50 each

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- Caramel

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**Deputies’ Dialogue**

We have had a busy start to the term, with ANZAC commemoration, ROSE Assembly, Year 10 half yearly exams and many sporting teams representing the school. Congratulations to all those students who received a ROSE award, it was great to see that many parents were able to attend this important assembly. We had seven teams out representing the school in Soccer, Oz Tag, Rugby League, and Volleyball this week congratulations to all those who participated, by all account they represented our school proudly. The cross country team also ran well, good luck to the competitors running at the next level.

During next week students from Years 7 and 9 will be completing NAPLAN tests, it is very important for all students to take these tests very seriously, even more so that there are no external exams during Year 10 anymore. This means that future employers may even use NAPLAN results as a means of comparing students from different schools as it is an exam undertaken by all students across the country.

Regarding individual progress, monitoring letters are being sent to those students that have performed very well or very poorly in the later half of term one. This is a timely reminder for students to find out what they need to improve or indeed that they are on the right track. If you have any questions regarding monitoring please contact the school. This is vitally important for Year 10, 11 and 12 as the year is moving along and it can be hard to reverse poor performance the longer it continues.

**Respect, Responsibility and Safety**

Mrs Powell and Mr Munn
Deputy Principals
The beginning of this term is a very busy time in Careers and various workshops and excursions have been advertised at school for students to be involved in. The most important is the upcoming Careers Expo.

**Youth Achievement Awards**

I had the pleasure in attending the Wests Illawarra Youth Achievement Awards for 2014. Students can apply in various areas for their excellence in sport, academic performance, visual and performing arts, citizenship and a Principals Special Award for achieving excellence despite adversity. Three nominees from Lake Illawarra HS were finalists, Jayde Bagnall for Sport, Stephanie Pinilla for Daley & Co Special Achievement Award and Caitlin Vickers for Academic achievement. Listening to stories and hearing the broad and fascinating achievements of various students in the Illawarra district was truly inspiring. Stephanie Pinilla of Year 12 was the overall winner of the Daley & Co Special Achievement Award section with her personal story of juggling her academic achievements as a senior HSC student and being full-time carer of her mother and brother from an earlier age.

**Careers Expo**

Students of Year 10 and 12 only are invited to attend the annual event to help them discover possibilities for their future careers and study. Over 100 stallholders will be on display for students to walk around and meet the experts and ask questions about employment, traineeships, apprenticeships TAFE and universities. Our school is attending on Tuesday morning during periods 1 and 2 on 13th May and will travel by bus.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED OUT!!

Please note: a public session that parents and family can attend is also on Tuesday 13th May from 4 – 5:30pm. If students miss out on getting notes in on time they can also attend this later session.
Work Experience

As mentioned in previous newsletters students in Year 10 had the opportunity to organise and attend work experience during the last week of Term 1. Forty-seven students travelled to various locations in the Illawarra and for all who participated the feedback from employers has been wonderful. Some comments were:

"Your student has shown the ability to establish an excellent rapport with customers and other team members. I believe she will be a dedicated employee and will work to her full potential.”

"He showed rare levels of initiative and memory retention. He has the aptitude and patience to do well in this very demanding industry.”

Students are again invited to do work experience at the end of Term 2, so they too can make decisions for their future. Students in senior years are welcome to also do work experience but this will need to be discussed with me to help them organise a suitable time.

Rhonda Willingham
Careers Adviser

LIBRARY NEWS

Greetings from your local Library staff.

We are looking at starting quite a few different clubs and activities in the Library to motivate the student body to use the Library and enjoy their Library experience. Some of the things that we are thinking of starting are a UNO tournament, Anime club, Mine craft building competition, and trivia to name a few. At this stage we are finding out which activities that students will be interested in by leaving a sign on sheet in the Library. If you are interested in getting some of these things started, come on to the Library and put your name down

We have also started the ‘BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK’ display that is already seeing a great deal of success. Each week your Library staff will select several books, wrap them up in newspaper, and put them on display. We will put on the front of each book a clue regarding what the book is about. To take the challenge, all you need to do is pick one of the blind date books and borrow it. Be warned though, if you take this challenge we will give you 14 days to read your blind date book and then we will expect you to tell us a bit about the book and whether it was a good date or not.

On a final note, we have a lot of new books that are being processed and displayed around the Library. Make sure you have a look and see what we have to offer.

Happy reading from your local Library staff.
Nanga Mai Awards

Congratulations to Caitlyn Bryant on receiving an Encouragement Award in the 2014 Nanga Mai Awards- Celebrating Aboriginal Education and Training. We attended the presentations in Sydney just prior to the holidays and had a great day. Well done Caitlyn.

All Schools Swimming Carnival

We wish Jarrod and Tarren Dyer all the best in the upcoming All Schools Swimming Carnival at Homebush. All the best.

(Photo courtesy of The Illawarra Mercury 26/2/14)

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NAPLAN 2014

NAPLAN will be run from Tuesday to Thursday of Week 3 for all Year 7 and 9 students according to the following timetable.

- All Year 7 and 9 students will meet in the Quad after roll call on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. On Thursday morning they will go straight to their examination room for Period 2.

- **Students must provide their own calculator** for the first Numeracy test on Thursday. All other necessary equipment will be supplied.
How can we best prepare our children for success at school?

Some people prefer to define success at school in much broader terms than simply a test score. For example, a test score will not describe how much a child loves learning, how curious a child is, nor will it emphasise the creative skills a child has developed. Test scores fail to give insight into a child’s outlook on life, whether he or she is optimistic, resilient, flexible, and able to work independently. And how well a child performs on the NAPLAN is unlikely to be strongly related to how socially successful a child is. The way we prepare our child for success at school will depend largely on how we define success at school.

In order to help your child be well-rounded, balanced, happy, and accomplish appropriate goals academically, here are three useful suggestions.

**Parenting tip 1: Minimise Screen Time**

Too much time on the Internet or watching television and movies will reduce your children’s chances for success at school in two important ways. First, television and Internet use limit your child’s opportunities for social interaction. Second, television and Internet use affect your child’s interest in reading, doing projects, experiential discovery and play, or participating in extra-curricular activities that are significantly more enriching than screen time. Most experts suggest no more than one hour of television per day for primary school-aged children.

**Parenting tip 2: Develop Extra-Curricular Interests**

Sport and music are two examples of extra-curricular activities that can be worthwhile for children to participate in. Research illustrates that children who are involved in sports get higher school grades, have an increased sense of self-worth, and are more likely to complete high school than children who are not involved in sport. Children involved in music typically have better memory skills than those who are not musically trained.

**Parenting tip 3: Foster the Idea of Practice and Mastery**

Some children believe that they are either good at something or they are not good at it. They may try it once or twice, but failure will make them give up. Other children have been taught by their parents that to succeed is to practice. These children have parents who have emphasised the importance of learning through mistakes, setbacks, failures, and practice. Studies show that children who believe they’re no good at something often won’t even try. But children who believe that to be good at something requires practice and hard work are willing to get stuck in, make mistakes, and keep trying until they get it right.

By teaching your children that if they keep trying they can do anything, they will persist, master, and succeed!

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**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

Our school is currently looking for parents, grandparents or caregivers who are available to assist in a reading program for Year 7 students. Anyone who is interested in being involved please contact Tony Hicks or the Learning Support Team on 4296 3844.
The Education Act 1990 requires your child to attend school each day that instruction is provided unless prevented for doing so by sickness or another approved reason. The Principal will only grant leave for the following instances:

- Sickness where the absence is satisfactorily explained as being due to illness
- Misadventure or unforeseen event
- Domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member
- Attendance at funerals
- Recognise religious festivals or ceremonial occasions

If a student is absent, a note explaining the absence should be handed in to the roll call teacher on the first day of their return. The explanation should contain:
1. Date that the note was written;
2. Student’s name
3. Days/dates the student was absent from school
4. The reason why the student was absent
5. The signature of the student’s parent or caregiver.

Students can collect an attendance note book from their roll call teacher or the Front Office Staff. This makes absence note writing easy as it ensures all relevant information is given to the school.

Parents and caregivers are required by law to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school. It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:
1. It is the parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence within seven days
2. It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
3. It is the way the school knows your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school.

Failure to explain your child’s absences within seven days of their occurrence will result in an unjustified absence being recorded. This will be displayed on your child’s report.

It is important for parents to make attending school a priority. Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only send the wrong message to your child, it is against the law. Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

An attendance rate of 95% or above is a good target. This equates to no more than three days absent per term.

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A Positive Future for Every Student
Celebrate Attendance
Hints and Tips No. 7: Getting to school on time

It is essential to establish a regular routine each morning and arriving at school on time is an important part of your child’s morning routine.

It is important to be at school on time because:
- It sets up good habits for the future.
- It provides social benefits – good play time and discussion among friends.
- The school day usually begins with the teacher giving out information to students. Eg. Any changes to school routines, coming events etc.
- It is an opportunity for important teacher-pupil interaction before school.
- There is plenty of time for ordering lunches if needed.

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The aim of this brochure is to provide an overview of amendments to the Education Act 1990 which came into effect in 2010 and outline the intersection with Keep Them Safe.

In New South Wales, ‘compulsory school-age’ means that all children from six years of age are legally required to be enrolled at and attending school or to be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10, and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

– full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);

– full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or

– a combination of both of the above.

Parents or carers are responsible for making sure that their children comply with these legal requirements. Schools support parents by monitoring student attendance and helping to address attendance issues when they emerge. Where schools have unsuccessfully tried a range of strategies to help resolve a student’s non-attendance, schools can request assistance from regional attendance officers of the Department of Education and Communities for additional support.

Keep Them Safe: A shared approach to child wellbeing

The Protecting and Supporting Children and Young People Policy (2010) sets out the roles and responsibilities of all staff in relation to child protection including training, reporting risk of harm, and supporting children and young people. If the principal or workplace manager suspects a child or young person is at risk of significant harm they must report to the Community Services Child Protection Helpline (telephone 13 3627).

Where a principal or workplace manager suspects a child or young person is at risk of harm which does not meet the threshold of significant harm but is not trivial they must contact the Child Wellbeing Unit (telephone 02 9269 9400 at local call charges).
Where there are concerns that a child or young person is habitually absent, in addition to following the department’s policies and procedures for school attendance, all staff should consider whether the habitual absence places the child or young person at suspected risk of harm and where there are concerns that it does, convey these concerns to their principal or workplace manager.

The Mandatory Reporter Guide has been developed to assist staff in making decisions about the nature and seriousness of child protection concerns and what action should be taken in response to these concerns. This guide can be accessed at http://www.keepthemsafe.nsw.gov.au.

What are some of the provisions in the Education Act 1990 (“the Act”)?

■ Section 22A Obtaining information about children of compulsory school-age

(1) Any relevant institution or other person may provide information to the Department of Education and Communities solely for the purpose of assisting the Director-General to ascertain:

(a) the age, identity or whereabouts of a child who is not receiving compulsory schooling or who is not participating in education, training or paid work as an alternative to receiving compulsory schooling, and

(b) the reasons why the child is not receiving that schooling or not so participating.

Where school based strategies have failed to restore regular school attendance

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of students. Where schools have tried a range of strategies to address a student’s habitual absence other options are available such as requesting support from the Home School Liaison Program. Prior to 2010, the only legal option available to enforce school attendance was prosecution in the Local Court, resulting in the imposition of a fine and/or a community service order. There is now greater flexibility in proactively dealing with cases of habitual absence. It is hoped that the majority of non-attendance matters will be resolved through a pre-court process such as those set out below. Please note, in reading the information below, one process does not necessarily follow another. Some actions may occur concurrently.

■ Compulsory schooling undertakings

The Principal may make schooling arrangements with one or more parents or carers of a child that includes a written ‘undertaking’ by the parent/s or carer/s with respect to compulsory schooling for the child (a “compulsory schooling undertaking”). The arrangements may be made before, during or after a conference. A compulsory schooling undertaking is admissible in evidence. Undertakings deal with specific issues contributing to the habitual absence. Examples may include that:

− transport will be provided to get the child to school
− an alarm clock will be used and the child will be out of bed at a set time
− the parent will attend drug and alcohol counselling sessions.

Signed undertakings should be kept by the school and a copy provided to the parent or carer.

Where schools have requested support and a case has been accepted onto the caseload of a home school liaison officer and/or an Aboriginal student liaison officer, the following actions are coordinated at a regional level via the Home School Liaison Program.

■ Compulsory school attendance conference

The Children’s Court or the Director-General of the Department of Education and Communities can direct that a conference takes place, convened by a trained conference convenor, where a child of compulsory school age is not attending school. The aim of a conference is to reach an agreement under which the child will regularly attend school. Conferences involve the school, parents, sometimes students and other people who are likely to be able to help resolve attendance issues, including representatives from other agencies and organisations. The conferencing process also presents an opportunity for other professionals or individuals to identify and provide support for a student and their family to help restore a child’s school attendance.

It is important that schools continue to support students and their families during these processes. The school principal or deputy principal should attend the conferences.

■ Action in the Children’s Court

If other options have not been successful or are not appropriate, it may be necessary to seek intervention of the court. In cases involving older children (aged twelve and above) if it is clearly established that the poor school attendance is not the fault of the parent, an application involving the child, alone, may be commenced. The proceedings in the Children’s Court are less formal than prosecutions in the Local Court. This has allowed older children to attend the Court with their parents.

Applications to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order will be made by a member of the regional attendance team who, for the purposes of the applying to the Children’s Court will be referred to as the “attendance officer”. All court appearances will be undertaken by a legal officer, or a local solicitor engaged by the legal officer.

The court may order the parent to attend a conference and/or issue an interim ‘Compulsory Schooling Order’. An interim order requires the parent to ensure that the child is enrolled at and attending school. Compulsory Schooling Orders can either be quite general in nature, for
example, an order that a parent engage with relevant Departmental staff, or that they attend a conference. Alternately, orders can also be reasonably involved and comprise numerous components, such as an order to attend drug and alcohol counselling, and/or have a child medically assessed by a particular medical practitioner.

Note: It is anticipated that a significant number of matters will have been subject to a Director-General’s conference prior to reaching the Court. However this will not always be the case. In cases where parents have refused to attend a conference, it is anticipated that the Application to the Children’s Court will, in addition to seeking a Compulsory Schooling Order, also seek an order that the parent attend a conference.

Prosecution in the Local Court

Where parents continue to fail to see that their children are enrolled at and attending school, the matter may be taken to a Local Court. Such measures are in place to ensure that all children of compulsory school age receive the education they deserve. This action can only be taken by, or with the written consent of, the Director-General of the Department of Education and Communities. Legal Services Directorate acts on behalf of government schools.

An action for breach of a Compulsory Schooling Order issued in the Children’s Court must be undertaken in the Local Court. Penalties for these offences carry a maximum fine of $11,000.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures:

New School Leaving Age:

Keep Them Safe:
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lake Illawarra High School does not receive or accept any paid advertising for Community Notices. Also, we have no way of checking the bona fides of any information received. We encourage parents/caregivers to make all necessary checks prior to involving their children in activities listed.

Secondary School Newsletter Story – Fire and Rescue NSW Open Day 2014

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10:00am and 2:00pm.

You are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, extrication techniques for road crashes (cutting up vehicles) hop aboard a fire truck, learn about becoming a fire fighter and get an information bag while chatting with fire fighters about fire safety and what they do.

Winter is just around the corner and it’s the worst time of the year for house fires, so come along and learn as much as you can. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people and their parents to meet their local fire fighters and learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

Don’t leave fire safety to chance this winter – click on this link - 2014 Open Day Participating Stations to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2014, and you'll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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To help you with practical advice about:
• Supervising learner drivers
• Completing the Learner Driver Log Book and
• Providing on-road driving practice

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PLUS the best entries will be printed in the Illawarra Mercury and exhibited at the Wollongong Art Gallery.

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John Monteleone, Wollongong Art Gallery Program Director

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4 runners up will receive:
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Entries open: Saturday 3rd May
Entries close: Sunday 25th May
Entries judged: Monday 26th May
Top finalists announced: Tuesday 27th May
Exhibition opening night and winners announced: Thursday 29th May
Exhibition period: Thursday 29th May – Thursday 12th June

Entry criteria:
• Must be between 15 and 25 years of age
• Open to amateurs only, with no more than 2 published works.

How to Enter
Create your work on an A3 sheet of paper and drop it at the Illawarra Mercury office at 77 Market St Wollongong. Make sure you include your full name, age and contact number on a separate piece of paper.
New Government Child Dental Scheme for Children
$1000 for Dental Health

Dear Principal,

The Australian Government hopes to improve the dental health of an expected 3.4 million children through a new Government funded dental scheme. The Child Dental Benefits Schedule commenced in January 2014 and will assist eligible children between the ages of 2 and 17 years.

Each eligible child will have access to $1000 to use on selected dental services over a 2 calendar year period. Services that will be covered include: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for services carried out in hospital, or for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work.

To benefit from this scheme, children must be eligible for Medicare and the family must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A or receive a relevant Government payment.

Pacific Smiles Dental is accepting Child Dental Benefits Schedule patients. Parents simply need to contact our dental centre, confirm their child’s eligibility (which can be done over the phone), then book their appointment.

If you would like to include some information about this scheme in your school newsletter, please see over the page. If you would like an electronic copy of this information or an image to use in your newsletter, we would be happy to provide this to you.
Please email: marketing.assistant@pacificsmiles.com.au for information.

We look forward to helping the children of your school smile for life!

Yours Sincerely,

Kirsten Bennett - Centre Manager
Pacific Smiles Dental, Warilla
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