YOU CAN DO IT – PERSISTENCE

We will be focusing on “giving effort” for the next few weeks. It would be great if parents could reinforce the message that, in life, very little is given to us “on a plate”. For most things in life, we need to work hard and give effort to achieve. Even natural talent has a limited lifespan. Talented people who don’t keep striving and giving effort to continually improve, will be surpassed by people who have less natural talent but who are prepared to work hard and persist.

Every workplace and area of industry indicates that they want people who don’t give up easily, who can handle it if something goes wrong, is not immediately successful or immediately popular.

Workplaces want to employ people who are persistent and who recognise and value that quality in others.

The most important word to encourage persistence is YET. “I’m not successful YET.” “I haven’t got there YET.” “I can’t do that YET.” Adding this one little word makes a great big difference.

OPEN WEEK – NEXT WEEK

Open Week is a great opportunity to see your child’s learning in action in the classroom.

Our 2015-2018 Strategic Plan aims to promote transparency, openness and a genuine sharing of the learning journey and, with this in mind, staff decided NOT to set a specific day for parents to visit or to limit parents to one visit only. Feel free to visit your child’s classroom any day/s next week, Monday-Friday.

We’re not sure how our early years students will respond to a constant stream of visitors, so Prep – Grade 2 parents/grandparents are encouraged to visit classrooms from 9.00-11.00am next week.

All other classrooms are open 9.00am - 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.
2016 INTENTIONS
We have begun planning for 2016 and, at this stage, the following classroom structure will be applied: 1 x Prep, 2 x Grade 1-2, 2 x Grade 3-4, 2 x Grade 5-6.
Staffing of classes is still being determined. Grade compositions will be established later this term and parents will be informed as soon as these decisions have been made.
If you know of anyone who is planning to come to Lockwood Primary School in 2016, or if you are moving away, please let us know asap, to assist with forward planning.

WHOOPING COUGH UPDATE:
We now have 6 confirmed cases of whooping cough at school ranging from students in grade P/1, 3/4 & 5/6 students and we are still awaiting the results of several more tests.
Many thanks to those parents who have followed advice and promptly had children tested. If your child has a persistent cough, please get it checked by a doctor. Immunized children can still contract and spread whooping cough, their symptoms just won’t be as severe as someone who is not immunized.
Attached to today’s newsletter is some information from the Royal Children’s Hospital which is very informative and helpful. Please take a few minutes to read through this flyer.

INDIGENOUS INCURSION TOMORROW
Lucas Proudfoot will perform at 9.30am tomorrow morning. The cost is $5.00 per students and this has been covered by the requisites, so there is nothing to pay. Parents are welcome to attend the dancing, singing and storytelling performance. An outline of Lucas’s show and some testimonials are displayed on my office window.

HEADLICE CHECK
We are planning a headlice check this week. Thanks to parent nurses, Melissa Wynveen and Michelle Pascoe for undertaking headlice checks in such a professional manner.

LOCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE
Our uniform policy was reviewed last year following consultation with staff, students and council. We decided to move away from enforcing black shoes as they are so difficult to source. The cost of quality sneakers, how rapidly young feet grow and the fact that many students use the one pair of shoes for both school and sport, were all taken into consideration when the policy was reviewed. Consequently, the policy focuses on safety more than colour and asks parents to ensure enclosed shoes are worn. Please keep this in mind as the weather becomes warmer and avoid the temptation to wear sandals and exposed footwear. A reminder that only clear nail polish can be worn.

2) is from 5-6pm (entry tickets on sale from 4:45pm) and the senior disco is between 6:30-8:00pm (entry tickets on sale from 6:00pm).
We will have a sausage sizzle and drinks available to buy on the night from 5:00-7:00pm.
Light refreshments are included in the entry price for the kids. This event is so much fun, and one of our favourite nights of the year.
BENDIGO BANK FUN RUN—SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
Come along and join this year’s Bendigo bank fun run. Lockwood PS has entered a team in this fabulous event which raises much needed funds for Bendigo health.
It involves 5km run/walk through the Bendigo CBD with each participant receiving a race bib, timing chip, a medallion when they cross the line plus a free healthy breakfast.
It is free for primary school students to participate. Parents, siblings and staff are also encouraged to participate at a small cost. For more information regarding the Bendigo bank fun run or to register, please visit www.bendigobankfunrun.com.au or see Mrs Crothers at school.

FOR SALE
The school is selling their table tennis tables. They are $60.00 each and there are three more for sale. If you are interested please call into the school office and see Fiona to pay and collect a table.
Any money received from the sale of these tables will be put towards the Fitness Track.

FACEBOOK
Have you liked our Facebook page yet? It is a great way to get up to the minute information and reminders from school in-between newsletters.

UNIFORM ORDERS
Uniform orders should be returned to school by the end of this week or early next week. Orders that have been paid for will be sent home with the children. Unpaid orders will be at the office for collection and payment.

SATURDAY MORNING TENNIS
Saturday Morning Tennis at Marong will commence on Saturday 24th October 2015. All levels are welcome. 8.30 am start. Enquiries: Rob Pollock 5435-2295 Ros Comer 5438-7228

FITNESS TRACK COMMITTEE MEETING – 5.15PM TODAY IN THE STAFFROOM
The fitness track will benefit our whole school and parents from all grade levels are welcome to be part of the committee. We have already raised/sourced funds towards commencing the work. Please see our fundraising “thermometer” below.
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