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TERM 1 | WEEK 4

PRINCIPALS DESK



Welcome to all our new parents and students for 2019 and welcome back to Term 1 all our families across Prep, Primary and High School. Firstly, to our Prep parents and students we have another exciting year to look forward to as many of our Prep students are new and how precious it is to see them arriving in their uniforms with those oh, so big school bags. Thank you to Mrs Pale Eli and Mrs Zeeman who are taking such good care of our littlest people as they learn together what it means to come to big school. Our Preps are actually 'in school' in a way as they are working on Early Stage One outcomes and also learning to read and write through our THRASS reading program. Our Teacher's Aides Mrs Vincent and Mrs Giannacopoulos are ably assisting with Prep as well. We already have over 25 Preps enrolled this term and each week they are growing in numbers.

Thank you to the Primary staff for all your efforts in getting our K-Yr.6 off to a great start this term. We already have had our school and Zone Primary Swimming Carnivals, Dedication Service, Meet the Teacher Evening and an incursion with our World of Maths Day organised by Mrs Jonker our senior Maths Teacher. We are almost half way through the term already with much more to come in the following weeks for Primary. Our Primary SRC are attending a prefects' conference in week 5 where they will learn more skills on leadership and bring back ideas on how to inspire and lead their peers throughout 2019.

Thank you to all High School staff for their efforts too in making an enthusiastic start to the year. We welcome all our new staff – Mr Glazebrook (Science), Mr Gibb (CAPA & English) and welcome back to Mrs Beringer who has come back to be with us after having her baby. Some High School students are off to represent the school in week 5 at their zone swimming carnival as well and perhaps win through to the State Carnival held in week 8. High school students are already talking about and planning for their camp to be held in week 10 – again a tenting camp at our beautiful camp site on the Hawkesbury River at Pitt Town.

All in all, a very positive start has been made by staff and students this term. Parents you will be invited to fill out a back to school survey in the next week or two. We value your feedback, encouragement and suggestions in these surveys to help us plan for future events. Parents please remember you are welcome to give us feedback at any time of the year as we need your help in knowing how we can improve the school programs and educational outcomes for your children no matter what stage of schooling they are at. May I leave you with these verses from Psalm 103 which simply express gratitude for all the blessings that we have – as another song says, 'count your blessings one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.'

SHALOM - Mr Bell

Psalm 103 –² Bless the LORD, O my soul. And forget not all His benefits:

³ Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies

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UPCOMING DATES



4/3/19: RUGBY LEAGUE CLINIC (YEARS 3-6)

7/3/19: HIGH SCHOOL ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

11/3/19: PRIMARY STATE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

21/3/19: THRASS INFORMATION NIGHT

25/3/19: HIGH SHOOL STATE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

30/3/19: TRIVIA NIGHT

1/4/19: TLCC CROSS COUNTRY

3/4/19: LAKES GOT TALENT (HIGH SCHOOL)

4/4/19: LAKES GOT TALENT (PRIMARY SCHOOL)

8/4/19: YEAR 7-10 VACCINATIONS

9/4/19: COMBINED EASTER SERVICE

10/4/19 – 12/4/19: HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

10/4/19: NETBALL CLINIC (YEAR 6)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Lake's Swimming Carnival 2019 was another success! This is to the credit of all the Parents and Staff who helped time keep, support, announce and oversee the event. The house winner for the Swimming Carnival this year was **Elliot** with 393 points! Well done also to Carmichael who came in second with 374 points, and Wilberforce who followed in third with 274 points. A big congratulations to all the students who took part in the competition and helped their houses rise towards victory.



PRIMARY ZONE SWIMMING

We are so proud of the following students for representing The Lakes Christian College at the Primary Zone Swimming Carnival:

William Johnson (Yr 2)
Jessica Schoonderwaldt (Yr 3)
Lucas Clarke (Yr 4)
Aurora Mayer (Yr 4)
Tiffany Oppy (Yr 4)
Elenore Drake (Yr 5)
Jarvis Durkin (Yr 6)
Cadel Andrew (Yr 6)
Taiyhlyn Andersen (Yr 6)
Sienna Durkin (Yr 6)

Emma Harland (Yr 2)
Amy Harland (Yr 3)
Ava Gregory (Yr 4)
Henna Bye (Yr 4)
Brody Davis (Yr 5)
Logan Elmer (Yr 5)
Christian Artese (Yr 6)
Chloe Collins (Yr 6)
Ada Mackie (Yr 6)
Ethan Davis (Yr 6)

The Primary Zone Swimming Carnival was held on the 21st February at Glenbrook Pool, these students earned the Lakes 4th Place out of 8 schools. Well done! **Sienna Durkin**, **Cadel Andrew**, **William Johnson**, **Jarvis Durkin**, **Taiyhlyn Andersen** will represent The Lakes under the Nepean Zone at the State Swimming Carnival on Monday, 11th of March at Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Congratulations!



Please Notice This



- The High School Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on the 7th of March.
- The Lakes Cross Country will be held on the 1st of April at the school.
- Students in Years 3-6 will also participate in a Rugby League Clinic at school on the 4th of March. Please send primary students in these years to school in their full sports uniform.

CROSS COUNTRY DAY PROGRAM (1/4/19)

- Period 1 & 2 - Secondary students (12 - 18 years)
- RECESS: 10:30am - 11:00am
- Period 3 & 4 - Primary students (Years 3 - 6 and any student in year 2 who will be turning 8 this year and would like to run 2km)
- LUNCH: 12:30pm - 1:15pm
- Students in K - 2 participate in a novelty event at 2:10pm - 3:00pm

TLCC COMMENCEMENT SERVICE 2019

The Lakes Christian College 2019 Commencement Service was held on Wednesday, 21st February. It was such a delight to see the whole school K-12 staff and students gathered in the Ark to dedicate the College to the Lord for the year and give him praise and thanks for all He has done for us. The staff were introduced and the whole College community was prayed over.

Students in Kindergarten and Year 7 were all presented Bibles.

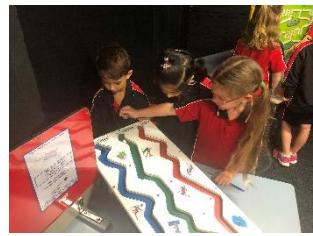
We were encouraged with a message from Pastor Ric Burrell from Strong Nations Church, Windsor.

We believe God will pour out his blessing on our school this year.



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Thank You to all the Parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' night. The staff at TLCC had a wonderful time meeting you and talking to you. We look very forward to working together to help our students reach their full potential here at The Lakes Christian College.



WORLD OF MATHS

World of Maths Roadshow visited our school on Thursday and Friday. Students of all ages had the opportunity to see how Mathematics is applied to real life situations. They gained insight into problem solving while working in teams. The students were highly engaged and had a lot of fun applying their knowledge and expanding their problem-solving skills. There were seventeen different activities which challenged student to find creative solutions to the problems. Best of all is that every student in the team has been engaged and enjoyed the day. Maths is Fun.

DESIGN & TECH EXCURSION: POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

On Wednesday the 27th of February, Years 9 – 12 Design and Technology students visited the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences. Our senior D&T students attended an HSC seminar while they were there. There were many fascinating things to see at the museum but what inspired our students the most, was the 'SHAPE 2018 Showcase of HSC Technology Works'. This was a selection of outstanding major projects from the NSW HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design courses from 2018. There were many fantastic projects that our students investigated as they began thinking about where they might like to take their own Design and Tech projects in the future. Everyone there had a great day!



SPORT PREFECTS INDUCTION

This week at the Years 3-6 Chapel service, the Primary Sports Prefects were inducted. These students were presented with their badges. It was encouraging to see so many parents attend this special event.

Sports Prefects for 2019 are:

WILBERFORCE

Sienna Durkin
Catherine Ho
Joshua Taylor-Drury

ELLIOT

Chloe Collins
Jade Collins
Ada Mackie

CARMICHAEL

Dino Gauci
Ethan Davis
Amy Bransdon
Matilda Williams



LIBRARY LINKS



2019 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE – OPENS MONDAY 4TH MARCH

It's time to READ!

All students in Kindy-Year 9 will be registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. The Challenge will open on **Monday 4th of March** and inspires a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and enables them to experience a wide range of quality literature. Our teachers will support the Challenge by encouraging their students to participate. A hard copy personal reading record sheet has been issued to students in all years and PRC usernames and passwords will be distributed to classes next week. The Challenge for Years 3-9 is to read 20 books - 15 from the Premier's list and 5 personal choices. K-2 will need to read 30 books - 25 from the Premier's list and 5 personal choices by the closing date which is **Friday 30th of August**. If you'd like more information about the PRC please visit: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

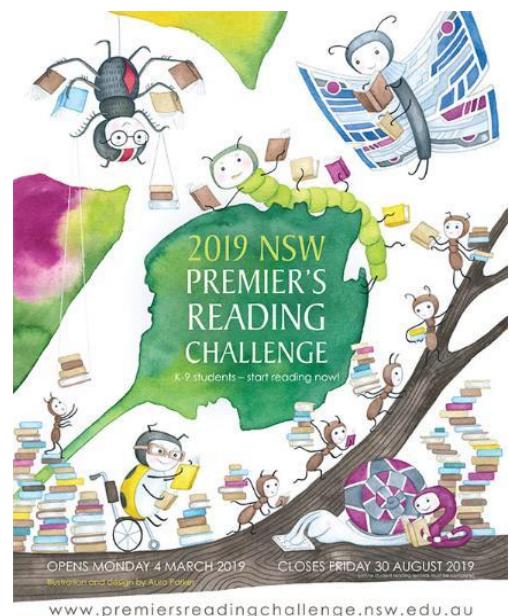
Happy reading!

LIBRARY BAGS

Please note that all students from Prep-Year 6 need a waterproof library bag - a cloth bag with a plastic bag inside will also be fine - to borrow our books. The library has spare plastic bags available in case students forget theirs, but it would be preferable for students to have their own bag. We always welcome donations of plastic bags but please make sure they are the strong, silent type.

Thank You

Kim Dixon and Stephanie Kerr
The Lakes Christian College Library

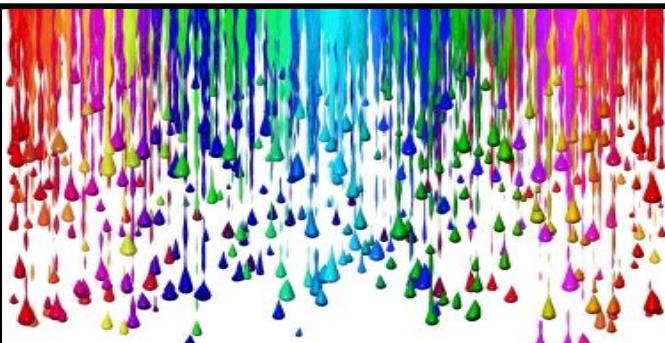


WE NEED HOST FAMILIES



In 2018 we had great success and a wonderful time hosting our Japanese students! This year we will have Japanese students at our school from 11th to 23rd August! We need families to host a student over this time. It is a great opportunity for both the student and the family that host them! Please contact the office at school or VS Oceania direct at (02) 9889 4366 or admin@vsoceania.com

- Students attend school on weekdays and enjoy family life with you on the weekend
- Japanese language is not necessary
- Students fit in with your family routines – eat your food, they need their own bed but can share a room
- Families are paid \$50 per night to assist with hosting costs



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STUDENTS!

If you are interested in becoming a part of making our school newsletter happen, see Mr Mazzetti to express your interest. This may include utilising and learning in a range of computer and design skills, writing skills, photography and more.

TLCC P&F Presents

KIDS CLUB ADM \$UPER CHILD

PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TABLE

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 30th March 2019

TICKETS ON SALE NOW IN THE OFFICE

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM for sausage sizzle
TRIVIA STARTS AT 6.15PM
\$10 PER PERSON / \$70 PER TABLE
Maximum 8 Players per table.
Contact Elizabeth or Trish: phone 47774057 / office@thelakescc.nsw.edu.au

PosterMyWall.com

The Ark, 206 East Wilchard Rd, Casltereagh

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER



I write to you on a matter of great concern to Australians of all faiths.

As you may be aware, late last year I released our Government's response to the Religious Freedom Review, chaired by the Hon Philip Ruddock. I was also pleased to announce our plans to legislate a Religious Discrimination Act, to protect Australians of faith from discrimination. Our Government will also establish the position of Freedom of Religion Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission. The new Commissioner will be dedicated to safeguarding the rights of religious Australians.

However, those are not the reasons for this letter. My reason for writing is a matter that is perhaps of even greater importance to you.

In October last year, the Government made a commitment to address the issue of discrimination against children in schools on the basis of sexual orientation.

The Government proposed legislative changes that sought to remove discrimination against children while also upholding the fundamental right to freedom of religion. Importantly, the changes we proposed would protect the right of religious schools and religious institutions to continue to teach and act in accordance with the tenets and doctrines of their faiths.

We hoped to reach a bipartisan solution.

Instead, the Leader of the Opposition introduced a Bill into the Parliament that would, for the first time, apply the full force of the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act (SDA) to all bodies established for religious purposes: churches, mosques, synagogues, monasteries, convents, prayer groups, faith study groups, theological colleges, and all others.

Mr Shorten's Sex Discrimination Amendment (Removing Discrimination Against Students) Bill 2018 risks an unprecedented encroachment on religious freedom in this country. The effect of these changes would be to censor what can be taught in religious bodies and dictate how these bodies teach their faiths.

There is agreement across the Parliament to remove the provision of the SDA that currently permits religious educational institutions to discriminate against students on the basis of their identity. Our Government wishes to repeal it. However, the Liberal National Government cannot support the idea that the teachings and practices of temples, synagogues, churches and mosques across Australia should suddenly expose those bodies to lawsuits under anti-discrimination legislation.

For those reasons, we sought Mr Shorten's support for a Government Bill that would remove the right to discriminate against students while also protecting faith-based schools from legal action on the grounds I have described. The Bill would keep the current protections for other religious bodies such as churches, synagogues and mosques.

Mr Shorten refused this offer.

In this new year, please rest assured that the Government will continue to defend the right of religious bodies to teach and act in accordance with their faith.

I would appreciate if you would consider informing your community of the Government's efforts on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Morrison
Prime Minister

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYERS

Lord, I pray that they would work with diligence and put forth their best efforts. *The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied (Proverbs 13:4).*

I pray that as they learn about your world, they would behold the majesty of your glory. *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. (Psalm 19:1)*

I pray that they would be thoughtful with their words and respectful in their replies. *The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things (Proverbs 15:28).*

I pray that their teachers would be wise and gentle. *The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly. A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit (Proverbs 15:2,4).*

I pray that you would free them from the pressure of trying to be like everyone else by instilling in them the confidence to know that they are uniquely made by you. *I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well (Psalms 139:14).*

Lord, I pray that my children would understand their need for Jesus and rejoice in the good news of the Gospel. *Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death (Psalms 68:19-20).*

I pray that they would share their faith with others. *They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom (Psalm 145: 11-12).*

Lord, I pray that you would surround them with friends who make wise choices and encourage their faith. *Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm (Proverbs 13:20).*

I pray that your Word would be on their hearts and in their minds as they learn. *Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD (Proverbs 16:20).*

Lord, I pray that your grace would rest upon my children. *Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! (Psalms 90:17)*

I pray that they would be kind to others. *Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honour. (Proverbs 21:21)*

I pray that you would protect them from all evil. *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life (Psalm 121:1-2,7).*

I pray that you would give them the grace of self-control. *A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls (Proverbs 25:28).*

I pray that they would receive correction well. *The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence (Proverbs 15:31-32).*

Lord, I pray that my children will love learning; that their hearts would seek to understand the world you have created. *The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly (Proverbs 15:14).*

I pray that when they do what is wrong, they would bear consequences that lead them to repentance. I pray that when they do what is right, you would bless their obedience that they may learn to love your ways. *The backslider in heart will be filled with the fruit of his ways, and a good man will be filled with the fruit of his way (Proverbs 14:14).*

More than anything else, may their lives glorify you. *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever (Psalm 86:12).*