21 August 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parent/Carer

What a hectic fortnight it has been with Year 6 and 7 heading off to camp at Lake Ainsworth, Prep and Year 3 having their sleepover last Friday and a range of students attending eisteddfod for band, strings and choir. The very positive feedback from all of these events has been the outstanding behaviour of our students and I congratulate each of them on their positive choices.

The Year 6/7 camp was a huge success with students engaging in a wide range of activities aimed at developing persona, decision making, independence and cooperation skills. Lake Ainsworth is a fantastic venue and provides the students with opportunities to experience water skills in a number of ways, high and low ropes courses, archery and many more activities. Thank you to the teachers who organised and attended the camp this year, your commitment is appreciated: Mr Englert, Mr Attenborough, Ms Bell and Mr Woodyatt.

Thank you also to the teachers in Year 3 (Mrs Smale, Mrs Kaoustos, Mrs Brodthurst-Hill, Mr Russell and Ms Clark) and Prep (Mr Potter, Mrs Brennan, Ms Davis, Mrs Kelly, Ms Carter, Ms Wood and Ms Marks) who, along with Mrs Lennox, provided the students with a fantastic evening at sleepover. The students had a wonderful time enjoying the company of their friends during dinner and breakfast along with a disco and a treasure hunt! A huge thank you also to the parents who were able to assist on the night, these types of activities are not possible without your support and we really appreciate it.

Congratulations to Ms Filkhorn, Ms Ponting and Mrs Sullivan for their preparation of our students for eisteddfod. The students certainly performed their best and they looked fantastic. I have been impressed with the growth in the students’ performance abilities and look forward to tracking their continued development in music.

Next week is Speech-Language Therapist week and I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work done by our Speech-Language Pathologist, Katrina Williamson. Katrina supports a number of students in our school directly as well as others through home programs. She has also played an important role in the establishment of our Oral Language program in Prep this year, which is achieving great results. Whilst many of you may not know Katrina, I can assure you that her skills and knowledge are a great asset to our school and I wish her a very happy Speech-Language Pathologist week.

PARK AND STRIDE – Just a reminder that the Park and Stride initiative is in full swing and you are encouraged to make it a part of your Wednesday travel plans. A map has been sent out indicating the meeting places and the times to meet. You can certainly do this more than just on a Wednesday if you would like to organise something with other families. This is a community based program and I encourage you to become involved.

READING – One of the greatest influences on a child’s ability to learn to read is the example set at home. Children who see their parents reading, and in particular fathers for boys, have a far greater interest in reading and an increased desire to want to know how to read. Reading to your children every day is an extremely important part of the development of reading. Children need to hear good examples of how to read, even when they are in the older grades it is still a great way to share something, the ongoing development of a book as you share a chapter each night can not only enhance a child’s reading and desire to read but it can also help to continue having the door open for other discussions as your child enters the world of a teenager. I know from experience that my children felt very comfortable talking about their day and things that they were confused about during our reading time together, they felt unthreatened and to this day they will ring to talk about things and they often have a laugh about some of the funny stories we shared when reading together. Get into books and encourage your children to do the same.

Have a great fortnight.

Regards

Craig Larden
Principal
Hello Everyone

What an absolute awesome fortnight it has been and one of the most memorable and favourite experiences during this time for me personally was our annual Prep and Year 3 sleepover. It was a fantastic night with most of us getting some sleep. Students were well behaved, demonstrated exceptional manners and most importantly were enthusiastic and positive throughout. The parents of the first timers were a little nervous however they certainly become aware, the morning after, how independent and confident their child had become. There were some proud faces amongst us. A huge thank you to: Ms Brennan, Mr Potter, Miss Carter, Mrs Kelly, Miss Marks, Ms Davis, Mr Russell, Mrs Smale, Mrs Brodthurst-Hill, Mr Jenkins, Mr Gerns and especially Miss Clark and Miss Wood for creating such a great adventure. I would also like to recognise the contribution made by the parent helpers in assisting us, as they too realised the importance of providing our students with a sleepover at the beginning of their education. I am looking forward to our Years 1 and 2 sleepover on the 17 October.

On Tuesday 12 and Monday 18 August I had the pleasure of attending the Eisteddfod at the Gold Coast Arts Centre to view our junior choir and ensemble group performances. Not only was I extremely proud of how they performed but on the exceptional way in which they presented themselves throughout the whole experience, their manners and behaviour. Miss Filkorn and Miss Ponting have done a wonderful job in preparing the students and we thank them for their efforts. Many students have been producing fantastic work and I have been delighted when they have shared their learning with me. Zai, Imogen and Che from the Koala class shared their sleepover recounts with me and I was very impressed by their ability to re-read their wonderful writing but it also made me feel good that they had expressed the fun that they had had. Well done. Dylan from Wobbegongs read to me and demonstrated significant confidence in her ability. It was marvellous, keep working hard Dylan. Issac from the Wombat class was able to clearly articulate his learning during his student-led conference when presenting his learning to his mum and grandmother. Awesome effort, I was really impressed.

Koala Joeys Playgroup commenced today which we were extremely excited about and many parents took up the opportunity to be involved in this oral language and learning program to enhance their child’s development. It is held every Thursday morning from 9:00 am until 10:30 am and is free of charge. If you have an eligible child: from bump to pre-school age and you wish to engage them in this program please register at office@parklakess.eq.edu.au or 5519 5200.

I extend a warm welcome to Miss Jodi Tulloch as the teacher of the Cockeratoo class, who will be replacing Mrs Ashley- Hyett during her leave. I know that the class has made her feel welcome, please join with me in making her time with us memorable.

Unfortunately I was on leave during our NAIDOC week celebrations however I did have the pleasure of judging the Indigenous Art Competition which was a part of our celebrations. The following students demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of Dreamtime stories using a variety of mediums. It was delightful to see their interpretations. Congratulations to: Sean (7), Haylie (6), Mitchell and Amity (5), Bailey and Tahlia (4), Ashley and Abby (3), Kohen and Laila (2), Sean and Alyssa-Jade (1) and Abbey and Issac (Prep). This was really a treat. Thanks again to our dedicated E.A.T.S.I.P. committee for making this once again a memorable event.

The term is quickly drawing to a close as we only have four weeks remaining. It is one of the busiest times of the year. Over the next few weeks we have a number of activities taking place: Our Book Character Parades, Prep to Year 3 swimming program and end of term disco. These experiences are opportunities for our students to shine however they often bring a range of emotions to the fore. Please support your children during this time as behaviours can often change due to the differing contexts. I trust that they will do us proud and I look forward to them sharing their experiences with me. We once again thank our wonderful staff and their commitment to providing these opportunities for our students. It is appreciated and it is what makes our school great.

Hope you all have a wonderful week. Enjoy each day.

Yours In Education
Mrs Kris Lennox

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS MIDDLE PHASE

This week, we welcomed back our year 6 and 7 students and staff from camp at Lake Ainsworth. From all reports, it sounded like everyone had a fantastic time and enjoyed the experience immensely. The children have certainly created some wonderful memories for their final year in primary school. I would like to thank our staff for their dedication to our school camp program here at Park Lake State School. Our staff spent the week away from their own families in order to ensure that our students have this worthwhile experience. Please take the time to thank your child’s teacher when you next see them.

Congratulations to our Prep and Year 3 students and teachers who braved the cold weather and rain for their school sleep out last Friday evening. Students were certainly excited leading up to the event and all had a wonderful time. Thank you again to all of the staff and parents who assisted to ensure that this was an enjoyable evening.
Last week, the admin team had the pleasure of watching our Senior and Junior Choirs perform at the annual Gold Coast Eisteddfod. Our students showed us that they were proud to be wearing the Park Lake State School uniform and behaved impeccably throughout the entire event. On stage, we saw beautiful smiles, fantastic voices and students who were genuinely enjoying the experience. Thank you Miss Filkorn for preparing our students for this wonderful event!

This week, we had the opportunity to see our fantastic band play under the expert guidance of Ms Alex Ponting. It is amazing to see how great the students sound with their musical instrument after only a few short years. I can see that these students show persistence and dedication to their music. I would like to extend a big thank-you to all of our parents who have nurtured this skill in their children. As parents, you have also shown great commitment to the music program by getting your children to school early and/or picking them up late, and by encouraging them to practice regularly at home. We hope that you are beginning to reap the rewards of your hard work too! I am looking forward to watching our strings students at the Eisteddfod next week.

A final reminder that we are not too far away from our Book Week character dress up day; Have you organised your child’s costume? If you are after any ideas, there are many easy ideas on www.pinterest.com. Just type “book week costumes” in the search bar. Good luck!

Have a fantastic fortnight
Barb

P&C CORNER

CUA Community Care

PLSS has a fantastic opportunity to be awarded $5000 from the CUA Community Care Program. Just a reminder to jump online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au or pop into our local branch at HARBOUR TOWN to vote for our school!

Don’t forget to get your family and friends, work colleagues, sporting clubs and even your Facebook community involved! Let’s get those votes in – for our chance to win!!!

BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENING

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014

Tickets for the evening are now available through FlexiSchools https://www.flexischools.com.au/ Please feel free to share the information with any businesses you deal with in our catchment, as the primary purpose of the evening is in meeting and working collaboratively with each other to grow your businesses.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – 2014/2015 ARE IN NOW!!!

These books are fantastic value featuring hundreds of discount vouchers! Packed with loads of ideas for school holidays and weekend adventures as well as casual and fine dining! You can check out all these books have to offer at either Administration or the Uniform Shop! They are available for you to order online www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/148744x or by completing the order form and returning to the office or the uniform shop.

BONUS

$11.00 from each membership goes back to supporting our school.

POSITION VACANT

Tuckshop Convenor

We wish to advise that we are revising this Tuckshop position 2 x Casual Tuckshop Convenors

Details regarding this position and how to apply can be found further down in this week’s newsletter.

Applications close on Friday 22nd August, 2014 at 4pm.

SCHOOL BANKING

Banking day every WEDNESDAY morning.

FATHERS DAY STALL

This year we will be holding a Father’s Day Stall on Wednesday 3rd September.

Gifts will be priced between $2.00 and $10.00. Classes will be allocated a time slot during the day to purchase their gifts. We are sure your child will find something special for Dad, Grandpa & Poppy’s to love!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

EVENING MEETING

Tuesday 2nd September, 2014 – 6.30pm
(In the staff room – next to the library)

MORNING MEETING

Tuesday, 28th October, 2014 – 9.00am
(In the staff room – next to the library)
As teachers we are continuing to feel as though the year is flying by at great speed. I am sure some of our students would agree and others would strongly disagree.

The year 4 and 5 camp to Currumbin Farm Campus at the end of last term was a cold and wonderful experience for our students and the staff. Camp leaders from Currumbin Farm Campus gave each group very positive feedback on their cooperation and participation. Many students were faced with entirely new experiences. For example, working with unfamiliar groups of people to solve some trick problems, climbing a ten metre high wall, (of which only a few were successful), using bug life to gauge the health of a waterway, caring and feeding farm animals, archery and sleeping out in a tent. To all of the children that experienced some of these things for the first time, you were awesome. The teachers felt that the confidence, resilience, persistence, organisation and getting along skills that were shown by our students needs to be commended.

The year 5 children have continued to work diligently through all subject areas. For Mathematics our students took on the very challenging investigation of creating an itinerary for a 3 day trip to an event of their choice. This investigation also required them to outline the expenses for travel, accommodation and the event ticket prices. It seems that our students now realise the time and money invested by our parents and caregivers to provide similar opportunities for them. In readiness for our students’ senior year, all classes have continued to work towards building their mathematical knowledge, understandings and skills in other numeracy concepts. Such as, place value, location and transformation, money and finances, chance, data and units of measurement. Students are encouraged to continue learning and mastering their multiplication and division facts. Mastery of these can provide a strong foundation for new and more challenging concepts.

The semester has started with an English unit focused on poetry. Students are using their knowledge of poetic devices to support the analysis of a number of poems. Exploring how the poet has used these poetic devices, has allowed the students to extract the purpose, context, tone and mood of these poems. Later in the semester, our students will be creating a multimodal adaptation of ‘Fur and Feathers’ by A.B. Paterson. Continuing throughout the semester, year 5 students will work towards mastering their general literacy skills, such as, reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and paragraph structure.

There will also be plenty of other learning and activities going on in and outside of our classrooms. In Science students will be exploring the properties of light and how they can manipulate it. For History students are investigating the events leading up to the Eureka Stockade and how they have shaped modern day Australia. How a place is changed and managed by people will be the focus of our Geography unit. Students will be modifying a dance routine for Arts. They will design and construct a bag from recyclable materials in Technology. There will continue to be much more learning as the semester moves on.

Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who attended the student-led conferences earlier this semester. The turnout was fantastic and the conversations teachers overheard where uplifting. If you would like to speak to your teachers, remember they are no further than an email or phone call away. Please keep an eye on our school calendar for upcoming events and programs.

Kind regards,
The Year 5 Teaching Team

CURRICULUM CORNER

One of the objectives of Park Lake State School music classes is to engage students in activities that foster understanding, knowledge and musical literacy. By participating in a child development approach to learning music, our students learn to perform, read, write and create music.

From the children’s earliest experiences to our graduating students, all are actively involved in sensory learning experiences. Students feel, make, hear and memorise sounds and sing, clap, dance and remember movements. Their experiences in singing songs in unison and rounds, games and improvisation activities enhance their ability to think, reason and to learn.

The students’ learning is arranged into an order that follows their developmental abilities. These activities teach our youngest students to identify, read and write musical elements. For example, early phase students are learning to read and write the crotchet or “ta” rhythms, having experienced feeling the pace of walking “tas” in our circle games. In comparison, “ti-ti” rhythms which are twice as fast, felt like the pace of running rhythms. Such experiences in the younger year levels are revised, reinforced and practiced cyclically.

With considerable knowledge of these elements, our middle phase students reinforce previously learned concepts by creating and performing music. Currently year five students are creating group percussion accompaniments which they will perform for the class. Year six and seven students demonstrate increasing independence and creativity by creating their own arrangements of songs.

Music classes also support child development. At Park Lake State School, our music classes frequently cross subject boundaries by helping the children to develop literacy, numeracy and knowledge of historical and cultural practices. Participation in music class teaches students to develop reasoning, improves their ability to think and improves hand
eye coordination. It also strengthens social and emotional intelligence.

HEALTHY HABITS

Healthy Kids Check

The purpose of the Healthy Kids Check is to ensure that every four year old child in Australia has a basic health check to see if they are healthy, fit and ready to learn when they start school. The Healthy Kids Check promotes early detection of lifestyle risk factors, delayed development and illness, and introduces guidance for healthy lifestyles and early intervention strategies.

The healthy kids check provides an opportunity to:

- issue parents/guardians with information and advice on healthy habits for life for children;
- link parents/guardians and children to the primary health care system;
- assist General Practitioners (GPs) and Practice Nurses to identify any health issues for children prior to starting school; and
- enable GPs to provide treatment or referral for any conditions identified as a result of the check.

What does the Healthy Kids Check Involve?

Usually the GP and/or practice nurse will undertake a review of the following:

- Height and weight (plot and interpret growth curve/calculate BMI), Eyesight, Hearing, Oral health (teeth and gums), Toileting, Allergies, General wellbeing, Diet, Physical activity, Lifestyle risk factors, Developmental milestones, Speech and language, Fine and gross motor skills, Behaviour and Mood.

This service is very similar to the child health checks parents are familiar with at doctors’ surgeries and community health centres. Medicare has simply introduced new formalised guidelines and an item number for the provision of this service in children aged 3.5 – 5 years.

However, just like adults we should take our children to the doctor when they are well for a check-up. Many practice nurses can complete the full developmental milestones checklists for children of all ages and your GP should review your child and discuss any concerns you may have. There are some General Practices on the Gold Coast who have links with the Gr8 Start Program and who can facilitate early intervention for treatment and management of developmental delay. Have a talk to your GP or practice nurse if you ever have any concerns. Parents do know their children best.

Dr Dale Fox
Homeworld Helensvale Medical Centre

YOU CAN DO IT! PROGRAM

You Can Do It!
“GETTING ALONG” – Playing by the Rules

The Habit of the Mind. “Playing by the Rules” is a vital component for students to acquire self-discipline it is therefore also vital to their ability to get along at school and in the wider community.

Children must know that following rules and behaving appropriately helps them achieve their own goals, including getting good marks in school. They need to understand that rule breaking and poor behaviour lead to unpleasant consequences. It is the responsibility of the significant adults in their world to teach them that by following rules, they protect their own rights as well as the rights of others.

Playing by the Rules

It is important that we teach children to understand:

- Following rules will ensure that everyone is safe including me.
- It’s not the end of the world if I have to follow rules and behave well.
- I can live with rules I don’t like.
- People need rules to be able to get things done. What would a game of soccer/forgetball be like if played without rules?
- For me to be respected by others, I have to act responsibly.
- When I follow rules it helps me to achieve my goals.

We can assist children in the development of this Habit of the Mind by...

- Reminding them that by following home, school and community rules, they will live in a better world where our human rights are protected.
- Teaching them the importance of respecting the rights of others to safety, respect and an education.
- Encouraging them to think about the negative consequences of not following rules and behaving poorly and the positive consequences of following rules and behaving well.
- Clearly communicating and discussing with children rules and their consequences.

As parents, you can help your children develop a “Playing By The Rules” way of thinking by responding to appropriate behaving saying:

- “You understand that rules help you to work well in a group. You are such a good role model to the others in your group.”
- “You are really ready!”
- “I like the way you play by the rules.”
- “We need rules to get things done. Work by the rules and get things done well.”

The Anger Thermometer

Students must learn to identify anger and how it feels in their bodies. The anger thermometer helps to show this. Parents can use this tool to help their children to identify their feelings and how to deal with them.

IMPORTANT DATES

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**ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE TERM 3 2014**

**PLEASE NOTE:** **EARLY PHASE ASSEMBLY – PREP TO YEAR 2 STUDENTS**
**MIDDLE PHASE ASSEMBLY – YEAR 3 TO 7 STUDENTS**

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Our bank account details are as follows:

BSB 064-474
Account Number 10252850
Account Name Park Lake State School

Regards
Karyn Glindemann
Business Services Manager

**GARDENING CLUB – POTS NEEDED!**

In preparation for the upcoming Father’s Day stall the Gardening Club is looking for more pots to plant our plants in. We are currently in the process of putting together a range of plants that Dads will just love and are looking for small to medium sized pots. Can you please send in any pots that you are no longer using? You can either send them to your child’s/children’s classroom teacher who will forward them on to me or you can drop them off down in Prep to Mr Potter’s Bearded Dragons class. Thank you very much for all of your ongoing support.

Thank you,
Jason Potter
Bearded Dragons

**BOOK CLUB**

Dear Parents,

Book Club for this term has been sent home with your children this week. For those who are not familiar with Book Club, it is run by Scholastic and allows you to order books for your children. By ordering through the school it allows us to receive
points with which we can buy free books for our library and classes.

If you wish to make an order, fill in the form on the back of the booklet, make the payment, and then send the order form into the school office by the set date. Payments can be made by credit card by calling Scholastic on 1800 557 908 or on-line at www.scholastic.com.au/payment. There is an option to pay by cheque – please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Australia and send to school with the order form. Please note: **There is no option at Park Lake SS to pay by cash.** We will send any cash orders back home.

We order for you through the school and send the books home with your child when they arrive. This generally takes between 1-2 weeks.

Please have all orders returned to the school office by **Wednesday 27th August**.

If you have any questions about Book Club you can go to their website at www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/ or contact me.

**Regards,**

**Lee-Anne Millard**

Fundraising Coordinator

bookclub@parklakess.eq.edu.au

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**BOOK WEEK CHARACTER PARADES 2014**

Book Character Parades at Park Lake SS!! Be ready!! 2 weeks to go!!

Our Book Week Character Parades are in week 8 in the school hall. Please take note of the dates for the classes:

- **Wednesday 3rd September** - All Prep, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6, C and K Kindy Group 1
- **Thursday 4th September** - All Year 1, 1/2 (Bluebottles), Year 3, Year 5, 5/6 (Pavlova), 6/7 (Nyunga), Year 7, and C and K Kindy Group 2

Book characters can be chosen from any children’s book. Please do not hire costumes. Students may come to school dressed in their costume. If their costume is uncomfortable or fragile, it is suggested that they bring their uniform to change back into. Please remember hats and closed-in shoes will be required for play time.

All parents and family are welcome to attend the Parades.

**Thanks,**

Marcia McMahon, Teacher-Librarian

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**HPE NEWS**

**District Athletics**

On Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th August the following 10 students represented Park Lake at the District Athletics Carnival held at Griffith University: Jordan Chalmers, Ruby Kyle, Lilly Rotunno, Tayla Hoegel, Danielle Thomsen, Adrian Armoo, Lilly Rae, Rayah Arthur, Allanah Taylor and Molini Kaumavae.

I am so proud of all of them for giving it their best. There were also some outstanding results.

Adrian Armoo – 1st in 100m & 200m (Adrian also broke the 100m record)

Tayla Hoegel – 2nd 200m

Ruby Kyle – 2nd 100m

Molini Kaumavae – 2nd shot put

Lilly Rae – 3rd shot put

Allanah Taylor – 3rd high jump

A huge congratulations to these students who will now represent the Gold Coast North District at the Regional Athletics Championships on Tuesday 2nd September.

**Fun Run**

It was great to see everyone having a go at the fun run on Wednesday. There was lots of obstacle running and students increasing their fitness. Well done.

**Interschool Sport**

The next Interschool sports carnival for students in years 4-7 that participate in this event is on **Tuesday 2nd September**. All students will be travelling to the Coomera Sports Fields on Beattie Road and will participate in either tee ball or touch football.

**Yours in Physical Education**

**Alison Cook**

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**ACTIVE TRAVEL**

Our teachers collect information about the number of students that participate in Walking Wheeling Wednesday each week which gets collated into a school set of data. We also use this information to determine the ‘Class of the Week’ who receive an award on assembly and get to keep Mini Zero the Hero a stuffed toy cockatoo for the week.
The July lead classes participating in Walking Wheeling Wednesday are as follows.

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Our most recent awards have been given to the following classes:

- Uluru for the most amount of students participating in Walk Safely to School Day
- Crocodiles for the most amount of students riding their scooter to school
- Borroquerra for the highest amount of bike riders
- Goromgunn for the most amount of students carpooling to and from school
- Wobbegong for the highest percentage of students walking to school
- Great Australian Bight for the highest percentage of students participating in Walking Wheeling Wednesday

We also send our sets of data to the Gold Coast City Council monthly, which they use to determine the Golden Boot award. Park Lake State School won the Golden Boot Award Challenge for having the most improved statistics from our baseline data compared to June 2014. We achieved an average of 34.5% improvement from baseline data, closely followed by Southport State School with 29%. The next Golden Boot Award will be given to the school with the most improved statistics from the previous month.

Keep up the great work in actively travelling to school.

Annette Wood
Active Travel Coordinator

POSITION VACANT

2 x TUCKSHOP CONVENOR POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited for the position of casual tuckshop convenor at Park Lake State School.

The tuckshop is expected to operate 8.30am-2pm 5 days per week and caters for 850 students and staff.

Each position will be 3 days per week and will include each Friday.

Experience is essential. The successful applicant will be employed on the basis of successfully obtaining a Suitability Card from the Commission for Children and Young People.

For further information and to apply please contact the school on 55195200

Applications close on Friday 22nd August, 2014 at 4pm.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG DAY

Australian National Flag Day – 3 September

History of Australian National Flag Day

Australian National Flag Day was celebrated for the first time the flag was flown on 3 September 1901. On that day Prime Minister Edmund Barton announced the winner of a competition to find a flag for Australia. It was a badge, 8.5 inches by 11 metres and was flown over the prime ministers' house in Melbourne...At that time the flag had no official name and after the flag became known as the Australian National Flag.

Australian National Flag Day was proclaimed by the Governor-General on 24 August 1996 and has been celebrated since 3 September 1996.

Celebrating Australian National Flag Day

All Australians are encouraged to fly or display the Australian National Flag to celebrate Australian National Flag Day on 3 September each year. Australian National Flag Day is an opportunity for individuals, families and communities to show their patriotism and pride the anniversary of the Australian National Flag.

Some ideas for Australian National Flag Day are:

- Conduct a flag-raising ceremony
- Business and organisations which don’t have a flagpole may wish to display the Australian National Flag in the public areas of their buildings, such as foyers.
- Read about the history of the Australian National Flag and the protocols for flying the flag at https://www.flag.gov.au
- Request a copy of the Australian flag booklet, available free of charge from your Senator or National Member of Parliament.
- Join the Commonwealth Flag Network.

Protocols for Raising the Flag

While there are no official guidelines in relation to flying the Australian National Flag, the basic flag protocol should be observed:

- The flag should be treated with respect and dignity.
- The flag should be raised no earlier than 8am and lowered no later than sunset, but not later than 6pm.
- The flag should be raised quickly and lowered slowly.
- The Australian National Flag should be raised first and lowered last.
- Two flags should not be flown from the same flagpole and
- The flag should not be allowed to fall or lie on the ground.

Commonwealth Flag Network

Join the Commonwealth Flag Network to be notified of flag-raising ceremonies and other events significant to flying the Australian National Flag.


More Information

www.flagaustralia.gov.au
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOCCER X**

In October, Soccer X will be running an 8 week Summer Soccer league at Carrara Soccer Fields for U6’s – U11’s. For more information and online registrations please visit [WWW.SOCCER-X.COM](http://WWW.SOCCER-X.COM).

If you have any questions please call Justyn on 0451 162346

**CURRUMBIN VALLEY SPRING FESTIVAL**

Sunday 14th September, 9.30am – 2.00pm

Live Music, Market Stalls, Rock Climbing, Farmyard Feeding, Jumping Castle, Games, Arts & Craft, Food, Deck Bar & More!

**STALL HOLDERS WANTED – From $10**

1226 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Valley, 4223, Ph: 5533 0312
info@currumbinfarmschool.eq.edu.au

This annual community event has something for everyone offering a great mixture of live music, market stalls, rock climbing, kids’ entertainment, bush tucker trail, plants and more! A showcase of original live music will get your feet tapping and the Farmyard Friends animal feeding enclosure will keep the kids busy for hours.

Make a day of it! The festival is set amongst the beautiful picnic gardens and is ideally located across the road from the Currumbin Rock Pools, surrounded by the picturesque views of Currumbin Valley. If live music is your thing all you will need is a picnic blanket for a day of relaxing fun. What a great way to spend the day!
Hi Everyone,

An exciting new season is nearly upon us again for your children as well as yourselves. 'FAMILY, FUN and FITNESS' is the motto of Little Athletics Australia. Helensvale Little Athletics are offering a 28 week season to help teach, nurture and improve your children's Athletics disciplines.

Our Centre is located at the Helensvale High School Oval, Discovery Drive Helensvale.

Our sign on registration days are: BRING BIRTH CERTIFICATE or Passport

- 15 August 2014 – Helensvale Little Athletics Club. 5pm – 7pm
- 17 August 2014 – Open Day at Helensvale Little Athletics Club. Our open day is for your children & Open athletes to try some of our events also. 8am – 2pm.

However, you can register at any time during the season.

Our club is offering a 2 week trial for any new athlete who might be a little unsure.

The cost for the 2 trials is $30, which if you register then will be deducted from the registration price.

- Trial week 1 – Friday 22nd August 2014.
- Trial week 2 – Friday 29th August 2014.

The start time for Friday nights competition is always 5.30pm.

If you have any further queries please call Neil on Mobile: 0458 636611