From the Principal

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter for the term.

Students will come back to school on Monday 11th July (two weeks holiday).

During the break, please be safe and have a relaxing time to recharge your and your children’s batteries.

These last two weeks at school have been jammed packed with events.

Athletics carnival

Last Thursday, we competed against Lockrose, Kentville and Grandchester State Schools at our small schools athletics carnival. The day was much more pleasant than last year, with only minimal wind!

Our students performed outstandingly well which resulted in Thornton SS winning the Tabloids Shield, the Average Points for the full carnival and having three age champions! Congratulations to Joe Foxlee (2008), Darcy Kelley (2007) and Ashley Taber (2004).

We have seven students who are moving on to the next level event which will be held early next term.

Well done to all our students who participated on the day and who showed your wonderful manners while representing our school. You truly are kind, considerate, helpful and respectful children. Great job!

Alternate curriculum programme

This week, students have engaged in some alternate programmes to our regular class lessons. On Monday and Tuesday, we had Tiarna Wynne from USQ Robogals come down and show us how to make our Lego Mindstorm robotics kits come to life. Students excitedly engaged with Tiarna in making their robots navigate through a maze and dance!

Thank you to the parents who popped in on either of these two days to see what our students had been learning about.

Yesterday, our students discussed healthy options and why we choose healthy foods. They then discussed the democratic system of voting that we have here in Australia. We held our own vote on nominated healthy food options – all suggested by our students.

Today, we cooked the healthy food menu that our students voted for. I have got to say, Mrs O and I are very impressed with the smart food choices of our students and at the end result of their cooking skills. Students, and staff and parent helpers, enjoyed Quiche (zucchini slice), tacos (hard and soft shells), berry and banana smoothies and apple slinkies.

Great menu, great fun making it, even better fun eating it!! Well done everyone.

Tomorrow will be the Pisa résistance with our students demonstrating their awesome skipping skills for jump rope for heart at 9:15am (don’t forget to bring your sponsorship money in tomorrow!!).

Students are asked to bring a shared plate for morning tea at 10:00am to enjoy with our parents and families who come along to watch. ALL WELCOME!!

Report cards

Reports are coming home with your children tomorrow. Please ask to see them and fill in the parent teacher interview note that will be with it. Interviews to discuss your child’s report, or any other issues in school, will be held early next term (week 2 and week 3).

From all the staff, thank you for your support this term and have a great break over the next two weeks.

Erika, Sandy, Alison, Mel, Cheree and Sam.
PHOTOS:

**Athletics Carnival**

**Alternate Curriculum Programme**
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**Alternate Curriculum Programme—Lego Mindstorm Robotics**
**LIBRARY NEWS:**
Thank you to everyone for returning all books so promptly. I wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday break.

Thank you
Mel Sutherland

**P&C NEWS:**
Thank-you in advance to all the families volunteering their time this weekend to participate in the Chrome and Clutter Festival. All help will be greatly appreciated.

**Parent Riddle**

Q How many months have 28 days?

Last week’s A Put it in front of a mirror

**P&C Meetings:**
Next Meeting 19th July 2016
(Now change to the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm)

ALL WELCOME
School Awards: Week 9 & Week 10

**Junior:**

Student of the Week:  Belle Roebig (9)  
Music:  Paxton Woodward (9)  
Math:  Darcy Kelly (9)  
Science:  Isaiah Bould (9)  
Art:  Jennifer Beezley (9) & Paxton Woodward (10)  
Reading:  Joe Foxlee (9) & Rick Pollock (10)  
Library:  Joe Foxlee (9) & Phoebe Millard (10)  
Handwriting:  Joe Foxlee (10) & Darcy Kelly (10)  
Act of Kindness:  Isaiah Bould (9) & Zoe Bould (10)

**Senior:**

Student of the Week: Lachlan Litfin (9) & Chad Pollock (10)  
Music:  Boe Millard (9)  
Math:  Cheyanne Podham (9) & Lachlan Litfin (10)  
Science:  Chad Pollock (9)  
Spelling:  Jett Emmerson (9) & Damien Jones (10)  
Reading:  Charlotte Moss (10)  
Library:  Chad Pollock (9) & Joanah Millard (10)  
German:  Jett Emmerson (9)
News: Notices

Lockyer Young Writers Competition: ‘Australia – Story Country’

Are you a budding author? Here is your chance to share your work and win great prizes.

Entry is open to all Lockyer Valley students in Years 4 to 12.

The genre is a short story with the title Australia – Story Country.

Entries close at the conclusion of Book Week 2016. S’p.m.
Friday 26th August

Entrants will be invited to the awards presentation ceremony at Laidley State High School during Education Week October 2016

Competition Entry Form and Conditions of Entry can be found at www.laidleyshs.eq.edu.au

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Lockyer Young Writers Competition
‘Australia – Story Country’

Are you a budding author?
If so, we have a very exciting competition for you!!!

At Laidley State High School we aim to provide opportunities for students to showcase their talents across a wide range of areas. As a result we are very pleased to announce the second annual Lockyer Young Writers Competition to promote creative writing across the district.

Competition Details
Entry is open to all Lockyer Valley students in Years 4 to 12
Book prizes will be awarded to the First Place Winner in each year level along with a number of Highly Commended and Commended Awards
The genre is a short story with the title Australia – Story Country
Maximum 1000 words
Entries close on Friday, August 26th, 2015 at 5 p.m. No late entries will be accepted.

Lockyer Young Writers 2016 Entry Form
‘Australia – Story Country’

Name: ________________________________

Title of work: ________________________________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________________________________________________

Conditions of Entry:
• Entries will not be returned. Authors should copy their work if they wish to retain a permanent record.
• The Judges’ decision will be final.
• The Committee reserves the right to alter the prize schedule, dependent upon the number and quality of entries received.
• By participating, entrants agree to allow their work to be used for promotional purposes.
• By signing the entry form, participants guarantee that the work is entirely their own.
• Winners’ photos will be used for promotional purposes and announced through media outlets within the community.

I give media consent for my child __________________________ to be photographed for promotional purposes as outlined above in conditions of entry.

Parent/Guardian Name ______________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________________________________ Date ___/___/2016

Complete entry form and attach it to your original work. Entries must be posted, emailed or delivered to Amanda Lund, Laidley State High School 98 Alfred Street, Laidley 4341 Email: alund1@eq.edu.au by the closing date 26th August, 2016. No late entries will be accepted.
Lockyer Young Writers Competition
‘Australia – Story Country’

I ♡ Creative Writing

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Writing Submission Guidelines
When you are submitting a story to a competition or for potential publication, it is advisable to adhere to a few basic presentation guidelines. These are preferred because they make it easier for editors and judges to easily read your work. Remember, if a publication or competition specifies any particular guidelines, you should follow those. Otherwise, stick to the following basic rules:

- Use a clear, easy-to-read font: 12pt Times New Roman is best.
- Use double line spacing.
- Left align your work.
- Use 3cm margins.
- Check whether your submission should include your name or be submitted anonymously. You may be asked to include a title page or cover page with these details.
- Avoid using bold or underline throughout your prose. If you wish to emphasise a word or phrase, use italics, but do so very sparingly. The same goes for ALL CAPS.
- Stick as closely as possible to the specified word count.
- Use white paper.
- Sometimes authors are tempted to include a footnote which clarifies a term. Think carefully before you do – it’s best if the meaning is clear from the text, rather than asking the reader to move outside of it.
- Proofread carefully for errors of spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Guidelines courtesy of Dr Jessica Gildersleeve, USQ and Macintyre Young Writers’ Awards