

# Bush Telegraph

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## Principal's Report

The Young Leaders Conference was a resounding success for our school parliament members. Words of wisdom and advice were heard from Bridie Carter ( McLeod' s Daughters ), Natalie Cook ( Olympian ), James Roy ( Author ) and Mark Biretta ( TV journalist ). It was a pleasure to accompany such a fine group of young children to the conference and Mrs Sem and I were justly proud of them as young ambassadors for our school.

### AFL Clinic

A reminder that the After School AFL clinic is now on TUESDAYS from 3.15—4.15. The session is run by Gordon Wiegold and Corinne Wilkes and emphasises ball skills and kids having fun. There are still a few vacancies left if parents are interested in their child participating. There is no cost but children must be collected from school at 4.15pm.

### Bushfire Appeal

I forgot to mention last week that our students raised \$255 in their crazy hair day for the Victoria Bushfire Appeal. This money has been forwarded to the Red Cross for adding to the overall amount.

Thank you for your support to this very worthwhile appeal.

### AFL Clinics

NSW AFL will be at school next Wednesday and Thursday promoting the game of Aussie Rules to all students. K—2 students will have the opportunity on Wednesday and 3—6 students on Thursday. Each session will be of 30 minutes duration.

*Dennis Burton*

### Principal

#### Coming events

03.03	Ice-cream Day
05.03	56SE Cake stall
06.03	Infants Swimming Carnival
09.03	P&C AGM
16.03	Book Fair
19.03	Visiting Performance
20.03	Grandparents Day
01.04	Easter Canteen Red Day

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## Visiting Performance

### CHANGE OF PERFORMANCE AND DATE

The visiting performance will now be held on Thursday 19th March 2009. The show is titled "The Emperor's New Beat Box". Unfortunately the Bongo Brothers performing "Surfing Safari" have pulled out of touring for 2009. Cost of the show is still \$5.50 per student and can be returned to the school with the permission note over the next month. Monday 16th March will be the final day for the office to accept money so please make sure your child does not miss out. The quality of these visiting shows is always high and provides students with entertainment and knowledge.

## School Fees

School fees can now be paid through our Administrative staff. Fees this year are set at \$35 for the first child and \$30 for the second child. A cap of \$65 is in place for more than two children i.e. a family of 4 or 3 children will still pay \$65.

I would encourage all families to contribute to these fees as money from the department does not always cover the extras which all children enjoy. The money we receive from fees is generally spent on expendables for art, music and dance.

Fees can be paid at the office.

## Canteen Roster

2 March Aviva Wallis  
4 March Kylie Crossfield  
6 March Jodie Laurie

## Ice cream Day

On Tuesday 3rd March the P&C will have a fundraiser by selling ice cream cones to students for \$1, the second half of lunch. Our apologies for the disappointment on Thursday.

## P&C News

We are making a recipe book to be sold as a fundraiser for the school. Any family wishing to donate their favourite recipe into this would be greatly appreciated. It can be of any type you wish e.g. cookies, cake, main meal etc. Please send your recipe into your child's class to be forwarded to the office.

Thank you

## Prime Minister's Report

Thursday 19th February was the first parliamentary session and the parliamentarians were given their badge and portfolio. Kaitlin and I read the Parliamentary oath and inducted them into parliament. In addition the ministers read their inaugural speeches and parents were also invited to put the badges on the ministers. All in all it went very well and best of luck to all the ministers!

*Joel Burton*

## District Swimming

Last Friday, 20th February, the qualifying students from Kendall school travelled to the district swimming carnival in Port Macquarie. The weather was better than anticipated and all who attended had a great time. Once again the 2 students should be applauded for their excellent

behaviour and their team spirit. We were fortunate in having Andrea Burns qualify for the zone carnival which is on today. We wish her all the best. Thanks again to the parents who transported, cheered and organised our swimming team. An excellent job done by all!

### Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day will be held on Friday 20th March. We will be having open classrooms from 10am. This year we are hoping to have grandparents and parents bring and share items from the past e.g. old toys, photos, memorabilia. In order to ensure this sharing time runs smoothly please send the note attached with this newsletter to your class teacher to indicate that you are interested in sharing items with the class.

We will also have an old fashioned games event where students can play games with their visitors and a picnic lunch will follow on from this. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Mrs Royal and Mr Sheridan

### Community News

#### Laurieton Library

The Laurieton Branch of the Port Macquarie Hastings Library Service will once again be conducting regular Story time sessions. This activity is suitable for Babies, toddlers and Preschoolers and includes stories, craft and morning tea. Story time is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10am. The theme for Wednesday March 4th is " Friendly Fish ". Children are never too young to enjoy books.

### BP Lakewood Phone 6559 5400

After school special:

Small chips and can of drink \$2.50

Between 3pm and 5pm only, Monday to Friday.

Must be in uniform or show school ID.

### Uniforms

Although more are on order, we are currently out of stock in the following items:

Polo Shirts sizes 10 and 14. Also, there are only 3 size 12 in stock at the moment. New Stock should be arriving in approximately one month. Our apologies for the delay, it is beyond the schools control.

### 2Way FM Photo



Visiting Performance Permission Note

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NON SCRIPTURE LESSONS

I do not wish for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the scripture classes. The reason for this is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed by parent \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparents Day ( Sharing time Note )

I \_\_\_\_\_ am able to bring and share \_\_\_\_\_ with my grandchild

\_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ on Grandparent day

( Friday 20th March )

Signed by parent/grandparent \_\_\_\_\_

## The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

### Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

### What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
- educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- stationery and art supplies
- school textbooks and associated learning materials
- trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.

- ❗ Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

### When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

- ❗ **Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.**

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

➤ For more information:

- visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)
- phone the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

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