How time flies..... We are already more than half way through Term 1

It has been some busy weeks at Louth Public School over the past 6 weeks. We have jumped straight into 2014 with eagerness and excitement and I am sure that the next 4 weeks of Term 1 will be just as promising as the first 6.

Last week the school conducted a lockdown drill to help demonstrate and reinforce the procedures that staff and students must follow if the school is ever in the position of conducting such a drill. I have to say overall the staff acted professionally and the students engaged in the drill with such maturity and understanding of the importance of why we must practice these types of drills in school.

Over the past weeks students have been learning how the weather affects our environment, how the water cycle occurs and have created their own personal wind vanes during science and technology.

I would like to acknowledge our staff here at Louth P.S on their ongoing support and commitment to education. Cathy Marett who is employed at the school as the Early Stage 1 Support has been working with the Kindergarten students to help ensure their foundation of Learning is secure and educational. Cathy has also shared her knowledge with all staff which has only enhanced the overall delivery of the Early Stage 1 Program.

Julie McMaster who always works hard at cleaning our school and has taken on the playgroup coordinator role which has helped engaged our young families in the community. This initiative has been very successful and I am in awe of Julie’s concepts and ideas when programing for playgroup.

In speaking of playgroup I would like to personally thank the participants who attend the Monday fitness Sessions at Louth Public School. Their cover fee for the fitness sessions goes towards the morning tea for playgroup. I love how this community here at Louth is so giving and supportive. I think Louth is definitely the place to be.

Deb Nielsen and Annabel Strachan, these two ladies have been the core/pulse and heart of the school for such a long time that I think their contribution over the years speaks for itself and again these two ladies have been a major support for me in the role as Principal. Samantha Mooring has joined the team at Louth for 2014 as the General Assistant. Her motivation, passion for getting the job done is admirable and infectious. Samantha is soo busy with the grounds and has taken on the job of re painting our external walls of the buildings. Say bye to the light blue and keep a lookout for our new colour as it is looking amazing.

Thank you for your support in advance......

  Troy Ruttley

Louth Public School is the place to be 😊
Say goodbye to Yellow & Blue

The P & C along with the Principal of Louth Public School are having discussions around changing the colour of the uniform.

We understand that the colours blue and yellow have been around for such a long time and for some seeing the colours changed will be a sad moment.

The reason for the change of colours is that the yellow t-shirt is easily marked and therefore becomes stained.

To eliminate the untidy T, the P&C and the Principal have been in deep talks about the possibility of changing the colours and starting off Term 2 with a fresh new look.

The external guttering has begun being painted and the office and library and teacher residence will have a facelift also with a new colour therefore, getting rid of the light blue edging that has seen better days.

The new colours of the uniform are undecided and as soon as this is confirmed we will be happy to launch the new Louth Public School uniform to the community.

Every 2nd Friday
Next Playgroup
14th March 2013
10am to 11:30am
Morning Tea Provided
When it's Freaky Friday at Louth P.S the students never know what the day has planned for them.

They could be doing actual school work as in a normal Friday at school or they could end up doing all sorts of things from having a sand castle challenge, to speaking as a duck or horse for as long as they can, Drama - Theatre Sports and as in today the paper race which was hilarious to watch and join in.

Everything about our Friday is FREAKY!
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants  ABN 61 712 659 747
www.twelve.com.au  Principal: Derek Nolan CA

Your Family Tax Specialist
Good Afternoon

We contacted you last year regarding the 'First Child Tax Offset' and asked for your assistance with advising the parents in your school about their potential entitlement to claim. The Australian Tax Office has now placed a deadline JUNE 2014 on this entitlement so we are trying to make sure all eligible parents are aware of the offset.

In the event that you have passed the flyer on to them, we wish to warmly thank you for your assistance, and look forward to helping those parents investigate their potential claim. We have had a great response from schools Australian wide and the community. We would appreciate if those schools who did forward it on, can resend, in case parents have missed placed the information, or did not see it. This way we can make sure that everyone who is entitled to claims.

However, if you missed our earlier correspondence, or you have perhaps not yet had the opportunity to pass the information on to the parents, we would appreciate your assistance in publicising this important information. We have included the attached flyer (provided in PDF and JPEG format) for your school's newsletter and/or parent email list. Parents who believe they are eligible and contact us will be given further information on what their entitlements may be and how they can claim it. This information is provided by us FREE of charge.

In brief, the government in 2001 introduced the “First Child Tax Offset”. This was one of the first types of baby bonuses introduced, but unlike todays Baby Bonus Schemes it was not given much media exposure and was confusing. As a result many parents have missed out on claiming this entitlement.

The offset was introduced to compensate parents for reduced income that followed the arrival of a child born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004. There is information on the ATO website, but like many entitlements it is difficult to understand.

Again, the Australian Tax Office has now placed a deadline on claiming this offset JUNE 2014 (this deadline has not been widely promoted). With so many parents still unaware that they are eligible for this payment, we are attempting to advise as many as possible before the cut-off date.

We understand that financially it is hard for parents with the continuous costs of raising children (uniform expense, school expense, outside sport activity costs, medical expenses etc.) and if parents are entitled to this money we believe they should receive it.

Regards
DEREK NOLAN

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Louth Community Fitness at Louth Public School

Each Monday from 6pm to 7pm, community members come together to work out, laugh and sweat at the aim of getting fit.

We do classes in boxing, skipping, cardio warm-ups and warm downs, stretching, trampoline, Zumba and much much more.

The cost is $3.00 per person and this money goes towards funds to support the morning tea at Jules Playgroup which is held every second Friday from 10am to 11:30am.

If you are interested in any of these initiatives please contact the school.
K/3/5/R has been busy during term 1 learning about the weather and the water cycle. Here is some of their work.
K/3/5/ R have been excited about being Antarctic Explorers while learning about Antarctica.
Important Dates for Louth PS

Term 1

Week 7 * Tuesday 11th March – School Assembly at 2pm

Week 8 * Wednesday 19th March – Flying Doctors

Week 11 * Tuesday 11th March – School Assembly at 2pm

Easter School Holidays – 14th April – 25th April 2014

Student of the Week

Hughie Woodberry (Year 3)
Week of the Friday 28th February 2014

Hank Woodberry (Kindergarten)
Week of Friday 7th March 2014