Assembly Awards

School Uniform

New school hats have arrived and are ready to purchase for the same price as the old style hats, at $12.50.

The new hats have a bucket style soft brim, and an adjustable cord to tighten or loosen if necessary. This makes them far more comfortable than the previous style school hat.

New school shirts are also available for purchase from our P&C, which have Lowanna Public School on the logo, rather than Lowanna Primary School.

There are also a number of current logo shirts still available for sale. These are now being sold at two for the price of one, to make room for the new shirts.

In addition, our P&C are beginning a clothing pool. This will operate on the third Friday of each month at 9am, so the first clothing pool sale will be on Friday 15th May.

If you have any pre-loved school uniforms at your place, this would be an ideal opportunity to send them in, so that some other families may purchase these at a very reasonable price, as well as supporting the P&C with fundraising.

Now that the weather is beginning to turn cooler, please make sure that all children have their school jumper to wear at school every day.
Lowanna Canteen
The new P&C Canteen menu, which is attached to this newsletter, will begin next week on Monday, the 11th of May.

Please consider the ‘green’ foods as a priority, as these are healthy nutritious eating choices for your child to purchase.

In addition, the canteen will open at 10.00am on Mondays and Fridays, with lunch and recess orders being collected at assembly first thing in the morning.

Please note the new canteen menu DOES NOT include hash browns or hot dogs.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN Tests for Years 3 and 5 will be held this term from Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th May.

Children will sit Language Conventions and Writing papers on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday.

If your child is absent from school on any of these days, a catch up test day has been allocated for Friday 15th May.

A letter with more detailed information about NAPLAN was attached to last week’s newsletter.

Mother’s Day

This year students in Years 5 and 6 will be responsible for the organisation, planning and budgeting for our Mother’s Day Stall.

If you have any items at home which you would like to donate to our stall, please send them in to school by tomorrow, Wednesday.

Our stall will be held on Thursday the 7th of May.

The price of the items will range from $2 to $6.

Please try to ensure that your child has some money to purchase a small gift for Mum on Thursday.

Use ‘Goal Strips’ to keep children motivated

In a few weeks, our students will be setting goals to work towards for their learning for the remainder of 2015. It is also then the perfect time for your child set goals they want to accomplish for the remainder of the year at home.

Here’s a simple way to help your child clearly define their goals and remain motivated to achieve them:

With your child, cut a piece of coloured paper into a strip about 6 centimetres wide and 30 centimetres long. Fold the paper strip into three even sections.

On the first section, have your child write the words: “I will”.

Then in the centre section, have them write one thing they want to accomplish: “read for 20 minutes”.

Sue has $2.25. She needs 35 cents more to buy this drink.

Write your answer in the box.

How much does the drink cost? S
The third section should tell when they are going to do it: “...every day”.

This formula – Will + what + when - is a key to staying motivated.

Your child can create other strips with other goals. “I will make my bed every morning.” “I will study my spelling words every Wednesday night.”

Post the strips where they can regularly see them. Looking at the strips will remind them of what they want to accomplish. They can take down strips when they achieve their goal and replace them with another goal.

Source: T. Lickona, Character Matters, Touchstone Books, Simon & Shuster

‘Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life’s coming attractions.’ Albert Einstein

Kind Regards,
Alison Hawken

**Workbook payment reminder**

2015 student workbooks include Maths Plus, Maths Grid Books, NSW Foundation Handwriting, English, Human Society in the Environment, Science & Technology, Health & Personal Development, plus Creative and Practical Arts workbooks used and drawn or written in by each student throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who has paid for their Student Workbooks. This means that our school is not out of pocket for your child’s books and can buy more resources to support their education.

If you have not yet paid, your $30 payment towards the cost of your child’s workbooks is due now.

**Book Club**

All Book Club orders need to be at school by 9am tomorrow, Wednesday.

**School Photo order reminder**

Don’t forget to return your school photo order forms to the school office as soon as possible.

School photo orders are due in by Friday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of May.

**Lowanna P&C News**

Our next P&C meeting will be at 9am on Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} June.

**New School Uniform Prices**

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These are all available now from Lowanna P&C through our school office.

Please try to bring correct money for P&C purchases.

**What’s coming up at school**

- **Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} May** – Woolgoolga Cross Country
- **12-14\textsuperscript{th} May** – NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
- **Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} May** – P&C Uniform/Clothing Pool
- **Tues 26/5** – School Photos
- **Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} June** – P&C Meeting
- **Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} June** – P&C Uniform/Clothing Pool