Dates to remember

**Wednesday 23rd March:** Easter Hat Parade

**Tues/Wed 29th March:** Overnight excursion to Cascade EEC for Kinder to Yr 6, $20 each, more details later on.

Buddy Bench

Tomorrow at 2pm Tahini from Bunnings will present our Buddy Bench to the school. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend, as our assembly will continue after the presentation.

Retirement Farewell for Judy

Parents and community members are invited to join us for Judy Parr’s Retirement Farewell on Friday the 26th of February from 11am. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for our extra special morning tea.

Judy has been our wonderful cleaner at Lowanna PS for many years of service and we welcome everyone who would like to wish her all the very best for her retirement.

Professional Learning

This year Miss Pellegrino and Mrs Benfield will be attending training sessions in L3. This is a literacy strategy that will be of huge benefit to our children and the teachers. They will attend afternoon sessions three times a term.

Class News

Mrs Hawken

In Writing, everyone made a comic strip based on a Maths concept we had been learning about. They are excellent reading on our back wall.

We have been continuing to apply mental strategies in Addition and Subtraction, and on Friday we revised the written form for addition and subtraction.

Mrs Benfield

We have been working hard this week. In writing, we have been constructing a narrative with Mrs Benfield and Poems with Mrs Quirk. Here are some of our pieces of writing.

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**At the Beach**

The beach was warm.
Sharks were swimming in the ocean, seagulls were squawking and the water was cool.
Lucy Long Legs was a horse with a black and white coat and blue eyes. She galloped across the shore.
Suddenly Lucy Long Legs stopped.
Lucy Long Legs looked around. Lucy’s mum was nowhere to be seen. Lucy Long Legs was feeling ever so sad that Lucy’s mum came to get her and they went home again.

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**FLOWER**

Five white flowers
Living in the garden
Out in the sunshine
Waiting for the rain
Every afternoon they close up
Ready for another day

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Clarissa

Jalara
In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction applying mental strategies.

Please remember to read and return your child’s home reader every school day.

Miss Pellegrino
This week in K12 we have been working really hard to achieve our class goal of learning the days of the week.

For literacy we have been focusing on letter’s E and H in our Jolly Phonics program.

In numeracy we have been working really hard to master addition and subtraction.

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Thank you, Miss Pellegrino.

Thomas Edison's teachers said he was "too stupid to learn anything." He was fired from his first two jobs for being "non-productive."

As an inventor, Edison made 1,000 unsuccessful attempts at inventing the light bulb. When a reporter asked, "How did it feel to fail 1,000 times?" Edison replied, "I didn’t fail 1,000 times. The light bulb was an invention with 1,000 steps."

Many people told him that he is wasting his time, his faith and confidence were sometimes on the verge of being gone, but he succeeded. Many times.

The fruits of his labour were 1093 patents, including the bulb, the phonograph, the motion picture camera, the printing telegraph apparatus, typewriting machines, telephones and many other things we can’t live without today.

If it wasn’t for him and other great people in the history – leaders, scientists, businessmen, inventors and so on – we wouldn’t have electricity, running water, cars, TV, computers and all the other things that make our life comfortable and easy.
Imagine what the world would be like if every one of them just gave up on his ideas to try something new, to change the world and help people.

Just imagine…

Kind Regards,
Alison Hawken

**Make Online School Payments**

It is now possible for our parents to make online payments to Lowanna PS for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or a debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of our school’s website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include the 2016 workbook costs, excursions and our in-school performances and events.

There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and School Invoice number if you are aware of them, and these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they can be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact Karin Wood in our School Administration Office.

**Workbooks 2016**

Our 2016 workbook payment is due now. Workbook costs for 2016 remain at $30 per student. This is for all the books that your child writes or draws in during the school year.

**Lowanna P&C News**

Our AGM, followed by the first P&C general meeting for 2016, will be held on Friday the 26th of February from 9am.

All welcome. Please come along to our meeting to find out what is planned for the year ahead.
The simplest way...to save time packing lunches.

We know parents are eager to pack healthy, nutritious lunches.

But doing it five times a week, and getting the kids keen on healthy options such as fruit and vegetables, can feel like a chore.

Plan ahead to get organised and save time:
- Make sandwiches at the beginning of the week and freeze, then add fresh salad on the day.
- Cook extra at dinner and use leftovers for lunches - baked veg, stir fry, pasta and rice work well.
- Chop up sticks of carrot, capsicum, celery or cucumber and store in a container in the fridge until ready to use. Let the kids help prepare and select, saving you time and getting them interested.

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