Principal’s Message

We’re getting a lot closer to our June 14th date for LMBR computer system change over. As communicated with you, the office is in a financial hold (no payments can be accepted) while we conduct a financial roll over and swap to new bank accounts etc.

A really important note about future payments, especially for excursions – the due date is the final cut-off date. No exceptions. The new system will not allow payments on the day or after the event!

We are looking at how we can adjust to give maximum notice for such things as excursions, but once the new system rolls in we are simply unable to extend payment dates.

Miss Avery
If you haven’t heard already, it’s a very big congratulations to Miss Avery who is expecting her first baby in late Term 3.

Miss Avery will continue with Coachwood until the end of Week 6 next term, with Mrs Skinner taking over the role as class teacher from there. At the moment, Mrs Skinner is already working with Coachwood on Thursdays while Miss Avery is working with staff to build up our expertise in Explicit Instruction.

No Standing Zones
At the top of our school on Main Rd and at the bottom on Bell St there are no-standing zones near the entrances. Please remember not to park in these zones. No standing does allow you to “drop and go” but once you leave your vehicle it counts as parking.

Around Bell St it is particularly difficult as the road was never designed to accommodate school traffic and is narrow, especially on the corner. It creates a higher risk through low visibility.

While we covered road safety last term, please make sure you are walking your children across Bell St, rather than letting them cross themselves.

Dymocks Children’s Charities
I had been trying for some time to get media attention onto this sensational opportunity for our school in helping us find a champion, without much success. So we are going a different way in raising support.

Dymocks has now launched a “Books for Speers Point Public” online fundraising initiative to help us find support. On top of that, when it closes in a month, Dymocks will further chip in another $2 on every dollar raised.

Books for Speers Point Public
By Dymocks Children’s Charities

Pass on the link https://www.chuffed.org/project/books-for-speers-point-public to everyone possible to help restock our school library. Think big – any businesses or Dick Smith types out there, hit them up!

A big thank you to Mrs Hopton who has sought out and gotten Dymocks onboard to help us.
**Kinder 2017 Information Night**

Tonight (Tuesday 31st) we hold our first information night for Kinder 2017. A little differently this year, we are going to focus more on kinder readiness. So even if you have older kids at the school, tonight’s session is not one to miss.

We will be holding it in (warm) school library at 6pm with some coffee and tea on offer.

Already we have seen a vast increase on projected numbers for Kinder 2017. I would like to say thank you to our parents and community who are sharing the good news storied about our school. One of the first things a lot of prospective parents say to me is “we’ve heard such great things about your school.”

Please keep this up! One person talking in the community about our school is worth more than a letterbox drop or an article in the Herald. We’re projecting growth in 2017, and that’s thanks to you!

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**Our deepest sympathies**

I was saddened to hear late last week that Mrs Tracey Walpole, Aboriginal Education Officer at Fennell Bay Public School had passed away. Mrs Walpole was a sensational support to students and community not just for the Fennell Bay school, but for our whole area.

Our sympathies go out to her family and the students, staff and community of Fennell Bay Public School.

**Our Netball team is UNDEFEATED!**

So yes, it may have been only their first game but our netball team continued their undefeated streak for this year!

In a tight game against Teralba, the girls dug deep with great courage and preserved onto victory.
Congratulations girls on your brilliant efforts! Have a great week everyone,

Chris Payne
Principal.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Week 5

Eucalypt    Declan Weston    Jayde Williams
Casuarina   Lucas Batjer
Wattle      Layal Jackson    Deegan Sandstrom
Waratah     Wyatt Hogan
Coachwood   Liam Dwyer       Matthew Poles
Blue Gum     Austin Polansky
Cedar       Alaska Hitchcock  Lara Fermance

Week 6

Eucalypt    Isabelle Tibbetts  Chaise Hitchcock
Casuarina   Cooper Moonen
Wattle      Elijah Cassell    Ryan Keo
Waratah     Bailey Pearce
Coachwood   Korey Grant-Sears  Sydnie Dobson
Blue Gum     Austin P
Cedar       Kaylen Scott     Gemma Watson

Upcoming Events

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BOOK CLUB
A huge thank you to all the parents who ordered from the last issue of Book Club. I was able to order nearly $100 worth of new books for our library which will be available to borrow ASAP. If you would like to order from the current issue #4 and need to pay cash, you will have to have orders in by next Thursday (9th of June) at the latest. All online LOOP orders have until June 15th. Remember that the library receives 20% of every purchase and it adds up quite quickly.

STOCKTAKE
I continue to urge you to search at home for school library books. Quite a few have been trickling in and I understand if some have been returned to school but still listed as overdue. I will be doing a Library Stocktake this week on Thursday and Friday and hopefully we will find some missing treasure! There is no borrowing this week while I do Stocktake.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
Children are continuing to do their best to finish the challenge and this week the following student have completed.
Chaise, Isabelle, Jasmine, Cooper Clayton, Jaiden, Liam Dee, Aurora, Deegan, Jake, Makayla, Jordan and Ashley
The challenge finishes on the 17th of August.

BOOK WEEK
A quick heads up on the theme of Book Week 2016. It will be Australia! Story Country, and will be held around the middle of August. More information will be passed on as soon as our celebrations are finalised but we will be having a community parade as is our specialty!

School Absences, Early and Late Leavers Reminder
All late students who arrive before 9.10am to school should go directly to class. For all students who arrive after 9.10am they need to go to the office for a late slip. Parents/carers should accompany their child to either the classroom or the office. If a child is unaccompanied by the parent/carer they will be marked on the roll as an ‘unexplained partial absence’.

If an early leave is required, early slips need to be processed in the office before picking up student/s.

News from Our Community Place
Congratulations Jemma who received a $30 gift card from the Boolaroo open day drawing competition.

Birthdays
Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!
Liam Dwyer 5th June
Noah Farrow 6th

Lost & Found
We have quite a few clothing items in our lost property box. These items can be found in our school office.

Found – 1 ring near the canteen. Please call the school with a description to claim your ring.

Canteen Roster

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*If unavailable to volunteer on your day please ring Liz 0431 675 102 Kristy-Lee 0400 709 559

Community News

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**Mia’s House**

**Liberty Hunter**

Written by a local author Liberty Hunter has experienced some of the challenges a child with Autism can bring to a family. Based on real life experiences, Denial is a river in Egypt, tells Liberty Hunter’s story of being a young mum who had a normal life before being plunged into an unfamiliar world where everything she took for granted disappeared.

Many families face the challenges depicted in this book. How they cope and reconcile themselves to make the adjustments and eventually accept change is a personal matter. Each person’s journey is unique. Denial Is a River in Egypt shares one mother’s story.

Liberty Hunter is a wife, mum of three and a Registered Nurse. This is her first book and she is pleased to present her point of view on the invisible disability of autism – that being different is still okay.

We now have a copy kindly donated by Liberty in our school library.
Change of Contact Details

If you have recently changed your contact details please fill in your information below and return to school ASAP

Parent/Carer 1
Name
Address
Home Phone Number Mobile

Parent/Carer 2
Name
Address
Home Phone Number Mobile

Contact details for parent not living with student
Name Phone
Address

Family Law or other court orders Yes No If YES please supply office with photocopied details

Emergency Contacts
Name Relationship to student Phone
Name Relationship to student Phone