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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

One of the great things about the start of any new year is that it offers each of us a chance to free ourselves of some of the burdens we insist on carrying around with us. Whether or not we commit to 'resolutions' there is always the opportunity to examine those aspects of our lives that are causing us stress or anxiety, and to simply let them go. In Eckhart Tolle's book "A New Earth", he relates the story of two Zen monks, Tanzan and Ekido who were walking along a muddy track in the country. Along the way, they came across a young lady who was trying to cross the track, but the mud was so deep it would have ruined her silk kimono to do so. Tanzan picked her up and carried her to the other side. The monks walked on without speaking until five hours later they arrived at their place of rest. Ekido could restrain himself no longer. "Why did you carry that girl across the track when you know as monks we are not supposed to do things like that?" Tanzan replied "I put the girl down hours ago. Why are you still carrying her?"

Letting go of unnecessary baggage is one of the more liberating actions we can take. It is about "accepting the things we cannot change" as the Serenity Prayer reminds us. We listen and learn how Jesus frees us from "hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust". Imagine the sense of peace and well-being if we were truly able to free ourselves from hate and fear and open our hearts to recklessly love and trust.

It has been such a pleasure to welcome families and students to The Lakes College. The students are an absolute delight and so enthusiastic about all this wonderful place has to offer. Surrounded by a most delightful and dedicated staff who bring energy and new ideas, this certainly is a happy place where difference can be set aside and each person respected for who they are.

It certainly is a privilege and honour to be the Principal of The Lakes College.

Kind Regards

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FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD

Strategic Planning / Master Planning Day

Parents are invited to attend a **Strategic Planning Workshop** to be held on Saturday **25 February 2012**, commencing at 9:30am and concluding by 4:00pm. Hosted by the Board, this Workshop is a first step in the process of formulating a new TLC Strategic Plan and Master Plan.

The Board is seeking ideas and thoughts from The Lakes College's many stakeholders as part of our review of our Strategic Plan and The Lakes College Master Plan.

We welcome the attendance of all interested parents, middle and senior school students, academic and administration staff, and other interested members of The Lakes College community.

The Workshop will include morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Further information concerning this Workshop will be made available in the coming weeks.

Mr Mike Millard
Board Chairperson

FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY

Well, what a wet start to the year we have had yet I have still been very impressed by the spirit of the students here at The Lakes college. Against the odds, they have continued to work hard, play well and of course smile which is a non-negotiable in my book. Thank you for the continuing warm welcome I have been receiving during this first week of the new school year. There is a strong feel of community across the campus and I already feel very much a part of it. I am looking forward to meeting more families at the TLCCA Spit roast this coming Saturday.

Congratulations on the way our new Prep students have settled into school. With the Australia Day Public Holiday giving them a well-earned break I am sure they are going to be quite exhausted at the end of this week. One of the Prep staff shared a pearl of wisdom from one of her new students on his very first day at school last week. He excitedly told her “I am having so much fun at school” and it was only 8:50am! Let’s hope that enthusiasm lasts for the next 13 years.

I would also like to welcome the rest of our new Primary students who have started their TLC journey this term. We wish all our new students and their families a long and happy relationship with The Lakes College community.

College Café Arrangements in the Primary School- Tuesdays to Fridays (*The College Café is not open on Mondays*)

It has been brought to my attention by staff that the current canteen procedures are not working well in the Primary School. After discussion with Sue in The College Café and the Primary staff, the following changes have been made, effective immediately:

- All Primary school students will be expected to order their lunch and morning tea using a bag system. Please use the form on the website to order food and mark whether it is morning tea (first break) or lunch (second break). Please use paper bags only to order and leave the money loose in the bag. Folding the bag will keep the money secure.
- When students arrive at school they are to place their orders into the designated class bag. Class teachers will explain this system to their students.
- Primary students will not be permitted to buy their lunch over the counter at The Café.
- At the commencement of both Morning Tea and Lunch there is a 10 minute eating time where all students from Prep to Year Six are expected to sit with their class and eat their lunch. During this time no Primary students will be permitted to go to the Café.
- Orders for lunch and morning tea placed using the bag system will be delivered to the classrooms prior to the commencement of breaks so the children will have their food for the eating time.
- After the 10 minute eating time, students are permitted to purchase snack items and drinks using their own money. If they wish to purchase another hot food item at this time they can do so.

Thank you for supporting these changes. The current system was causing many issues for students, Primary staff and Café staff and I am confident that these changes will ensure all students are eating correctly.

Our College Café convenor, Sue is in desperate need of some volunteers to help her. Any assistance that you can give, even for an hour, would be greatly appreciated. This would be a wonderful way for some of our new parents to meet our more established parents. The duties are quite varied and include washing up, light cleaning, serving our students and some assistance with food preparation. If you can help please contact Sue via email on sking@thelakes.qld.edu.au or by phone 34915512.

The food being produced by Sue and her team is exceptional so please support The College Café in any way you can.

FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY (CONTINUED)

Primary Parent Information Sessions - Tuesday 7 February 2012

You are all warmly invited to come along to our Primary Parent Information Sessions on Tuesday 7 February. This year we have split the sessions to enable parents to attend two sessions. I realise this doesn't solve the doubling up problem for all parents but it should help most. Parent handouts will be prepared for all families so if you are unable to attend the sessions, the class teachers will send home the handouts on Wednesday 8 February.

The times and locations for sessions are listed below. I will be available to meet with you between the two sessions in the hall. I encourage you to come along to these sessions if you can as you will find them very informative. All sessions are approximately one hour in duration commencing with a 30 minute Year Level session followed by individual class sessions. As you can imagine, with many parents attending, this is not the best time to talk to the class teachers about your child's progress. Please feel free to make an appointment at any other suitable time to talk with your child's class teacher about individual issues or concerns.

Time	Year Level	Meeting place
5:00pm- 6:00pm	Prep	Prep C classroom
	Year 1	1 K classroom
	Year 5/6	5/6 C classroom
6:00pm-6:15pm	Short session with Sharon in hall Tea/coffee available	
6:15pm - 7:15pm	Year 2	2V classroom
	Year 3	3 A classroom
	Year 4	4 S classroom
	Year 3/4 O	3/4 O classroom

Don't forget to come along to Primary assembly on Friday, commencing at 8.45am in the hall. Year 5/6B will be presenting something exciting and I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great week!!

Mrs Sharon Lollback

Head of Primary

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STUDENT AWARDS

Class	Name	Class	Name
1 K	Cheyenne, Paige, Jessie	4 P	Dhiya, Joshua
1 M	Holly	4 S	Paige, Remington
2 A	Therese	5/6 B	Cooper
2 V	Whole Class	5/6 C	Emily
3 A	Lily	5/6 H	Ally
3/4 O	Daniel, Isabella		

The Lakes Football Club

Online Registrations Open

See www.thelakesfc.com.au for further details



FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

It has been an extremely busy first week in the Secondary School. We have had students cooking, dancing, playing sports, speaking Chinese, examining laws, embracing technology, creating works of art as well as engaging with their core subjects of English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and Health and Physical Education. Our Year 10 and 11 students were involved in an intensive two day study skills workshop last week where they learnt all about their individual learning styles and were given specific tips on how to best maximise their potential and achieve their very best. We are hopeful that they will be mindful of this advice in all that they do this year. All students have now started to settle into a routine and hopefully this routine will involve doing homework. Please look at your child's diary for information regarding how much homework each night your child should be doing.

Letters went home to students last week regarding locker procedures for 2012. All students are welcome to have a locker and need to return the locker application form along with a lock and spare key. Mobile phone policies also went home with last week's correspondence. I strongly encourage all families to read this updated policy with their child to ensure that everyone is aware of the changes made to the policy. Parents who would like their child to have a mobile phone at school, are asked to return the completed paperwork as soon as possible.

Next Wednesday 8 February we are hosting a Secondary School Student Information Evening. Students in Years 7 – 11 and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend this evening. We will be discussing the procedures that will be followed this year in the Secondary School as well as distributing vital information about Secondary School events that will be taking place. This evening presents families with an opportunity to meet all of the staff in the Secondary School and provide us with the forum where we can answer any questions that you may have about any aspect of the Secondary School. I hope to see all your smiling faces there.

As always, should you have any concerns or questions regarding the Secondary School, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Ms Sally Crothers

Secondary Coordinator

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FROM SPORT AND PE

Welcome back to another year of sport at The Lakes College. Unfortunately the weather hasn't been that kind to us during our first week. A reminder that correct sports uniform should be brought to ALL PE lessons, including school shorts, shirt and particularly the correct shoes. Sport shoes worn should be predominantly white. Volleys, canvas or Futsal shoes are not appropriate as they pose safety risks during PE.

During the year I will be placing District Trial information in Tidings so that students who have the appropriate skills in certain sports have the opportunity to be selected. Any Year 5 to 7 students should see me for nomination information.

Secondary students should check for District team selections for all District Secondary sports that will be displayed outside Mr Elliott's Home Room. Secondary students should direct any questions regarding these trials to Mr Elliott.

We are all looking forward to another great year of carnivals and participation.

Mrs Kristy Cacciola

PE Teacher

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MOSQUITOES

Our grounds are looking so lush and green from all this wonderful rain, but of course with rain comes mosquitoes.

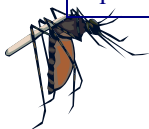
We have arranged for timed insect repellent sprays to be put in areas around the College to reduce the mosquitoes.

We would like to encourage parents to please spray insect repellent on your children before they come to school.

FROM THE COLLEGE CAFE

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED - Kitchen Duties

Please contact Café Convenor Sue King if you can help on 3491 5521 or via email at sking@thelakes.qld.edu.au



MUSIC NOTES



Welcome back...

...to all musicians who are ready and raring to go! String Ensemble and Concert Band rehearsals begin this week. Wednesday mornings both Secondary String Ensemble and Primary Concert Band will rehearse and Friday mornings will be Primary String Ensemble and Primary Concert Band.

Twenty students received invitations to join our Primary performance groups last week. It's wonderful to watch the musical development and growth of our students. Hopefully we'll be inviting more students during the year, as their playing improves. To perform with your friends on your instrument is a really rewarding experience.

Choir Auditions

Audition letters went home last week with Tidings, with all the information about our three choirs and the need to undertake auditions for Junior Choir and Senior Choir. Some choir days have moved around from last year so please ensure you get the right morning!

Singing Club is for students in Prep and Year 1 and meets on a **Tuesday morning at 7:45am** in G1 with Mrs Curtis. Singing Club will start Tuesday 7 February in Week 3. Singing Club is a non-audition choir but we do expect students to make a commitment for the semester. They will need a display folder for their song sheets.

Junior Choir is for students in **Years 2-4** and meets on a **Thursday morning at 7:45am** in EL1 with Mrs Johnston. Auditions will be held on Thursday 3 February in Week 2.

Senior Choir is for students in **Years 5-11** and rehearse on **Tuesday mornings from 7:30am** in EL1 with Mrs Johnston. Auditions were held this morning and we will run more next week if needed.

If there are any students who haven't returned their choir form but would still be interested in joining/auditioning, additional forms can be collected from Reception.

Instrumental Lessons - What day do I bring my instrument?

Miss Piercy will be taking Classroom Music and Violin lessons in the Junior Primary School. These lessons are split over Tuesday and Thursday:

- 1K, 2A and 2V have their violin and music lessons on Tuesday
- Prep C, Prep L and 1M have their music lesson on Tuesday
- Prep C, Prep L and 1M have their violin lesson on Thursday

Miss Piercy will also be teaching cello students in Years 4-6 and these lessons will be on a Thursday.

Mr Gynther will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Classes are on different days.

- Wednesday - 4O, 5/6B, 5/6C
- Thursday - 4S, 5/6H and Concert Band students
- Friday - 4P

Mrs Johnston will be teaching Year 3A violin, 3O violin and Year 4-6 violin students on a Thursday.

The last of the instruments will be distributed by the end of the week. If there are any new students in Years 4-6 who haven't returned their "Instrument Choice Form" they need to get it in so I can organize instrument hire.

Mrs Wendy Johnston

Head of Music

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FROM THE COLLEGE CHAPLAIN

This week in the secondary school Religion and Values Education we have been looking at the concept of *prejudice*. The students will be looking at various types of prejudice and how it can be dealt with when it is detected. We will be discussing what that means about how we treat different people in all kinds of situations.

As Charlotte Bronte, the author of "Jane Eyre" said, "Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilised by education: they grow there, firm as weeds among stones." We will be doing our best to ensure that our students continue to cultivate great hearts!

If you would ever like to chat, please feel free to contact me. All are always welcome at the Lakes District Uniting Church which meets here in the College hall on Sundays at 9:30am. Children are also invited to Sunday School which takes place at the same time as worship. Have a great week!

Rev Dr Wendi Sargeant

College Chaplain

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FROM THE LIBRARY

Interested in supporting the teaching of Chinese? Like to know more about Asian Literacy and how important it will be for your child's future? If you answered yes to both of these questions you may like to join the Parents Understanding Asia Literacy Project. Please see the attached flyer (*pages 7 and 8*) for more information and register your interest at the Library.

Mrs Rosalie Stafford

Teacher Librarian

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FROM FINANCE

Term 1 Fees are now due if you have chosen "Term Payments" as your payment option. If you are paying by Direct Debit Fortnightly, Monthly or Credit Card Monthly, these payments will be deducted as per our fee schedule.

Please note that all extra charges for Athletics, music booklets etc are not covered by your Direct Debit amount. These can be paid by BPay (details are shown on your Parent Statement) or at reception by cash, cheque, eftpos or credit card.

If you have any concerns or queries please contact me on 3491 5508 or email .

Ms Kylie Frauenfelder

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2013 Scholarships

Registrations are now open for 2013 Scholarships. Scholarship examinations will be held on **Saturday 10 March 2012**.

Scholarships are available for students entering Years 7 and 10 in 2013.

For further information and scholarship registration visit the College website or email registrar@thelakes.qld.edu.au

Parents understanding Asia literacy



Building demand for Asian Languages and Studies

What is the project aiming to do?

The project will establish a network of parents who can work collaboratively with school leaders to build student demand for knowledge, skills and understanding of Asia and increase opportunities for them to be exposed to high quality and sustainable teaching programs.

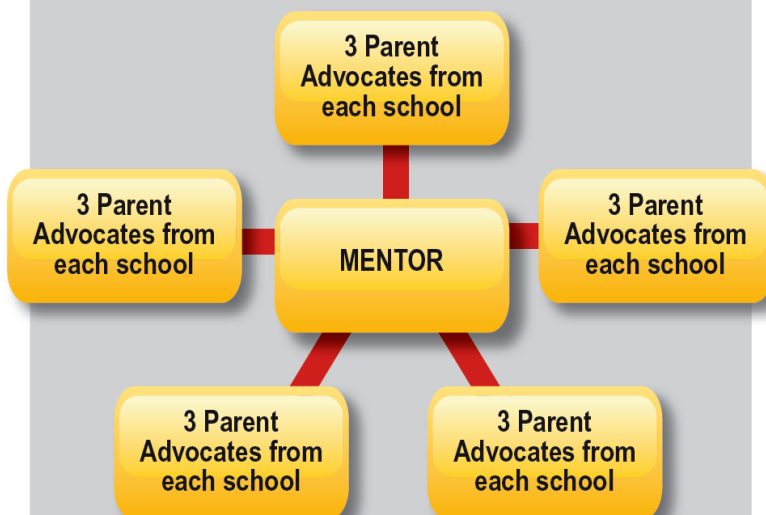
Learning about Asia is an increasingly important part of the personal, social and academic development of all young Australians. Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia is a cross-curriculum priority in the new Australian Curriculum.

How will it work?

A network of 225 Parent Advocates from 75 schools will undertake conversations and projects in their school communities focused on building demand for Asian Languages and studies.

The Parent Advocates will attend a one day training program in clusters of approx. 5 schools. Each cluster will have a mentor who will also receive training to provide ongoing support to the Parent Advocates in their school communities throughout the project.

Each of 15 Clusters has a Mentor and comprises 3 parents from each of approximately 5 schools



Who is involved?

The Australian Parents Council (APC), the Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) and the Family-School & Community Partnerships Bureau are coordinating the project and recruiting and supporting cluster mentors and parent advocates.

The Asia Education Foundation, Australia's leading advocate for and supporter of Asia literacy in Australian schools, is providing project guidance and learning resources.

Beasley Intercultural, a leading intercultural consultancy provider, is delivering Parent Advocate and Parent Mentor training at 15 locations around Australia.

Erebus International, project evaluation specialists is leading the research elements of the project and developing a 'what works' guide.

Why is this being done?

Parents influence the subject choices students make. Informed and engaged parents also drive school curriculum choices and pathways that are best for their children.

There is undoubtedly a genuine interest among parents in their children having the opportunity to study other languages and cultures. However, there are also high levels of confusion and uncertainty among parents about how this can be done effectively in an already crowded curriculum.

It is therefore critical, if participation rates of students studying Asian languages and studies are to be lifted to any significant extent, that parents are meaningfully engaged as key allies in the process.

How can you be involved?

Are you someone who gets on well with others, particularly with the other parents in your school and the school's leadership team and:

- *Has the willingness to learn about and share the benefits of the studies of Asian cultures and languages?*
- *Has a commitment and openness to learning?*
- *Can influence others in supportive and respectful ways?*

If you would like to be a part of this innovative and unique project, team up with two other people from your school community and fill in our simple Expression of Interest form at <http://pual.org.au>

For further information contact...

How are parents and schools being selected?

Because of the nature of the project parents need to be drawn from seventy-five schools in the government, Catholic and independent school sectors in metropolitan, regional and at least one rural location. As training will take place in clusters, schools will need to be able to be grouped with other schools in reasonably close geographic locations.

APC, ACSSO and their affiliated organisations in the states and territories will work together to select parents and schools from expressions of interest received.

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Message from the TLCCA

YOU'RE INVITED

to the Welcome Spit Roast with

Double Splash Slide for the kids!

Bring along swimmers, sunscreen and towel!



When: 4 February 2012

Where: The Lakes College (Hall)

When: Slide arrives at 3:00pm,
Dinner served from 5:00pm.

Upcoming Meeting

Our next meeting is going to be held on **Wednesday 15 February at 7:00pm** in the Staff Room. Please come along and help support The Lakes College and its students.



The Lakes College Community Association

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