



# TOKSAVE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all parents who attended last Thursday night's School Council Annual General Meeting for 2017. Last Friday a notice was sent to all parents informing them that elections for the two vacant parent reps will be held at the next Council meeting on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> March. Nominations forms for the School Council are available from the office.

## **Student Learning Data Collection**

For a number of years Lihir International Primary School has been testing students, in first and fourth term, in order to collect data about their learning. The 2017 data collection process is happening this week using the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER) Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT).

Waddington Spelling and Reading tests are also used for Prep and Year One students.

### *Why do we do these tests?*

Assessment that is specifically designed to promote learning is an important tool we have for planning effectively to raise teaching and learning standards. We get the chance to do this with data provided as a result of PAT testing.

These tests are Assessment *FOR* Learning rather than Assessment *OF* Learning and analysis of the data gathered allows teachers to develop a deep understanding of where a child, and their class, is at with their learning.

### *Why is this important?*

We cannot teach children properly unless we know what they know and what they do not know. Data from these tests, along with the professional judgment of teachers and continual observation of children in class helps teachers plan for the next stage of learning for individuals, groups and the whole class.

Data collected in these tests is not used to compare students nor is it used for writing student reports – it is used as a tool to support planning for the next stage of learning.

### *What are we testing?*

All students from Prep to Year 7 will be tested in Reading Comprehension, Numeracy for Year Two to Year 7, Spelling Year 1 to Year 7 and Grammar and Punctuation for Year 3 to Year 7

## **Congratulations Week 4 Principal Award Winners**

**Kaitlin Smart – Year 7**

**Olivia Watkins – Year 4**

**Ben Romaso– Year 2**

**Shantalyna Waho – Prep**



### **After School Activities Term One**

Netball – Thursday with Bronwyn Perkins from 3pm-4pm.

Volleyball – Friday with Mr. Neville from 3pm-4pm Years 4-7

Homework – Club Wednesday Grade 6/7 with Miss Collins and Grade 4/5 with Ms Langusch from 3pm-4pm.

### **End of Term**

Please note that the last day of Term 1 is **THURSDAY MARCH 30.**

**Save the Date:** The **LIPS P&W Trivia Night** will be held on Saturday, March 25th. Funds raised on the night will go towards the year 6/7 Brisbane trip. More information will come soon. We hope to see you all there for a fun night!

### **U-turns:**

Parents and those collecting children in vehicles after school are asked **NOT** to do a U-turn in front of the school. This practice is extremely dangerous for children walking home. There is a sign preventing U-turns at the front of the school.

**Congratulations to our Year Prep class for their assembly item where they spoke and demonstrated sounds they have been learning!**



### **Student Council:**

Dear Parents, Wantoks and Community

On Saturday Week 7, March 18th, we will be having a Trash and Treasure sale. We want you to start donating things, beginning next week on Monday 20th of February. There will be a box put out near the office by the Student Councillors every morning. The donations must be in the box before 8:15am every morning. All items must be in good condition. If you are bringing toys, clothes etc., they must not be broken, torn or have holes in them. Items you might donate are bags, toys, clothes, game boards or nice jewellery that you don't use anymore. Make sure all the items are clean.

Thank you very much,

From the Student Council.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding Lihir International Primary School please make an appointment to come in and see me.

Kind regards

*Greg Neville*