From the Principal

Over the past few weeks parents have had the opportunity at Sunshine Avenue and Mahers Lane to meet their child’s teacher or their Head of House and House Tutor in the secondary school. This provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and build a strong relationship. Parents make a definite decision to enrol their child/children at Lindisfarne and we, at the school, welcome and are keen to establish a strong partnership where parents and teachers work in harmony for the benefit of our young people. Thank you to all the parents who have been able to attend these meetings and thank you to staff for their attendance as well.

The first Parents and Friends Association meeting was held this week with good attendance by parents and staff. This augurs well for a great year with a very active and interested P & F. I encourage both “old” and particularly “new” parents to attend the next meeting later in the term.

At the beginning of each year staff put a tremendous amount of energy into organising a range of activities such as the Swimming Carnival on each campus, and a range of cocurricular activities such as sporting teams, music events, other activities in the creative arts, leadership opportunities and so on. While the focus of any school is student learning, that learning is not restricted to the academic curriculum. We want to encourage students to participate in a range of different activities depending on their skills, interests and talents. For some of our students, they will achieve success in the swimming pool, for others they will be gifted singers, musicians, artists, sports persons, chess players etc.

I would like to encourage all of our students to look for at least one activity to participate in for 2016. If a student is involved and enjoys what they do across the whole spectrum of school life, they will reap the benefits of an excellent education here at Lindisfarne.

Today we welcomed a number of potential new families to the School at Mahers Lane. It provided an opportunity for families to tour the facilities and to take the opportunity at morning tea at the Trade Skills Centre to meet with key staff and to seek information from them. This was the first Principal’s Tour at Mahers Lane this year and followed a very successful tour of our Sunshine Avenue Campus last week. If you know of any families interested in enrolling their children at the School please encourage them to book in for a future Principal’s Tour.

Kitty Guerin, Acting Principal
Whole School News

NAPLAN
Students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 will once again sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on 10, 11, and 12 May. NAPLAN is a way for students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge and the results can provide information to better assist with teaching and learning programs.

Specific information from the Board of Studies (BOSTES) relating to these tests, will be emailed to parents of students in these year levels on Monday. Please read the information carefully and contact the School if any clarification is required.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed as a matter of urgency with the School as a parent consent form needs to be completed and submitted well in advance. Additional information is available at www.nap.edu.au

Recording Studio Project #2
The Recording Studio Project #2 is the second album recorded in the newly established Lindisfarne Recording Studios. This facility is central to the realisation of the contemporary vision in teaching and learning programs and will have major impacts in both curricular and co-curricular activities. Students will apply and be selected by a panel. Successful applicants will work in collaboration with professional music producers and studio engineers to complete an album where all profits will be donated to the selected charity of the studio. What better way to share one’s gift for the benefit of others? Applications are open to all students in Years 5 - 12 with submissions closing on Wednesday 2 March.

Beijing July 2017
Expressions of interest letters were sent to all Years 6 – 11 parents this week, for the Choir, Concert and Stage Band trip to the “Tutti World Youth Music Festival” to Beijing in July 2017.

An information evening will be held upon receipt of sufficient expressions of interest. For more information contact Charlotte Lush.

2017 Enrolments and Scholarships

Enrolments
Enrolments for 2017 are now open. The Admissions Officer will be making contact with current families with children registered for enrolment into the School in 2017. Should your child/children not be registered please submit an enrolment application as soon as possible. Enrolment application forms can be

From the Chaplain

Reflections for Lent
Throughout the 40 days of Lent, a series of reflections will be published that focus on the potential for spiritual awakening and/or renewal, which is one of the primary purposes and functions of this time prior to Easter.

The Lord’s Prayer is so familiar to so many people that its most distinctive quality can pass us by. It is an extremely “un-self-centred” prayer. We don’t get to ask anything for ourselves until halfway through, and even then, it is essentially left up to God to decide what we need.

A lot of OUR praying could be summarised as “Dear God, may MY will be done.” It is as if we are the CEO, and prayer is a daily performance review to hold God, the reluctant employee, accountable against performance indicators we have put in place.

Yet this prayer bears the imprint of Jesus’ desert temptation.

We ask for God’s will to be done, not ours. We ask God for daily bread, instead of providing it ourselves. It is God’s name that is hallowed (praised), not ours. It is God’s kingdom that matters, not our own.

The purpose of this prayer is not to tell God how to run our lives, what to provide and when to provide it. We are sent into the world with the much harder task of forgiving those who have hurt us...

May you be aware of God’s presence and grace as you journey through Lent.

Rev Chad, Chaplain
Scholarships
Lindisfarne offers Academic Scholarships for current students who are entering Year 5 and Year 7 in 2017. Current students entering Year 7 next year can also apply for Music & Performing Arts Scholarships.

Scholarships are also available for new students considering Lindisfarne for 2017. All students, both new and current, are required to sit an academic exam conducted by EduTest as part of their application.

Scholarship Applications close on Friday 22 April 2016.

For further information visit www.lindisfarne.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships.html or contact the Admissions Officer on 07 5590 5099.

Senior School News

Maths Online
An annual subscription to Maths Online is available through the School at a one off cost of $20. A subscription made directly through their website will cost approximately $200. Please email Vanessa Nixon at vnixon@lindisfarne.nsw.edu.au to request an enrolment form.

Overseas Exchange Program for Students
World Education Program Australia (WEP) offers high school exchange programs to more than 20 countries to all students aged 15 – 18 years. Early bird specials and scholarships are available. All relevant information is available through their website www.wep.org.au

NSW School Vaccination Program
Please see the schedule below for the NSW School Vaccination Program for both boys and girls. Please make note of these dates.

Year 7
Term 1 Wednesday 2 March
Gardasil (HPV) Dose 1 to all students
Boostrix (diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis)

Term 2 Wednesday 4 May
Gardasil (HPV) Dose 2
Varicella (chicken pox)
Boostrix & HPV – catch ups if required

Term 3 Wednesday 7 September
Gardasil (HPV) Dose 3
Catch up of Boostrix, Varicella and HPV (as required).

Parents will receive a Parent Information Kit that includes a consent form that is to be returned to the School prior to Wednesday 2 March.

Year 8 Students HPV Catch Up Dosage
This is available for the small number of students who commenced the vaccination program last year, however, missed the final dose. Parents of those students should have received a letter at the end of last year stating that your child will be given these catch up vaccines in 2016.

Stage 6 Performing Arts Sydney Excursion
Year 11 and 12 Drama and Dance students recently travelled to Sydney for a HSC Performance workshop and to view OnStage and Callback.

The Group Devising Workshop, held at the famous Belvoir Street Theatre in Surry Hills, empowered students with some new and exciting techniques for creating dramatic works. Students gained the confidence to trust in their own creativity and better prepare themselves for the months ahead as they embark upon one of their major assessments for the year, The Group Performance.

It was then off to The Seymour Centre at the University of Sydney to watch OnStage and Callback, the best works from last year’s cohort of HSC Drama and Dance students.

With jaws dropped and eyes wide open, students watched on as each performance got better and better. Then came the comments: “How can we reach that standard?”, “I had no idea it would be that good!”, “How many hours must they have rehearsed?”

It was awe inspiring - but that’s the point. Excursions such as these help to inspire students to achieve their own amazing outcomes, something they never thought they were capable of achieving. They help to recalibrate their goals and intensify their focus, the shared experience providing an even stronger foundation and support network in their own search for excellence.

“Do you think we can be that good?” one student asked.
Of course you can! Remember…REACH FOR THE STARS!

The Senior Choir participated in their first rehearsal for the ‘Horizon with Angels’ on Monday 15 February. ‘Horizon with Angels’ is a new work from internationally renowned company CIRCA, that will be the opening production for the Bleach* Festival 2016. Students from a variety of selected Gold Coast choirs have come together to perform choral arrangements of beautiful Leonard Cohen songs around the lake at The Arts Centre Gold Coast.

Bleach* Festival 2016 will feature six world premiere works created by some of Australia’s leading contemporary artists to be presented across three huge weekends. This is an exceptional performance opportunity for our Lindisfarne singers.

Broughton Anglican College Combined Schools Workshop and Concert
On 10 March, Lindisfarne will welcome 70-80 students from Broughton Anglican College for their bi-annual interstate tour. Students from Years 8-12 involved in the String Ensemble, Concert Band (which includes Stage Band) and the Choir (which includes Chamber Singers) will join Lindisfarne students in a series of workshops and performances.

The day will conclude with a concert for the Lindisfarne community. Everyone is welcome to attend the concert commencing at 4.00pm in the Chapel.

Charlotte Lush, Director of Creative and Performing Arts

Primary School News

There has been great excitement this week as the children prepared for the Primary School Swimming Carnival. We look forward to sharing our results and photos with you in next week’s Primary School Newsletter.

2016 Primary Leadership Team
The roles of Primary Prefect and House Captain had been topics of conversation in Stage 3 since our school year began. Teachers spoke in depth with students about what these positions of responsibility entail and what qualities might be attributed to an excellent leader. Year 6 students were asked to consider if they were interested in the role and if they believed they had the necessary qualities to effectively fulfil such an important position. It was wonderful to see so many students nominate themselves and prepare quality speeches that they delivered confidently and passionately to their teachers and peers during the selection process. Each one of these students deserves to be commended.

Primary Prefects Daniel Green and Cate Roberts
St Barnabas Bridget Kenny and Klyde Millroy
St Stephen Amelia Kucharski and Jesse Starling
St Cuthbert Millie Prince and Hudson Dellar
St Andrew Joely Morgan and Finn Armstrong

We wish these elected students every success in their leadership roles this year.

Sarah Rolfe, Stage 3 Coordinator
Dollarmites School Banking
School banking for all Preschool to Year 6 students has begun. Bank books are due by Monday afternoon each week to either Sunshine Avenue Administration or Mahers Lane Student Administration.

Sports News

Last week students enjoyed their first week of Recreational Sport.

Aqua Zumba proved to be a wonderful, wet workout in the creek at Kingscliff and fish were caught from the Tweed River, although not large enough to take home for dinner! The students learning to surf at Greenmount Beach practised on the sand before paddling out through the waves and riding them in.

Surf Lifesaving
Well done to all of the secondary students who successfully completed their Surf Lifesaving Rescue and CPR accreditation in Week 2.

Kayaking
Morgan Brodhurst-Hill is a Queensland kayaking champion! Along with her paddling partner, Morgan is training hard for the National championships in Perth at the end of the month.

Surfing
Between mid January and March, Year 11 student Kobie Enright, will have competed in over fourteen surf contests. Six of the competitions were qualifying events for the World Surf League (WSL). Kobie finished fourth overall in the Australia Pro Junior Tour (ages 21 and under) in 2015. Two weeks ago she placed fifth at the International Quiksilver Contest in Cabarita and only last week Kobie won a Junior event in Avoca Beach. This week Kobie is competing in a WSL qualifying event at Boomerang Beach. Kobie is entered into the two biggest surfing events in Australia next week, in Newcastle and Manly. We wish Kobie the best of waves!

Year 10 student, Piper Harrison, won the 14 years and under girls division of the Rip Curl National GromSearch in North Narrabeen.

Piper’s brother Marlon Harrison, Year 6, also made the semi finals of Rip Curl National GromSearch in the 12 years and under boys placing seventh in the country. Congratulations to you both.

Dates for the Diary

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Gay Maynard, Director of PDHPE
Calling Year 7-12 Students!

Creative Writing Competition:

Year Level Requirements

Year 7 English
Your creative writing task will be used for this competition. Hence, there is no need to resubmit the task.

Year 8
You are to write a narrative that addresses the idea of ‘SWIMMING AGAINST THE TIDE’. Your response should be between 600 – 800 words. Participation is compulsory for all Year 8 students.

Year 9
You are to write a narrative that reflects the idea of ‘CONFLICT’. Your response should be between 600 – 800 words. Participation is compulsory for all Year 9 students.

Year 10
You are to write a narrative that addresses the idea of ‘IDENTITY’. Your response should be between 700 – 1000 words. Participation is compulsory for all Year 10 students.

Year 11
The focus for this narrative is ‘BELONGING’ and your response should be between 700-1000 words. Participation in this competition is optional but strongly recommended.

Year 12
The focus for this narrative is ‘DISCOVERY’ and your response should be between 800-1000 words. Participation in this competition is optional but strongly recommended.

Prizes
The winner of each Year Level will receive a book voucher and a trophy. Additionally, these narratives will be published within the school community.

SUBMISSION DATE:
MONDAY 9 MAY
(BY 9PM THROUGH TURNITIN)

A paper copy of your narrative must be given to your English teacher by 3.20pm Tuesday 10 May
Community News

2016 TWEED VALLEY RELAY FOR LIFE

Competitions Children's activities
Entertainment by Tara Williams
Music and Billy & The Kid

Join us to Celebrate Tweed Valley Relay For Life 5th Birthday

Merl Edwards Field, Kingscliff Wommin Bay Road (Opposite Leagues Club)
Saturday 12 March

Register Your Team NOW visit www.relayforlife.org.au/tweed

Help make a difference to cancer patients and their families in your community

March 12 & 13 Merv Edwards Field Kingscliff.

Your community contacts Dot 0438742637 or Lorelle 0407162378 for further details.