Thought for the Fortnight
"All knowledge is connected to all other knowledge. The fun is in making the connections."

Principal’s Message
Each and every day, teachers and students are continually learning new skills, making new connections in their learning from the previous day and using these new skills to teach someone else. Making connections is the central focus of learning and most importantly it links directly to our school motto "Adventure in Learning"

This year our school has implemented a new technology system called "Sentral" for school attendance, student behaviour and student reporting. The Student Reporting format has only been finalised this week and has limited the time for staff to complete the student reports. Student reports will now be sent home on Monday 21st July to ensure that each teacher has sufficient time to write the student reports.

Tomorrow the SRC will be holding a Biggest Morning Tea to support the Cancer Council in helping save the lives of those affected by cancer. All families are encouraged to bake some delicious cakes, muffins, biscuits or slices to sell at our cake stall during recess. This is a truly special morning tea and I know that the Luddenham generosity will enable us to help others.

The Crunch and Sip program is a successful initiative implemented across many schools in the state. As the name suggests, all classes stop learning for about 10 minutes each day and crunch on raw fruit or vegetables and sip water. The percentage of students participating in this program has improved with nearly 95% of our students participating each day. Congratulations everyone.

On Friday 5th June, Mrs Slattery, our school cleaner, will clean Luddenham Public School for the last time. Mrs Slattery has been our school cleaner for almost 20 years and has been a central part of our school. She has been a fabulous cleaner for our school throughout the past years and has always shown immense generosity and kindness. She has consistently performed her duties above and beyond what has been expected from her employer Transfield and she will be sorely missed by all of the staff and students of our school. If you see Mrs Slattery over the next two weeks, make sure you stop, have a chat and thank her for her fabulous efforts throughout the years. We will miss Mrs Slattery more that she will ever know and we wish her every happiness in the next part of her life.

The On Time and Ready to Learn winner for Week 6 is 1/2. Well done!

Karen Ellis
PBL Awards

In the last fortnight the following students have been recognised for their safe, responsible, respectful and successful behaviour.

Respectful: Naiobe (4/5/6)
Responsible: Shanae (4/5/6)
Safe: Keanu (3)

Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) News

It seems that more and more people are communicating via Facebook. It is also a platform for information to be shared and discussed. Recently I became aware of the Healthy Children's Network Facebook page. As an official site of NSW Health, this online resource aims to provide information to parents, careers, grandparents, teachers and anyone else who works with children about healthy eating and physical activity, as well as reducing screen time for kids 12 and under. It also provides opportunities for everyone to share information and network while also providing plenty of healthy recipes, competitions, giveaways and fun game ideas. So why not take a look at this great site. By 'liking' this page, it will feature in your Facebook newsfeed regularly and could even be a healthy living conversation starter with your kids.

Lindy Johnson
Learning and Support Teacher

P&C News

We hope everyone who ordered the Special Lunch Order last week enjoyed their sausage sizzle. Many thanks to Cooper’s dad, Andrew, for supplying the bread rolls, to Adele for donating a tray of sausages and to Jasmine and Sharen for preparing the lunches.

Dental Health

Mr Rush has been teaching the children about dental health. Here are a couple of photos from this week’s teeth cleaning session. More information to come next newsletter.

K-6 Assembly

The next K-6 Assembly will be held in Week 9 on Wednesday 17th June at 2:20pm
What’s Happening at Luddenham PS

May

Thurs 28th  Biggest Morning Tea
Fri 29th  Football (soccer) program

Breakfast Program

June

Wed 3rd  Responsible Pet Ownership
Fri 5th  Football (soccer) program
Mon 8th  Public holiday
Fri 12th  Football (soccer) program
Breakfast Program

Wed 17th  K-6 Assembly—2:20pm
Fri 19th  Football (soccer) program
Fri 26th  Football (soccer) program
Breakfast Program

Last day of Term 2

July

Mon 19th  Staff return
Tues 20th  Students return

Reminders

- $120 second payment for Years 5 and 6 Canberra trip is due by **Friday 19th June**
- Final payment of $150 for Years 5 and 6 Canberra trip is due by **Friday 21st August**
- Please label all your child’s belongings, including clothing, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc.
- If your child is absent from school they should bring in a signed note explaining their absence on the day they return.
- If you have misplaced a note which came home, or your child was away and didn’t receive one, you can print off a copy from the school website—www.luddenham-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Student Absence Note

Student Name .......................................................... Class ......................

Date of absence ..................................................

Reason for absence ..........................................................
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Parent/ Caregiver signature .................................. Date
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Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10:00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✔ Identify and remove distractions such as television.

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✔ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✔ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✔ Model a good routine.

It’s pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!
Lids for the Wombats

As you are aware, we have been collecting the lids from ice cream containers for the wombats in Bents Basin. Below is an email we received from Dr Tanya Leary from the Biodiversity & Wildlife Team of NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services:

We are at last starting the treatment of wombats for sarcotic mange at Bents Basin SCA, and are looking for volunteers to help out. The treatment program is weekly for the first 8 weeks, and less frequently after that. It is going to take us around 2 days each week to get around to all of the burrows, so we are looking for volunteers to help out. Volunteers will be setting & checking burrow flaps, & adding medication & dye to the flaps each week. Volunteers will also be setting & checking cameras each week. We are particularly looking for as many volunteers as possible on Saturday 30th May, but also will need quite a few on the subsequent days. Each day will run from approximately 9:00 am to 4 pm. All of the dates for the first 8 weeks are listed below. If you are interested and available to help out on any of these days, can you please email Lyndal Kaye at Lyndal.kaye@environment.nsw.gov.au

- Saturday May 30th
- Thursday 4th June
- Friday 5th June
- Thursday 11th June
- Friday 12th June
- Thursday 18th June
- Friday 19th June
- Thursday 25th June
- Friday 26th June
- Thursday 2nd July
- Friday 3rd July
- Thursday 9th July
- Friday 10th July
- Thursday 16th July
- Friday 17th July
- Thursday 22nd July
- Friday 23rd July
- Thursday 29th July
- Friday 30th July

When you email Lyndal, can you please send her your mobile phone contact & also let her know whether or not you have been out with me before (so that she knows whether or not she needs to send you volunteer forms).

I look forward to catching up with some of you at Bents Basin.