As the weather heats up, Ladysmith Public School heats up!
Everyone should be talking about the play practices, Year 5 captains’ campaign and Year 6’s final days in primary.
We have been busy completing our end-of-year assessments which will enable your child’s report to be completed accurately.
With assessments completed, we can plot all our students on the learning continuums and develop a plan for 2014.
So this week will involve remembering our play actions, songs, dances and drama skills. Loads of imagining, noticing, listening and remembering will be happening. Last week, a list went home outlining your child’s costumes and, as we have not heard back from anyone, we feel confident you are confident about having them at school by Wednesday, 11th December.

Last Transition Session
This Wednesday will be our last transition session for the 8 boys and girls who are getting so excited about coming to school next year.
We will have a fun day and make sure they are all ready for kindergarten in 2014.

Intensive Swimming
Intensive Swimming starts next week for all students K-6. There are still some children who need to return their permission notes, along with payment of $33.00 per child. Please make sure you send notes and money in this week. AASC swimming is in Week 10—we will notify you of transport arrangements when we receive everyone’s permission note. Copies of both permission notes can be downloaded from the school’s website.

Chicks, Cicadas and Baby Birds
What a wonderful experience watching your children discover the wonders of nature in the learning areas outside the buildings.
An unfortunate situation developed into a wonderful learning experience for some—what learning took place as the baby chicks were cared for, as those interested discovered what type of bird it was?
Heaps is the answer, inquisitive minds want answers and love discovering facts through investigations.
Then the cicadas decided to come out and we all discovered they come out every 7 or so years, shed their skin and move to the trees to eat, mate and lay eggs and die.
Meanwhile the baby chickens amuse us with their antics and Miss Cutler tries to hypnotise them.
Learning in the 21st Century includes self learning, learning that is directed from interests and what we want to know. Through these experiences, the students asked questions, proved a case, noticed, made assumptions and connections. All necessary for life long learning.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER
Thanks to those who have contributed to the P&C’s raffle. Please consider bringing in a contribution, which will help make this a success. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of an interactive whiteboard for the third learning area in 2014. Tickets will be sent home next week for each family to sell.

Chef’s Toolbox—
Wednesday 7.00pm at Ladysmith Hall
Everyone is welcome to come and have a fun evening.
Parents, please bring a small plate of nibbles to share, and a friend.

Library Closure
Please return all library books to school this week. Students will not be borrowing any more library books from school, but we will continue to go to mobile library to ensure they have plenty to read.
CANTEEN DAYS
Our Year 5 canteen days continue to be very successful—last Friday Georgia tempted everyone with her delicious custard slices and biscuits.
Due to Year 5/6 participating in the Catchment Champions Book Launch this Friday at Tumbarumba Public School, the next canteen day will be on Friday, 6th December.

Permission to Publish
A copy of the most recent ‘Permission to Publish’ form from the Department of Education & Communities is attached. In order to keep our records up-to-date, could you please complete the form and return to school by Friday 6th December, 2013?

RAMOS MUSIC—SUMMER MUSIC LESSONS
Dear Parents,
Each year, we break for 6 weeks at Christmas/New Year. This is a long time not be practising all the music that’s been learnt throughout the year. So, this year we are doing a four week summer program.


If we can get 10 students, we will all get four 1/2 hour individual lessons in the holidays for $100.00 at Ladysmith. Please talk to Ms Sturman.

HOW2LEARN
Learning in our school has taken a new direction this year and we are looking for some feedback, please.
We have attached some surveys which we would love you to complete. We will discuss this with the students and ask that they be completed as home-learning tonight.
If you can take 15 minutes to complete the surveys and return them to school before the end of this week, we can use the data for our end of year reflections and 2014 plans. The results will also go in the Annual School Report.
Feedback is important to our learning and we are open for any ideas, thoughts and opinions.

SUPER HOW2LEARN STUDENTS

Ruth O’Donovan
• Making links with her learning and improved comprehension skills.

Robbie McDougall
• Developing his listening and questioning skills.

Georgia Clarke
• Perseverance in Mathematics.
• She has listened carefully and made links to previous learning.

Christopher Alsop
• Managing his distractions and putting effort into his reading.
• He has noticed, listened and made links to previous learning.

Shyanne Stanton
• Effort in all Key Learning Areas.
• She has been listening, communicating and noticing.