Dear Plumpton PS Community,

31 July 2014.

Open Day 2014
It was terrific seeing so many supporters of Public Education and in particular of Plumpton PS at our Open Day yesterday.

The theme of this year's Education Week is 'Lighting the Way to a Better Future' - and what a vitally important job we have as educators in preparing your children, our students, for the future.

Please find below my welcome if you were unable to attend the assembly:

Welcome to our special Education Week Open Day.

2014 marks the 60th Anniversary of the first Education Week. The tagline for the original 1954 Education Week was 'Lighting the Way to a Better World' – this has been used again this year.

It’s an ideal opportunity to reflect on how things have changed in schools over the years – however, educating students for the betterment of society; to ‘light the way to a better world’ has remained constant.

These days though, it’s not so much about rote learning. For those of you old enough, do you remember memorising all of the rivers along the east coast of Australia? Perhaps handy if you’re travelling - nowadays, this information is only a ‘click away’

It’s not always about providing knowledge and answers. It’s about promoting curiosity; using children’s inbuilt sense of wonder to drive a love of learning and supporting them in their learning journey.

Students: It’s about educating you as the problem-solvers of the future – developing you as well-balanced, confident life-long learners who’ll be able to face challenges that haven’t been conceptualised yet – and to do that with a positive and focused attitude. You are the ones who will be “Lighting the Way to a Better World”

Our staff are extremely dedicated and they have fun too. Our P&C are right behind us – valuing and supporting the work we do.

Enjoy today.

We are all engaged in the most important human endeavour there is and we are privileged to be doing this in partnership with you.

Yours in partnership,
Ms Maureen Larkin
Principal

Be safe – Be respectful – Be a learner
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In week 10 of Term 3, Plumpton Public School will be getting ready to participate in ‘International Talk Like a Pirate Day' for the third year in a row. Students are invited to wear their pirate costumes on Thursday 18th September. We will be raising money for Childhood Cancer Support, so start collecting your coins. The class who bring in the most treasure (donated coins) on the day will receive ice blocks for the whole class.

OPEN DAY
Thank you to all our wonderful Plumpton Families.
Your generous donations for the cake stall helped us to raise $654.15
This money will be used to purchase new home readers for our Infants children.
A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Buck for her donation of the Minion cake and the Jumonong Family (Cedric & Gianna) for their delicious donation of the Kit Kat & Smartie cake.
The Lucky winners were
The Davies Family & The Markou Family.
Thank you so much to everyone for making Open Day 2014 a great success.

SPECIAL SWIM PROGRAM
The Special Swimming Program that will run from the 1 December to the 12 December is now being offered to Years 3 & 4. Payment is $70.00 for the 10 days. Notes have been sent home setting out payment details. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY
A reminder to parents to ensure that all school uniform items are clearly marked with your child’s name.
Lunch containers and drink bottles also need to be labelled as well please.
P&C NEWS

PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP!
As has been said many times before we are a SMALL group of people who are volunteering our time to make our school a great place to be for our kids.

We are in desperate need of parents to help run the BBQ and canteen at next weeks Athletics Carnival, all profits go directly back into our school. If everyone just volunteered a small amount of time on the day it would be a great help.

If you are unable to spare some time and can see we are busy please keep in mind that we are volunteers working for the future of our kids and your patience and respect would be appreciated.

The canteen will be selling meat pies, hash browns, drinks lollies etc. as well as our BBQ with chicken and beef sausages.

If you can help out at all please see Lollipop Sue before the day or just jump in and get involved on the day. Thanks in advance for your support.

UNIFORM SHOP.
MONDAY AND THURSDAY 8.30-9AM AND 2.30-2.55PM.
CASH ONLY

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT
FOR 2015

It's that time of the year where we start taking enrolment applications for children commencing Kindergarten in 2015.

We need to have our anticipated student numbers reported to the Department of Education soon. Staffing is calculated on these anticipated numbers so it's important that they are as accurate as possible.

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2015, could you please request an enrolment form and have it returned to the office as soon as possible.

It would be appreciated if this information could be brought to the attention of any neighbours who have a child commencing Kindergarten next year. We appreciate your assistance.

Mount Druitt Little Athletic – Family Fun and Fitness
Registrations for 2014: All interested children/parents come down and talk to us and Register on Friday from 5PM on the B/9 at our field May Cowpe Reserve (Rooty Hill Leisure Centre). Not sure if Athletics is right for you, we have a 2 week trial period for all ages. More info such as prices, start dates etc can be found at.... http://www.mountdruittlac.com.au Don't worry if you missed out, as registrations continue to be accepted on any Friday night between 5 & 6PM Approx.