Welcome back to the final term of 2015. We have lots happening before the end of the year and have really hit the ground running. It is terrific to see all of the students back at school well rested after their holidays. We are enjoying hearing the stories of all of the exciting things that everyone got up to.

**No Hat? Play in the Shade!**

The weather has really heated up this week. We have a No Hat? Play in the Shade Policy at LPS. All students must wear their brimmed school hats during the summer terms. This is for their own safety and protection from the sun. Please assist us by ensuring that your child wears their hat to school each day. Children without a hat will need to play in the shade. Please also send a bottle of water with your child each day.

**New Phone App**

We are continuing to have a problem with the return of permission notes and notifications of absences. However, we have found that most parents respond very well to text messages from the school. With this in mind, we have purchased a new app that can be downloaded to all smart phone and tablet devises that will enable you to sign and return all notes directly from your phone. After you have downloaded the free app to your device, you can receive the newsletter, important updates from school and much more. A number of NSW Public Schools have implemented this new system and they are thrilled with the results. We are really excited about
this as it will save time and effort for all of you and also means that we will become almost paperless in our communications. We will send home detailed information and instructions in the next couple of weeks.

**Canberra Excursion**

Thank you to all of the families who have now completed their payments or begun part payments for this excursion. Please finalise your payments to the school by Friday 16th October. If you have any concerns about this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

There are some further notes (BLUE) regarding this excursion attached to the newsletter. Please return these as soon as possible. A reminder that attending carers MUST have a current Working with Children Check. We must have a copy of this in the school before you can attend.

**Swimming**

As a part of the Sporting Schools Program for Term 4, we will be heading to Centrepoint in Blayney each Tuesday starting in Week 3 for 7 weeks. All students will be involved in these lessons. There is no cost to families and travel will be by bus. Please complete the attached permission note (GREEN) and return it to the school. Remember to send your child/ren’s swimmers and towel each Tuesday.

**Library**

Wednesday is Library day. Please encourage your child/ren to return their books each week (from week 2) to either renew or exchange. Reading is such a wonderful life skill to have and brings so much joy!

**Hot Lunches**

Friday 9th October (this week) will be our final hot lunch ordering day for 2015.

**KLA Day**

The Heritage Country Schools KLA Day will be held on Friday 16th October. You will have received a note about this yesterday along with a Stage 2 lunch order. Students in Stage 1 who are attending Millthorpe PS are welcome to return the order form (ORANGE) attached to this newsletter if they would like to order lunch on the day. Students in Stage 2 who wish to order from the BPS canteen need to have their orders back tomorrow. An order form for BHS (Stage 3) will be sent home soon.

**Performance**

Our annual school performance will be held on Thursday 22nd October at 6pm. Make sure you put this on your calendar. Please invite all of your friends and family to come along. The students have worked so hard to make a very entertaining show for you all. It’s out of this world!