

Laguna Public School



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Swimming Program 16,17,20,23 24 October
- Weds 22nd Oct Tag League, Bellbird
- Wollombi Small Farms Fair & Lantern Parade 1st, 2nd November
- Sculpture in the Vineyards excursion 10th November

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TERM 4, WEEK 1

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Term 4 - Off and Running.

We trust that all families have enjoyed the two week break from school, and are ready for a busy and rewarding term.

The classrooms looked fantastic on returning to school this week—thank you to our cleaner Denise Bush who put in a lot of hours over the holidays. A great job!

Welcome to Bronte, our new student in Year 4, and welcome also to parents Kelvin and Melissa. We all hope that you will be very happy here in beautiful Laguna! **Another welcome**, this time to Clio and Giselle's neighbor Bayley, a Year 10 student from St Phillips. Bayley is with us this week on Work Experience and we hope she enjoys her stay with us.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who received the results of their NAPLAN test from earlier this year. Our Year 3 students

achieved a school average well above the national average across all literacy and numeracy domains. As we only had three Year 5 students sit the test a school average was not recorded but those students achieved significant growth across literacy and numeracy as well.

We are well into bushfire season and our Bushfire Management Plan has been updated. Please see the attached letter for parents, as well as an emergency phone tree to operate for Term 4. Our Bushfire Management Plan is available on our website.

The Intensive Swimming Program starts next week and now is the time to check that your child has their swimmers and goggles ready to go. Please return permission notes and payments this week.

Term Calendar. Please find attached the calendar of events (so far) for Term 4. One change

from last year is our annual Christmas Carols. We will be holding them at the school on the last day, in the morning with Santa arriving to hand out presents for good children. The rest of the day will be given over to school celebrations, including a library discotheque! More details as we get closer to the date.

Our new bubblers have been installed on the weather shed, just in time for the hot weather. Thank you to Tim Lynch for his prompt service and expert workmanship.

School surveys. Last term school surveys were distributed to all families, seeking your opinions about the operation of Laguna PS, now and also looking forward. It's not too late to spend 10 minutes to put down your thoughts and drop it into the office. Spare copies available!

Have a great week—Mr Howe.

Library News

Chess Competition. The 2014 Chess Competition is coming to a close. Congratulations to the following students for having a go at chess this year—Harry S, Jaimie, Lochee, Sam, Oliver, Trevor, Ben, Harry M, Harley, Jesse, Jessica, Ryder, Clio, Eden, Alisha, Katelyn, Taj, Tully, Stratton, Kiah, Finley, Zac,

Jasmin, Kurt and Stanley.

Next Tuesday Lochee, Trevor, Ben and Harley will play off to see who will be our Chess Champion for 2014!



The Premier's Reading Challenge Party was held in the last week of Term 3. Well done to all who completed the challenge! See the back page for more photos of the day.



School Matters

LANTERNS! This week we look forward to having Sally Sullivan and Louise Hicks visiting to help us build lanterns for the upcoming Lantern Parade at the Wollombi Small Farms Fair. This year the theme is Space!

Thank you to Mrs Baker for the thoughtful article attached to the newsletter this week, about the importance of making time each day just to 'be with' your child.

How much water does your child really need?

Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don't feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child's school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your

child's age at <http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo>

Team sports – more than health benefits

As well as helping kids stay fit and healthy, team sports help them learn that things don't go their way all the time and that they need to respect their peers. Sports also help children and teens with resilience, how to respond to setbacks and loads more benefits discussed here: <http://bit.ly/HlgxVO>

"Equipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure Science". Edwin Hubble

Year 4-5-6 News

We spent the last week of Term 3 listening to some great project presentations. Our topic was electricity generation and we all learned a lot from each other. We had projects describing how electricity is generated through concentrated solar energy (using molten salt), geothermal energy, hydro energy, wind energy, solar energy, fossil fuels and even sugar cane refuse. The posters were eye-catching, and the models were fantastic. We even had some working models, with a special mention to Harley who actually built his own generator! Look for these models on display in

various locations around the school!



K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

Welcome Back to Term 4 in the K-1 Room. This term we are focusing on Celebrations around the world, which will link in perfectly with our overall theme for the term- Diversity. We are also working towards a performance towards the end of term, the children are very excited, so if they start reciting lines that sound like something from a brilliant playwright it is probably just something we have written and is in our

performance. Homework will start next week as will Show and Tell, it will be free choice for weeks 2 and 3 while swimming is happening.

Looking forward to a jam packed term.



Year 2-3 News

Welcome back to Term 4! The 2/3 classroom is straight back into the swing of things and homework for the term went out yesterday. All students have a complete booklet with their spelling sheets. Year 2 have their maths sheets included in the book while Year 3 has spelling and are to continue with their Maths Plus books. Please try and keep the booklets in the plastic folders to bring them in each Friday! We have started reading Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox as a book study this term. Yesterday, the students were able to visualise using the rich character descriptions to create portraits of the farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean.

This term singing group will be on Fridays at 1.30pm in my room. Juliette Jackson has kindly offered to help out and we welcome any other parents & friends that would like to attend. Juliette has quite a few songs up her sleeve as well as preparing some carols for the end of the year!

LANTERNS! This year the school students will again participate in the Lantern Parade through the Wollombi township. We look forward to Sally Sullivan coming in to school early next term to help all the students make a lantern of their own. This year the theme is Space!



SCARECROWS! Laguna PS will also be constructing a scarecrow for the Wollombi Small Farms Festival, the theme is Space. Any ideas or materials would be very welcome - please see our scarecrow wrangler Mrs Shaunessy!

K-1 Visit to Reilly's Farm!



PRC Party!

