

Laguna Public School



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Swimming Program**
Kurri Kurri Pool
16,17,20,23, 24 October
- **Tag League**
Weds 22nd October
- **Wollombi Small Farms Fair** 1st & 2nd Nov
- **Sculpture in the Vineyards** 10th October
- **Marimba Performances, Cessnock** Thu 20th Nov

TERM 4, WEEK 2

15 OCTOBER 2014

Swimming Program Begins Thursday

The first day of the 5-day Intensive Swimming Program begins this Thursday. Students will need to pack their swimmers, goggles and a towel in a plastic bag. Please ensure all clothing items are labelled. The bag can then be used to pack wet clothes away after the lesson. The bus leaves Laguna at 11.20. There will be a drop off at Millfield at 3.00, at Wollombi at 3.20 and at Laguna at 3.30. Please provide a note to the office if you wish to take advantage of the Millfield/Wollombi drop-offs. Thank you to the P&C for funding the bus and making this very important activity available to all students.

Congratulations to Harley, who was one of over 5,000 public and private school Year 6 students who sat the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. Harley finished in the top 2%, earning him a High Distinction for the second year running.

P&C News. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend yesterday's P&C meeting. The next meeting is on Tuesday 18th November, and the hot topic will be uniforms. We are looking to provide a one-stop shop for the uniform and need to standardise some items, particularly regarding the colour of shorts/pants/skirts etc. Please come along to have your say.

Marimbas. Andy continues to do a wonderful job teaching students in Years 3 to 6, and you would be amazed by the number of younger students who have picked up tunes simply by listening to others play and having access to the instruments every day. The marimba ensembles will play at the Small Farms Fair on Saturday Nov 1, probably late morning/lunchtime. We will need as many players as possible, so please keep the date free! On Thursday 20th Nov the marimbas will be playing for the residents of the Masonic and the

Calvary Retirement homes in Cessnock.

End of Year Dates. **Tuesday 9th of December** is Presentation Night. Ceremony will start from 6.00pm. **Thursday 11th December** is penciled in for a Year 6 Big Day Out - possibly Luna Park! (Thank you to the P&C for the suggestion!).

Wednesday 17th December is the last day of school and also the day for our Christmas Carols. All parents and community members are invited to come into the school for the morning to sing carols with the students and to greet Santa.

Have a great week—Mr Howe.



Chess News

Well done to our chess finalists: Ben, Lochee, Trevor and Harley.

Well done to everybody who had a go and entered the competition.

And finally, congratulations to Harley who is the 2014 Chess Champion!



School Matters

Plants. To accompany our stall at the Small Farms Fair we are having a plant stall. Students have been tending vegetable and flower seedlings in preparation. Proceeds from the stall will go to fund our Vegetable Garden Renewal Project (VGRP). Any donations of plants will be very welcome!!

After School Activities. The ASA program will recommence after the Swimming program - the school will keep parents posted. Simone and Laura are currently working with our

students preparing the dance number for this year's presentation night—it is already looking fantastic!

Motivating "laid-back" children

Why do some children prefer to lead a lazybones life, while others love to tear around the sports field? Is it a hereditary trait? And what can parents do to encourage those children to get up off the sofa, or switch off the computer, and get a little physical?

Find out more: <http://>

bit.ly/1s5TN5Z

Lunch box ideas

Kids tired of the same old sandwiches for lunch each day? School A to Z's Lunch-box section has some fresh ideas to help busy parents add some healthy, fresh variety to school lunches.

<http://bit.ly/qsfDOE>

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

Year 4-5-6 News

"We are living in a material world, and I am a material girl." So sang Madonna, and although no scientist, she was onto something as indeed, like the world around us, she is a combination of solids, liquids and gas. This term we are studying the Material World and students will identify the observable properties of liquids, solids and gases, how heat causes a change of state between solids and liquids and how properties of materials determine their use for specific purposes. This will mean lots of experiments and lots of fun!

As mentioned last week, the senior class projects have been very successful. Our term 4 project will be distributed in Week 5, and will take the form of a speech, with the topic 'When I Grow Up...' Time to put those thinking caps on!

There is plenty happening in Maths this week. Year 6 students have been multiply-

ing decimals, using estimation skills to predict likely answers, before moving onto Mass (of the measurement kind). Year 5 have been immersed in adding numbers to two decimal places and Year 4 are finishing off division strategies and working on location and direction.



K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

It's been a great start to the term. Don't forget on Friday before Swimming we are going to see 'Pete the Sheep' at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre. Please return your permission note and money ASAP. We do still need drivers. We need to leave school at 9 and it would just be a drop off in Cessnock- No pickup needed as we are then hopping on the bus straight after the performance. Show and Tell next week is a photo from a family celebration. Keep up the

reading, the improvement over the last month has been extraordinary. Have a great week.

'What are we going to do?' moaned Big Bob.

'There aren't any sheep left for us to shear,' added Ratso, 'and even our mangy mutts have deserted us!'

'Doggone dogs,' grumbled Bungo.



Year 2-3 News

This week the 2/3 class have been busy studying length in Maths along with our book study of Fantastic Mr Fox. The students chose a person or pet close to them to describe to each other and we have included a couple below. We are also very much enjoying reading another of Roald Dahl's books, 'The BFG'.

Rascal - By James

My dog Rascal is black and he has a white dot on his back. He is so big that I can ride him like a horse and he's the best dog that I have ever had. His personality is very cheeky!

My Dad - By Ardyn

My dad lives up in Byron Bay. He has black hair and brown eyes and he teaches the drums. He has a kind personality and yesterday he took me to the cinemas to see Maze Runner. He's a heavy metal drummer and plays in the band Skrillix. My favourite thing to do with him is spend time with him. He's 38 but he looks a lot younger. He just loves playing Minecraft with me and we built a massive pyramid.

Weekly Achievement Awards!



Zara, 4/5/6 Classroom Award for demonstrating thoughtfulness, inclusion and for being a great friend!



Jasmin, K-1 Classroom Award for perseverance in Maths!



Rudi, 4/5/6 Playground Award for terrific manners and kindness.



Bronte, K-1 Playground Award AND 2-3 Playground Award for settling in well and being a great friend!



Ciara, K-1 Playground Award for being nice in the playground and in the soccer games!



Talim, 2-3 Classroom Award for great improvement in spelling!