

Laguna Public School



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Swimming, Kurri Kurri Pool—23rd & 24th Oct
- Wollombi Small Farms Fair—1st & 2nd Nov
- Sculpture in the Vineyards—Mon 10th Nov
- Marimba Performance, Cessnock—Thurs 20th Nov
- Walkathon at John's Oval—Fri 21st Nov

TERM 4, WEEK 3

22 OCTOBER 2014

Wollombi Small Farms Fair

The Wollombi Small Farms Fair is coming soon, and our students are involved:

- **Marimbas.** The marimbas will be set up for Saturday and we need all hands on deck for a couple of sets late morning/midday.
- **Plants.** We will be setting up a Laguna PS tent, and selling plants. Students have raised over 130 plants to sell, but we would welcome plant donations from families. Proceeds will be used to establish raised garden beds for 2015 at LPS.
- **Lantern Parade.** On Saturday night students are encouraged to participate in the Lantern Parade. Finishing touches are being put to the lanterns this week.

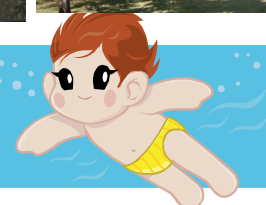
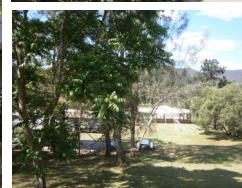
- **Scarecrow.** Look for the Laguna PS scarecrow in the scarecrow competition!

There is also a bake-off, to be judged on the Saturday morning. Students will bring home specially prepared boxes that can be used to transport baked goodies to the fair for judging. There is also an Under 12s category! We look forward to a great weekend!

Our hardworking GA John Donkers is travelling at present, and we have been grateful to have the services of Dave Asquith in his stead. Dave looks after Mill-

field PS one day a week, and had done a great job tidying up our grounds. Thanks Dave!

Sculpture in the Vineyards is upon us, and our students will be spending a morning at Undercliff Winery for a guided tour of the sculptures, as well as a hands-on workshop and other activities. The date is Monday 10th November, from 9.30 until 12.00. We will need parents to help with transport. Parents are very welcome to stay for the visit and enjoy the morning with the students.



Sporting News

We are halfway through the Intensive Swimming Program at Kurri Kurri Pool and it has been a great success. We have joined with Wollombi and Congewai schools for the five day program that finishes on Friday. The behaviour, manners and enthusiasm of all of our students have been outstanding, and

they have been great ambassadors for our school. This program is perfectly timed for the summer swimming season, and Simone has her eye out for swimmers to represent the school in the 2015 Small Schools Swimming Carnival in early 2015.

Today a contingent of Yr 4-5-6 students head over to

Carmichael Park in Bellbird to play in an inter-schools Tag League Day. The tag league has been very popular at school and we look forward to hearing how the day went.

After-School Activities are on hold for the moment - we will keep you posted as to when they recommence.

School Matters

Selective Schools for 2016. If your child is going into Year 7 in 2016 and you would like to register for a selective school test in 2015, please see Mr Howe for details. Also check this link: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications must be in by 17 November 2014.

Guitar Group. After making way for the Chess Comp finale the guitarists are back in action. The junior group are keen and enjoying

themselves immensely. Our older students show great potential, and improve from week to week. There is a Guitar Group page on the Laguna PS website, with links to chord diagrams, scales and songs that we have been learning. Log on and rock on! <http://www.laguna-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/arts/gg>

Creative reading

If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their

stories. Pixar's 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! <http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3>

Managing your child's weight

It's all about family when it comes to influencing children's waistlines and no number of wonder diets can beat some simple changes at home. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/managing-your-childs-weight>

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

Year 4-5-6 News

Swimming has kept us very busy but we are making the most of the class time we have. Last week we welcomed back Harry and Jessica who returned from a terrific family holiday travelling north into the heart of Queensland.

As mentioned last week, our students are thinking about what they might like to pursue as a career or occupation when they grow up, and today we welcomed Tenille Hogan to our class to talk about her career as a multi-media producer. Tenille lives in Wollombi and talked about her very interesting career, and we were able to see some very clever and entertaining ads that she produced. Tenille will continue working with our class this term to help produce some audio-visual projects. Next week Louise Hicks will come in to talk about her legal career and Alan Glover will come in to talk about showbiz!

Students are working hard to keep up the pace with maths, and are enjoying the challenge! Year 6 are working with map plotting and coordinates, Year 5 are completing multiplication and money and Year 4 are moving from mapping to fractions and decimals. The online maths program IXL maths continues to be a great way to reinforce concepts taught in class, and is accessible from home.



Maths in the environment!

K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

We had a great morning on Friday at 'Pete the Sheep' a stage production based on the picture book by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley. It was a fantastic opportunity to see a stage production based on a book all the students had read. We will follow up this week with some art and literacy activities to extend on what they have learnt about the book and about theatre and drama productions. Next weeks show and tell is to bring in their favourite picture/story book and tell us why? I will be encouraging some students to read the book to the class. Thankyou to all the parents who drove us into CPAC on Friday. Have a great week.



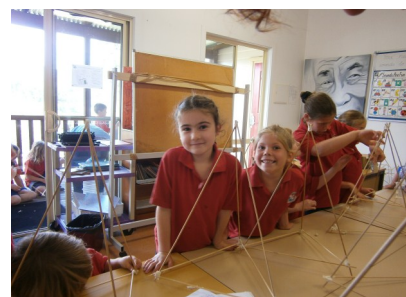
Sushi Making!

Year 2-3 News

2/3 have had a fantastic time at swimming this week. It has been lovely to see their confidence build in the water and we have lots of super tadpoles showing off new skills! The award for losing the most items of clothing & baggage goes to Tully Karuso, but we still have two days left ;-)

Students have flown through area and multiplication this week in maths with some very impressive results in our mini tests. Literacy groups are going swimmingly and we are past halfway in the BFG. We have a huge push on reading this last term to reach our benchmark goals for the year so please ensure your child is reading lots at home!

Unfortunately, singing group has been delayed a little by swimming but next week at 1.30pm on Friday we will be back into the swing of things and welcome everyone to attend. **Ms Sewell**



Lantern makers hard at work!



Another great workshop from
The Family Action Centre

Free
workshop!



Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Program

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective parenting program to support parents to review and enhance patterns of communication with their children.

Australian Childhood Foundation:
www.childhood.org.au

Venue: Cessnock Family Support

Date: Mon 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Nov 2014

Time: 10am – 1pm

To express your interest, please contact:

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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Topics covered include:

- Messages from the Past
- The Message Centre
- Giving and receiving messages
- The Message Behaviour
- Messages about me
- Passing on messages

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