

# Laguna Public School



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Thurs 30th  
Tag League,  
Maitland  
Park
- Sat/Sun 1st,  
2nd Nov—  
Wollombi  
Small Farms  
Fair
- Thurs 20th  
Nov—  
Marimba  
performance,  
Cessnock
- Mon 10th  
Nov—  
Sculpture in  
the Vine-  
yards

TERM 4, WEEK 4

29 OCTOBER 2014

## Intensive Swimming Program

**Fantastic participation from all of our students** in the Intensive Swimming Program. Students spent over 7 hours in the pool over five days learning swimming skills and water safety. What great preparation for summer! Thank you to Mrs Shaunessy for organizing hot chips on the last day, Simone for her organization of the course and the teachers and students of Wollombi and Congewai schools for their cooperation and support!

**This week in our classrooms** students have been talking about Respect, a school value, and how it applies in different situations, particularly outside of school. During the next week each class will visit the Great Northern Trading Post to gain an understanding of the important role the shop plays in the community, and how we can demonstrate respectful behavior at all times. Icy-poles may be on offer for particularly respectful students!

**A team of senior students** participated in a Tag League Day last Wednesday at Bellbird and competed strongly in four games. The team has subsequently been invited to play in another Tag League Day on Thursday in Maitland - go team!

**The warm weather** has brought out the leaves and flowers at school, and the grounds are looking fantastic! The students are very active in the playground with soccer, cricket, marimbas, sand-sculpting, climbing and chasing games keeping everyone busy. Parents, thank you for your support with school hats - students without a hat play in the shaded areas only.

**Lots of professional development going on this week.** Ms Sewell has attended courses on reading comprehension for multi-year classes and equity in school. Ms Sewell and myself will be attending a curriculum meeting with other Cessnock area schools after school on

Thursday and on Friday Jeanette and I will be attending an information session on the imminent new schools financial system and a school planning workshop.



**Staffing News** - Mrs Shaunessy is unwell this week; thanks Simone for filling in, and we wish Mrs Shaunessy a quick recovery. We welcome back John from his travels, and next Tuesday Mrs Baker will be back on deck after her North American holiday! - **Mr Howe**

## Wollombi Small Farms Fair

**Tickets for the Boots and Ballgowns Bush Dance on Friday night** are selling fast - be quick to book your tickets for what should be a great night.

**The Laguna PS Marimba ensembles** are a feature of the Fair on Saturday. Under Andy's tuition the students have come on in leaps and

bounds, and they sound fantastic. A great advertisement for our school. All students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are needed at the Laguna PS marquee in Negro St by 11.00 am Saturday!

**Plants.** The school marquee will also contain a plant stall, to attract visitors and also raise some funds for our 2015 veggie garden project. If you have any

plants to donate, please bring them to school on Friday or to the stall on Saturday to add to the plants the children have grown.

**Lantern Parade.** On Saturday evening assemble in Negro street with your lanterns for the wonderful lantern parade through the streets of Wollombi! A wonderful event to be a part of!

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## School Matters

**Parents**, please notify the school if you know your child will be absent for the day. A written note, phone call or email is fine. This courtesy assists teachers in their classroom planning and management. Thank you!

### Sun safety

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for

schools and parents.

Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-support/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php>

### Digital citizenship

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to

evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Here are some tips to get you started:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

*“Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life.”*  
- Confucius -

## Year 4-5-6 News

**This week** we welcomed local comedian Alan Glover and local lawyer Louise Hicks into our classroom to talk about their careers. It has been fascinating to hear about these careers, and how they can lead off in many different, and sometimes unintended directions! These visits are in preparation for the term 4 project to be handed out next week.

We have read some great books this year in class. We are currently reading ‘The Golden Door’, by Emily Rodda, the first book in a trilogy. It seems students are never too old to hear a good story as our reading sessions are keenly anticipated each week.

Lantern making is keeping us busy! We are in the final stages of completion—the students have made stars, spaceship and aliens. The lanterns will go home on Friday, to be brought down to the lantern parade on Saturday night.

Our science studies are continuing, as we try to define what constitutes a solid, liq-

uid or a gas. How do you classify toothpaste or shaving cream? Our experiments and demonstrations have led to some interesting discussions!



## K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

What a fantastic 5 days of swimming. The K-1 room did themselves and LPS proud. Well Done! This week in Maths the Kindies are looking at adding two numbers together by counting on, the year ones are working on counting by ten's off the decade and developing other strategies to subtract and add. In English we are focusing on our comprehension, through our guided reading and literacy groups. Next week, Show and Tell is about the students favourite

food that they eat at a celebration. They can bring in a photo or draw a picture. Thankyou for all the lovely books that have been brought in this week.



## Year 2-3 News

You know that feeling you get when you get to the end of a really good book and you wish it wasn't over? Us too. Yesterday, much to our dismay, we finished reading *The BFG*. It has been a wonderful shared reading experience that we all thoroughly enjoyed. I'm sure the students would love to retell the story or draw you their favourite character at home! As we closed the book, students asked if there was a 'BFG 2'. Sadly, Roald Dahl didn't write the second book but that won't stop us from writing our own this week!

Thank you to those students who are remembering to bring in their homework each week. Don't forget that completed homework is a big part of our end of year merit awards! Please also dig out those school hats for lunch and recess play. It is really starting to heat up outside and it's important to cover up. We also have a pump pack of sunscreen in each classroom that we encourage students to use each day to stay sun smart!

On Monday this week I attended training to become Laguna Public School's resident 'Anti-Racism Contact Officer' (ARCO). In the unlikely event that you encounter racism at our beautiful school, please come and see me.

Singing is back on this week at 1.30pm on Friday in the 2/3 room! Be there or be square.





# Wollombi Small Farms Fair

SATURDAY 1ST & SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2014  
from 10am throughout the Wollombi village  
in the Hunter Valley

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

- Small Farms Trade Show ■ Wine Tasting
- Food and local produce stalls ■ Arts and craft stalls
- Street and musical entertainment ■ Scarecrow Competition
- Classic Car Display ■ Animal Exhibits
- Stitch n Bitch Knitting and Crochet Competition

**SATURDAY**

- Wollombi Bake-off ■ Wollombi Tavern Rose Competition
- Fire Brigade Parade ■ Lantern Parade from 7pm

**SUNDAY**

- Museum Open Day
- NSW Corps of Marine Historical re-enactments
- Antique Machinery Exhibition ■ Mower Mardi Gras

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2014 Lantern Parade Route

