

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Mon 10th
Nov—
Sculpture in
the Vine-
yards
- Tues 18th
Nov P&C
meeting
- Thurs 20th
Nov -
Marimbas in
Cessnock
- Fri 21st
Westpac
Walkathon
- Sat 22nd
Nov—
Lantern Pa-
rade, sau-
sage sizzle &
games
- Kinder Ori-
entation
Days 14th,
21st, 28th
Nov & 5th
Dec

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Laguna Public School



TERM 4, WEEK 5

5 NOVEMBER 2014

Laguna PS in the Community

It was lovely to see all those **Laguna students** in Wollombi over the weekend for the Small Farms Fair. Thank you to those students who performed on the marimbas for the audience - it was a hit! Our plant stall ended making over \$160 - most plants were raised from seeds by the students, thank you also to plant donations from several families. This money will go towards re-establishing our vegetable gardens in 2015. Congratulations to the Supple family and Harley for success in the bake off! And well done Mrs Shaunessy and Jeanette whose Laguna PS Space Scarecrow won fourth prize!

The unstable weather on Saturday resulted in the postponement of the Lantern Parade. This will be rescheduled and the likely date is November 22nd - come along for a sausage sizzle, kids games and of course, the wonderful parade.

On Thursday 20th November the Marimba Ensembles will be

performing at two retirement homes in Cessnock. All students in Years 3-6 will be involved, and what a great day it will be. A **permission note** is attached; we will need drivers on the day please. Thanks again to Andy D for his excellent music program.

On Monday students K-6 will undertake an educational program as part of the Sculptures in the Vines event. We are going to Undercliff Winery, and it promises to be an excellent morning. Parents are very welcome to come along. Please ensure all permission notes and money are returned to the school.

Ciara from Year 6 and Jaimie from Year 3 are both members of the Cessnock Girl Guides and have found it to be an excellent group. The Guides are currently running a food drive to support Jodie's Place, a women's refuge in Cessnock. Donations of non-perishable food items would be very welcome and can be left at the office. Well done girls for organising this.



You Should Be Dancing!

The Bee Gees certainly had the right sentiment, and nowhere has their sage advice been taken up with more gusto than Laguna PS. Our After School Activities are concentrating on dance this term in preparation for a Presentation Night performance. The ASA are being held in school hours to make

sure everyone is included. It already looks terrific! Thank you Simone and Laura for your inspiration.

Please find attached to the newsletter an envelope for a \$10 contribution for the end-of-year performance. This will cover shoes and costuming for the students so they will look their best on the night!

LIBRARY NEWS

On Tuesday of next week Mrs Baker will be presenting this years chess trophies at assembly and everybody is welcome to join us.



School Matters

P&C Meeting. The next meeting is being held on Tuesday 18th November. Topics for discussion include finalising the school uniform for 2015 and beyond, the 2015-2017 School Plan and playground upgrades. Afternoon tea provided!

Samaritans. Please find attached a flyer for the Samaritans for a family support service for childcare.

Selective high schools

Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 closes 17 November. Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, they are actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Where's the octopus?

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtube>

Year 4-5-6 News

Look out for the Term 4 Project - 'What I Want To Grow Up To Be!'. This is a great opportunity for students to have a bit of fun and also talk about something close to their heart. Project is due in Week 7!

Congratulations to the Tag League Team who followed up their success at Carmichael Park with another terrific performance down at Maitland. The team won two and lost two and had a great day out.

This week we have been looking at Cinquain poetry, which has a very particular form. Thank to Max, Ewan, Tilly, Sam and Ciara for their following contributions:

Reading

Fun, exciting

Brings a new adventure

Like you are part of the book.

Stories. — CIARA

Daleks

Deadly, angry

You are going to die

Horried like a small ant

Ruthless. — MAX

Apples

Juicy, crunchy

Stealing them from the tree

The best fruit in the world, it's true!

Yummy! — SAM

Buddy

Chatty, kind, smart

Bubbly, smiley, joyful

Gentle, supportive, company

Best friend. — TILLY

Brainstorm

Thinking, dreaming

As we think in a group

Feels like my whole brain is alive

Mind Blank! — EWAN

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

K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

Welcome to Week 5, I have sent home-work home for this week - maths and spelling. In maths this week, Kinder are working on informal units of measurement and Year 1 are working on graphs and three digit numbers. We have also been looking at the surface tension of water. Ask your child what we did to test how this works, they may even show you the experiment at home. The K-1 reading has continued to

blow me away. Congratulations to every single student in the K-1 room - your hard work towards improving your reading is outstanding. Keep it up! The last 4 weeks of our Kinder Orientation starts next week and we are looking to round it up on December 5th with a morning tea to welcome next years parents. I will send home more information closer to the date. Have a great week!

Year 2-3 News

The 2/3 classroom have been loving their maths lately and we have flown through a variety of topics – multiplication, area, direction and addition strategies. We are currently learning about money so now is a good time to bust open the piggy banks and let the kids tally up the money! What coins could you swap with notes so it isn't so heavy?

BFG Updates:

BFG 2 – Tully Karuso

The nine furious giants were fed up with eating snozzcumbers. "Let's dig a tunnel far, far away" growled the Bloodbottler "in the night while the human beans are sleeping" added the Manhugger.

Then, suddenly the BFG emerged from the shadows.

"Dinnertime" he said.

"Never! We're sick of revolting snozzcumbers" shouted the giants.

"We vow revenge on you" said the Fleshlumpeater "I will eat you one day!".

To be continued...

Dream Catching by Rudi Howe

The BFG was galloping to dream country, he slowed his pace then stopped. He got his net and swish!

"Sophie! Get a jar!" he shouted.

Sophie got a jar for the BFG and he put the dream into the jar.

The BFG put the jar on the ground so Sophie could have a look. It looked like some kind of black cloud in there with a little jelly.

Then the BFG quickly picked up the jar and Sophie and galloped back home.

Miss Sewell



TAG LEAGUE ACTION!



Weekly Achievement Awards!



K-2 Playground
Award - Harry,
for being a
great friend in
the play-
ground.



4-5-6 Class-
room Award -
Bronte, for
being a polite,
helpful student!



2-3 Classroom
Award - Rudi,
for wonderful
creative writing!



K-1 Classroom
Award - Jesse,
for improve-
ment and
achievement in
Reading!



2-3 Playground
Award - Sally,
for including
people in team
games.



4-5-6 Playground
Award - Zac,
for enthusiasm
and
sportsmanship
in the
playground.