

Weekly Achievement Award Winners!



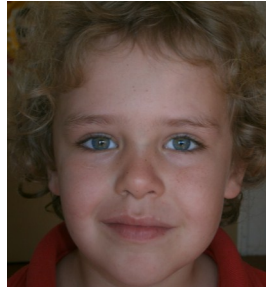
Finley—Junior Class
award for being a
great friend in the
playground.

Tristan—great story writing



Sam - for always doing his
best and striving to excell!

Jesse - senior class award
for being friendly in the
playground.



Jaimie - for being an excellent
worker in the 2/3 classroom!

Kurt - excelling in all subjects,
especially reading and writing.



Nirikai - for being a great
worker in the 2/3 class!

Georgie - settling in well at Laguna
and always having a big smile!

After School Sports



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 13th March
Selective High
School Tests
- 18th March K-2
students to
Wollombi
- 18th March
P&C AGM
- 27th March
School Photos
- 10th April
Zone X Coun-
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Laguna Public School

TERM 1, WEEK 7

12TH MARCH 2014



Our School Values

At Laguna PS we have five core values - Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Honesty and Compassion. These values are taught explicitly in the classroom, and we expect children to demonstrate them in the many different settings within the school. This week students are talking about Respect.

A reminder that our classes start at 9.30 - late arrivals can disrupt the class as well as the student missing out on learning activities. Late students can also start the day flustered, which can affect learning too. I appreciate that some mornings at home can be hectic, but I thank parents for their support in this matter!

We welcome students from Wollombi Public School to our After School Sports program on Tuesday afternoons. This program has been administered by Simone over the last

few years on behalf of Laguna PS and we are very glad to be able to include our Wollombi neighbours in the fun! Thanks again to our community volunteers Dennis, Steve and Karen for helping out, and to Laura who is becoming a sought-after ASA teacher!

A reminder that the P&C AGM is next Tuesday afternoon, with all committee positions up for grabs. What a great opportunity to get involved in the Lower Hunter's "Most Dynamic P&C Committee".

I had the pleasure of running into Pat Evans and Jan Harrison from the Wollombi Tennis Club and they wanted to remind all parents of Thursday night social tennis from 6.30pm. The tennis club host a student tennis program each year, and we hope to organise it again in 2014.

Good luck to Harley and Tilly from Year 6, who will

attend the Myuna Bay Maths Camp this weekend, on account of their achievement last year of finishing in the top 100 of the 18 000 students who sat the Newcastle Permanent Maths Challenge.



Wanted - a small wooden bookcase for the Senior room. If anyone knows the whereabouts of such an item, please contact me to negotiate a price!

Have a great week!
From Mr Howe.

Library News!

Students in Year 3 to 6 have received their project for this term. We are focussing on Workers in the Community, aimed at highlighting the many different roles and occupations that contribute to

a vibrant local community like ours. Last week local chippie Marcelle Lloyd, Greg "Green Thumbs" Kelso and local shopkeeper Sally Sullivan came into school and answered students questions about why

they like working in the local area. The project is due on Tuesday 25th March. Students will not have Maths homework next week to concentrate on their project.

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School Matters

Forms are attached this week for parent occupation group details and beginning of the year permission notes. Please see Jeanette at the office if you need help with occupation groups as the DEC have requested they be checked & updated.

School Photos are coming soon. Please find the photo envelope attached. These are to be brought in

on the day of the photos (27th March) with the exact money.

Developing resilience

We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/developing-resilience-in-your-child>

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Maths A to Z

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

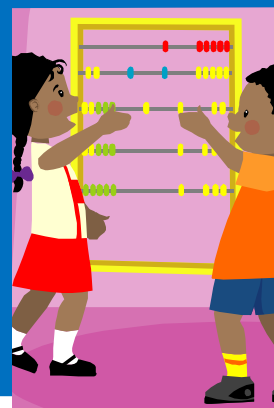
Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z>

"I have a passion for teaching kids to become

readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted.

Books should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

- Roald Dahl



Reading Comprehension—Predicting

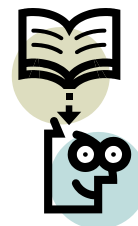
Students in Year 3-6 are looking at the reading strategy of predicting. Good readers make predictions about what is going to happen next in the text as they are reading, and then modify these predictions as they read further.

Students are also taught how to make predictions about a book by studying the cover,

illustrations, the blurb on the back and the author. This activates a student's prior knowledge about a topic or theme, so they start thinking about what the book might be about.

Similar to the self-monitoring strategy that we talked about in the newsletter last week,

students are encouraged to be aware of their own reading, and to continually strive to make meaning from the text.



This Week in Maths!

This week Year 6 are getting into number theory, looking at prime and composite numbers, square and triangular numbers, Fibonacci numbers and Pascal's Triangle! Heady stuff indeed.

Year 5 students are completing a unit working with fractions and decimals, and are

moving on to multiplication strategies.. The Year 5 maths group has become very strong this year and are working really well as a team.

Year 4 students are learning to work with money, particularly relating dollars and cents to decimal notation., and year 3 students are learning sub-

traction patterns and strategies.

It was interesting to note with the "local workers" we had in last Wednesday how much maths is involved with their jobs!

Junior Room News *from Mrs Shaunessy*



All Junior Parents, don't forget your permission notes for next weeks excursion to Wollombi. It will be a great morning. This

week we are practicing our number writing. Some practice at home is always appreciated. A stick in the dirt, chalk on a path even plain water with a paintbrush. This week for 'Show and Tell' we are looking at a healthy lunch box. Could students please

draw a lunch box and include what they think should be in a healthy lunch box and we will discuss it during 'Show and Tell'.



FOOD JOKES

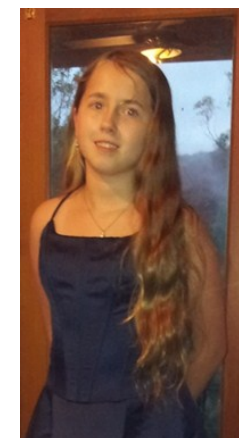
"What does Dr Who eat with his pizza? Dalek bread!"
 "What cheese is made backwards? Edam!"
 "What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot!"

Harmony Day - 2014

Friday 21st March is Harmony Day, and at Laguna PS we plan to mark this day with art and cooking!

We will also be thinking about how to live in harmony with the environment, and will encourage all families to provide their children with a rubbish-free lunchbox on the day, and make every Friday this term a rubbish-free lunchbox day.

STOP PRESS! SHAVE DATE CHANGE!



Year 6 student Tilly has bravely volunteered to have all of her hair cut off to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. The date was originally set for this Friday, but the date has been changed to:

Monday 21st April 2014 (Market Day), around 4.00pm

@ Wollombi Tavern

Tilly will be donating her hair to make wigs for children. She has set herself the goal of \$2,000! Go Tilly!

If you are unable to make the day but would still like to contribute, use this link to make a direct donation to Tilly's Home Page:

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/tilly>