

Action from the Fun Run!



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 5th April  
Laguna Dance
- 7th April Junior  
Excursion to  
Hunter Valley  
Zoo
- 10th April  
Zone X-  
Country
- 11th April, last  
day of Term 1,  
Assembly  
3.00pm
- 21st April Til-  
ly's Fundraiser  
at the Wollom-  
bi Markets.

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# Laguna Public School

TERM 1, WEEK 10

2ND APRIL 2014

## 2013 Annual School Report

**The 2013 Annual School Report for Laguna Public School has been published and is now available on our website.**

Among other things, the report details:

- School academic performance.
- Achievements in Sport and Arts and Community
- School evaluation and planning for the 2012-2014 planning cycle
- School financial summary

Overall the report paints a picture of Laguna Public School as a happy, friendly and successful school. Congratulations to students, staff and parents who work so hard to keep it that way! I strongly recommend the

report to all parents and community members as testament to our wonderful school.

**Our Fun Run last Friday** was a great success in many ways. The participation and effort of our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 was first class, with many stand-out performances on the day. The rain stopped for a few hours and the race was run in brilliant sunshine. Students raised over \$360 in sponsorship that will go towards Tilly's fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation. Thank you Simone for your organization on the day. Runners qualifying for Zone (8 years and older) will receive a permission note.

**Thank you to Steve P, Jeanette, Veronica, Renee and Karen T** for

driving down to the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney. On the next page students share some of their impressions.

**Welcome to Jai and Asha**, brother and sister to Freyja and Marnix, who are joining the senior class until the end of term.

**I will be out of the school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.** Wednesday is the final day of Stronger Smarter training, and I will be attending a Hunter/Central Coast Principal's Conference for the other two days.

**From Mr Howe.**



## Laguna Dance - this Saturday night!

There is a great level of anticipation and excitement around the Laguna Dance this Saturday night. Tickets available for \$25 online or from GNTP or Wollombi Store, \$30 on the

night. It is BYO, and the Burger Shack will be selling meals between 7 and 9pm. Lets all get behind this fundraising event! See you there!





## School Matters

**Rubbish-Free Fridays.** We work hard to keep our school grounds as tidy as we can, and the most common item found is plastic packaging. We ask parents to take up the challenge of packing lunchboxes on Friday with re-usable containers and no plastic packaging.

### What makes a good book for young kids?

Books with vivid imagery,

exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/what-makes-a-good-book-for-young-kids>



### Helping kids learn how to make friends

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

## National Young Leaders Day

What a great day it was at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Lots of schools, around 5 000 students and some great speakers, including Bob Carr, Andy Griffiths, Ita Buttrose and Coen Ashton.

Here is what a few of our students had to say about the speakers:



"Andy Griffiths told us that doing the unexpected can make life fun! - Tilly

"Coen Ashton received a double lung transplant because of Cystic Fibrosis. His message was that if you want something you need to fight for it" - Harry

"Andy Griffiths inspires people to write their own books" - Harley

"Ashton Coen had 120 tablets a day to deal



with his hurt lungs. He jetskied the Murray River in 7 weeks with his hurt lungs, before doing it again in only 7 days with his new lungs. He is now an ambassador for organ donors. He shows people to never give up and fight for what you want.—Finley

"Andy Griffiths saw all the kids who did not like reading and thought 'I'm somebody who can do something'.—Ewan

Indeed, the theme of the day was 'I am Somebody', in the context of thinking 'Why doesn't Somebody do Something?

## Junior Room News *from Mrs Shaunessy*



Another busy week in the Junior Room and as the term draws to an end please feel free to organise a time for an interview to discuss any concerns

or information regarding your child's learning. We are all gearing up for a great day at the Zoo on Monday. We will leave LPS at 8:30 am. Please ensure you are here on time, so we can have as much time at the zoo as possible. We are

outside in the sun all day, so school hats are an absolute must.

Show and Tell for week 11, by popular demand, is free choice.



*More fun run action!*



### ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

*Fancy a bit of fun after school on Thursdays? Join Lesley and Ruby*

*down at Wollombi Tennis*

*Courts - a great way to keep fit and active!*



### 2014 Stage 2 and 3 Canberra Excursion



*A reminder to parents that you are welcome to make payments towards the Canberra excursion in June.*

*Please see Jeanette in the office to arrange this.*

"Books are uniquely portable magic" - Steven King