

UPCOMING
EVENTS!

- Art Show Meeting, Laguna Hall, 9.30 Friday 30th May
- Musica Viva, Monday 2 June
- Year 2-3 to Congewai for Dirt Girl visit
- Wed 4th June
- 4-5-6 projects due, P&C meeting Tuesday 10th June
- Canberra Trip Y3-6 June 23-25

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TERM 2, WEEK 5

28TH MAY 2014

Art Show Meeting this Friday

The 2014 Laguna P&C Art Show opens on Friday 29th August.

Apart from being a great weekend showcasing the work of many local artists, it is also the major fundraiser for our school. There is always plenty to do! This year's convener is Greg Kelso, and there is a meeting this Friday at Laguna Hall from 9.30 to start assigning jobs and responsibilities. Everyone welcome!

On the subject of Art, students have been enjoying the weekly art lessons with Kes Harper. In recent weeks students have explored collage and printing techniques with some wonderful results. Students will soon apply their skills in designing and making pieces

for exhibition at the annual Art Show.



Year 6 students have been very busy lately! Last Friday the

students visited Newcastle University and toured the campus, with lessons from the Engineering, Pharmacy and Music faculties. Today the students visited Mt View High School for a series of mini lessons, and this will help prepare them for the next stage of their learning journey. The Year 6 students have also been organizing a talent show. Rehearsals have been organized, with the show to be held at 2.30 on Friday at the library steps. While the performances are primarily for the benefit of the students, parents are very welcome to be part of the audience! This may be the beginning of something big...

Enjoy the week! Mr Howe

Year 4-5-6 Project

This week Mrs Baker handed out the project for the Year 4-5-6 class.

The topic is Space! Students choose an aspect of Space that appeals to them, such as the life cycle of stars or meteorites, and then research the topic in order to present their findings in a PowerPoint presentation.

The projects help our students learn and practise research and presentation



skills, and the range of topics presented to the class make it a great learning experience for all students. The due date for the project is Tuesday 12th June, and parents are very welcome to come and sit in on the presentations.

Please see Mr Howe or Mrs Baker if you have any questions or need any help!

School Matters

SPORT! Wonderful feedback from all participants at last week's athletics carnival at Turner Park - everyone involved, lots of fun and lots of success! Based on the results of the day the following students will be moving to the next stage of competition at the Cessnock Zone Carnival in August: congratulations to James, Flynn, Ben, Dennis, Oliver, Finley, Nirikai, Jessica, Dhani, Sally, Yinaa, Jaimie and Brodie. The relay teams and reserves will be decided in due course and students notified!

TENNIS has been a great success down at the Wollombi Tennis Club. Thankyou to

Simone and all of the parents who help to make this such a rewarding activity for our students!

PARENTS, it is your responsibility to ensure your child has transport to and from tennis. It cannot be left to the teachers to try and organise lifts on the spot.. Where a lift has not been arranged for a student, that student will remain at school.

IN TERM 3 we are very keen to explore other cultures through food, music, language and stories. We have been lucky enough to

have a couple of parents offer to coordinate some food experiences for our students - if you have a passion for a particular cuisine, please let our teachers know and we will work it into our program for Term 3!

Arrive on time - classes start at 9.30! Thank you parents for your efforts to make sure students are at school ready to start class at 9.30. While sometimes unavoidable, students arriving late can disrupt their own learning as well as the learning of others!

"Do you know what my favorite part of the game is? The opportunity to play" – Mike Singletary, American Foot

The 16 public schools across the Cessnock region work together cooperatively to deliver quality academic and well-being outcomes for over 4000 students.

Together, we are known as the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS). Laguna PS has derived many benefits by being part of this group, including access to the Quicksmart maths program, teacher networking and a speech therapy service that we are currently providing to some students. Principals meet on one day each term to monitor and initiate programs for the betterment of all public schools students in the region.



4-5-6 Classroom Happenings

Our grammar focus this week is on the adverb - these words modify verbs to add meaning. They tell you how, where, when, to what extent or in what manner an action is performed. Consider this sentence 'Bob washed the dishes'. By adding an adverb to the sentence, Bob's action can be quite different.

Try using these adverbs - carefully, carelessly, angrily, noisily, lovingly. A lot of information can be imparted by adding a single word!

Maths - Year 6 students are investigating division strategies, Year 5 and Year 4 students are studying fractions and decimals.

Reading Eggs and IXL

Maths are two internet based

programs that we use in our teaching programs on a weekly basis. They can also be accessed from home. All students have a logon and password. Please check with your child's teacher if you are not aware of these details.

K-1 News

from Mrs Shaunessy



We are having such a fantastic and productive time in our room! What a positive and exciting place to be. Lots of writing, and lots

of grammar. It is all about proper nouns this week in the K-1 room. In maths Kindergarten are learning about sequencing and the days of the week while Year 1 students are learning to tell the time and count forward by 10s off the decade, eg. 4, 14, 24, 34.

Could I please have all Sound Books back so that I

can update them please? Kinders have completed all of the Jolly Phonics sounds and it is time to consolidate! Next week, by popular demand, Show and Tell will be free choice. Oh, and a call for all Home Readers to be retuned to the classroom—our drawers are looking rather empty!

Year 2-3 News



More excitement in the 2/3 room this week with more furniture arriving! We have brand new desks, computer desks and cupboards. We also have new tubs with our names on them so if you are looking for hats/jumpers/library books/pencil cases/drink bottles and lunch containers they may have found their way to your tub.

This week brings devastating news in regards to our garden. On Monday morning we discovered that a rabbit had eaten off the majority of our veggie seedlings. Suspiciously, the rabbit did not touch Mr Howe's garden. Any (more) donations of seedlings (or information about this matter) would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much to the parents who have offered to help cart us to Congewai on Wednesday the 4th of June for Dirt Girl's Green Talk & waste free picnic. We are still a couple of cars short, so if you are free and would like to meet Dirt Girl herself, please see Miss Sewell. **Ms Sewell**

Weekly Achievement Award Winners!



K-1 Classroom Award - Kurt,
for always doing great work
and completing all tasks to a



K-1 Classroom Award—Hunter, for
great sentence writing!



K-1 Playground Award—Oliver,
for being a great friend in the
playground!



2-3 Classroom Award—Lilly,
settling in beautifully to
her new classroom and for
consistent hard work!



2-3 Playground Award - Ben, be-
ing kind in the playground and
always including others in games.

Discover Uni Day - A great experience for our Year 6 students!

