

Laguna Public School



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 2015 Kinder Orientation
Friday June 20
- Canberra Trip
Y3-6 June 23-25
- NAIDOC week celebrations at Wollombi PS
Friday July 18

TERM 2, WEEK 6

4TH JUNE 2014

Musica Viva!

What a great start to the week we had with the musicians from Tigramuna playing for the students from Laguna, Wollombi and Congewai on Monday morning at Laguna Hall. We heard songs and music from South America and the students, teachers and parents in the audience were rapt! The performance was part of the Musica Viva program which brings music to schools everywhere. After enjoying a delicious morning tea, the Tigramuna boys then watched our students perform a few numbers on the marimbas - thank you Andy for coordinating this - they were very impressed!

Thank you to Eden's, Skye's and Bela's parents Veronica and Nash for organising a set of student guitars for our school. Our fledgling guitar group is proving to be a lot of fun, and in Term 3 the school guitars will be available for students to take home and practice with.

Last year a highlight of the Presentation Night was the singing group, and Stanley's mum Juliette is organising a Community Singing Group that will get together every Friday lunchtime at school from 11.30, starting Term 3. The group is not only open for students, but also to parents and community members. Please contact myself or Juliette if you are keen! Enjoy

the photos from the Tigramuna performance! - **Mr Howe**



Year 4-5-6 News

SPACE PROJECT! The project is due next week, and I have heard of some fascinating topics - I can't wait to see them. At this stage students should have their projects well underway. Thankyou to Eden and Harley from Year 6 who are helping younger students with the finer points of Powerpoint.

Parents, I will do my best to arrange a schedule of presentations if you are keen to see your child's project.

Maths homework is suspended for the week to allow students to focus on their project.

In classroom maths, Year 4

are studying angles, **Year 5** have been working with decimal fractions such as hundredths and thousandths and **Year 6** are investigating division and remainders, as well as brushing up on multiplication algorithms. Minute maths and times tables are weekly classroom activities!

School Matters

Kinder Orientation! Yes, we're only halfway through Term 2 but we are already looking towards preparing children for Kindergarten in 2015. Mrs Shaunessy has planned an Orientation Day on Friday 20th June, and will be sending out invitations to families with pre-school children. If you know of any other families in the area that would benefit from this great program, please contact the school!

Unfortunately the Mayoral Academic Challenge has been postponed for this year. The good news is that energetic lobbying by the CCGPS (Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools) has returned the event to the 2015 calendar.

Laguna PS will be entering the Cessnock Regional Public Speaking Contest, to be held in early Term 3. We are only able to send along two students from each stage. However,

all students will prepare a short speech on a topic of their own choosing at school, and all students will have the opportunity to present their talk during Education Week, in the third week of Term 3.

P&C - Next meeting Thurs 12th June, 3.30pm at school. Invitation has been issued to Bryan Campbell, Schools Director, to talk about the Education Review happening for the Wollombi Valley.

Talent Show!

"Where words fail, music speaks." – Hans Christian Andersen

The anticipation had been high for some weeks, but finally the date arrived! Thank you to the Year 6 students who did really well to organise the event. The variety of acts was impressive - singing, dancing, poetry, mime, magic, beatboxing, comedy, music and gymnastics. We had a great audience, and there is a lot of interest in going for a bigger and better show later on this year!



K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*



Enjoy these recounts from Musica Viva!

On Monday we saw Tigramuna. They played the Rain Stick. My favourite part that I liked was when Ben went out to play on the box. By Stratton.

On Monday we saw Tigramuna. My favourite thing was the electric guitar. My second favourite instrument is the Kena. It was

really, really good. By Taj

Yesterday I went to Tigramuna. It was good. My favourite was the flute because it sounded lovely. By Kiah

On Monday we saw Tigramuna. They played the rain stick. My favourite part was the dancing. By Charlotte

On Monday we went to see Tigramuna band and it was awesome! I loved it and Giselle played the rain-stick. The other person played the electric guitar and a flute and it was cool. Some more friends went up to play the instruments. By Lucy

On Monday we saw Tigramuna. The instruments were loud. I like the rain stick. The rain stick was the best. By Jesse

Another busy week in the Junior Room. This week we are learning about Common Noun, don't forget to ask your child if they can tell you a Proper Noun. In maths the year 1's are having a ball subtracting as well reading and writing tens and ones. Kindergarten are learning about money and time. If only we could live in some of the shelters that were designed this week. Next weeks 'Show and Tell'.....bring in your favourite book and tell us why and where you got it before we have a chance to read it.

Year 2-3 News

The 2/3's have been busy working on their 'sticky note' insect research projects this week. Each student has chosen a minibeast to report on and is researching online and in books from the library to tell us as much as they can about their chosen creature. When we have filled up all of our 'sticky notes' we'll be ready to publish our reports and present them to the class.



We had a ball printmaking with Kes in art this week and managed to fill the entire verandah with our prints. We are looking forward to getting creatively messy again this week with another of Kes' 'topsy turvey' projects.

This week is a revision week for spelling. The students have made their own lists of words taken from errors in their spelling and writing books. We have so many fabulous spellers that some students found it tricky to come up with 12 words! They will still be tested on their lists on Friday.



Weekly Achievement Award Winners!



2-3 Playground Award - Oliver,
Always being kind and including
people in games.



K-1 Playground Award - Dhani, for
being a good friend in the play-
ground!



4-5-6 Classroom Award -
Jessica, for improve-
ment and confidence in
Maths!



4-5-6 Playground Award -
Stratton, for being a great
friend!
AND



4-5-6 Classroom Award -
Ewan, for consistently display-
ing the school value of
Respect for himself and others.



K-1 Classroom Award—
Zac, for exceptional
reading!

REMINDER!
Art Show Meeting
Thursday 2.30
Laguna Hall



2-3 Classroom Award - Ardyn,
for fabulous creative writing in
literacy groups.