

Laguna Public School



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **P&C Meeting**
3.30 Thurs
12th June
- **After School Activities** Wed
18th June at
Wollombi
- **Kinder Orientation** Fri 20th
June
- **Canberra Trip**
Y3-6 June 23-25
- **Students return** Term 3
Tues 15th July
- **NAIDOC Day**
at Wollombi
PS Fri 18th July

TERM 2, WEEK 7

11TH JUNE 2014

P&C Meeting Thursday

This month's P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th June at 3.30 in the school library. Unfortunately Schools Director Bryan Campbell will not be able to make it along, but is keen to address the P&C in relation to the Wollombi Valley Education review in the near future.

Mrs Shaunessy is inviting children intending to enrol for Kindergarten in 2015 to a day at Laguna PS on Friday 20th June. Invitations have gone out! If you are aware of any families who would like to take advantage of this opportunity please direct them to the school office.

Well done to all the year 4-5-6 students who have completed their projects! Over the next week students will present their projects to the class. Parents are very welcome to come in and watch the presentations. A schedule will be sent home tomorrow.

Mid-term reports are ex-

pected to be sent home at the end of next week (20th June). If you would like to arrange an interview to discuss your child's progress, please make a time with your child's teacher.

Next Tuesday Jeanette, Simone and I will be out of school attending a course to obtain a First Aid Certificate. **After School Activities** will move from Tuesday to Wednesday, at Wollombi Tennis Courts. This will be the final ASA session for the term. Simone would like to thank all the parent and community helpers who have made tennis such a success!

The Canberra Trip looms ever closer, and the students are excited! All families of Year 3-6 students should have received an itinerary and an equipment checklist. It will be cold! We are lucky to have several parents who will accompany Simone and I and make the experience so much richer for the students. Thank you Matt,

Tim, Paul, Robyn, Donna, Jeanette, Veronica and Catherine Day, We have been doing a lot in the classroom around Federation and Government, and here is a short quiz for the dinner table:

- What are the three levels of government in Australia?
- What does the word democracy mean?
- What are the two chambers of the Australian Parliament?
- Who is our local representative in Federal Parliament?
- On what date did the Australian Constitution come into effect?
- Which of these first names was NOT the name of an Australian Prime Minister? Arthur, Andrew, Harold, Bob, David, James...

Mr Howe

Library News!

Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Harley, Oliver, Patrick and Kiah Supple for completing the challenge for 2014!

The chess competition continues to be a popular event at lunchtime, with the giant chess-

board hosting a game or two each week. If any parents would like a great chess resource with lots of games and lessons for home please visit our school website and go to the Senior Class section where they can be downloaded or contact Mr Howe who will provide you

with a copy. These lessons were kindly provided by chess master Garry Losh.

Parent helpers are always very welcome in the library - covering books, sorting shelves etc.—please see Mrs Baker if you can help!

School Matters

Parent On-line Payments

will be available at Laguna PS from August 2014. A portal will be linked to the school website. This will be a secure payment page hosted by Westpac, and can be used to pay for excursions, school contributions or any other school related payment. Payment can be made with a Visa or MasterCard. More details will be provided as the go-live date in August draws closer.

Thank you parents for letting your child's teacher know if there is to be an anticipated absence from school. This courtesy allows teachers to make any necessary adjustments to the student's learning plan.

There have been some parent concerns re students walking across the car park at drop off and pick up times. A reminder for parents to drop off and collect their children at the school gate in the interests of their safety.

Firewood - great quality seasoned hardwood, 1 or 2 cubic metre loads @ \$150 per cubic metre. Call Joni or Kris on 4998 8269 to order.



"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next".
Abraham Lincoln

Year 4-5-6 News

We are looking forward to 'Space' project presentations over the next week in the classroom. The range of topics is extensive - from meteorites to the life cycle of stars to important space discoveries. What a great way for students to learn from each other! Students have also been working on an in-class project on the Planets, with multi-stage teams working together to produce a mock travel brochure extolling the attractions of their chosen planet. Students will also be attempting to make papier mache models of their planet.

Students have also been studying the basis of democratic government and Federation in Australia as preparation for our Canberra trip. They explored

the different methods of voting, such as open ballots and secret ballots, in a light hearted debate on the merits of wearing school uniforms. The result of the ballot was against the wearing of a school uniform, presenting the students with an opportunity to learn about

veto powers, as exercised by the classroom teacher.

Maths this week - Yr 4 are concluding a unit on angles, Yr 5 are working on division and remainders and Yr 6 are brushing up on multiplication and working with different units of length.



Thank you Louisa for this lovely photo of our school mural, painted by local artist Penny Walton.

K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*



Welcome to week 7, the week our herbs grew and the week we said "Hello" and "Goodbye" to Blackie our new goldfish. We

have decided for the time being to allow 'OJ' our stalwart in the fish tank to remain alone, it seems to be his preference! Thankyou Nicki for attempting to give him some company. We appreciated the effort. Maths this week is all about subtraction and telling the time. Thanks to everyone

who has cleaned out the home readers and thanks to the class for a great job tidying up our drawers.

This weeks Grammar focus is short vowels a, e, i, o, u. Show and Tell next week is to bring in something for our nature table.

Year 2-3 News

Another exciting week in the 2/3 classroom! We had a fabulous time on our excursion to see Dirt Girl at Congewai Public School. It was great to meet Dirt Girl, get grubby in the rainforest garden and have a guided tour around the gardens but the most exciting part of the day seemed to be exploring the playground, equipment and the sausage sizzle lunch! On return to school we wrote about our day, here are Jaimie and Flynn's recounts.

Today I went to Congewai. I met a few people, like Gabby and Kim. They had 11 gardens, a patch of bamboo, 3 sand pits, 15 kids, 1 classroom, tennis courts and beautiful views. Dirt Girl was there too and she looked like the TV show! She had three ponytails, a t-shirt and overalls. We went on a tour of their school, Kim led it. It was great. I would really like to go back and I would like Dirt Girl to come to our school because she was very nice and would give us some info on gardening. We need it because our garden isn't going that well. I really like their gardens. They are full of delicious foods. Their playgrounds were awesome and we got to play in them. There was a baby garden, trees, carrots, spinach, teepees, bamboo and an Aboriginal garden. We got to plant some plants, green was everywhere (in a good way). Everyone was kind, nice and helpful. I really liked it. - Jaimie



On Wednesday we went to Congewai to see Dirt Girl. When we made it, it was time for fruit break. The school looked amazing. I ate five mandarins. After that we all took a walk around the school. Dirt Girl looked excited to see the garden. After the walk it was lunchtime and I got to plant a plant. After a while we had to go. It was so fun!! - Flynn

Weekly Achievement Award Winners!



K-1 Classroom Award - Taj, for working hard in writing and maths.



4-5-6 Classroom Award - Ryder, for consistency and improvement in all classwork.



4-5-6 Playground Award - Flynn, for being kind and inclusive in playground games, and the classroom award for excellent bookwork.



2-3 Playground Award - Ewan, for being a great mate.



K-1 Playground Award - Eden, for being a good friend in the playground.

Music News!

The guitar groups are up and running, thank you Tim Reeks for your assistance and expertise, and Nash and Veronica for helping the school purchase a set of student guitars. Due to upcoming excursions, guitar group will start again on the first day back in Term 3.

Singing!

Juliette Jackson will be coordinating a community singing group, meeting for the first time this Friday, in the school library at 11.30. It is open for students and adults alike, and sounds like a lot of fun.



TERM 3 SOCCER COMP!

Last year we had great success in holding a Saturday morning soccer comp for Laguna students. I am very keen to hold another comp in Term 3 this year, and would appreciate some help with a mid-week training session as well as on game day. Please call Robyn 0410 543 084.

