

# Laguna Public School



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **AFL @ Laguna**  
22nd August
- **Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp** Wed  
27th August
- **Regional Athletics Carnival**  
29th August
- **Art Show Opening Night**  
Friday 29th August
- **Tabloid Sports @ Millfield**  
Wednesday 3rd September

TERM 3, WEEK 6

20 AUGUST 2014

## Book Week!

**Thank you Mrs Baker** for another fantastic day to mark Book Week 2014! The children's costumes were colourful and imaginative and brightened up the grey and drizzly day. Students formed into multi-aged groups, listened to some great new children's picture books and completed related art and craft activities. We all enjoyed hot chips (thank you Jeanette!) for lunch and watched a movie. There were lots of smiles around the school all day -

thank you parents and students for your support.



respectively. The Spelling Bee was hard fought, with the Stage 2 competition particularly fierce. Notes have been sent home to the winners, the regional final is on Sept 17th.

**Saturday soccer** down at John Forsyth's Oval has been a huge hit. Between 16 and 29 players have been enjoying exciting, competitive games and it is a great way to kick off the weekend. Thank you Robyn for making this happen, and also to Mark, Nash and Greg for your help coaching and refereeing.

**The Community Meeting** regarding the Wollombi Valley Educational Provision will be held at Wollombi PS at 6.30 this Thursday, 21st August. It will be a chance to hear what has happened with the consultative group this year and what lies ahead.

**While the rain on Monday** was very welcome, it scotched our visit to see the **Variety Club Bash Cars** at Wollombi. We hope for better luck next time. **Mr Howe**

**Great to have Mrs Shaunessy** back with us after her brush with a wasp last week. She was heartily cheered by the cards and good wishes from students and parents.

**Congratulations to the following students who will represent Laguna PS at the regional final for the Premier's Spelling Bee:** Ciara and Harry (Stage 3), Jessica and Max (Stage 2). Tilly and Lochee are the Stage 3 and Stage 2 reserves



## Art Show News

**A lot of preparatory work** needs to be done this weekend to start setting up Laguna Hall for next Friday's Opening Night. Volunteers are still needed for security

sleepovers once the art starts arriving. Previous security sleepover personnel have described the almost spiritual experience of camping down amongst the artworks. An

experience not to be missed. Please ring Art Show Director Gregory J Kelso with any enquiries or with any offers of assistance.

## School Matters

**The Regional Athletics Carnival** is on Friday 29th August. Good luck to Dhani, Sally, Yinaa and Nirikai! Notes have gone home for this event.

**Next Wednesday Year 5 and 6 students** will sit the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition. This competition has run over several years, with top performers attending a special maths camp.

**The AFL program on Friday** has been a huge hit with the students—thank you Simone

for organising this opportunity. This Friday will see the final session run, then Sport will be back to Thursdays from next week. The cost of the program was \$10 per student, parents please forward money to the office if you have not already done so. **POPS - Parent Online Payment System** is up and running. Parents can now make payments for sport, excursions, fees and any other items. Many payments have already been successfully processed.

**The recent rain** has given us new hope for our vegetable gardens, and we are keen to do some digging and get some plants in before the holidays. If you would like to come in and work with small student groups in the garden over the next few weeks. Please speak to the teachers if you can help!



## Year 4-5-6 News

*“Art is not what you see but what you make others see” Edgar Degas*

There has been a real focus on art in the classroom in recent weeks as we prepare our works for the upcoming Art Exhibition. We have drawn inspiration from the Eric Carle book ‘The Artist Who Painted A Blue Horse’, a beautiful book by the author of ‘A Very Hungry Caterpillar’. This work has followed on nicely with the art we have created with Kes Harper, where ‘Topsy-Turvy World’ was the theme. We are all excited about the upcoming exhibition!





# K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate Craig's words from last week. Jeanette and Cordelia- Thankyou will never be enough. To all of LPS, Thankyou for your care and concern, you have all made a difficult week a whole lot easier and reminded me what a special place I get to come to each day. This week we are working on our final piece of art work for the 'Art Show' along with adjectives and sight words. Our reader of the week is Kiah, she is working hard on all as-

pects of her reading. Congratulations Kiah. I look forward to hearing all our When I Grow Up.... speeches over the ensuing week and into next week.



## Year 2-3 News

What a fabulous week it has been! Well done to everyone for dressing up for Book Week yesterday, it was wonderful to see every single student and staff member get in the spirit of the day. I particularly enjoyed watching Gandalf, Huckleberry Finn, & Batman playing soccer at recess. A huge thank you to Mrs Baker for organising such a fun day, we had a ball!

It's full steam ahead on our artworks for the Laguna Art Show this week. We have a class full of talented young artists who have been inspired by the illustrations in the book, Mirror, so I'm looking forward to seeing the finished result!



# Weekly Award Winners!



Ardyn, Y2/3 Classroom Award for a huge improvement in Spelling!



Zac, K-1 Classroom Award for impressing Mrs Effer with his excellent reading!

Clio, Year 4/5/6 Classroom Award for kindness, consideration and friendship in the classroom. Thank you!



Dhani, Year 2/3 Playground Award for being a good friend in the playground!



Skye, Y4/5/6 Playground Award for friendliness in the playground.



## Term 3 Saturday Soccer

*Great weather last Saturday morning made for a great start to the soccer competition. It was wonderful to see so many kids come down and have fun! Thank you parents for your support. Players, please wear a Laguna PS shirt (sport shirt if you have one), boots not compulsory.*

Training sessions at 3.45 every Wednesday afternoon at John Forsyth's Oval.

Games 9.45-11.00 every Saturday. Breakfast sausage sizzle following game, possibly.

If you are available to help coach on Wednesdays or referee on Saturday, please contact Robyn on 4998 1839.