

Laguna Public School



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Last day of term Fri 19th Sept
- Intensive Swimming Program - 16, 17, 20, 23, 24 October
- "Pete the Sheep" Fri 17th Oct -K/I Cessnock
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TERM 3, WEEK 10

17 SEPTEMBER 2014

End of Term Wrap!

A busy and productive term 3 is drawing to a close!

This term students have enjoyed public speaking, spelling bees, the Art Show, regional athletics, an AFL clinic, guitar and singing groups, marimba groups, cultural days, Book Week, Education Week and many other activities and learning experiences. We have a dedicated staff who do their utmost to make every day count for our students, who respond by being happy, kind, respectful and committed learners. Thank you to our parents for all of your support this term.

Bike Day was a huge success, with safety and skills on the agenda. It is certainly bike riding weather now, and the day was a great opportunity to get everyone's bikes out and get them in good running order. Wollombi PS put on a fantastic sausage sizzle and we had plenty of help from parents - thanks to Tim, Arthur, Frank, Lindy and Steve. Thanks Simone for organising another excellent event.

School Surveys. Last week we

sent out a school survey for parents to complete. This survey is very important as it represents the first steps in establishing a new school plan for 2015-2017. I urge all families to take 15 minutes to complete the survey and return to the office. Spare copies are available if needed. I look forward to sharing the results with the school community again as we develop the plan for our school's future!

Marimbas! Every lunch and recess the sounds of the marimbas float around the school ground—they sound wonderful! Andy has been doing a great job with the tuition and we look forward to performances in Term 4 at the Wollombi Small Farms Fair and at a couple of Aged Care facilities in Cessnock. Andy has asked that all mini-marimbas be returned so that they can be redistributed.

The Intensive Swimming Program begins in Week 2 of next term, so the holidays are a great opportunity to make sure that your children still fit into their cossies! Children will also need a pair of goggles for the lessons.

Art Show Debrief—now that the dust has settled on the 2014 Art Show, Greg invites all parents to a debrief in the staff room on Thursday 18th September at 3.45. This is a great opportunity to document the pros and cons while they are still fresh! *Have a great week—Mr Howe.*



Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge Party was a great success—congratulations to all of the students who saw the challenge through! Thank you Mrs Baker for your organisation and attention

to detail. Reading rocks!

The Chess competition is in it's final stages - there will be a special assembly next term to announce the Chess Champion and the runners-up. It has been a popular competition—remember

that chess lessons and games are available on the web site!

The holidays are a great opportunity to clear out bedrooms and bookcases of library books. Please have a look around home and return books to school in Term 4. Many thanks!

School Matters

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies – mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child's lunchbox and use reusable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Mobile Maths Games

Channel your child's interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey's Quest (\$1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets.

You'll find links to both here: <http://bit.ly/oSREYV>



"Art is not what you see but what you make others see" Edgar Degas

Year 4-5-6 News

An exciting week as our electricity generation projects are presented to the class. There looks to be an enormous range of models and posters and we look forward to seeing all of the presentations.

Students are preparing for a writing competition and this week are writing narratives. The stories are based on minor themes found in this term's class book 'The Ranger's Apprentice', by John Flanagan. The book was a real hit!

A message from Miss Sewell

Don't forget that this Friday is Speak like a pirate day!

Q: Why are pirates called pirates?

A: They just arrrrrrgh!

Q: How much did the pirate pay for his hook and peg leg?

A: An arm and a leg!

Q: Why didn't the pirate's phone work?

A: Because he left it off the hook!

Q: What grades did the pirate get in school?

A: High C's!



Saturday Soccer



Last game this week! What a great season, full of fun, enthusiasm and development! See you all there at 9.45! Sausage Sizzle and Presentation after the game.

Thanks, Robyn.

K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

I can't believe that it is the end of term 3! It has been a fabulous term filled with learning, sport, bike riding, art, cooking, planting, chicken hatching, milking, eating and farming. Thankyou to everybody for contributing to a wonderful term and without assistance from all our parents many of the above activities would not have been possible. On Monday we made sushi and drank Miso with Cisca, we followed this up on Tuesday morning with a visit from Mabel Jones who kindly brought along Scott and Kelly to milk her and make Ricotta out of the milk



that we got from her.

Next term in week 2 we are going to see 'Pete the Sheep' at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre- Permission Note is attached, we need a lift there but will be picked up by the swimming bus on the way through. Have a fantastic and safe break, don't forget to keep up the reading.



Year 2-3 News

Thank you to all of my 2/3 monsters for a fabulous term. I'm so proud of the consistent hard work and effort that you have all put in this term to achieve your individual goals. Well done to all our bike riders on Friday, we saw a couple of very brave students lose their training wheels for good, well done Skye & Harry. A huge thank you to Simone for organising such a great day, I had a ball 'booking' students who failed to stop at stop signs on Scott's road safety course but I don't think I was very popular! This week we voted on a suitable end of term reward for achieving 100 Acts of Kindness and decided on a homemade ice-cream party however, we are still in flavour negotiations... Have a safe and relaxing holiday everyone, please make sure you take home lots of home readers and keep reading over the break! Get ready for a huge last term!! - **Ms Sewell**

Bike Day!

Thanks Simone for organising another great day learning safety and skills with
Scott Steward!

