

# Laguna Public School



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Bike Day Fri**  
12th Sept
- **Kindy Orientation** 12th Sept  
9.30-11am
- **PRC Party in Library** Tues  
16th Sept
- **Spelling Bee**  
Wed 17th Sept
- **Kindy Orientation** Fri 19th  
Sept
- **Last day of term** Fri 19th  
Sept

TERM 3, WEEK 9

10 SEPTEMBER 2014

## Bike Safety and Skills Day Friday!

**Thank you Simone** for organising another Bike Day for this Friday. Ex-Olympian Scott Stewart will again run a day of high participation and fun for all levels of proficiency. Scott will be at John Forsyth's oval from 10.30, ready to start at 11.00. There will be a sausage sizzle lunch, kindly supplied by Wolombi PS, who will join us on the day. The day will conclude at 2.00, when students will return to school. **Student bikes and helmets** should be dropped off at the oval in the morning, and then students dropped off at school. There will be no riding until the day's activities commence. Please take the opportunity this week to ensure all bikes are given a quick once-over to ensure pumped up tyres and greased chains! Please ensure that your child has plenty of healthy snacks and water. Students will need to wear their sports uniform—preferably shorts as the day is usually warm and students get hot during the activities. If you do not have a bike/helmet please see Simone a.s.a.p.

**News just in** from the P&C bankers reveals the funds raised from the 2014 Art Show to be in the vicinity of \$13,000. What a wonderful reward for all of that effort! This year the gold coin donation box was dedicated to the WESTPAC Helicopter Rescue Service—over \$300 was raised.

**NAPLAN results.** Early in Term 2 Year 3 and Year 5 students sat the NAPLAN test, a national standardized test for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Parents have received the results of their student's test, and are encouraged to seek an interview with their child's teacher for further information. These tests can be very useful in informing future teaching and learning plans. Year 3 students performed very well this year, with the school average achievement well above the national average in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Numeracy. This is a credit to Mrs Shaunessy's 2013 Year 2 class! As

there were less than five Year 5 students, a school average is not calculated for this cohort.

There will be no **After School Activities** next Tuesday, as the program has ended for the term. And what a fantastic program it has been, providing our students with fun and fitness every week. Simone would like to thank Steve and Sally Sullivan, Karen Jones and Laura for all of their help this term.

**Parents,** a survey is attached that seeks your input to the process of developing the 2015-2017 School Plan. It is vital that the plan be developed collaboratively by all members of the school community. Please take the time to complete the survey—your views are very important to us—and return to the office.

*Have a great week—Mr Howe.*

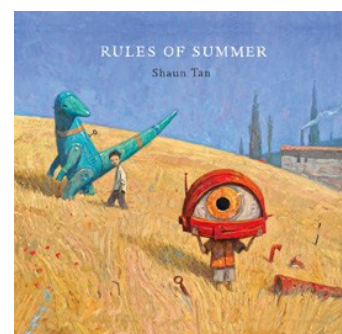
## Library News

### Book Week Follow

**Up.** Thank you for supporting the Book Fair during Book Week 2014. Sales totalled \$1069, of which a share was donated to the school. The winning books from those that were short listed by The Children's Book Council of Australia are:

- A Very Unusual Pursuit, by Catherine Jinks
- The Swap, by Jan Ormerod
- Rules of Summer, by Shaun Tan
- Jeremy, by Christopher Faille

Congratulations to all students who completed the challenge—reading sets you up for life!



**PRC News.** The PRC party will be held next Tuesday. This year we have 32 children attending the party.

## School Matters

**FOUND!** 1 pair of possum fur mittens, russet in colour. Returned to the school from the National Museum, where we went on our Term 2 Canberra Excursion. Please see the office if they are yours!

**POTS.** The school is planning to participate in the Wollombi Small Farms Fair in November, with our Marimba ensemble being a feature of our stall. We also intend to set up a seedling stall, that all our students can contribute to. **If you have any seedling trays or small ceramic or plastic pots,**

**we can use them! Any donations of seeds also very welcome.**

**Voluntary School Contribution.** Each year our school asks for a voluntary school contribution, which goes towards supplying classroom resources for students. In 2014, the contribution is \$43 for a single child, or \$60– for a family. It is easily overlooked, and we have attached a friendly reminder to this newsletter. The Parent Online payment system (POP), accessible from our website, has proved to be very successful.

**BUBBLERS!** Over the holidays a bank of 6 bubblers will be installed where the single bubbler currently is at the southern end of the weather shed.

**BIRDS.** The recent rains have seen an explosion in bird activity in our school grounds - currawongs, king parrots, galahs, honeyeaters, magpies, spinebills and bower birds have all been very prominent in the playground. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful environment!

## Year 4-5-6 News

The news that there would be no regular homework for the 4/5/6 class this week was met with a chorus of disappointed groans from our students, quickly replaced by a hearty cheer as students realised that this would free them up to complete their electricity project! Yes, projects should be well underway, due next Tuesday. Please see Mr Howe if you need any more information or help.

Maths this week - Year 6 are working with large numbers (millions and beyond) and using their rounding skills to mentally calculate distances, differences in populations and other real-life scenarios. Year 5 are learning about time, relating analogue and digital time and working out elapsed time between events. Year 4 students are working

with decimals, particularly adding and subtracting tenths.

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

### Saturday Soccer



Please note that there is no soccer this Saturday, and that there will be a game at training today to compensate! The last game for the season will be on Saturday 20th with a sausage sizzle and a player presentation.  
- Thanks, Robyn.

## K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

You will find attached a permission note. On Wednesday we are going to visit Stratton and Wilson's property to look at all their NEW spring babies and the farm in general. Thankyou Nat and Dean for having us. We will be leaving school about 10am and having a picnic lunch there. It will be a great way to wrap up another great

term. No homework next week, just home reading and free choice Show and Tell.

Kinder orientation this Friday will be from 9.30 to 11.30am and next Friday 19th 9.30-12.30pm



## Year 2-3 News

Week 9 already? We have had a great week in the 2/3 Room. In reading groups we have been focusing on reading with expression, which always makes for a more entertaining read. In Maths, we are flying through addition. Our classroom tree is growing fresh new leaves which is inspiring us to get out into the garden and start planting our new veggie patch! Congratulations to all our Year 3 students who all had wonderful NAPLAN results come back this week, I am super proud of you all!!

**LANTERNS!** This year the school students will again participate in the Lantern Parade through the Wollombi township. We look forward to Sally Sullivan coming in to school early next term to help all the students make a lantern of their own. This year the theme is Space!



**SCARECROWS!** Laguna PS will also be constructing a scarecrow for the Wollombi Small Farms Festival, the theme is Space. Any ideas or materials would be very welcome - please see our scarecrow wrangler Mrs Shaunessy!

# Weekly Achievement Award



Harry 2/3  
Classroom  
Award for being  
a time-telling  
Superstar!



Finley - 4/5/6 Achieve-  
ment Award for always  
taking responsibility for  
his own learning. In a dou-  
ble recognition special,  
Finley was also awarded  
the K-1 Playground Award  
for being a nice guy in the  
playground.



Jasmin, 4/5/6 Playground  
Award for always smiling  
and being happy!

Flynn - 4/5/6  
Playground Award  
for sportsmanship  
and friendliness in  
the playground.



Poppy, K-1 Classroom  
Award for excellent work  
in writing and reading.



Tilly, K-1 Playgroud Award  
for being kind to others in  
the playground.



Dennis - 4/5/6 Achievement  
Award for consistency, effort  
and achievement in all areas of  
schooling. Well done!

An Art Show debrief is scheduled for 3.45 Thursday 18th  
September, in the Staff Room.

A great opportunity to discuss the show and re-set for 2015.

