

Laguna Public School



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Swimming Fri 23, Mon 26th, Tues 27th, Weds 28th & Fri 30th Oct
- Kinder Orientation Nov 6th, 13th, 27th
- Tour De Cure visit Laguna Sunday 1st Nov, Laguna Hall
- Yr 6, Careers Through Science Oct 21st, 28th and Nov 4th.
- P&C Art Show Think Tank Nov 7th, 5pm at GNTP
- P&C Meeting Nov 10th

TERM 4, WEEK 3

21 OCTOBER 2015

Intensive Swimming Program

Intensive Swimming Program begins Friday. Thank you parents for all returned notes and money. The bus leaves school at 11.20, and drop-offs can be arranged at Millfield (3.00) and Wollombi (3.15). If you wish to take advantage of these drop offs please drop a note into the office.

Please label all swimming and school clothes to avoid any change-room confusion. There is usually a few stray items at the end of the day!



It's nice to find a shady spot on a warm day.

energy and style! The students returned from the sessions exhausted but smiling. We look forward to more sessions over the next couple of weeks.

Selective Schools 2017 Applications. For students starting Year 7 in 2017 (currently Year 5), applications open for selective schools open on **October 13** and close on **November 16**. The test takes place on **10 March 2016**. Applications are on-line only. More information, and the application form, can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

For interested families, please complete and return the Intention to Apply letter attached to last week's newsletter and contact me for any further information.

Bucketty Carols are always a super event up at the convict wall at the corner of The Great North Road and George Downes Drive. This year they will be held on 19th December, gates open 5.30, Santa arriving at 7.30.

P&C news. The P&C are holding a Art Show Creative Think Tank at the Pig and Whistle on Saturday 7th November, from 5pm. Parents and community members invited to attend (adults only please). This will kick off planning for the 25th Art Show in 2016! On **Tuesday 10th November** there will be a regular P&C meeting, 3.45 in the Art Room!

Thank you Ms Effer who has stepped into the breach for Ms Sewell. We are hoping Ms Sewell will be back with us by the end of the week!

Zumba has kicked off with plenty of



Nicole and Thunder arrived last week to teach the younger students about dog safety!

School Matters!

Hats! Understandably, it is a great frustration for parents who buy a school hat for their child only to have it disappear. Often someone's school hat is mistakenly taken by another student. Parents, could you please check that another child's hat has not made it's way back to

your house. Thank you for your efforts!

Marimba practice will start again this week, with the focus being upcoming concerts at the Masonic and Calvary retirement homes on Tues 17th November. These concerts were a great success last year and we look forward to visiting again.



October Reminder!

Reduce fuel around your house: remove leaves, twigs and firewood.

Senior News

An interesting visit this week to the Coleman property where Hunter and Tess' dad Scott demonstrated his portable mill. Scott has several pine logs rescued from Bell and proceeded to saw a few lengths of timber from one of them. An amazing machine! This activity tied in nicely to our Term 3 project, where they designed a playground and had to think about issues such as materials and sustainability. Thanks Scott for your time; the timber milled will go on to be used for construction of a chook house at school!

We welcomed Oliver back this week after a six-week journey through the United States. Oliver prepared a slideshow of his travels - the cities and landscapes looked amazing, and it was interesting to see how many students recognised or related to the photos.



This week in Maths - Year 4 are studying time, Year 5 multiplication and Year 6 addition of multiple numbers.

Students have begun to explore the rainforests of the world! Working in small groups, they will produce a short movie to demonstrate their knowledge. Can't wait!

News From The Garden!

The new watering system for the garden beds has arrived (thank you John E) and we now just need to install it.

We will need a few energetic volunteers to make this happen, and so have vegetables and fruit growing through the summer.

If you can help, we will most likely pick a Saturday or Sunday morning in November. Please contact Mr Howe if you can lend an hour or two of your time!



Chess Competition 2015!

Congratulations to Trevor, who has taken out this year's Chess Champion title! In a tight finals series, Trevor scored 24.5 points, Ben 24, Ryder 23, Lochee 22 and Harry 19.



Congratulations to all students who participated in the competition, and thanks to Mrs Baker for making it happen!

K-1 News with Ms Fitz

This week we fly to China as part of our celebrations unit! Poppy (our immigration officer), Harper and Tess (our airhosts) are excited about getting our passengers to their destination! We will learn about China, Chinese New Year, Mid-Autumn Festival and pandas during our visit!

In art, K/1 created fabulous Sydney Opera Houses with beautiful glittery fireworks! These look lovely on our wall.

We've started our maths topic - time - which covers not only time on the clock but the calendar, seasons and days of the week. Get your kids involved with your calendars at home or even get them to start their own calendar!

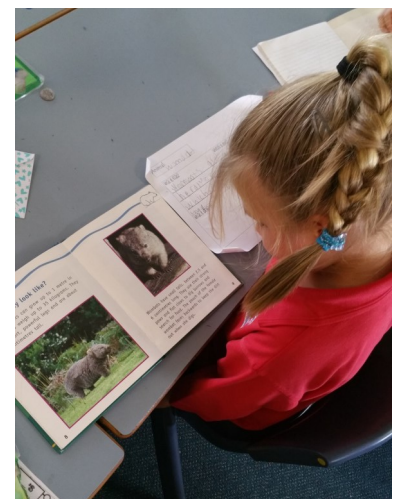
While I know all our lives are very busy, it would be great if students could do their spelling and home readers each night as a minimum. It makes such a difference. Those who have done their spelling at school *and* at home are seeing great results in their spelling tests. Same goes with reading!

Ms Fitz



Sydney Opera House!

Georgie writing her animal report on the wombat!



Positive Behaviour for Learning Awards



Tully—2/3 Sports Award! Well done!



Delfin—4/5/6 Award for being a responsible learner!



Dennis—4/5/6 Award for being a responsible learner!



Sam—4/5/6 Sports Award for participation and leadership!



Bela - K/1 Playground Award for sportsmanship!



Jayalee—K-1 Classroom Award, K-1 Sports Award and the K-1 Library Award! What a week!



Giselle, 2/3 Classroom Award. A standout!



Rudi - 2/3 Playground Award. Great work!



Archie - 2/3 Classroom Award and the 4/5/6 Playground Award. Excellent!



Ryder - Library Award for Responsibility!



Ardyn - Library Award for Respect.

Congratulations to all of our PBL Award Winners. You make a difference!



Grown ups Art Club

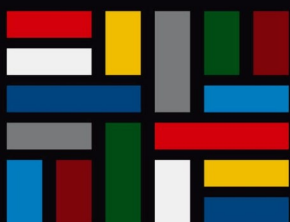
Thursdays 1 – 3pm, Wollombi School Community Room
\$20 per session, (incl. materials and refreshments)

Why should kids have all the fun?

Come along and learn, play, make art. Unlock (or discover!) your artistic talent in collage, print, drawing or colouring

Leave reality at the door and chill out before picking up the kids

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