

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Kinder Orientation Nov 6th, 13th, 27th
- P&C Art Show Think Tank Nov 7th, 5pm at GNTF
- Tennis @ Wollombi Nov 10th and 17th
- P&C Meeting Nov 10th
- Careers Though Reading Day Nov 11th
- Marimba Tour Nov 17th

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# Laguna Public School



TERM 4, WEEK 5

4TH NOVEMBER 2015

## P&C Meetings Upcoming!

Our terrific P&C committee has two upcoming dates for your calendar. This Saturday the P&C are hosting a fun evening at the GNTF, with the primary purpose of coming up with some creative ideas for next year's Art Show, which will be the 25th anniversary of this glittering event. This will be an adults only evening to get those ideas flowing! **From 5pm.**

**P&C general meeting,** Tuesday 10th November at Slack's Park, adjacent to the Wollombi Tennis Courts from 3.45. All parents welcome!

**The Wollombi Tennis Club** has invited the school down for two afternoons of tennis, on the **10th and 17th of November.** Participating K-2 students will need to be picked up from school ready for a 3.00-3.45 session, while Yr 3-6 students will enjoy a 3.45-4.30 session. Permission notes for K-2 students attached.



*Thumbs up to our swimmers! No lost clothes, no unclaimed togs and great feedback about our students' respect, skills and enthusiasm from the instructors at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre, who were presented with a card and gift from our school leaders. Well done Laguna!*

**Chess presentation Tuesday!** Mrs Baker is looking forward to presenting trophies for the 2015 Chess Competition at the library assembly on Tuesday morning. Congratulations to all of the students who had a go this year, and we can look forward to the 2016 competition.

**Marimbas on Tour.** Last year our Year 3-6 marimba players visited the Calvary and Masonic Aged Care Residences and played for very appreciative audiences. They have been invited back, and we will be playing on Tuesday 17th November. Students will be transported on a chartered bus, and there are available seats for parents who wish to participate on the day. See attached permission note!

**Tour De Cure.** Thank you to all the students and families who were able to make it down to Laguna Hall on Sunday afternoon to meet the Tour De Cure riders. 124 riders started at Brooklyn that morning on a three day ride. As of Sunday they had already raised close to \$500,000. They appreciated our community's show of support, and presented the school with a donation of \$2,000 which we will use for healthy lifestyle initiatives.

**Head Lice.** Parents, we have had a case of head lice reported to the school. Could you please take the time to check your child's hair for any sign of lice activity. The following links provide more information for parents about head lice: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>; <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php>.

**Have a great week ! - Mr Howe**

## School Matters!

**Library painting.** The exterior wood-work of the library will be painted at Departmental expense over the next week or so. Any access to the library during this period will be via the back door.

**November reminder.** Prepare and practise you're your house fire escape plan with your children. Remember to include your meeting place.



## Good for Kids good for life

### Tips to Encourage Drinking Water

We all know that water is the best drink for children however sometimes it can be difficult to persuade them to choose water over sugary drinks.

Here are some tips to help encourage water intake:

- Always have water available and accessible e.g. have a jug of water in the fridge or provide bottles of water for outdoor play
- Remove temptation by not storing sugary drinks such as soft drink in the house
- Keeping water cool or using a water filter may better suit your child's taste
- Try flavouring the water with lemon or lime slices. You can even add herbs such as mint
- Explain to your child why it is important to stay hydrated and why water is the best choice



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### Packing a Safe Lunchbox

**Myth:** It gets too hot to pack cooked meat, dairy, eggs or other high-risk foods in children's lunchboxes

**Fact:** You can safely pack these types of perishable foods by doing the following:



- Use a good quality insulated lunch box
- Pack a freezer block or frozen drink with the cool items
- Pack the perishable foods close to the frozen item to keep them cool
- Encourage your child to keep their bag out of the sun
- Throw out any uneaten food at the end of the day



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## Senior News

Our Year 6 students are attending the final session of the Careers Through Science program at Paxton PS this week, run by the University of Newcastle's Aim High unit. The students have really enjoyed the sessions. Thank you to Trevor and Lara's parents for organising transport for these sessions. Next Wednesday is a full day Careers Through Reading programme for students in Years 4,5,6, also at Paxton PS. Notes have gone home, however we will be relying on parent transport to make this happen.

In English we have finished work on Persuasive writing, and are now working on information reports. We are also working on improving our sentences by using adverbial and adjectival clauses, eg. The wolf padded through the forest *following the animal's scent*, and prepositions (eg. under, beside, among). Due to popular demand our class book this term is The Dragonkeeper, by Carole Wilkinson. The first of a trilogy, it is beautifully written and very engaging for the students.

Maths this week - Year 4 students have been applying multiplication strategies in problem solving tasks, Year 5 are relating common fractions, decimal fractions and percentages. Year 6 are honing addition and subtraction skills and tackling algebra! Students are also working on an in-class project on rainforests around the world, presenting the work through i-movie. They are enjoying the task, with many creative ideas evident!

### Tennis Lessons at Wollombi Tennis Club!

*Looking to improve your backhand, or brush up on your serve and volley game?*

***Coach Chris Herden is providing tennis coaching at Wollombi each Friday from 4.00-5.30.***



## School Vegetable Garden

### Update!

**Do you have a spare hour, Sunday morning, 15th November?**

**We need a few helping hands to install some irrigation to keep our vegetable boxes viable throughout the summer months.**

**Bring your own mattock, gloves and gardening equipment!**



### Ms Sewell's News

Term Four and Week Five already?! This term we have been studying procedures in literacy, we have learnt how to make paper planes, lanterns, gardens, sandwiches, fairy bread, how to swim, fish, cook and our after school routines. We know that when writing a procedure we have to be bossy and concise so the reader doesn't get confused!

Here are some examples from a couple of students:

#### How to Wash a Dog by Tahlia

You need:

Water  
Shampoo  
Bath/Tub  
Hose  
Old Towel

1. Look around and find a tub and then fill it with water
2. Take the dogs collar off and put the dog in the tub
3. Get shampoo and squirt it on the dog
4. Scrub the dog for a while and when finished rinse off with clean water
5. Take your dog out of the tub and dry with an old towel
6. Let your dog run crazy!

#### How to Make Fairy Bread by Jesse

Ingredients:

Bread  
Butter  
Sprinkles  
Knife  
Plate

Method:

1. Get all of your ingredients
2. Spread the butter on the bread
3. Shake some sprinkles on the bread
4. Cut the bread in half
5. Eat the fairy bread!



124 cyclists arrived at Laguna Hall on Sunday afternoon for a rest stop on their 3 day ride to raise money for cancer research. This Tour De Cure event had already raised \$500,000—a fantastic effort!

### K-1 News with Ms Fitz

I can't believe it's week 5 already!

This week, K/1 have learnt about Chinese New Year as part of our celebrations unit. We've (almost) learnt how to say happy new year in Cantonese - *Kung Hei Fat Choi* - and students discovered their Chinese zodiac. Some agreed with them - Harper thought he *was* rather brave - while others disagreed with Georgie exclaiming she wasn't very patient!

In maths, we're working on time. Test your kids at home if you get a chance! They should all be able to tell the time by the hour and year 1s are working on the half hour.

A reminder that next week's *Time to Talk* is an assessment task. Students are to research a celebration from around the world and tell us 5 interesting things about it. Can't wait to hear them all!

# Swimming Lessons at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre!

