

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Kinder Orientation** 27th Nov
- **Presentation Night** Tues 8th Dec
- **Carols & Disco** last day of school Weds 16th Dec

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Laguna Public School



TERM 4, WEEK 7

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Our Students Out In The Community

Our students are currently busy with many different community activities.

Best of luck to the students gearing up this week to present the Family Frying Pan with Valley Artists at Laguna Oval. There has been a lot of time and effort put into this production, which will be spectacular! I encourage all school families to come along—tickets available from the GNTP, Wollombi Store or online at valleyartists.org. There are 7 performances, opening this Friday night at 7.30pm. See the attached flyer for more details.

Cricket. About 16 students get together each Saturday to play junior cricket for Laguna in the Cessnock competition, under the tutelage of Greg Kelso. The team spirit and sportsmanship is wonderful and there are plenty of golden moments every week!

Marimbas. Congratulations to the students from Years 3-6 who performed yesterday at the Calvary and masonic Aged Care residences. You played beautifully, the audience was extremely appreciative and your manners were impeccable! You did our school proud. As always, a huge thank you to Andy for his hard work and passion in bringing music into our school.



Ethics Education. In Term 3 we received an overwhelmingly positive response to the idea of introducing weekly Ethics classes in 2016. The classes adhere to an Ethics curriculum designed by Primary Ethics, the only registered provider of ethics education in NSW. The good news is that we are well on the way to establishing these classes for 2016 and will be in a position to announce who will deliver these classes in the coming weeks. For more information, visit primaryethics.com.au.

Presentation Night. Thank you to all parents who have returned their contributions towards costumes for presentation night. This has enabled our wonderful organisers to go ahead and start purchasing items. If you have not already returned your envelopes could you please drop them in to the office a.s.a.p. Thank you.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Speech Pathology workshop last Friday. I trust that you found the information useful.

Surveys. Surveys are being distributed to families, staff and students regarding school learning and culture. Please return to the school office on completion. The information gathered helps to inform our future plans.

Santa is making a visit to Laguna PS on the last morning of school this year. We hear that he will have a book present for each child. Any contributions for Santa's sack can be left at the office between now and Santa's visit.

Assembly will be postponed this week - we are expecting a 42 degree day! **Have a great week ! - Mr Howe**

School Matters!

End of Financial Year for our school is fast approaching and all accounts need to be in order to complete. Parents could you please make any outstanding payments for excursions, fees etc to school within the next week. Thank you.

Head Lice.

Parents, we have had another 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>.

Senior News

Students this year entered stories into two writing competitions, as well as a poetry competition. The competitions were highly motivating for our students, with a lot of excellent efforts. Competition winners will be announced on Presentation Night.

Here are a selection of poems for your enjoyment:

The Earth, by Ben

I see trees heating in the sun,
Wallabies watching everything
that moves and birds sitting
in the warm trees.

I hear the kookaburras laughing
in the wind and the gentle
movements of the trees.

I feel all of nature is speaking
and the river feels like heaven.

I imagine the earth is our
mother that feeds us and
gives us shade and shelter.

Happy, by Yinaa

When I am happy I
am excited, joyous,
over the moon.

When I am happy
everything gathers
inside my body and
then I just burst with
laughter.

I see the colours of
the rainbow.

It feels great to be
happy!

My Aboriginal Poem, by Harry

I am sitting here 300 years back.

There is a woman carrying a cold salmon from the sparkling river.

I hear the crackling of the fire as the salmon is cooked for breakfast.

It's mid-winter, and it's bone-chilling, but I sit still and watch a finch hopping in a bush.

Nature is so fragile and beautiful, so why do we destroy it?

The Bat, by Rudi

I hear squeak, squeak, squeak,

Hanging like furry stalactites from the cave's slimy roof,

Wings flapping silently like wet cloths.

They squeal as they fly across the sky to the palm trees.

As part of the Stage 3 PDHPE curriculum, students in Years 5-6 will be undertaking lessons in puberty and the reproductive system, with attendant lessons on relationships and emotional readiness. Simone will deliver these lessons over the coming weeks in separate classes for boys and girls. Please let me know if you require further details.

Library Project—Rainforest

Animals

Students should be well into their projects by this stage. Projects are due next Tuesday. If any students require help, please see Mr Howe or Mrs Baker pronto!

K/1 with Miss Fitz

Time flies when you're having fun and boy, has time flown this term!

A big congratulations to those students who completed their Time to Talk assessments last week. They were great and K1 learnt about lots of different celebrations including St Pauls Shipwreck, Fete de la Musique, Snow and Ice festival and La Tomatina!

It's wonderful to see students getting creative – this week has been free choice and we've already had Georgie sing us a song and Wilson show us how to make popcorn! We're looking forward to Tess' anti-bullying song later on this week.

As part of our celebrations unit, K1 are organising a class Christmas party. Keep an eye out for invitations and be sure to keep Friday 4th December free! We are trying to organise Secret Santa (under \$5) to be held that day so please let me know if you have any problems with this.

This week, we fly to Malaysia to learn all about Eid then it's over to England for all things Christmas!

*2/3 with Ms Sewell*

Thank you so much to the P&C for our new playground equipment. It is a huge hit with the students and staff!! This is what the 2/3 class had to say about it. Please check out the office hall for some wonderful pictures to accompany their quotes.

Zac - I love the new equipment because it's in our school colours and it has five things on it.

Lucy - I like the new equipment because a lot of people can fit on it at once. My favourite is the chains with the seats on it!

Jesse - I like the spider web & chains! It is fun!

Kiah - I love it because it's shiny & really fun!

Kyah - I love the chains because when I got on the chains it was wobbly.

Cherry - I like the play equipment because it's fun. The funniest one is the spider web.

Kurt - I like the new equipment because it makes everyone happy & excited!

Jade - I love the wobbly semicircle it's really fun to swing on. The best thing is that we got to use it before the years 3-6.



Cherokee, 2/3 Responsibility Award for taking care of school property.



Tristan, 2/3 Responsibility Award for Improvement in literacy.



K/1 Playground Award—Annabelle for Compassion



Zander, Library Award for Respect.



Yinaa, 4/5/6 Responsibility award for initiative and leadership.



Phoenix, K/1 Award for Responsibility



Georgie, K-1 Award for Responsibility.



Ryder, K-1 Sport Award for Respecting his classmates



Stratton, K-1 Sport Award for Honesty in scoring.



Flynn, K-1 Sport Award for Courage in basketball.



Jade, 4/5/6 Playground Award for Courage.



Archie, 4/5/6 Playground Award for Compassion.

Congratulations to all of last week's PBL winners! We value your contribution to the school. Keep up the good work!

