

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Carols & Disco**
last day of
school Weds
16th Dec
- **Teachers back**
at school Wed
27th Jan
- **Students back**
at school Thurs
28th Jan
- **Best Start/
Speech Pathology**
for Kinders
Tues 2 Feb

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15TH DECEMBER 2015

Thank you for a great year!

The 2015 school year comes to a close tomorrow and what a year it has been! We started the year with 59 students and welcomed 10 new students during the year. There have been many highlights throughout the year, but what has really stood out for me has been the students, and the way they have consistently lived up to our school values of Responsibility, Respect, Courage, Honesty and Compassion. We are all looking forward to bigger and better things in 2016!

Presentation Night. Throughout the last week I have continued to meet members of the community who were very keen to let me know how much they enjoyed Presentation Night. The recurrent theme is how well the students presented themselves on the night - well done to all!

There was one teacher award on Presentation Night. Simone received an award for Excellent Service to School Sport from the Department of Education's Sports Unit. Richly deserved, the award recognises the expertise, care and diversity that Simone brings to every sports lesson at Laguna.

Last Day of School tomorrow! A reminder that all book presents need to be wrapped, labelled and dropped into the office by 9.30 tomorrow. It is a non-uniform day, but please be sunsafe. Students are also asked to bring a **plate of food** to share for the party. The schedule:

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| 9.45 | Carols—parents very welcome. |
| 10.30 | Santa arrives! |
| 12.00 | Disco Party Time, at hall. |
| 3.15 | Students go down to oval for play, then farewells for our departing students. |

School Starting Times 2016. Thank you parents for returning our survey. We had 22 surveys returned, with 15 preferring the current times, 4 preferring an earlier starting time and 3 happy to go either way. We will keep the current school times, but continue to support families who require flexibility in drop off and pick up times.

This is our final newsletter of the year, and I would like to give a huge thanks to Denise Bush who, apart from doing a superb job cleaning our school, also volunteers her time every Wednesday to copy and distribute the newsletter.

And while I'm thanking people - I would like to thank the terrific staff at Laguna PS this year. Ms Sewell, Miss Fitz, Simone, Jeanette, Jennie, Tina, Mrs Baker, John, Andy and Mrs Shaunessy. It is a wonderful team that works hard together to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

Finally - farewell to our Year 6 students Trevor, Lara and Yinaa. We thank you for everything you have done for us here at Laguna, and congratulate you on your achievements. We wish you all the best for high school, and hope you come back to visit us sometime! We also bid farewell to Clio and Giselle, who are moving to a new school, and Poppy whose family is travelling north. Best of luck!

Wishing all families a safe and happy Christmas holiday break! I look forward to seeing everyone back for another great year at Laguna PS in 2016!

Mr Howe





Farewell to Trevor, Lara, Yinaa, Clio, Giselle and Poppy. Good Luck in your new schools.



A BIG Thank You to

Wollombi Progress Association.

Our shade sail is up and ready to go for carols tomorrow from 9.45am.

A Special Message from the 2/3 Room

The 2/3/ Room would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a Fabulous New Year! Thank you to all the classroom helpers that have volunteered many hours in our room this year, it means the world to us. Thank you Simone, Miss Fits, Mrs Baker and Jennie for everything you do for us. Thanks Mr Howe for being an amazing principal and fabulous boss! To Denise, who cleans up our mess everyday and Jeanette who puts band aids on our scrapes and knocks—thank you! The biggest thanks go to our parents who love and support us everyday! Merry XMAS from the 2/3 students!

Santa News

On Monday 21st December Santa will be outside Wollombi General Store between 9am - 10am and 3pm - 4pm. He looks forward to you paying him a visit and having a photo or two with him.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

