

Laguna Public School



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Presentation Night** Tues 8th Dec
- **Yr 6 excursion** Wed 9th December
- **Carols & Disco** last day of school Weds 16th Dec

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2ND DECEMBER 2015

2015 Presentation Night!

Final preparations are being made for this year's Presentation Night, the night of nights for our wonderful school. A few points to note:

- could all boys bring their black jeans and shoes to school on Friday. These will be kept safe for Presentation Night.
- students may be picked up from school after 12.30 to allow time for a good meal and rest before the evening.
- could all K-1 students bring in their own cushion; these can be brought to school in advance.
- it is forecast to be a hot day, so please bring your own water. We will provide water and cups for the students.
- students should arrive between 5.15 pm and 5.45pm
- proceedings start at 6.00pm sharp.

Ms Hiu returns! After a period of recuperation Ms Hiu has returned to resume her teaching prac here at Laguna. We look forward to two weeks of mutual learning!

School starting times. At the last P&C meeting the subject of changing our school starting and finishing times to 9.00a.m. and 3.00p.m. respectively was raised. Issues discussed included being able to get to after-school activities, pre-school times and the high school bus. It

was decided to canvass the opinions of the parent community. If you would like to have a say on this matter please return the attached questionnaire to the office.

School grounds improvement program. After installation of the new playground equipment and the repainting of the library weatherboards, work is beginning on the installation of a shade sail to make the library forecourt and steps more amenable for assemblies and learning activities. This has been made possible by an extraordinarily generous donation by the **Wollombi Valley Progress Association**, who have contributed the entire cost of the project. We hope to have installation complete in time for our Christmas Carols on the last day of school. The next item on the agenda is the remediation of the sand-pit and the top-dressing of the playing surface, which will commence after the students depart for the holidays.

Bee Day. Congratulations to Lara who brainchild, Bee Day, came to fruition last Friday. Lara raised \$115 for the Starlight Foundation, who will be very grateful for Lara's thoughtful initiative. What a terrific school citizen!

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.

Surveys. Thank you to those parents who returned the school learning and culture surveys. We will report back on the survey results early in Term 1 2016.

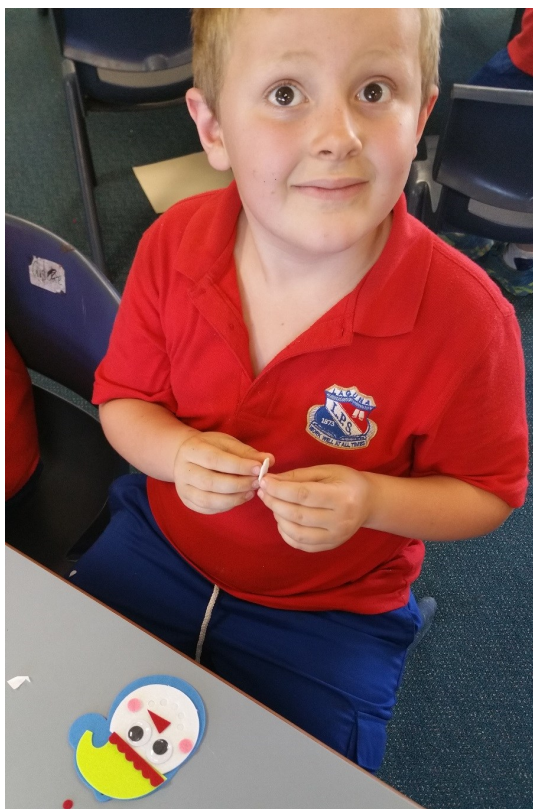
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K-1 news with Ms Fitz. The festive season has well and truly arrived in the K1 classroom! Our tree is up, presents have been arriving and we are enjoying Christmas craft activities. We are looking forward to our class Christmas party this Friday. Parents are welcome and the party starts at 2pm!

K1 have been writing letters to Santa and discussing what they are most thankful for. Parents, friends and ... Minecraft were popular answers!

This week, I asked the students what their favourite thing about Christmas was and I received some beautiful answers...

Ruby - "Giving presents to other people"

Ryder - "The smell of the Christmas tree"

Georgie - "Seeing miracles"

Harper - "Being with family and friends"

What a special time of year! A big congratulations to Poppy who had a fantastic week - her improvement in spelling and hand-writing has been outstanding!

A reminder that next week's Time to Talk is free choice.



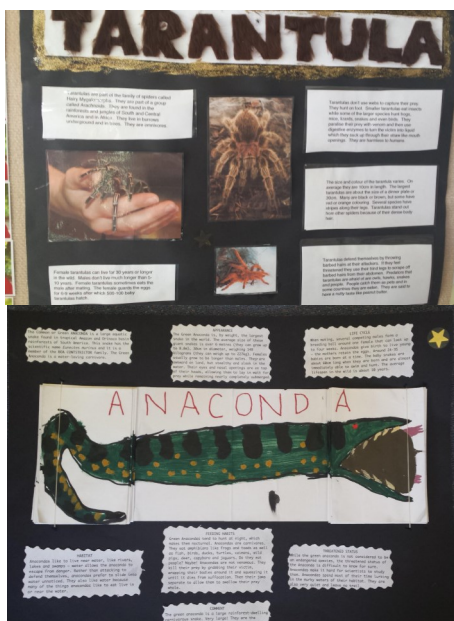
Laguna Fire Brigade –December reminder for our community

Laguna Brigade wishes all families a happy and safe holiday.

Remember to have ready a hose connected to water that reaches all the way around your house. Keep up to date on fires at:-

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

www.facebook.com/NSWRuralFireService



Over the last week in the 4/5/6 room we have been learning about rainforest animals from each other—orangutans, okapi, green iguanas, tenrecs, red-bellied piranhas, tapirs, and cassowaries, just to name a few. The quality has been very impressive - not just the quality of the posters but also the quality of the oral presentations. Well done students! The photos here are of Zander's tarantula project (complete with furry title!) and Atticus' anaconda poster with a life-size fold-out anaconda!

Very creative!

On Tuesday we had a new student visit our school with his parents and sister. They very much enjoyed the day and their celebrity status in the playground however have decided to attend night classes instead. We wish them the best in their endeavours.

