

UPCOMING  
EVENTS!

- **P&C Meeting**  
Thu 12th  
3.30pm Library
- **School Photos**  
Thu 19th Mar
- **4/5/6 Excursion**  
Milson Island  
25th, 26th,  
27th March

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# Laguna Public School



TERM 1, WEEK 3

11TH FEBRUARY 2015

**Congratulations to all of our students** who participated in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Cessnock Pool yesterday.

**Yr 4/5/6 Excursion to Milson Island.** Parents, please see attached permission note for the excursion. Part payments may be made towards the excursion cost over the next six weeks. If any family requires financial assistance in order for their child to attend please see me at your earliest convenience.

A Medical & Consent Form **must** be completed online at <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform/index.asp> at least 3 weeks prior to camp. If you have any problems please speak to Jeanette a.s.a.p.

**Homework Survey.** Thank you parents for your responses to our homework survey, which will be very important in updating our Homework Policy. A summary of the survey results will be published in the coming weeks. Any parent still wishing to submit a survey is very welcome to do so.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning** is a program operating within the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) for some years now. The program helps students to develop a clear understanding of required expectations, become responsible for their own behaviour and work together to create a positive, productive and harmonious learning community. We have aligned the PBL program with our own school

values of Honesty, Courage, Respect, Responsibility and Compassion and recognise student achievement in these areas at our weekly assembly on Friday at 3.30.

**P&C Meeting this Thursday,** in the Library. All welcome. The P&C are a dynamic, cohesive group who have made a wonderful contribution to our students and our school over many years. See you there!

**Best wishes to Mrs Shaunessy this week,** who is recuperating after being quite ill over the weekend. We look forward to having her back on deck next week. In the meantime our thanks to Ms Durie who has done a wonderful job teaching the K-1 students this week.  
- **Mr Howe**

## Small Schools Swimming Carnival

*What a great day at Cessnock Pool! This year's event was run by Mulbring PS with assistance from Laguna, Ellalong, Paxton, Millfield and Congewai Schools. Thank you to those parents who helped out on the day and thank you to our students who participated with great spirit and energy!*



*The shark is the apex predator in the sea. Sharks have moulded evolution for 450 million years. All fish species that are prey to the sharks have had their behaviour, their speed, their camouflage, their defence mechanisms moulded by the shark.*

Paul Watson

## School Matters!

**Thank you parents** for clearly labelling lunchboxes and uniform items. These items do go astray from time to time and we do strive to get them back to their owners as quickly as possible!

**Move to Learn** has got off to a great start, with all students having three 20-30 minute sessions a week. Sessions run across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Art Room. Parents, if you are interested in learning more about

this great program, please contact your teacher about session times and come along for a look! Simone has been engaged to run the sessions in small groups of 7-8 students, leading to a consistent and quality implementation.

### Beginning of Year Notes

Parents it is vital that we have the correct contact and medical details for all students. If you could please fill out and return the attached forms a.s.a.p. and we will update any changes.

### Maths questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

## Year 4-5-6 News

**A great start** to homework for the year—100% of students completing the set tasks. We will continue to monitor progress with homework and make adjustments and improvements as we progress through the year.

**The school** has bought a subscription to Reading Eggs and Mathletics, two websites that support classroom literacy and numeracy programs. Students have been given user names and passwords for each site and can access the site from school or from home. Our students have really enjoyed the challenging and fun activities, which are all aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Teachers can set assessments and assignments and obtain reports on student progress throughout the year, and students can monitor their own progress and in Mathletics can challenge each other in speed tests during classtime.

**We have been reading** book 1 of A Series Of Unfortunate Events, by Lemony Snicket. What a great book (it is the first in a series of 13) with terrific characterisation, humour and drama. The students are hooked, and we will possibly get through a couple more volumes of the series this term.

**What adaptations** have animals and plants made to survive in particular environments? We are enjoying investigating different animals, identifying particular characteristics and explaining how these help the animal survive and thrive!



## K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

**Thank you K-1 students** for your welcome and your behaviour with Ms Durie this week! We look forward to Mrs Shaunessy's return next week, and Ms Durie has been glowing in her praise of the enthusiasm and manners of the class. Well done! - **Mr Howe**



*A terrific day at the swimming pool! Simone and Mr Howe were very proud of the effort put in by so many of our students—well done! We will publish results of the carnival when they become available.*

## Year 2-3 News

Congratulations to all those who took part in the swimming carnival yesterday! I hear it was a fabulous day. The K/1/2's had a very quiet day with myself and Miss Durie but we took the opportunity to get lots of work done!

Thank you to everyone who returned their homework this week. The standard of work was excellent and I am particularly enjoying reading everyone's 'Silly Sentences'. I understand that trying to squeeze homework into an already tight schedule can be tricky. There are some students who will receive different spelling words from next week and I will pop them into the homework folders. We have had a slight hiccup with Reading Eggs and Mathletics this week as the 2/3 Class was mysteriously wiped from the system. I have the Mathletics up and running again with the same passwords that were sent home and Reading Eggs will be done very soon.

### Drama, Drams, Drama!

**Are you interested in getting your child involved in drama workshops at Laguna Hall?**



**Valley Artists are keen to run workshops for children and are seeking expressions of interest before scheduling in a date.**

**For more details contact Robyn on 0410 543 084 or email [robyn.blackwell@benevolent.org.au](mailto:robyn.blackwell@benevolent.org.au)**

# Weekly Award Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who earned awards last week:



Yinaa—Responsibility. Awarded for maintaining the sports shed and looking after the equipment!

Nash—Respect. Awarded for consistently displaying excellent manners to students and staff.



Tully - Respect. Awarded for showing respect and great sportsmanship to his peers.

Kali - Compassion. 2/3 playground award, for showing care and kindness to younger students.



Sonny - Respect. 4/5/6 playground award. Also a Courage award from Mrs Shaunessy!

Georgie—a Responsibility award from Mrs Shaunessy!



## **SCHOOL PHOTOS - Thursday 19th March**

Envelopes will be sent home in the coming weeks in preparation for the day.

Payment details are on the envelopes and we are using the same photographer as last year, Gavin from PhotoWorx.



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