

UPCOMING EVENTS!

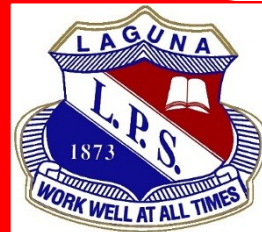
- **P & C AGM**
Tue 10th Mar
- **School Photos**
Thu 19th Mar
- **4/5/6 Excursion**
Milson Island
25th, 26th,
27th March

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TERM 1, WEEK 4

18TH FEBRUARY 2015

Milson Island Excursion. It is Week 4 already and our excursion is only 5 weeks away! Thank you to the parents who expressed an interest in attending, all spots are now filled. Attached is some information pertaining to the camp, including a checklist of equipment to take. Parents please note the requirement to complete an **on-line Medical and Consent form**. Please see the school if you need internet access to complete this. The link is <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform/>.

P&C. What a great turnout we had last Thursday for the first P&C meeting of the year. Lots of exciting things on the agenda for this year, including participation in the Wollombi Easter markets.

Stay tuned for further news regarding this fundraising event and please contact Veronica if you can help out. The Autumn Ball is also on the horizon—keep that on your radar please. **The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th March**, please come along!

Uniforms. Thank you to Kellie Jones and the P&C for the great job they have done establishing a uniform store. The students look great in our very distinctive colours. Kellie will be available for uniform orders on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Rubbish Free Lunchboxes! Our playground has really benefitted from the efforts of our students in looking after the wrappings and packets

from their lunch. To keep the momentum going we are introducing rubbish-free lunchboxes each Friday. Before going to lunch, students will present their rubbish-free lunchboxes to their teacher, who will put their name in a hat. Names will be drawn at Friday assembly for a classroom prize. - **Mr Howe**

Some local residents!



Library News

Excitement abounded on Tuesday as the preliminaries to the chess competition kicked off. The competition proper will begin next Tuesday.



Our Library monitors were presented with their badges at the Tuesday assembly and will provide great service to Mrs Baker and the operation of the library!

School Matters!

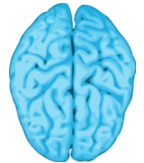
A date for the calendar— Sunday 19th April. There will be a cricket match at John Forsyth's oval at Laguna, between the Laguna XI and the Narrara XI. The match will mark the 10th anniversary of the cricket ground, and will be attended by Arthur Morris, one of Bradman's Invincibles and who also opened the ground. John has invited Laguna PS students to be involved, and we are looking at a halftime kids game on the oval. We will start to ramp up the cricket activity at school in preparation. More info to come.

Guitar Groups. After a rigorous planning session, guitar group will kick off again next Tuesday. We will work in two groups, from 1.20-2.00, and from 2.30-3.00. This year our goal is to stage several performances during the year. Please see Mr Howe if you are interested!



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.



Thank you to all of the parents who have returned the beginning-of-year permission notes.

On Chess:

'When you see a good move, look for a better one.'

Emmanuel Lasker

Year 4-5-6 News

Child Protection is a compulsory element of the NSW curriculum, and this term Simone will be teaching the subject in the 4-5-6 classroom. The three themes of the unit are recognising Abuse, Power in relationships and Protective Strategies. Identification and naming of body parts is a necessary part of the unit. Please do not hesitate to see Simone or Mr Howe if you have any questions or concerns.

As mentioned last week, students have been enjoying using Mathletics and Reading Eggs as part of their literacy and numeracy lessons. Students are given particular tasks and assignments to complete during the week in support of the learning program. These on-line programs are available from home for any particularly keen students!



Maths in action - technological and not-so-technological.

K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

We thank Ms Durie again for her wonderful stewardship of Mrs Shaunessy's class. I don't think I have ever seen such a settled, harmonious K-1 group, especially this early in the year! Thank you K-1 students, and I am sure you will give Mrs Shaunessy a huge welcome on her return today. - **Mr Howe**

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



Year 2-3 News



Happy Week 4! This week in the 2/3 Classroom we have been hooked on Maths! Our Maths groups are going swimmingly and everyone is mastering addition on a number line. Ask your child if they can show you how to use the number line to add two double digit numbers. We have also been re-searching and making Sea Turtles this week. Did you know that Leatherback Sea Turtles are one of the most endangered species on earth? They can grow up to two metres long and weigh more than a grand piano! - **Ms Sewell**

Weekly Award Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who earned awards last week:



Harry - 4/5/6 Courage Award for giving his best in the 50m back-stroke!

Bela—4-5-6 Playground Award for Respect!



Dennis—4/5/6 Compassion Award. Dennis always considers the needs of others, and is a great friend to younger students.

Kyah, 2/3 Responsibility Award, for taking responsibility for her learning.



Oliver—K-1 Playground Award for Respect in his dealings with other students.

Taj, a 2/3 Honesty Award—Keep it up Taj!



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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