

UPCOMING
EVENTS!

- **P & C AGM**
Tue 10th Mar
- **Tag League**
Day Wed 11th March
- **School Photos**
Thu 19th Mar
- **Young Leaders Day—Yr 6 students** Mon 23rd March
- **4/5/6 Excursion** Milson Island 25th, 26th, 27th March
- **Fun Run** Thu 2nd April

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Laguna Public School



TERM 1, WEEK 5

25TH FEBRUARY 2015

The Art Show cometh!

Preparations are underway for the 2015 Laguna P&C Art Show. This exceptional event is a red-letter day in the Laguna social calendar, as well as being the principal fundraiser for the school. Each year the teamwork and camaraderie displayed by the school parents, staff and community volunteers is awe-inspiring. This year Jacqui Moffitt is the Art Show Coordinator, and she is holding a meeting at 9.30 at the Great Northern Trading Post this Friday to discuss coordination of this year's event! All welcome.

Congratulations to Yr 5 student Ben Toohey, who represented Laguna PS at the Cessnock Zone Swimming Carnival last week. Ben swam very well to finish 4th in backstroke and 3rd in freestyle, a feat all the more meritorious as he was nursing sore ribs after a back-

yard training accident a few days prior!



Milson Island Excursion. A quick reminder parents to complete the **on-line Medical Consent form**. The link is <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform/>.

Rubbish Free Lunchboxes! Congratulations to Harry from 4/5/6, James from 2/3 and Wilson from K/1 who were the winners of the rub-

bish-free lunchbox competition. We will run this competition each Friday, in each classroom.

Vegetable Gardens. Thanks to Nash and Phoenix's mum Rebekah for sourcing a terrific supply of recycled hardwood for use in the construction of our raised garden beds. We are now looking for a supply of soil to fill them with, so if you can help, please speak to Rebekah or myself. Keep your eyes out for a garden working bee coming soon!

Yr 6 parents, please see the attached invitation to an information night at Mount View High.

I will be out of school on Friday to attend a Cessnock Principal's meeting in Kurri Kurri. Thank you Simone for taking the 4/5/6 class for the day. **Mr Howe**

Sports News

There is plenty happening on the sporting front at Laguna! Senior students are training hard for the upcoming Tag League Day on the 11th March. Zone Cross-Country will be on in early Term 2 and to provide a focus, we will have our annual Fun Run on Thursday 2nd April. And there is cricket, with a gala day at John Forsyth's Oval on the 19th April that will include a half-time kids cricket game!



School Matters!

Voluntary School

Contributions are due! The contribution is \$43 for one student, or \$60 for two students or more. Payments can be made through the website, or in person at the office.

Special Religious Education. DEC policy states that public school parents have the right to have their children receive religious instruction, where authorised teachers are available. The policy also states that students not participating in SRE are not to receive lessons from the curriculum. Please contact Craig on 4998 8251 if you would like to discuss this matter further.

The concrete path running from the steps below the chessboard down to the weather shed is to be replaced next week. The area will be out of action for a week, and fenced off to ensure student safety.

Homework Survey. Thank you parents for taking the time to complete the homework survey—we had 27 returns which is a great response. We collated the responses according to classes, ie. K1, 2/3, 4/5/6. The information will be a key component of the updated homework policy, which will be discussed at the next

P&C and published before the end of term. The collated results are attached for your perusal.

A reminder to parents to please contact the office if your child will be away from school.



Playground reflections!

On Chess:

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

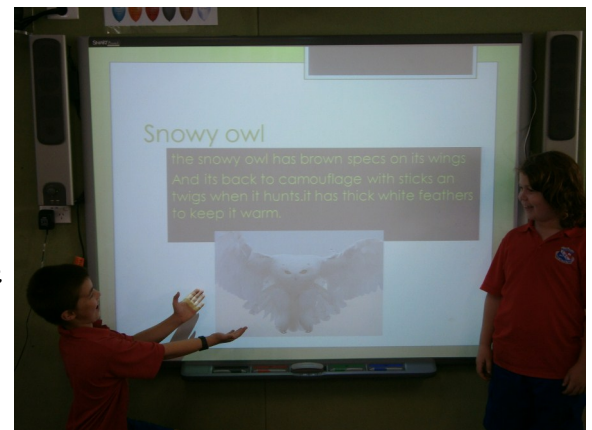
Emmanuel Lasker

Year 4-5-6 News

Five weeks into the term and it is busy in the senior classroom.

Students paired up to make their own PowerPoint presentations to reflect their learning in our Science unit, which is about animal and plant adaptations. We had presentations about body coverings, beaks, teeth and camouflage and how different animals adapted these features according to their habits and habitats.

The Term 1 project will go home next Tuesday, and students will write an information report on an animal of their choice, focusing on the adaptations they have made to be successful in their environment.



K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

Welcome to week 5, Thankyou everyone for your kind wishes while I was unwell. I arrived back at school to wonderful reports on how settled and well behaved the K-1 class were in my absence. Congratulations to all the class. The class was recognised on assembly last week with Respect awards. Well Done and Thank you. I have sent out 'homework' this week for year 1, there is a short note in the front but it should be self explanatory and along with home reading shouldn't take more than 10 minutes a night.

I will be in contact with all Kindergarten parents to organise Best Start interviews for next week. Year 1 are working on 3D shapes and 'th' sounds this week. Kindergarten have just learnt our 'd' sounds and practicing writing our numbers 1-10. Have a great week!



Congratulations to our respectful K/1 Class.



Year 2-3 News



Congratulations to our 'Nude Food', Rubbish Free lunchbox winner this week, James. I was incredibly impressed at the effort students and parents went to, to ditch the plastic wrap on Friday. Most students in our class went into the draw to win a chance to spin the prize wheel. Other notable achievements this week go to our Year 3 Room Leaders who have really stepped up as fantastic role models in our room.

This week in the 2/3 room we are sinking our *jaws* into learning... about sharks! We know that because sharks have fins, have backbones, breathe through gills, have scales and are cold blooded, they are actually **fish**. They don't breathe through their nostrils, but they can smell blood from miles away! We've classified marine animals into reptiles, mammals, fish and invertebrates. Pick an animal and try and *catch* your child out!

Ms Sewell

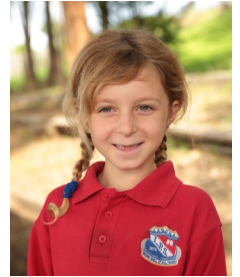
Weekly Award Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who earned awards last week:



Lara - 4/5/6 Respect Award for wonderful manners in the office!

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



Max—4/5/6 Responsibility Award. Max is always ready to go in class and is always seeking to improve.

Nirikai, K/1 Playground for Respect. What a great friend!



James—2/3 Responsibility Award. What a great start to the year!

Yinaa, 2/3 Playground Award for Compassion and showing great kindness to other students.



Phoenix—2/3/ Courage Award. For giving everything a go.
Congratulations!

