

UPCOMING EVENTS!

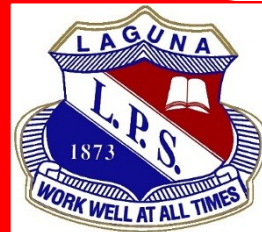
- **P&C AGM** Tue
10th Mar
- **Tag League**
Day Wed 11th
March
- **School Photos**
Thu 19th Mar
- **Young Leaders**
Day—Yr 6 stu-
dents Mon
23rd March
- **4/5/6 Excursion**
Milson Island
25th, 26th,
27th March
- **Fun Run** Thu
2nd April

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Laguna Public School



TERM 1, WEEK 6

4TH MARCH 2015

P&C AGM Next Tuesday

The 2015 P&C AGM is on at 3.30, Tuesday 10th March in the senior classroom. All welcome, please come along! There will also be a discussion re organising our school's involvement in the Easter markets.

Thank you Ms Sewell for organising our participation last Friday in the Clean Up Australia Day event. Teams of students scoured John Forsyth's oval, Laguna Hall and the walkway between Laguna Hall and the GNTF. The most pleasing aspect of all was the fact that only the tiniest amount of litter was found on our school grounds—well done students for continuing to look after your rubbish, and also to Denise Bush, our hard-working school cleaner.

Rubbish Free Lunchboxes! Congratulations this week to Ben from Yr 4/5/6, Taj from Yr 2/3 and Georgie from K-1 whose names were drawn from all of those students who brought rubbish free lunchboxes to school last Friday. Keep up the good work!

Vegetable Gardens.

Wednesday 11th March is building day in the vegetable garden. Using recycled timber our GA John and some keen

parents will start construction of raised garden beds to re-establish vegetable gardening at Laguna. If you have a spare hour or two, your help would be greatly appreciated. We are still on the lookout for any soil donations - please let us know if

Laguna PS over the next three years, and help determine how best to allocate our resources and maximize the benefits for our students. Our three strategic directions are i) a Dynamic and Engaging Learning Culture, (ii) Quality Leadership,



you can help.

NAPLAN. The NAPLAN test for students in Years 3 and 5 will take place in Week 4 of term 2, from the 12th to the 14th May. Students are tested on their aptitude in Literacy and Numeracy. If you have any questions or concerns please come and talk to your child's teacher.

Our school plan for 2015-2017 is almost complete. The plan will provide direction for

Teaching and Learning and (iii) Quality Relationships. The plan will be up for discussion again at the next P&C meeting, and when published available through our website.

Mrs Shaunessy will be away next Monday and Tuesday as she will be attending a professional development course about using ipads in learning activities.

Have a great week!

"The guitar is a small orchestra. It is polyphonic. Every string is a different colour, a different voice."

Andre Segovia

Guitar Groups are up and running! We have had a great response so far, with over 25 keen students making it along. The school has a set of seven guitars, and along with some donations, we have almost had a guitar for every student in each session. The school guitars can be borrowed; Jeanette keeps a borrowing sheet at the front office. For budding players our most important practice tip is to sit down with the guitar for at least 5 minutes every day and just become familiar with it. There is also a guitar group link on our school website with chord diagrams, one-string

School Matters!

riffs and other useful information. Thanks to Tim for his excellent help and support!

Late Arrivals. The late arrival of students in class can be disruptive to the lesson and affect their own learning. Ideally students should arrive at least 10 minutes before bell to allow them a relaxed and settled start to the day. Any late arrivals need to be marked at the office so the student is not marked as absent for that day. Thank you for your cooperation!

Reading with your child at home When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether

reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home>

School Banking. School banking is available! If you are interested, please see Jeanette at the school office for further details.

Year 4-5-6 News

The Term 1 project has gone home. Students will reinforce their learning about animal and plant adaptations in class by choosing an animal or plant and writing an information report describing how it has adapted to survive in its particular habitat. Project is due on Tuesday March 17th. Regular homework will be suspended next week.

Mathletics is proving to be very popular in the senior classroom. Students use the program to reinforce their understanding of our weekly maths topics. This week Year 4 are investigating numbers beyond 10



This unknown Laguna PS student was found collecting rubbish on Clean Up Australia Day! Any clues as to their identity would be welcome!

K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

Welcome to another great week, we are having a wonderful time reading lots of books written by Julia Donaldson and of course our favourites are 'The Gruffalo' books. We will be doing some great artwork surrounding these books in the next week. Kindergarten are continuing their sounds this week. See if you can trick them by writing down any of the following s, a, t, i, p, r, n, c, k, h, e, m, n, g, o, u. Each sound has an action. Year One are working on Proper Nouns and writing sentences with full stops and capital letters. In maths we are working on days of the weeks, friends of 10 and in Kindergarten recognising 'before' and 'after'. We are also discovering the four layers of a rainforest and what inhabits each layer.

Busy, busy times in the K-1 room! Don't forget I will be having interviews with all Kinder parents over the next fortnight.



Chess Competition



The Chess competition kicked off this week, it was great to see so many keen players. Thanks to Mrs Baker for organising this! We are looking to enter some teams in a local Cessnock chess day—details will be forthcoming!

Art Lessons!

We are looking to welcoming Kes Harper back into school next term. We will be looking at Australian Artists, with art techniques to suit each of the three classes.



Year 2-3 News



Thank you to all the students who participated in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday. We had a very successful clean up of the school grounds, Laguna Hall and John's Oval and managed to fill nine garbage bags! After the clean up and our rubbish free lunches, I hope we all went home feeling environmentally responsible!

Maths is still making a splash in the 2/3 Room and continues to be our favourite part of the day (and noisiest!). We are caught up in maths games, Mathletics, measurements and multiplication!

In literacy we are looking at persuasive texts. We have been working on selecting arguments and opinions and elaborating on them. Next week, instead of our regular homework, students will have the task of writing a short two-minute speech on "All kids should be made to play sports". They will be asked to choose an argument and try to persuade the audience that their opinion is best! The best speeches will be read at assembly the following week.

Have a great week!

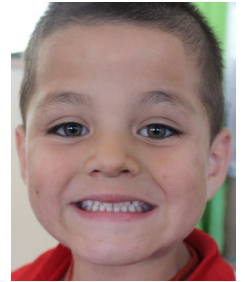
Ms Sewell

Weekly Award Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who earned awards last week:



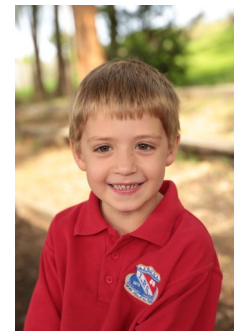
Zara—4/5/6 Courage Award for giving everything a go and working hard in mathematics. Go Zara!



Ryder—K-1 Responsibility Award for always completing work on time.



Lochee—4/5/6 Responsibility Award for excellent classroom behaviour and the 2/3 Playground Award for Respect in the playground.



Hunter—K-1 Responsibility Award for completing all set work and being a great class leader.



James—K-1 Playground Award for Compassion, for helping a student when injured. Just what the doctor ordered!



Zac—4/5/6 Playground Award for Honesty—great sportsmanship and always playing fairly.



Bela—2/3 Courage Award. What a great guy!



Kiah—2/3 Responsibility Award. . Congratulations!

