

UPCOMING EVENTS!

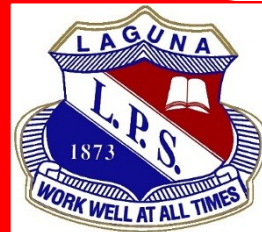
- Tag League
Day Wed 11th
March
- School Photos
Thu 19th Mar
- Young Leaders
Day—Yr 6 stu-
dents Mon
23rd March
- 4/5/6 Excursion
Milson Island
25th, 26th,
27th March
- Last day of
school - 2nd
April—fun run,
musical assem-
bly, Easter egg
raffle and East-
er egg hunt!

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Laguna Public School



TERM 1, WEEK 7

11TH MARCH 2015

New P&C Committee for 2015

Another thank you to the parents who were able to attend the P&C AGM yesterday, and thank you to the parents who sent their apologies. As Principal, I genuinely value the energy and innovation that the Laguna P&C bring to our school, with the well-being of our students first and foremost. The P&C Executive for 2015;

President: Veronica Chambers; Vice-President: Anna Philip; Secretary: Ashley Swan; Treasurer: Karen Toohey; Uniforms: Kellie Jones; Publicity: Sacha Kidd.

Remember that the membership fee of one dollar is included in the voluntary school contribution, so if you have paid your school fees, you have voting rights at the P&C!

Keen-eyed parents will have noticed a beautiful wooden raised garden bed sitting just above the walkway to the office. A huge thanks to Nash and Phoenix's mum Rebekah, Harper's mum Sally and the indefatigable John Donkers for their work in turning the donated timber (thank you Tim from Tim's Timber 0434 969087) into raised garden beds. There will be further construction this Friday afternoon - if you have a spare half-hour, please come along to help!



This Friday raffle tickets will go home for a P&C Easter Raffle, to be drawn at the assembly on the last day of term (Thursday 2nd April). The assembly will also feature performances from the Marimba ensemble, the guitar group and the singing group. At the conclusion of the assembly, children will head into the playground for an Easter egg hunt!

Sandpit aficionados will have noticed the removal of the sun shade. A recent tempest proved too much for a seam or two and the shade has now been shipped east for repairs, and will be back in place before too long!

Have a great week!
- Mr Howe

Sport News!

Today a team of 16 students from Years 2-6 will be heading into Cessnock to participate in a Tag League Day. Good on you, and good luck! Thank you Simone for organising this. In preparation for next term's Zone Cross Country, students have been practising long-distance running. On Thursday 2nd April, we will be holding a school fun run at John Forsyth's Oval. Parents very welcome, details to follow.

Rubbish Free Lunchboxes! Congratulations this week to Oliver from Yr 4/5/6, Stanley from Yr 2/3 and Ruby from K-1 whose names were drawn from all of those students who brought rubbish free lunchboxes to school last Friday. You are making a difference!

Library lessons are bustling along. Thank you to our library monitors who have been a huge help. Book club is being postponed until next term. Mrs Baker presented PBL awards to Poppy, Kyah and Harry for their excellent attitudes in library lessons.

Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but

School Matters!

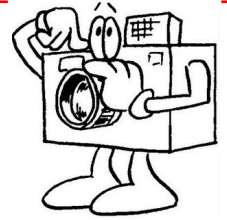
there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know>

Succeeding in science

Encouraging your teen to ask questions and helping them find the answers is top of the list in helping them to succeed in science.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/helping-your-teenager-succeed-in-science>



School Photos are next Thursday 19th March.

Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform, including black shoes (sports shoes may be brought in their bag for later). Each student will have their envelope attached to this newsletter and it will need to be returned to school before or on the day. **Every** student will have their photograph taken and will need to hand their envelope to the photographer even if there is no order to be placed. Please place the correct money or visa details in/on the envelope. Thank you.

The Term 1 project on Adaptation has gone home, and students should be well into the

research stage, making notes and drafting the paragraphs of their information report. Project is due on Tuesday March 17th.

Our students have been busy writing narratives, focusing on aspects such as orientation, complications and resolutions. Students are now in the publishing and editing stage and we are looking forward to producing a booklet of stories. In maths this week, Year 4 and 5 students are focusing on multiplication—concepts, strategies and patterns. Year 6 students are relating decimals to percentages. In addition to our weekly topics, students also practice minute maths (ask your child!) and times tables three times a week.



Year 4-5-6 News

K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

Week 7 Wow! Where is this term going? We have done some wonderful writing across Kindergarten and Year 1 in the past week. Kindergarten have started writing their own sentences and Year 1 have been writing some great recounts and facts about rainforests. In maths Kindergarten are working on number formation and friends of 10. Year 1 are doing a great job of telling the time on the hour. We have produced beautiful rainforest artwork around the 4 levels of the rainforest. Have a fantastic week!



***Thank you Juliette for the biggest half-watermelon ever!
It went down a treat on a hot, dusty day.***

Year 2-3 News

Congratulations to Stanley Jackson, the rubbish-free lunchbox winner for last week! We have noticed the amount of rubbish-free lunches on days other than Friday too, which is fantastic!

This week, in lieu of regular homework the students have been given the task of writing a speech on their opinion about whether or not all kids should be made to play sport. This shouldn't be a stressful activity for parents or students! The speech will be given in a very supportive classroom environment and is really designed for the children to prepare and practise speaking in front of a group and being able to voice opinions. If you have any concerns please see me. It is not a requirement to do regular homework this week, but if you have the time, it would be a great idea to practice your spelling words!

We had a wonderful singing group last Friday with Juliette and Skye with plenty of keen singers! Everyone is welcome so if you would like to come along we meet in the 2/3 room at 12.30pm on a Friday.

Have a great week everyone! ***Ms Sewell***

Chess Competition

The Chess competition continues, it is 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.

Weekly Award Winners!

Each week we acknowledge students who demonstrate our school values of Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Courage and Responsibility:

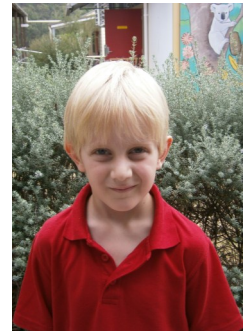


Trevor—4/5/6
Responsibility
Award. Trevor's
initiative and
commitment to
learning are of
the highest order.

Jade—K-1
Courage
Award for
standing up
for what she
believes in.



Matthew —K-1
Responsibility
Award for com-
pleting all tasks
independently.

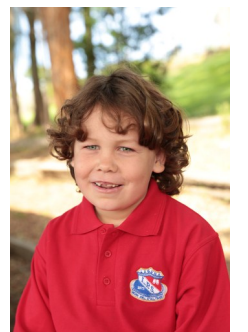


Katelyn—4/5/6
Compassion
Award. Thankyou
Katelyn for your
kindness and con-
sideration of your
fellow students.

Lochee - K-1
Playground
Respect
Award for be-
ing kind to all
friends in the
playground.



Rudi - 2/3 Play-
ground Respect
Award for shar-
ing playground
equipment.



Hunter -4/5/6
Playground Re-
spect Award for
cooperative play
in the sandpit.

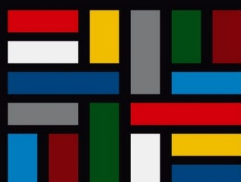
Zac—2/3
Courage
Award. 100%
effort in every-
thing!



Stratton —2/3
Repsonsibility
Award . Always
doing the right
thing!



SPORTS AWARDS! *Ruby*, Courage, always giving things a go! *Jesse*, Responsibility, always looking to help set up and pack away. *Harry*, Compassion, always ready to help others.



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