

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

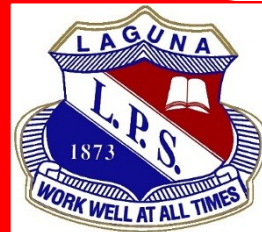
- **School Photos**  
Thu 19th Mar
- **Young Leaders**  
Day—Yr 6 students Mon  
23rd March
- **4/5/6 Excursion**  
Milsen Island  
25th, 26th,  
27th March
- **Last day of**  
school - 2nd  
April—fun run,  
musical assembly,  
Easter egg  
raffle and Easter  
egg hunt!

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# Laguna Public School



TERM 1, WEEK 8

18TH MARCH 2015

## Photos Tomorrow!

**We welcome back Gavin** from PhotoWorx tomorrow for our annual school photos. We ask students to wear their best uniforms for the day (red shirt with emblem, royal blue shorts/skorts, white socks, black shoes). Please ensure that you have returned your photo envelopes by Thursday. Please note that due to the photo sessions sport will be moved to Friday for this week only!

**The Year 4/5/6 camp to Milsen Island** is almost upon us. Attached again is the equipment list for students and accompanying adults, as well as a drivers list and map. We are very grateful to those parents who have offered to transport students down to Kangaroo Point Wharf on the Hawkesbury River - it is a huge help. We need to be at the wharf by 9.30 on Wednesday morning, and pick up is at 1.30 pm from the wharf on Friday. **Please ensure all permission notes and payments have been forwarded to the office.**

**Thursday 2nd April** is the last school day (already!) for Term 1 and it will be a busy one! Students will participate in the school fun run from 10.00 a.m., and the day

will conclude with a 2.30 Easter Assembly This will include a performance from the Guitar and Singing groups, as well as the junior and senior marimba ensembles. There will be the Easter Raffle draw (5 wonderful prizes!) and an Easter Egg hunt to finish the day. A reminder—please return all raffle ticket stubs and money to the office as soon as possible; more tickets available if needed.



*Off on the daily fun run!*

**Saturday 21st March** is Harmony Day and we will mark this celebration of diversity this Friday. Students will help paint a mural on the boards under the toilet block and students will be working to-

gether to make their own healthy pizzas for lunch!

**Rubbish free lunchboxes—** congratulations to weekly winners Harry, Alisha and Hunter! On Friday 20 out of 23 senior class students had rubbish free lunchboxes - an outstanding commitment to sustaining the beautiful natural environment we have at Laguna!

**Easter Markets.** Laguna P&C is sunning the Tea Stall at the Wollombi Easter Markets. What a great fundraising opportunity for our school! If you can help on the day, or if you can provide cakes, slices or scones, please contact Veronica (4998 8639) to add your name to the roster.

**Marimbas!** In addition to the stall, we will have our marimbas at the markets. **We would like as many students as possible** to join us for a performance at 10.00 a.m. These wonderful instruments have become a hallmark of our school and will add life and colour to the market!

**Have a great week!**  
- Mr Howe

## School Matters!

**Parents**, please check that you have provided the school with updated contact details and permission notes please. If in doubt, please see Jeanette at the office.

**Our teachers** have noticed a lot of tired children on Mondays at

school. A recent study found that the most important factor in sleep for children was not the amount of sleep, but rather the regularity of bedtimes.

### Sounding out aloud

Making phonics fun. Help your

child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/phonics-helping->

## Cross Country!

Students have been running around our fun run course for weeks now, building up their fitness for our upcoming fun run on April 2nd. Parents are very welcome! This fun run will prepare students for the Zone Cross Country, to be held on Thursday 23rd April, the first week back after the holidays. We have attached permission notes to this newsletter for all eligible students (8 years and above); however we can only take six students from each age group and we won't have a list of our fastest qualifiers until the last day of this term. We will notify all Zone qualifiers as soon as possible.

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

Andre Segovia

We look forward to the project presentations over the following week before we head off to Milson Island!

## Year 4-5-6 News

Ants have also kept us busy this week. As part of our unit on the adaptability of plants and animals, we have been working with the Botany Bay Environmental School to see what sorts of ants we have in our school yard. We conducted an experiment and are sending off our results to a national ant database. Our students will take part in a video conference with the BBES and other school to share results and learn more about these industrious and numerous insects.



Students have been practising writing narratives, and a published class set has been completed. We have been fortunate to have a local sponsor, Exisle Publishing, who are delighted to be able to sponsor and judge a writing competition. We eagerly await the results!

## K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

Hello for another week! The K-1 'Orangutans', as we will now be known, are having a fantastic week. We will be looking at the plight of these wonderful creatures and look forward to learning more about 'Orangutans' in the weeks to come. This week in maths Year 1 are on a 'graphing' adventure and look forward to many more tally marks and graphs to look at. In English we are focusing on 'ar' words. Kindergarten are continuing to build up those hand muscles to assist with their fine motor skills. We have learnt the new sounds of 'ai', b, j this week. In maths we are looking at the difference between numbers 'How many more is 8 than 6?' We have also planted some wheat grass and look forward to our first harvest before Easter (we hope). Our experiment on water tension may be a great one to see at home, you just need: milk, food colouring and washing detergent.

Don't forget permission notes for the 'Reptile Park' if you have any questions regarding this please see either Miss Sewell or myself. Have a great week!

### ***Library News!***

What a day our students have in the library on Tuesdays! Reading and borrowing new books, music lessons, art activities and stories. Chess club runs every lunchtime.

This week Mrs Baker gave PBL awards to Sam (Respect), Kurt (Responsibility) and Phoenix F (Responsibility). Well done to those students!

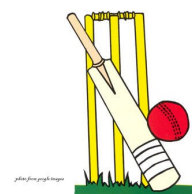
Year 4/5/6 students handed in their projects this week on Survival - or how animals adapt to survive in particular habitats. It is always exciting to see these projects presented. They are also excellent preparation for students who will soon be heading off to high school, where homework assignments and organisation are high priorities!

### **Keep the date - Sunday 19th April!**

On this day celebrations will take place at John Forsyth's Oval to mark its 10th Anniversary.

There will be a cricket match between the Laguna and Narrara clubs. There will be a BBQ lunch. At halftime, there will be a children's cricket match—all comers welcomed! We will also have the marimbas down there to lend a West Indian feel!

The oval has been an invaluable resource for our school over the years, and John is an active supporter of our beautiful school. So, please come down for the day if you can, it will be a lot of fun!



## **Year 2-3 News**

Week eight already?!

We heard some fantastic speeches in the 2/3 room this week about whether or not kids should be made to play sport. Most students agreed that sport is an excellent way to stay fit and healthy, build relationships and learn important life skills such as teamwork. A couple of students made great points about how important it is for kids not to be pressured into activities that made them feel bad about themselves. I was very impressed by how well prepared our students were and how well they organised their ideas. By practising their speeches at home, students spoke clearly and confidently. I am looking forward to hearing some of our most impressive speeches at assembly this Friday.

We have resumed our regular homework booklets this week (in case anyone tries to convince you otherwise). We are up to List 7 in spelling! Have a fabulous week! - **Ms Sewell**



# Weekly Award Winners!

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



Jaimie—4/5/6 Responsibility Award. Jaimie takes responsibility for her learning by always trying her best in all subjects Well done!

Wilson—K-1 Responsibility Award for excellent class work!



Poppy —K-1 Compassion Award for looking after all living things.

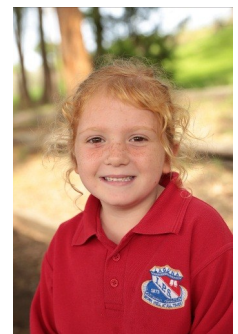


Atticus—4/5/6 Respect Award. Atticus is unfailingly polite and shows great respect to his friends and teachers. Thank you!

Kyah - K-1 Playground Responsibility Award for looking after our equipment!.



Poppy - 2/3 Playground Respect Award for sharing playground equipment.



Jesse -4/5/6 Playground Award. Responsibility for being a responsible student in the playground.

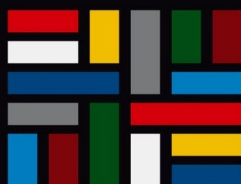
Giselle —2/3 Compassion Award. Always looking after others.



Skye —2/3 Respect Award. Beautiful manners!



**SPORTS AWARDS! . Wilson, Lucy and Nash—what great sports!**



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