

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 4/5/6 Excursion
Milson Island
25th, 26th,
27th March
- K-3 excursion
to Reptile Park
Fri 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 9



25TH MARCH 2015

Excursion Week

A short newsletter this week!

Photos went well last week, and should be available early term 2. Thank you parents—the uniforms looked great. We also enjoyed a lovely Harmony Day—thank you Mrs Shaunessy for your pizza-making marathon with the students, and thanks Rebekah for your help with the hands mural—we will finish this off before the end of term.

Year 4, 5, 6 students are off to Milson Island for the rest of the week - looking forward to a great time.

Students in years K-3 will be off to the Reptile Park on Friday - drivers list attached.

This week Trevor, Yinaa, Kali and Lara went down to Sydney for National Young Leaders Day. Due to a compulsory principals meeting I couldn't attend, but a huge thanks to Chris Davey who accompanied the students and reported back on an energetic and inspiring day.

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.



Come and celebrate the 10th anniversary of John Forsyth's Oval on April 19th. Kids cricket game, marimbas, food and the well-seasoned Laguna cricket team in action!

Easter Markets. Laguna P&C is running 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!

Weekly Awards - from K-1; well done to Wilson for a Courage and a Sports award, Ryder for Honesty and Giselle for Compassion. 2/3, Brody for Compassion, Stanley for Honesty, Kyah Swan for Courage & Seth for Responsibility. From 4-5-6, Ben for Responsibility, Zara for Honesty and a Sports award for Oliver.

Mrs Baker presented PBL awards to Bronte for Responsibility, Skye for Respect and Ruby for Courage. Well done everyone!

Have a great week! - Mr Howe



National Young Leaders Day

Thank you to Sally, Harper's mum, for providing us with the following feedback regarding our Move to Learn program. Over to you Sally: *Late last year I took Harper to a Behavioural Optometrist in Singleton to have his eyes checked. It turned out he had one eye that moved more fluidly than the other, which could become a tracking problem when learning to read. The optometrist sent us away for 4 months, wanting to see Harper once he had started school and had begun to read. When asked what I could do in the meantime he replied, have you heard of the program Move to Learn? He recommended Harper engage in many of the moves to strengthen the connection between the left and right brain which could, in turn, improve his tracking problem. This, of course, was made extremely easy for me with the school timetabling in three sessions a week in Term 1 (hallelujah!). Harper has devoured the Move to Learn activities. He adores the sessions and showing off his new skills at home. Why walk to feed the chooks when you can skip, pivot, skip, pivot? Why wait for mum in the car when you can drop, pencil roll from one end of the house to the other, grab your bag and do the lateral crawl back? We saw the optometrist last week and he was really impressed with the change to Harper's eyes. He doesn't want to see him for another year, and no glasses needed at this stage. So a big thank you to the staff for building Move to Learn in to the school timetable, and a huge thank you to Simone for diligently and patiently teaching what must, at times, seem like less than organised chaos!*

Using shadow puppets made from bits of rubbish, Jeff Achtem (Bunk Puppets) presents a gurgling adventure about life in a swamp, with an eye popping 3D shadow puppet finale. The world created is quirky and complex; an imaginative environment that rivals creative giants such as Dr Seuss and Walter Mowers.

The plot, however minimalistic, is eloquent in its simple truthfulness. The subtext of the story, which has no dialogue, is about having respect for the life that exists around us, a lesson that the protagonist learns through his journey. Ultimately, it is a message against greediness.

School Holiday Activities

FROM THE CREATOR OF 'STICKS STONES BROKEN BONES'

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CLAY FOR KIDS

Send your kids along to a ceramics workshop these Easter school holidays to push, squeeze, pinch and extend their creativity, confidence, dexterity, motor skills and individuality, and have a blast doing it!

Each age group has two 2 hour sessions on 13th and 15th April.

Session 1— create 1-2 sculptural pieces.

Session 2— do finishing touches, including adding colour.

Pieces will be fired and can be collected on Friday 24th at 10am.

Where: Wollombi Public School

When: Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th April

Time: 10am

Cost: \$25 per child (includes all materials and clay)

Payment is cash on the day or contact me to arrange a bank transfer

Bring: Morning tea, water, hat, apron/old shirt

RSVP sallywynjames@yahoo.com.au or 4998 3119

Contact me to secure a place. Small class sizes so limited places!!

The classes will be taken by Sally James, a ceramicist for the past 10 years, and ceramics teacher in TAFE for 6 years.

This workshop is sponsored by
The Wollombi School Community Education Trust (WSCET)

