

UPCOMING
EVENTS!

- **NAPLAN** Tues
12th, Wed
13th, Thur
14th May
- **Small Schools
Athletics Car-
nival** Tues 19th
May
- **Yr 6 Discover
Uni Day** Fri 6
June
- **Pirate Day!** Fri
13th June

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Laguna Public School



TERM 2, WEEK 3

6TH MAY 2015

The 2014 Annual School Report has been published and is available on the school website. This document reports on the school's financial, academic, sporting, cultural and community achievements in 2014. Please take the time to have a read—copies are also available from the office.

The 2015-2017 School Plan is also available through the school website. Our three strategic objectives for 2015-2017 are :

- *Happy, Confident and Successful Students.*

- *Professional and Motivated Staff.*

- *Active and Engaged School Community*

NAPLAN. On Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday of next week **Year 3 and Year 5** students will sit the NAPLAN test. There are four sessions over the three days of around 45 minutes each. All students need to make sure they are well rested for next week.

What a fantastic effort put in by our Cross Country team at the Cessnock Racecourse last Thursday. The weather was fine, and Simone and I were very proud of the efforts of students competing in the 2km and 3km races. **Congratulations** to Yinaa, 1st in the 12yr Girls 3km; Flynn 4th in the 10yr Boys 2km and Nirikai, 2nd in the 9yr Girls 2km. Special mention to Oliver Debus, who made the reserve list for the 11yr Boys 3km. Yinaa, Nirikai and Flynn will travel to Broadmeadow this Friday

to compete in the Regional final. Well done **Simone** for your great organization on the day, with over 350 students taking part.

Thank you to those families who contributed items for the Dungog school appeal. There has been an outstanding response to the appeal right across the Hunter region and our donations will be delivered this week.

Mr Howe



Library News

Congratulations to Jasmin, Zac, Georgie, Lara and Atticus for having a go and completing the Premier's Reading Challenge for this year. Well done!

PBL Library Awards this week to Jaimie, Sonny and Phoenix B - thank you for your respect and responsibility!

The lunchtime Chess Competition is pro-

gressing well. A recent news article called for the addition of chess to the curriculum, underlining its importance and value to student learning.

Book Club for Stage 3 students has resumed this term. It is very popular with students as they discuss the books they are currently reading.

School Matters

Looking for piano lessons?

Local piano teacher Margaret Nichol teaches in at our school mornings and afternoons. If you are interested in your child learning the piano, give Margaret a call on 49988396.

Thank you Andy for your terrific work around the school grounds in John's absence. It has been a bit tricky with all of the rain but there will be plenty of grass to mow when it dries. The rebuilt path leading to the senior seats looks great.

Rubbish Free Lunchboxes.

There's nothing like a flood to make you realise how much rubbish is left lying around on the ground in the general environment. Happily at school, the efforts of our families in reducing packaging and plastics in lunchboxes meant that we have had very little litter washed down the hill into the playground. Thank you everyone for our efforts!

Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to>

*"Climate is
what we
expect, weather
is what we get"*
- Mark Twain

Year 4-5-6 News

Problem Solving! We have begun weekly maths problem-solving sessions in the senior classroom. There are many strategies involved in problem solving including working backwards, looking for patterns and logical reasoning. Students are required to read the problem, sort the information, apply their maths skills and then check their answer. It is a fun and challenging session!

Science! Our topic this term is Extreme Weather. We will look closely at cyclones—how they develop, what impact they have and how we can use this scientific understanding to solve problems that directly affect people's lives. We will be making our own cyclone simulators, so if you have any used plastic soft-drink bottles at home please bring them in!

Term 2 Senior Project. The topic will be Extreme Weather, and the presentation format will be PowerPoint. The mode of presentation allows students to present information through written text, images, videos and the spoken word. The project will be handed out in Week 6.



K-1 News *from Mrs Shaunessy*

The K-1 Orangutans have come back to Term 2 settled and working hard. This week in maths Kindergarten are working towards adding one digit numbers and revising their numeral recognition. Year 1 are looking at length and comparisons while revising their groups of 10 and 1. In literacy we are focusing on spacing in kindergarten and year 1 are looking at Proper Nouns. Homework has gone home and is to be returned on Friday.

Last week we were flooded. There were ditches and holes. By Georgie

Last week my road was a creek. I had high water and I

couldn't get out. By Poppy

Last week I was flooded and I couldn't get out. By Ruby

Last week we had a blackout, it rained all day and night. I held hail because it fell from the sky. By Charlotte

Last week we were flooded and we couldn't get out. When we were flooded we played monopoly. By Jade

Last week I could not get out because my bridge was under water. By Hunter

Last week it was flooded. The water over flowed and was really high. By Phoenix

Year 2-3 News

This week in Maths the 2/3 class have been learning about 3D objects. We made cubes and pyramids with matchsticks and blue-tak, and spheres and cones with play dough. Ask your child to explain what a face, vertex and edge is!

This is the last week on the current homework books. We will be receiving new books next week with bookmarks to help with reading at home. Please make sure you return current homework books and folders this Friday.

The winner of last week's rubbish free lunch-box was Stratton, who spun the prize wheel and landed on 'Choose A Song', so we were treated to Song 2 by Blur. What excellent music taste!

This weekend at Wollombi School

Smoking ceremony and session on Aboriginal culture with special reference to Wollombi Valley. Led by respected Darkinjung elder Uncle Paul Gordon.

Saturday 9th May, 3-5pm

RSVP Fri 8 May to wscetevents@gmail.com - or just show up!

See the attached flyer for more details.

Good quality, cured, hard firewood for sale.

Call Joni on 4998 8269 for details.



Weekly Achievement Awards!



K-1 Classroom Award, Hunter - Responsibility, taking responsibility for his learning.



K-1 Classroom Award, Bela, for outstanding work in Maths.



4-5-6 Playground Award - Brody!



2-3 Classroom Award, and K-1 Playground Award - Alisha for compassion towards others!



K-1 Classroom Award - Georgie, showing Responsibility in improving her reading.

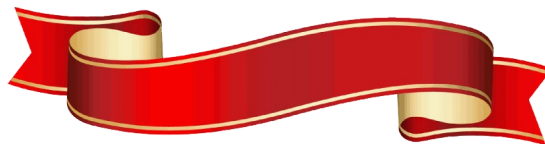


2-3 Classroom Award—Piper, for settling into Laguna so well!



4-5-6 Classroom Award - Rudi, for compassion and kindness to others!

2-3 Classroom Award—Jem, for settling into Laguna so well!



Weekly Sports Awards!

All of our competitors in the Zone Cross Country received a Courage Award for giving it a go.

Congratulations to these weekly sports award winners: Lochee, Stanley and Tess!

