

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Friday 5th June  
Yr 6 Uni Discovery Day
- Friday 12th June  
Pirate Day!

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# Laguna Public School



TERM 2, WEEK 5

20TH MAY 2015

## A Message from Mrs Shaunessy

***To the students, parents, staff and community of Laguna Public School.***

*"Eight years ago I was placed at Laguna Public School and I had to look on a map to see where Laguna was! I had a very warm welcome from all at LPS and quickly fell in love with the school, the students and the community.*

*It breaks my heart to tell you I need to leave this beautiful school.*

*For my own health and safety I need to work closer to medical facilities, in case a wasp takes a dislike to me again. Realising this has broken my heart.*

*I want to thank the wonderful staff at Laguna for your support and for helping my professional growth over the years. The staff and students have become my second family and many of you in the community I value as my friends.*

*I will not miss the hour drive to Laguna everyday*

*but I will miss everyone very much.*

*I know Craig will find a wonderful and caring teacher to nurture the K-1 class.*

*Laguna will always have a special place in my heart. - Mrs Shaunessy.*

**On behalf of the Laguna PS staff** I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution that Kelli has made to our school over the last eight years. Her students have greatly benefited from her kindness, care, dedication,

creativity and determination to allow each student to achieve their potential. These qualities have been, and will continue to be, a hallmark of her teaching.

Mrs Shaunessy will forever remain part of our Laguna PS community, and in the coming weeks we will organise a farewell to allow students and parents to say goodbye properly.

**- Mr Howe.**



“Writing means sharing. It's part of the human condition to want to share things - thoughts, ideas, opinions.  
**Paulo Coelho**

## School Matters!

### Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/>

[how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning](#)

### Mastering spelling

Are you checking your child's weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and

what you do when you don't know how to spell a word. Here's some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Find out more: [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/)

## Story Writing!

Thank you to Gareth Thomas from Exisle Publishing and his colleagues, author Pete Carter and wife Jac, for presenting prizes for our short story competition. Exisle sponsored the prizes and the winners were:

1st Prize: Clio Hamilton, "The Lost Girl"

2nd Prize: Lochee Blackwell, "Ham the Hamster"

3rd Prize: Oliver Debus, "Living the Dream"

Year 4 Encouragement Prize: Nirikai Drylie, "The Land of Lollies"



Our prize winners with Gareth and Pete; Clio reading out her winning entry!



Thank you to Yinaa, Atticus, Jaimie and Zac who ventured down to AN-ZAC Park in Wollombi to plant a Lone Pine specimen in the gardens. This planting recognises another planting 100 years ago by Wollombi PS students, a magnificent Swamp Mahogany that sits towards the rear of the park. Thank you to the Wollombi Tidy Valleys for organising this planting!



## Small Schools Athletic Carnival!

What an excellent day we had at Turner Park yesterday. Laguna students joined with students from Millfield, Paxton, Mulbring, Congewai and Stanford Merthyr for games and athletics from Kindergarten through to Year 6. The infants carnival (K-2) was busy and active, and the senior carnival was full of excellent performances from Laguna students. Thankyou to Simone, who ran the senior carnival on behalf of Mulbring PS - many times we looked into the grandstand to see it empty of students who were all competing in events all over the park.

We look forward to hearing about those students who will represent our school in the Cessnock Zone carnival in the coming weeks.



*Great fun at the infants carnival!*

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

Congratulations to Bronte!!! It is great that you have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for this year. Stay tuned for news about our P.R.C. party for those students who complete the challenge.

This week Mrs Baker gave PBL awards to Yinaa (Respect), Giselle (Responsibility) and Charlotte (Responsibility). Well done to those students!

Senior students will receive their Term 2 projects next week - the topic is extreme weather!

### *What's On at Wollombi School*

This Sunday, 24th May, there is a Fairy Afternoon Tea and Ballet Lesson with Gracie.

Wear your favourite fairy gear and don't forget your wings!!

This activity is for primary school aged children.

Cost: \$5

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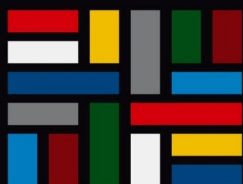
**Vege Gardens!** Thanks to all the parents who have helped construct our garden beds! It is a work in progress, we have a few more beds to build so let the school know if you can spare an hour or two! Seedlings are in and we look forward to mounds of produce in the months to come!



### **Pirate Day! 12th June**

Year 6 students are hosting a Pirate Day on Friday 12th June. The aim is to raise money for research into childhood brain cancer.

On the day, students can dress as a pirate, and bring a gold coin donation. Year 6 students are also holding a second-hand toy stall—what a great way to recycle old toys. Look for the promotional poster out soon!



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