

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Fri 12th June  
Pirate Day
- Tues 16th June  
last Tennis  
afternoon
- Mon 22nd June  
Semester 1  
reports home
- Fri 26th June  
PCYC/  
Basketball

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# Laguna Public School



TERM 2, WEEK 8

10TH JUNE 2015

## Pirate Day Friday!

**Why do pirates always carry a bar of soap?** If they get shipwrecked, they can wash themselves ashore! **Our Year 6 students** are preparing for this Friday's fund raiser and some second-hand toys have already come in for the stall. Preparations are being made for the healthy wrap lunch, and we will all be walking the plank first thing! Students, come dressed as a pirate and bring a gold coin donation to support brain cancer research.

**The veges are growing beautifully in the gardens,** and some new features have been added this week. Mrs Shaunessy has given the school some lovely gifts in the form of a birdbath and two flowerpot men. Congratulations to Harper's mum Sally who has obtained an \$1100 grant for further development of the gardens!



**Year 6 students Trevor and Yinaa** enjoyed a very interesting day down at Newcastle University on Friday. The visit was arranged as part of the University's Aim High program for local schools. The students enjoyed hands-on sessions with the engineering, visual arts and computer programming departments, and will participate in Discover Science sessions in Term 4!



**Thank you Andy,** who has stepped in to manage the school grounds while John D is away. The grounds look fantastic. It is also a great time of year for birds at the school—King Parrots, Currawongs, Kookaburras, Magpies, Bower Birds, Honeyeaters, Spinebills, Finches, Wrens and Black Cockatoos are all making daily appearances in the schoolyard.

**Parent and Teacher Interviews.** Parents are encouraged to arrange an interview with their child's teacher to discuss progress and goals. Interviews can be arranged for the final week of this term ((22nd-26th June) or in the first two weeks of the third term (14th-24th July).

**Have a great week.**

**Mr Howe**

## Library News

*Thank you to our Library Monitors - Trevor, Ryder, Lochee, Ben and Zara—who work hard every Tuesday to return books to shelves and keep the library running smoothly!*

*This week congratulations to Stanley and Zara for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge!*

## Sporting News

The last tennis afternoon will be next Tuesday, with a special appearance by the ball machine! Thank you to the Wollombi Tennis Club for hosting us, and to Simone for organising!

We are having a day at the PCYC and the Basketball Centre on our last day of school, Friday 26th June. Travel will be by bus, with an approximate cost of \$13 per child. Notes will go home this week!

## School Matters!

**The Yr 6 students** had great fun learning about basic programming skills at Newcastle Uni last Friday. They used an app called Lightbot—a great way to learn basic programming concepts.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings.

Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/parent-teacher-interviews>

### Starting School

In term 3 we will be holding Kinder Orientation Days for eligible preschoolers. A question often asked is “Is my child ready for school?” Check out this link for more

information. <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/is-my-child-ready-to-start-school>

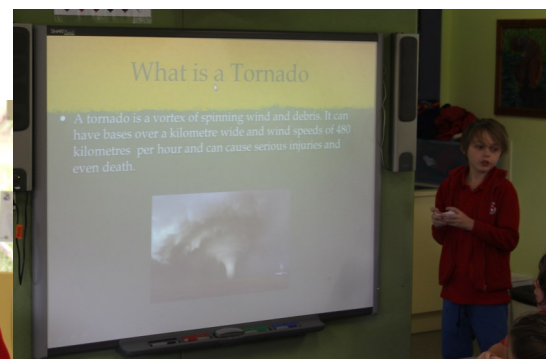
**Children’s sleep patterns.** A recent article highlighted the importance of consistent sleep habits for the health and well-being of children. This link takes you to a very informative article from the Victorian Education Dept. <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/>

“The cyclone derives its powers from a calm centre. So does a person.”  
*Norman Vincent Peale.*

## Year 4-5-6 News

We are looking forward to a week of presentations as the Extreme Weather projects land at school. The projects are based on classroom studies, and the students combine research, ICT, writing and speaking skills to inform their audience about a particular extreme weather phenomenon. These projects are valuable preparation for high school. Students have been allocated a particular day over the next week and parents are very welcome to come in and be part of the audience!

At the end of the week students will have arrived at a topic for the Laguna PS Public Speaking Competition. This will take place in the first week of Term 3. We had a terrific variety of topics last year and look forward to more of the same!





**Year K-1 News.** Exciting news ahead for the K-1 class. The wonderful folks from Henny Penny Hatching will be bringing eggs out to the classroom in Term 3. Here are some photos of previous hatching experiences!



**Year 2-3 News!**

We have a few new students this week courtesy of Jem and Piper who have brought in their pet hermit crabs. They are quite shy at the moment and their handwriting needs a bit of work but we are hoping they settle in and 'come out of their shells' by the end of the week!

Congratulations to Zac Jones who won the Rubbish Free Lunchbox prize this week!

Congratulations to our award winners—Brody Ablett - Respect, Seth Mills - Responsibility, Dennis - Playground Award and apologies to Alisha Newcombe whose name was left off last week's newsletter for her 'Courage' class award.



# WSCET Events

## Grown Ups Art Club

Winter Thursdays 1pm – 3pm

Spend the winter months with Kes learning and playing with new skills like collage, printing, charcoal and even just colouring in - stuff that only kids ever seem to be allowed to do!

Unlock your artistic talent or...come along and find it!

**Chill out creatively before picking up the kids**

Starts Thursday 4th June @ Wollombi School

\$20pp per session

materials and afternoon tea included

contact Kes Harper to reserve your place  
49988556 or kesharper@hotmail.com

Another community event supported by WSCET

## STREET ART WORKSHOP

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
10am - 2pm



wall art image by Jon Drypzn

Calling all 12 – 16 year olds...  
don't miss out on this one! design, make and paint  
your own cool stencil image for posters or walls (your  
own that is!)

### Be there or be square!

where? Wollombi School of course!

when? 1<sup>st</sup> July 10am like I said!

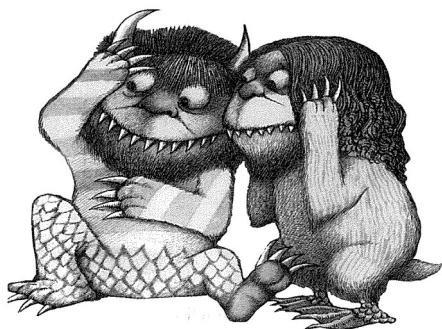
\$? \$30

how? contact kes 49988556  
kesharper@hotmail.com

WSCET are supporting us with materials and stuff so just wear  
old clobber and bring your own tucker

### It's Holiday time!!!!

Confused?  
Don't know  
what to do?



### Art with Kes of course...!

paint giant imaginary creatures in the morning  
or  
play with paper art in the afternoon

when? Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
times? 10am – 12 or 1pm – 3pm

where? Wollombi School  
cost? \$10 per child(6-12yrs) per session

how? kesharper@hotmail.com  
49988556

so many questions!!!

Luckily WSCET is there to support us

## Health News



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

### Does Your Child Receive Regular, High Quality Dental Care?

Hunter New England Oral Health provides comprehensive dental  
care for children under 18 years of age, completely FREE of charge.

**For more information, phone 1300 651 625**

#### Our Clinic Locations:

• Armidale • Beresfield • Cessnock • Forster • Glen Innes • Gunnedah • Inverell • Maitland • Moree  
• Muswellbrook • Narrabri • Nelson Bay • Newcastle • Raymond Terrace • Scone • Singleton  
• Tamworth • Taree • Toronto • Wallsend • Windale