

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Mon 22nd Jun  
Semester 1  
reports home.
- Tues 23rd Jun  
P&C Meeting.
- Fri 26th Jun  
PCYC /  
Basketball  
Centre visit.
- Tues 14th July  
Term 3 starts.
- Tues 28th July  
school visit to  
Newcastle.

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# Laguna Public School

TERM 2, WEEK 9



17TH JUNE 2015

## Welcome Ms Fitzpatrick!

**A very warm welcome to Laguna PS for Ms Hannah Fitzpatrick**, who will be teaching the K-1 class for the remainder of 2015. Ms Fitzpatrick has already established a great rapport with the students and we are very pleased to have her on the Laguna PS staff!



**Our Pirate Day** was very successful, with \$200 raised on the day through gold coin donations and proceeds from the second hand toy stall. Thank you to all of those students who dressed

up—you looked terrific! Thanks also to Year 6 students Lara and Trevor who not only looked the part but did a great job organising the day.



**The next P&C Meeting** is next week, 3.45 at the school. All welcome!

**We've got a fantastic last day at school planned for next Friday.** All students will head to the new PCYC in Cessnock for gymnastics, followed by a visit to the basketball centre. Travel will be by coach, permission note attached.

**As part of Education Week 2015**, Laguna students will travel to Newcastle to see a production of

Andy Griffiths' 26 Storey Treehouse, followed by visits to other local cultural attractions. Permission note attached.

**Planning for the 2015 Laguna P&C Art Show** is well underway. Coordinator Jacqui Moffit is looking for raffle prizes. If you have any leads or contacts regarding prize donations, please let Jacqui know ASAP. Thank you!

**A reminder that Semester 1** reports go home next Monday. The reports reflect the student's achievement against the topics studied this semester. If you wish to discuss your child's report, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an interview time.

**Message from Andy**—do you have a mini-marimba at home? If so please return to school so that it can be passed on to another student.

**Enjoy the week! Mr Howe**

## Sporting News



*Gymnastics is proving very popular at Thursday sport with Simone! Ex-Olympic coach Gabby has been putting all of the students through their paces, and they have been having a ball!*

*Thanks to the Wollombi Tennis Club for hosting us for tennis! Next week After School Activities will be basketball at Laguna Hall.*

## School Matters!

### 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/](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/)

[english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing)

### 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://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/)

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[parent-teacher-interviews](#)

### Starting School

In term 3 we will be holding Kinder Orientation Days for eligible pre-schoolers. 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>

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

## Year 4-5-6 News

We have had some excellent presentations over the last week for our Extreme Weather science topic. Subjects have included tornados, tropical cyclones, microbursts, blizzards, droughts, firestorms, tsunamis, hailstorms and supercells. The creativity and originality of the PowerPoint slides have been dazzling, and the speaking skills of the students are improving all of the time. It has been fantastic to see all students getting their projects in!

We have put a brake on homework for this term and will be issuing homework in a different format for Term 3. Students will have weekly or fortnightly assignments, which could be maths, science, or literacy based. They will allow students to revise classroom topics and challenge themselves in problem solving and open-ended tasks. More info next term!

## 24<sup>th</sup> Laguna Art Exhibition

Laguna Public Schools P&C Assoc. Fundraiser - work by local artists & children



### Join us for Opening Night

**When:** Friday 21 August 2015.  
Exhibition opening 7pm.  
**Where:** Laguna Community Hall,  
Great North Road, Laguna.  
**Entry:** \$15.00 includes access to the Chill Lounge, a commemorative glass, a complimentary glass of wine, a catalogue and entry to the exhibition. Due to NSW liquor laws, please note that no person under 18 will be admitted.  
**Dinner & Entry:** \$42pp. Bookings essential - sittings at 6pm and 7.30pm, book online at [www.LagunaArtShow.com.au](http://www.LagunaArtShow.com.au) bookings close Monday 17 August.

### General Exhibition

**When:** Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August, from 10am to 4pm.  
**Entry:** Gold coin donation. Children welcome. Cafe open.  
**Artwork:** 'Billabong and Red Tail Black Cockatoos' by 2015 featured artist Lorna Wall.



**Year K-1 News, with Ms Fitz.** K/1 has had a fun week with the highlight being Pirate Day! There were some fantastic costumes on show with Ryder, Harper and Ruby winning vouchers for best dressed.

The students discovered their pirate names (Rapsallion Bones Beard aka Wilson loved his but Charlotte didn't quite like Squidlips and I can understand why!). We designed our own pirate ship flags, made our own pirate hooks and even learned to talk like a pirate!

Congratulations to Georgie Jones for receiving a Respect Award this week for her lovely attitude to both her teachers and classmates and Ryder Tietie for receiving a Responsibility Award for always tidying up after himself during class activities.

*Thank you all for being supportive as I settle into Laguna Public School. I look forward to meeting you all soon.*



## Year 2-3 News

In maths this week we are starting to study Measurement. The year three students have been measuring how many small (100ml) containers of water they can fit in containers of various shapes and sizes. Year two have done some experiments with a variety of small objects, like unifix cubes, to see how many they could fit inside a jug. We decided that using unifix cubes probably isn't the most accurate way to measure volume because there are too many gaps between cubes!

Thank you to the parents who are putting a mark next to concepts their child is struggling with in their maths homework! It creates great discussions in class and really helps to pinpoint areas others may be confused with also. In regards to the find-a-words in the homework, they are just there for a bit of fun and are not marked. Don't worry if they aren't completed!

***Have great week! - Ms Sewell***



# Weekly Award Winners!



Each week our teachers award a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) award for students exhibiting our school values.



Ben,  
4-5-6 Classroom  
Award for  
Responsibility!



Lucy,  
2-3 Classroom  
Award for  
Responsibility!



Phoenix,  
2-3 Classroom Award  
for  
Responsibility!



Ryder,  
K-1 Classroom  
Award for  
Responsibility!



Georgie,  
K-1 Classroom  
Award for  
Respect!



Jesse,  
4-5-6 Playground Award  
for Compassion!



Atticus,  
4-5-6 Sports  
Award for  
Responsibility!



Jaimie,  
4-5-6 Sports  
Award for  
Responsibility!



Bela,  
2-3 Sports  
Award for  
Courage!



Sonny,  
K-1 Sports  
Award for  
Courage!



Nash,  
4-5-6 Library  
Award for  
Respect!



Giselle,  
2-3 Library  
Award for  
Respect!



Georgie,  
K-1 Library  
Award for  
Respect!

**Residents of Wollombi Valley and surrounding areas are invited to participate in the annual Scarecrow Competition, as part of the 2015 Wollombi Country Fair.**

This year you will again have the opportunity to display your scarecrows throughout the Wollombi Village from 1<sup>st</sup> July, with winners announced at the Fair on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 6:00pm, just prior to the Lantern Parade.

**There is no theme this year, but entrants are encouraged to construct scarecrows from recycled / reusable materials.**

Judges will be considering the following things when making their decision:

Sustainability; Best use of recycled material; Durability; Creativity; Attention to detail and Craftsmanship

All scarecrows in the competition are to be erected in the Wollombi Village by the end of July, to allow time for judging. We have some fabulous prizes this year, for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places, so please visit

