

Laguna Public School



UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Thurs 16th July
Public Speaking adjudication.
- Tues 21st July,
P&C Meeting
3.45 Senior Room
- Tues 28th July
school visit to
Newcastle.
- Friday 31st July
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TERM 3, WEEK 1

15TH JULY 2015

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our families for Term 3, and I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break! We are in for a busy term, with the annual P&C Art Exhibition the highlight, running from the 21st to 23rd August.

Thank you to Harper's parents John and Sally, Jaimie's dad Matt and our GA John D for building two more vegetable beds over the holidays. The vegetables planted last term are flourishing and we look forward to lots of cooking and eating!

Public Speaking. We are looking forward to hearing speeches throughout the classrooms this week. On Thursday those students wishing to represent the school at the Regional Public Speaking Competition in Week 5 of the term will be adjudicated by Chris Davey. Good luck everyone!

Education Week 2015 will be held in Week 3 of Term 3. On Tuesday July 28th all students will travel to Newcastle to see a production of Andy Griffiths' 26 Storey Treehouse, and on Friday 31st the school will travel to the Mt Finchley map site as an introduction to Aboriginal education this term. Parents are welcome, and parent

transport will be required. Please see attached permission note and return any outstanding notes & payments a.s.a.p. Thank you.

Last term we foreshadowed Grandparents Day being held during Education Week, but we have moved the day to Book Week. See Mrs Baker's news below.

Our students had a fantastic last day of term at the PCYC and the basketball centre. Both facilities are high quality and it was a very enjoyable day. Thank you students for your excellent manners and participation, and thank you Simone for organising the day.

Looking forward to a terrific third term!
Mr Howe



Library News, with Mrs Baker

Premier's Reading Challenge If your child is completing the Premier's Reading Challenge for this year, there are only a few weeks left to lodge your form. This term a PRC party will be held for those students who 'had a go' and completed the challenge for this year.

Book Week The theme for Book Week this year will be 'Books Light Up Our World'. A book character parade will be held in Week 8 of this term, where students are asked to come dressed as a favourite book character. A book fair will be set up in the office on the day. Students will listen to a selection of the short-listed books from the Children's Book Council Australia for this year and participate in art and craft activities based on those books. Grandparents will be invited in on the day to participate - invitations will start coming home soon!

School Matters!

P&C Meeting!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st July 3.45 in the Senior Room. See you there!

School starting times.

Classes start at 9.30, and it is important that all students are settled into their classrooms by this time. Students arriving late not only miss part of

the morning lesson, but can also be disruptive to their peers. Ideally students should arrive soon after 9.00 to allow some time for socialising before class starts. Thank you parents!

Transport Subsidy

Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay. This has also deferred for a short time, the attendance days collection process

for all schools. We understand overall this will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time and payment to parents will be later than usual.

Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience this may cause. If you have any other queries relating to this matter please contact Transport for NSW directly.

K-1 News, with Ms Fitz!



Welcome to Term 3! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. There are lots of exciting things happening in K-1 this term!

We are exploring growth and development across our subjects from Our Identity in HSIE, *Our Bodies* in PDHPE to *Lifecycles* Science. In English we are kick starting the term with *Dreaming* and in Maths students will begin revising whole numbers.

Kinders will be working hard on their sight words and I will be sending home a sight word book to help them along. It would be great if parents could help them with reading and writing 2-3 sight words a day.

In place of news, students will be participating in **Time to Talk**. A note is attached with details on this. As a reward system I have set up class dojos. Students earn points during the day and there is a prize chart on points received. See me for more info!

Finally, I would welcome any parent helpers during the week to help swap home readers. 15 minutes in the morning would be great!

Here's to a fantastic term! - **Ms Fitz.**

Year 4-5-6 News!

We are looking forward to a terrific term in the Senior Classroom!

Firstly, welcome to Julie, a Year 6 student from Paris who is with us for 4 weeks. Julie is staying with her Aunt Fiona in Wollombi for a few weeks and we are very pleased to be able to welcome her to our beautiful school.

New homework books have gone home. This term students will have a different assignment each week; it could be maths revision, writing or a book report. The schedule is laid out in the new books.

Next Wednesday we welcome Kes back to class one more time to complete our lino print works and create some chine-colle prints. The lino prints completed so far look terrific—it has been a real hit with the students.

*This term our HSIE focus will be on Aboriginal and Colonial studies, and we will be investigating Forces in Science. **Stay tuned for more from the senior room!***

Year 2-3 News

Welcome Back to Term Three!

This term is going to be huge so it was fantastic to see so many eager beans back at school on Tuesday settled and ready to learn.

I am looking forward to hearing our speeches this week & we hope to have a nice selection for Ms Davey to hear on Thursday!

We would like to thank Simone for a fantastic day at the PCYC last term. Both students and teachers had a ball and it was great to end the term on such a positive note.

We have some budding gymnasts in our midst & quite a few talented basketball stars! - *Ms Sewell*

Sporting Schools!

This year, a new funding framework was established to replace the Active After Schools Communities scheme. The new framework is called Sporting Schools, and it provides funds for schools to give students greater variety and access to sporting opportunities.

The biggest difference is that these activities can be provided during school time, not just after school. In Term 2 the funds were used to provide expert gymnastics instruction and after-school tennis. This term we will be hosting a basketball coach and athletics training.

Fun at the PCYC!

