

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Art Show**
Opening Friday 21st August
- **Newcastle Permanent Maths Test, Stage 3 students** Wednesday 26th August
- **Regional Athletics** Friday 28th August
- **Lantern Parade** Saturday August 29th
- **Kinder Orientation Days**— Friday 21st Aug & Friday 11th September
- **Book Week**
Dress up & Grandparents Day Tuesday 1st Sept

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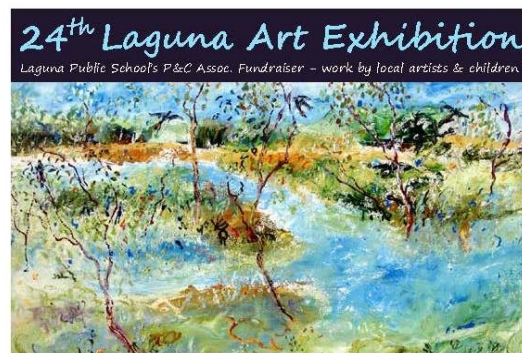


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The Art Show cometh!

The 24th (!) Laguna P&C Art Exhibition is happening this weekend! At this point I would like to hand over to our esteemed P&C President, Veronica Chambers:

"It is Art Show week and we are in the midst of the busiest period on the P&C calendar. The Art Show, whilst being one, if not THE premier event in the Wollombi Valley, raises in excess of \$13000 of funds each year that goes towards a host of different cultural and academic programs/initiatives that our children benefit from. Thanks to the money raised through the Art Show, our students have enjoyed bus trips to enable excursions and the vital learn-to-swim program, the chess competition and chess master program, playground equipment, ipads and Smart Boards, Yr 6 jerseys, musical instruments, art classes, vegetable gardens, student assistance for school excursions and prizes on Presentation Night. In other words, our children have had the opportunity to experience so many activities that make attending Laguna Public School such a special experience. Events such as the Art Show rely on parent help to make them happen. No other event raises as much money over one weekend. It is a massive undertaking and it is important that all families contribute in some way so we can keep Laguna Public School the special learning environment in which our children blossom and are nurtured in. If you are not already assigned for a job over the Art Show weekend, please give Jacqui Moffit a call on 4998 3180 or if you are unable to donate your time to help out, then please, come down to Opening Night and book in for dinner and be part of the evening. This is



such an important community event, come and be part of our spectacular Art Show weekend that shows off Laguna Public School to the wider community. See you there!"

Art Show Diary!

Friday Night - dinner, sittings at 6.00 and 7.30 - a fabulous menu. Official opening at 7.00; bar, Chill Lounge, a brilliant evening.

Saturday - Marimbas at 10.00 (as many Yr 3-6 students as possible please!); Art Show Café - tea, coffee, cakes and scones available until 4.00pm.

Sunday - Art Show Café until 3.00pm; Raffle Draw 3.00pm.

We need as many people as possible at Laguna Hall on Sunday from 3.00pm to help take down the exhibition. It is a big job! Bring a drill and a ladder if possible.

Here's to a successful and wonderful 2015 Laguna P&C Art Show! - Mr Howe

School Matters

HATS!! With the winter solstice behind us, and the sun beginning to cut a higher arc in the sky, we are insisting that all students wear their hats in the playground, especially during the middle of the day. From next week, children without hats in the playground will be asked to play in the shade. Teachers will do their utmost to ensure that errant hats are returned to their owners!

EARLY ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK! We will be having assembly a little early this week,

from 3.00. The rockin' Laguna City Blues Band (name still under consideration) will be performing, so don't be late!

Musica Viva & Lantern Making Just a reminder that payment for Musica Viva was \$7.70 per student and lantern making is \$5.00 per student. If you haven't made payment already could you please do so a.s.a.p. Remember you can also make payments online through the school website by clicking on the \$

Make a Payment section and following the prompts. This is a secure site provided by Westpac for easy payments.

Art Show Raffle tickets are available in the office if anybody needs extra books. Please return all stubs/money and any unsold books by Friday morning if possible or before 2pm on Sunday. Good Luck everyone.

Library News, with Mrs Baker!

Congratulations Ben on completing the PRC challenge this year! Well done!

Book Week Celebrations!

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 1st Sept, the school will be holding a Book Character Parade and Book Fair. Parents and grandparents are invited! Morning tea and entertainment provided!



Yr 2/3 News with Ms Sewell! This term we have been studying Aboriginal Dreamtime stories. We learned that the stories can have many different purposes. We have read creation stories, stories to teach us the proper way to behave, stories that were designed to scare children so they don't do dangerous things and some just to entertain. We are now starting to use our own ideas to create our own narratives, below are some of our variations on How The Kangaroo Got It's Tail.

Once upon a time there were two kangaroos. One of the kangaroos sat down in the mud for two days and got stuck. The other kangaroo helped pull him out but some of the mud was stuck to him. That's how the kangaroo got his tail! By Jesse

One dark and foggy night a kangaroo was jumping through the forest and saw a tree. He said "I bet I can jump over that tree". He jumped but he got stuck in the tree! So he yanked and yanked and finally got free but there was a twig stuck to him. He pulled and pulled to try and get it off but it was no use. It grew to be his tail. By Stanley

Once upon a time there was a kangaroo who got into an argument with a snake. The snake believed that snakes were better than kangaroos but the kangaroo thought kangaroos were better! They both got really frustrated and then the snake bit the kangaroo on the butt. Somehow the snake got stiff and stuck there and that's how the kangaroo got his tail. By Lucy

Once in a blue moon there was a kangaroo. He wondered if kangaroos could get tails like horses or wild dogs. He kept thinking about it, he was the smallest kangaroo but he was the smartest too. He kept wondering and wondering until one day when he was getting bullied by his brother, he got pushed into the mud. He sat there thinking until the mud dried and he got stuck. His brother felt bad and decided to help him. He pulled and pulled until the dried up mud broke and there he was with something beautiful. It was a tail. He told everyone about it and that's how the kangaroos got their tails. By Ardyn

Year 4-5-6 News!

We have received a lovely email from Mr and Mrs Bateman, Julie's parents, who live in Paris and have recently welcomed Julie home. They were very appreciative of the lovely welcome Julie received at Laguna, and we hope to stay in contact. The following photos were attached (can you spot the Eiffel Tower?):



Busy times in the senior classroom! Today we hold a Stage 2 and Stage 3 Spelling Bee to select two representatives to send to the Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Competition in Singleton—details published next week. The Term 3 project goes home next week, and on Wednesday 26th Stage 3 students sit the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition.

Students have submitted poems for the Poetry competition, and we will start work on stories

for the second stage of the Short Story Competition. Mon dieu! Nous aimons l'apprentissage!

Weekly Achievement Awards!



**Tamsyn - K- 1 Li-
brary Award for
Courage. Well
done!**



**Stanley, 2-3 Library
Award for Responsi-
bility. You are step-
ping up!**



**Tess—K-1 Respect
Award! How ap-
preciative Miss Fitz
must be!**



**Ruby - K-1 Class-
room Award for
Compassion, a
foundation of our
school.**



**Annabelle, 4/5/6
Classroom Courage
Award for always
volunteering ideas**



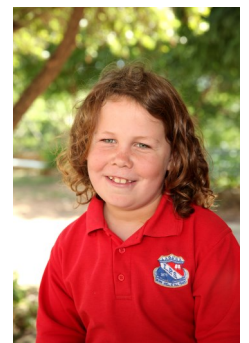
**Tristan, 2/3 Award
for Responsibility
and great literacy**



**Trevor - 4/5/6
Library Award for
Responsibility.
We all appreciate
you!**



**Ben, 4/5/6 Class-
room Courage
Award for stepping
up as a leader at
school assembly.**



**Rudi, 2/3 Playground
Award for Compas-
sion; always passing
the ball in soccer!**

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5 TIPS FOR SCREEN TIME AT HOME

Are you having trouble getting your child off technology or watching television?

Try some of these ideas to reduce the amount of screen time your child has each day:

- Go screen free for weekdays
- Try technology free Tuesdays
- Try imagination Wednesdays
- Restrict times when your child has access such as "no screen time before dinner"
- Provide seven ½ hour vouchers on a Friday afternoon to last for the week. When your child watches the television or has other screen time e.g. computer, video games etc. they hand a voucher back. This limits the child to 3.5 hours of screen time during the week.



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LOOKING FOR SOME NUTRIENT PACKED LUNCHBOX SNACKS FOR YOUR ACTIVE CHILD?

Try these seven sensational nutrient packed snacks!

1. Nut free trail mix (pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, sultanas, dried cranberries, popcorn)
2. Sultana, cheese & rice crackers
3. Hardboiled egg & cherry tomatoes
4. Fruit salad & yoghurt or custard
5. Rice cakes with avocado and cheese
6. Pre-cooked corn cob
7. Hummus & crackers & capsicum slices



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