

# Laguna Public School



## UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Newcastle Permanent Maths Test, Stage 3 students Wed 26th August
- Regional Athletics Friday 28th August
- Lantern Parade Saturday August 29th
- Book Week Dress up & Grandparents Day Tues 1st Sept
- Kinder Orientation Day Fri 11th September

TERM 3, WEEK 7

26 AUGUST 2015

## Congratulations all on a terrific Art Show!

**Another feather in the cap** of our P&C after a very successful and well-organised art exhibition! The Opening Night had a magical atmosphere, as did the rest of the weekend. Congratulations to all of the families and community members whose talents, skills and hard work in painting and setting up flats, receiving and hanging the artwork, raising the marquee, managing the lighting, managing the kitchen and restaurant, operating the café, manning the marketing stall, providing security, organising the raffle, packing up and so many other jobs has raised some very important funds for the P&C. Final numbers are being tallied, but we hope to have a final figure soon. An amazing effort!

**An Art Show debrief is scheduled** next week on a day to be decided - I will let you know ASAP—to reflect on this year's show and get some things in place for next year while the show is still fresh in our minds. All welcome.

**The Lantern Parade** is on this Saturday evening. All participants are to assemble on Negro St near the tennis courts by 5.00, with the parade due to head off after 5.30. Students will take home their

lanterns from school this Friday.

**A big welcome to Delfin (Yr 4), Tahlia (Yr 3), Cherokee (Yr 2) and Jayalee (K)** who have started at Laguna PS this week. We know that they will have a great time at Laguna—please make them feel welcome.

**Congratulations** to Jaimie, Harry, Lara and Sam who were selected to represent Laguna PS at the Regional Spelling Bee on Monday 14th September. Keep up the practice!

**Sold Artworks** - There are a number of pieces of art that were sold that are in the school office. If you bought any of these artworks or know anybody who did please can you arrange collection a.s.a.p. This also includes children's artwork. If you didn't get a chance to buy your child's artwork at the weekend and would like to do so please see Jeanette in the office and she will let you know if it is still available. Many thanks.



## Sports News with Simone!

Excitement this week with our students representing Cessnock Zone at the Regional Athletics Carnival at Glendale! We wish Lucy, Brody, Skye, Alisha, Nirikai and Yinaa the best of luck—we are all very proud of you!

This week we resume gymnastics with Gabby courtesy of the Sporting Schools program, following an excellent basketball programme.

Sophie, the basketball teacher, this week sent an email thanking the school for her time here: 'I have really enjoyed my time at Laguna Public, the kids were fantastic and were by far the most well behaved students I have dealt with.' A well-deserved pat on the back for our students!



## School Matters

**Hats.** Students are required to wear their hats in the playground, particularly during lunch and recess. Please ensure your child's hat is labelled with their name. Thank you.

**Year 6 jumpers.** The jumpers look great, and are worn proudly by our Year 6 students. Please ensure payment has been made to the office.

**School Zone Flashing Lights.** We have just received advice from the NSW Govt that they will be installing flashing lights on the school zone signs in the week beginning 7th September.

**Attached** to the newsletter is a catalogue for Educational Experience. They are suppliers of quality, education focused toys and

gifts that are ideal for Christmas presents and our school receives 20% of all sales as a resource voucher to be used by the school. You can also put the school address as a delivery point if you want to keep your order a secret!



*Musica Viva! We enjoyed a wonderful performance by Teranga, playing a host of Sengalese songs. Terrific music!*

### **K-1 News with Ms Fitz!**

Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed two lovely new students – Lakota and Jayalee – who have settled in beautifully to the junior room.

Congratulations to the following students for their awards this week:

- Poppy for an amazing spelling result!
- Jayalee for having such a great start at LPS!
- Tamsyn, Hunter, Charlotte, Jade and Poppy for perfect spelling (classroom awards)!
- Sonny for always following our reading strategies (classroom award)!

I send out weekly emails to most parents about our week in

K/1. These emails include photos, reminders and news. If you don't already receive this email and would like to, please leave me your email address.

Finally, I have completed *Personal Learning Plans* for all K/1 students. I will be sending home a copy for parents but if you would like to go through this in further detail, please make an appointment with me.

Can't wait for Book Week!



## Yr 2/3 News with Ms Sewell!

Week Seven! This term is flying by! Congratulations to our fantastic P&C for an amazing Art Show. It is events like the Art Show that illustrate what a beautiful school community we have here at Laguna. Thank you so much to all of our parent volunteers who donated so much of their time and energy to make things happen. We really appreciate all of your hard work!

All of the Yr 3 Naplan results should have made their way home by now. Please feel free to make an appointment to have a chat about your child's results, especially if you have any concerns.

Just a gentle reminder to keep up the home reading! Home reading is the most important part of your child's homework and really makes a difference to their reading skills.

## Year 4-5-6 News!

**The Term 3 Project** has gone home, and this term students are studying the Built Environment. The project requires students to design a playground to meet a number of criteria. The project may be completed as a detailed plan or as a model. This is the homework for the next fortnight, and is due **Tuesday 8th September**.

We are gearing up for the next **Writing Competition**, and students have been working on adverbial and adjectival phrases to give greater depth and meaning to their sentences. Recently students were set a homework task to write a description of a cave. Here is an excerpt from Trevor's excellent effort:

*I was diving in the ocean when I came across a small hole in a cliff. I peered into it and it seemed to go a long way in. I was curious so I went to the surface, took one last gulp of fresh air then dived down to explore the hole. As I swam ever faster, my lungs were stinging. It was too late to turn back. I would just have to hope that there was something ahead.*

*I broke the surface like a clumsy dog fetching it's ball from the rolling waves, gasping for air. I was in what seemed to be a cave. I got up, still recovering from my near-death experience and pulled out my flash light. I turned it on and almost jumped out of my skin! There lying in front of me was a mouldy skeleton, its hand clutched around something. I reached down and pried a notebook from its brittle old hand...*

To find out what happened next, you will have to ask Trevor. It is a compelling tale!

**There is a strong link** between reading fictional chapter books and being able to produce good writing. Children who are exposed to quality writing on a regular basis will develop a greater vocabulary, an ear for dialogue and an ability to construct more complex and engaging sentences, among other skills. What is your child reading?



# Positive Behaviour for Learning Awards!



Charlotte - K- 1  
Library Award for  
Respect. Well  
done!



Phoenix, 2-3 Library  
Award for Respect!



Tahlia 2/3 Award –  
for settling into the  
classroom beautiful-



Jayalee—K-1  
Respect Award!



Poppy - K-1 Class-  
room Award for  
Responsibility, a  
fantastic spelling  
result.



Zara, 4/5/6 Class-  
room Responsibility  
Award for taking  
good care of the  
veges!



Cherokee 2/3  
Award –for settling  
into the classroom  
beautifully.



Clio - 4/5/6 Library  
Award for Respect;  
your politeness and  
good manners are  
an example to us all.



Brody, 4/5/6 Play-  
ground Award for  
inclusiveness and  
friendliness.



Lakota, 4/5/6 Compas-  
sion Award for his  
friendliness.

***Congratulations to all of our award winners - your achievements help to make Laguna the great school it is!***

## Grandparents Day!

On Tuesday 1st September our students are inviting their grandparents to  
help us celebrate:

## Book Week!

~ Book Character Dress-Up Parade ~ Special Morning Tea ~ Book  
Fair ~ Book Art Prizes ~ Shortlisted Children's Book Activities ~ Hot  
Chip Lunch.

9.30-11.30