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Laguna Public School



TERM 1, WEEK 2

3RD FEBRUARY 2016

Welcome to 2016!

- SSSC practice sessions, Cessnock Pool, Tues 9th, Wed 10th Feb
- Small Schools Swimming Carnival, Y3-6, Tues 16th Feb
- P&C Meeting Monday 22nd Feb 6.30pm LPS
- National Young Leaders Day Mon 29th Feb

Welcome back to all of our students and school families as we look forward to another great year at Laguna!

Thank you to the parents who helped with the opening assembly morning tea and stayed around for a cuppa. We have an enrolment of 71 students this year. Welcome to our new Kindergarten students - Marley, Eli, Olive, Tyler and Liam! Welcome also to siblings Ethan, Blake and Katie, who have arrived in Years 6, 5 and 1 respectively. I am sure you will all enjoy a terrific year at Laguna!

There were plenty of great messages at the assembly:

- In terms of student well-being, please ensure your child gets adequate sleep every night—10-12 hours is the recommendation, with no screen use in the hour before. Please ensure your child's lunchbox is full of healthy food and fresh fruit. The less packaging included in the lunchbox, the easier it is to keep our school clean.
- We are an active school on a steep slope, so please provide your child with shoes that will allow them to fully participate in school life. A water bottle is very important to keep students hydrated throughout the day while remaining in class.
- Labels! Staff do their best to help students manage their clothing and lunchboxes, and labelling makes this job much easier.

Working Bee this Saturday! Thank you to school parents Kirt, Lee, Dean and Andy for contributing time and equipment to rehabilitating the sandpit and oval. The old, dirty sand from the sandpit was been used to top-dress the playground, and has been re-

placed by clean sand. We now need to spread the sand so that the students can use the sandpit. Please be there on **Saturday morning at 9.00** with a shovel or rake if you can help!

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will take place on Tuesday 16th February at Cessnock Pool. Students in Years 3-6 will compete in a fun day of novelty events and racing. Permission notes attached. Simone has organised a training time for next Tuesday and Wednesday at Cessnock Pool from 3.40pm to 4.40 pm. This training will help to form relay teams, so 50-metre swimmers will be best served by this training. Parents will need to organise their own transport and entry to the pool is \$2.50. Please let the Simone/Jeanette know a.s.a.p. if you wish to attend so the pool can be booked.

Our Behaviour Management Policy is currently under review. A major part of the policy is Positive Behaviour for Learning. This year students will receive points and a certificate in class. One outstanding student each week will receive a class trophy to keep on their desk for the week. Students who have accumulated 5 points will receive a Silver Award, 10 points earns a Gold Award and 15 points will earn the student a Diamond Award and a trophy on Presentation Night. Points charts are on display in each room. The Policy will be taken to this term's P&C Meeting for parents to provide input.

Parent and Student Surveys. At the end of last year students and parents were surveyed on School Learning and School Culture. Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to respond. The results have been collated and are attached for your perusal. The information we received was very useful.

In response to some aspects of the survey, the mid-year school reports will be distributed as part of a three-way interview involving the teacher, student and parents. More details about this process will be made available as we get closer to that time of year.

Looking forward to a great year,

Mr Howe

School Bits



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School Fees. A reminder that school fees are payable at the office. The tariff is \$43 for one child, and \$60 for two or more children. One dollar of the fee is used to give you membership of the P&C.

Please find attached the Beginning of Year Permission Notes. Please complete and return to the office to enable contact details and medical issues to be updated.

This year, to distinguish our classes, we have given each class a name after a prominent local landmark! Ms Fitz's K-1-2 class will be known as Finchley, Ms Sewell's 3-4 class is Yengo and Mr Howe's 4-5-6 class is now to be referred to as Warrawalong.

Hunter School of Performing Arts. Applications for Year 7 enrolment at the Hunter School of Performing Arts are due by 12.00

on 1 April 2016. Check the HSPA website for further details, or see Mr Howe for further information.

P&C MEETING. The first meeting of the year will be on **Monday 22nd February 6.30pm at school.** Please come along and join in the planning of the year ahead. Everybody welcome!

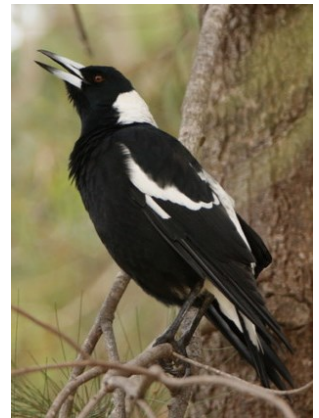
Warrawalong Warblings

We have a terrific class this year—27 bright, keen and active students! We have 12 Year 6 students, 10 Year 5 students and 5 Year 4 students.

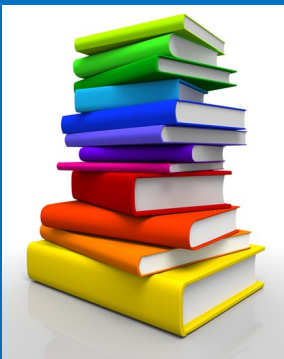
Our Year 6 students will soon embark on a School Leadership program, in which they are required to complete a series of tasks to learn about and demonstrate leadership, in order to attain a School

Leader's badge. Details of the program will go home for parents to peruse in the coming week.

This term we are studying colonial history, with a particular focus on local history and the Great North Road. We are planning a day at Wollombi School to visit the museum and cemetery, and early in Term 2 Warrawalong and Yengo will head to Wiseman's



Ferry to take part in the Footsteps on the Great North Road production.



Library News, with Mrs Baker.

Children this week should all have a P.R.C. form in their library bag. We encourage children to participate in this worthwhile challenge. At the end of the year they receive a certificate and are invited to the P.R.C. party! The books

for the challenge can be entered on-line by using your child's username and password. Please see your child's teacher if your child is not sure of the details, eg. Username: john.smith Password: ???????

I am continually updat-

ing the library shelves with new titles. Each new book is catalogued and needs to be covered. If you can spare a little time to help with this task, please see me. It would be very much appreciated!

Yengo News, with Ms Sewell.

Welcome back for 2016! This year is going to be a great one!

Team Yengo is blasting into the year with their out of this world classroom by setting up goals and expectations for the year. Each child will have a personalised learning plan that we will design and work on together. Homework this week is a writing task designed to get us thinking about our strengths and the things we want to achieve this year.

Our classroom has Literacy Rotations every Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am. If you would like to be regularly involved in our sessions, please let me know as we welcome parent support!

This year we will have a strong focus on writing, technology and problem solving. I would like to make more use

of the fabulous IT resources we are lucky enough to have at our school which is always a great motivator for students. We started the year with an introduction to QR codes and a QR code hunt about Australia Day. It was a huge success! Ask your child to explain how to use a QR code using the app 'i-nigma'. You can download this app for free on your phone or device, it's amazing how many QR

codes you can find when you look around!



Some new (and one not-so-new) faces in Finchley!

Finchley News

What a wonderful first week back at school! It has been an exciting and busy week too as we welcomed new kinders – Olive, Liam, Eli, Tyler and Marley - into the classroom! We have a busy term ahead as we learn about...

Beginnings, Friendship and Dr Seuss in Literacy. Weather and Water in Science. Ourselves and the Community in HSIE.

Best Start and Speech Pathology screenings were completed on Tuesday. Well done to the kinders who were all very

patient! All Areas Speech Pathology will return to LPS in the coming weeks. Details will follow.

Here's to an action-packed, fun-filled term! In the famous words of Dr Seuss... *You're off to great places. Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting so get on your way!*

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO help your child learn to write

1

Write in front of your child and talk about what you are writing, for example shopping lists, cards, letters and notes.

2

Display paintings, drawings and pieces of writing that your child brings home from school or pre-school.

3

Give your child different types of paper and different pens, pencils, crayons, chalk and textas for drawing and writing.

4

Encourage your child to draw and to write about their drawing. They might like to keep a scrap book or photo album where they can keep their pictures. Help them to write labels for their photos and drawings.

5

Play word games. Play 'I Spy' or 'Scrabble' together. Help your child to find little words in big words and to write them down.

6

Encourage your child to write. They could write messages to you and other family members, or cards, menus, invitations and letters to friends, family, neighbours and school teachers.

7

Encourage your child to write around the home. They might like to write signs, poems, favourite recipes and instructions, or to label things that they design and make.

8

Praise your child for trying to write words that are new to them.

9

Encourage your child to use technology to help with their writing.

10

Encourage your child to keep a diary and to write in it regularly.

10 THINGS YOU CAN DO to help your child learn to read

1

Create a positive reading environment at home. Be a reader yourself and encourage your child to read for pleasure as well as information.

2

Make learning to read part of every day. Show your child the written words and symbols that are all around us.

3

Make reading an activity that you and your child can both enjoy. Let your child participate in the reading.

4

Provide a variety of texts at the level your child can read with you. Stories, comics, poems, plays, cartoons, reference books, magazines and children's recipe books all help your child to read.

5

Re-read books. Let your child become familiar with the words, the story and the fluency of an adult reader.

6

Be confident in your child's abilities and proud of their achievements.

7

Don't expect too much too soon. It takes time for children to learn to read so be guided by the pace they set. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

8

Work with your child's teacher. Complete home readers and sight words with your child and speak to the teacher if you have any concerns.

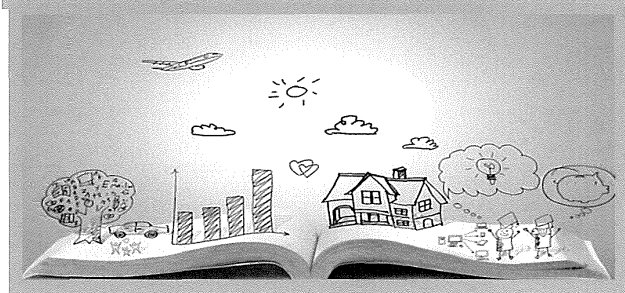
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Set aside a special time for reading with your child. Aim for 15 to 25 minutes with no interruptions each day.

10

Talk to your child. Engage them in your conversations so they learn new words and ways to express themselves.

Junior Creative Writing @ Cessnock & Kurri Kurri Libraries



Who: Children and Young Adults aged 10-16 yrs

Where: Cessnock & Kurri Public Libraries

When: 4-5 pm monthly

Mondays at Cessnock Library

Tuesdays at Kurri Kurri Library

Term 1: FEB 22,23: What do Good Writers Do?

MAR 21,22: How Unique Am I?

APR 4,5: Boggling Biographies

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Cessnock City
Library

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Mountain District Football Club

Registration Fees for 2016

DATE : January Saturday 30th and February Saturday 6th.

WHERE : Mangrove Mtn Golf Club (downstairs)

ME : 10am-12pm

OR register online www.myfootballclub.com.au

Age 5-9\$130
Age 10-11\$140
Age 12-17\$150
Student 18 and above\$170
Seniors\$265
(Student must produce proof of student ID)	

Family Discount

2 Family Members\$10 off
3 Family Members\$20 off
4 Family Members\$30 off

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On-line cut off 19th February. After email mdfcregistr@tr@gmail.com



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