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- **P&C Meeting**
Monday 22nd
Feb 6.30pm
GNTP
- **National Young Leaders Day**
Mon 29th Feb
- **Marimbas visit to Natural Steps childcare**
Fri 4th March

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Laguna Public School

TERM 1, WEEK 4

17TH FEBRUARY 2016



Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Well done to all of our students who enjoyed a wonderful day of fun and participation at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival yesterday. There were many special performances, and a lot of kids who possibly surprised themselves that they could even swim 50 metres! Our relay teams enjoyed success in the last events of the day, coming first in the junior boys and senior open, and coming second in the junior girls. We will hear about zone qualifications in the coming week.

The many excellent performances at the carnival must surely be due in part to the excellent parent support we received on the day! With most teachers occupied officiating events, having so many parents in attendance helping the students get organised, encouraging participation in events and stepping in for timekeeping roles was priceless. Thank you!



The all-important fruit break before the race.

P&C Meeting this Monday. Please come along to the GNTP at 6.30 this Monday evening for the first P&C get together for 2016! Among the items for discussion will be fund-raising—there are a few very exciting opportunities for this year.

Ms Sewell and I will be attending a professional development day on Thursday. The program is entitled The Seven Steps to Writing Success and is aimed at improving

writing outcomes across all ages. As a result, **Sport with Simone will be held on Friday.**



Katelyn, Annabelle and Jaimie pre-race.

Year 6 School Leaders Program. Parents of Year 6 students would have received a copy of the 2016 Leadership Program. At school students are starting to achieve some parts of the program, such as hosting an assembly. Parent support will be valuable in areas such as community volunteering and the leadership project. Please contact me if I can be of any help!

Laguna PS has again purchased subscriptions for the Spellodrome and Mathletics programs. These on-line programs have proved to be a great resource in supporting our classroom literacy and numeracy programs. Teachers can set assignments for students based on topic and curriculum outcomes, and review results. The added advantage is that these programs can be accessed at home using the student logon and password. Please see your child's teacher for more information.

Have a great week, Mr Howe.

School Bits

Williams Bridge Works.

Please see attached letter from Cessnock City Council regarding the closure of Paynes Crossing Road while these bridgeworks take place.

Parent Online Payments

Westpac have been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment webpage attached to the

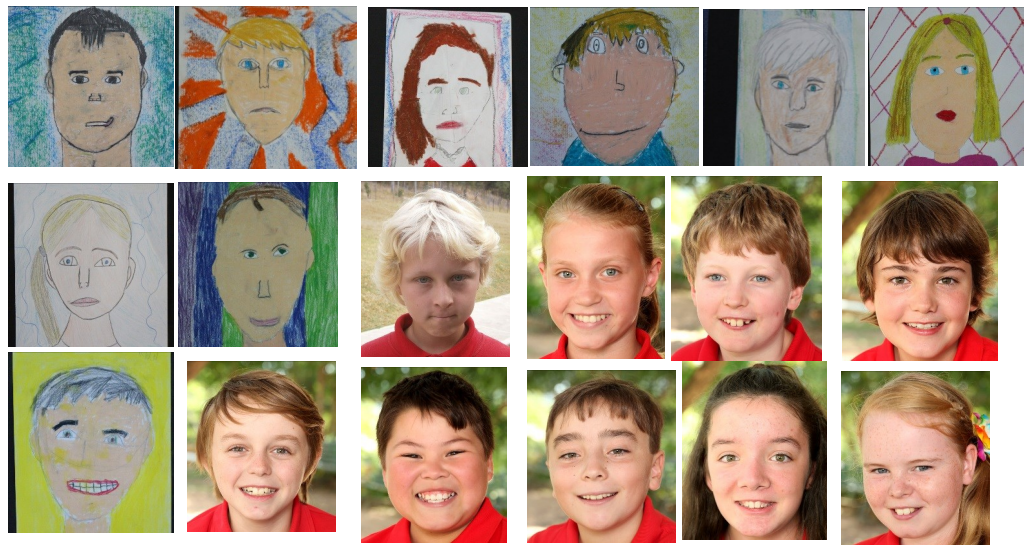
school's website. In the past using the '\$ Make a payment' page through a mobile device or tablet has not been as easy as on a computer. Now, automatically, when parents click on this page, via a mobile device, they will be able to complete the online form with ease. This is a great, secure, easy way to pay for school fees, excursions etc.

We take fruit break seriously! Please ensure your child has a couple of pieces of fruit



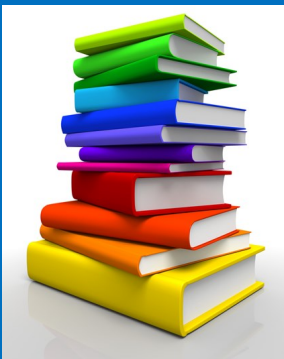
Warrawalong Warblings

In class last week we looked at a technique for drawing faces, according to certain proportions. Our students then went on to draw their self-portraits. The challenge for readers this week is to match the self portrait to the student. Good luck!



Library News, with Mrs Baker.

Welcome to our 2016 Library Monitors - Skye, Ethan, Bronte, Brody, Jamie, Stratton, Zac, Kiah and Jesse. Thank you for volunteering! Your help will be welcomed in getting the returned books back on the shelves!



Yengo News, with Ms Sewell.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who participated in yesterday's Small School's Swimming Carnival! We had a fantastic day and witnessed some very impressive swimming, teamwork, support and cheering! A huge thank you goes to Simone who worked hard to organise a successful day at the pool. Thank you also to all the parents for their support and skillful timekeeping!



We are blessed to have the wide expanses of the Laguna Village Green made available to us for exercise and games! This photo shows the game of Kickball in progress - a game of strategy, skill and above all, teamwork!



Finchley News, with Ms Fitz

Splish, Splash, Splosh!

While Yengo and Warrawalong were off doing fantastic things at the Small School Swimming Carnival, Finchley enjoyed a Water Fun Day! We played games using sponges, buckets, sprinklers and over 200 water balloons! We finished off the day with an ice block and a movie as a reward for the class receiving a total of 200 dojo points so far!

As part of this week's newsletter, I have attached reading strategies that we use in the classroom which may help your child while they are reading at home. I have also attached tips on helping your

child learn to read. The most important thing to remember is that reading is a fun, positive and comfortable time for your child!

Year 1 students have received sight word flip books to practise at home. There are fantastic activities found online that will help your child with their sight words. If you can't access these activities, let me know and I will send some activity ideas home. Once they have learnt their flip book over a week or two, they can swap it for another.

Bring on another fab week in Finchley!

PBL Stars of The Week!

Our values - Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Compassion and Honesty



Congratulations to Delfin from Warrawalong, Brody from Yengo and Marley from Finchley!



Hooray! Monkey business at last in the sandpit!