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TERM 1, WEEK 1, THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2015

Dates to Remember – Please mark your Calendar	
Mon 16 Feb	School Board nominations close
Tues 17 Feb	Meet the teachers 3:30 – 5:30pm & P&C welcome BBQ P&C Meeting – 7:30pm
Wed 25 Feb	Canteen – hot dog day
Tues 3 Mar	3/4 excursion – Canberra Theatre Latham Competitive Swimming Trials 9am at CISAC
Mon 9 March	Canberra Day Public Holiday

Notes home	Due back
Years 5/6 Camp Information	
Years 5/6 Books and Stationary info	
Concert Survey	
School Calendar	
Meet the Teachers Invitation	
Recorder group information	
Years 3/4 excursion	27 Feb
Scholastic Book Club	17 Feb
Canteen Hot dog day	23 Feb

Assembly dates for Term- 1:45pm
18 February Kindergarten, 4 March Year 3/4RH, 18 March Year 1/2 and 1 April 3/4BH



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people – traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to 2015 school year and what a wonderful start it has been! We welcome some new staff who have all fitted in beautifully and 71 new students – 48 in the preschool and 23 from K-6. Classrooms look fantastic thanks to the hard work of staff and classes have settled into learning straight away. When you have the opportunity please introduce yourselves to our new staff:

- Evan Gilson – preschool
- Kyle Ratcliffe – year 1/2
- Steve Vukelic – year 5/6
- Wendy Morschel – Business Manager
- Pia Hughes – LSU

We farewelled our Business Manager of 9 years Jill Huber on the last day of the staff professional learning week. To the community, Jill has been the fabric of Latham Primary and I know how much she'll be missed. Karen caught up with her on the weekend and reports that although Jill was interested in what was happening with everyone she didn't seem to be missing us!

We haven't been successful in securing the right Special Education teacher for the LSU yet but the job will be advertised nationally and internationally this week so fingers crossed. In the meantime one of regular relief teachers Pia Hughes has agreed to begin the year with the students in the senior corridor classroom and she is doing a magnificent job – we are so fortunate to have her.

Should you require information about your child's progress the first point of contact is of course the class teacher and sometimes you may also require the assistance of an executive staff member.

- Our executive staff for this year are:
- Karen Wilson: Deputy Principal and Special Needs coordinator
 - Daniel Manestar: Executive Teacher and P-2 Team Leader
 - Kylie Moller: Executive Teacher and 3-6 Team Leader
 - Di Sullivan: Executive Teacher

Next Tuesday 17 February from 3:30 – 5:30pm teachers will open up their classrooms and make themselves available to meet with you and answer any questions you might have. The P&C are very kindly providing families with a free welcome

barbeque during the afternoon, so please come along, meet the staff, see your child's classroom and mingle with families both new and old. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

At the end of last year a group of students, parents and staff came together to finalise our school values. Staff worked together to develop common understandings about what they each mean to us and are now working with students to gain similar understandings.

Our values and some of the definitions staff decided on are:

Respect: Showing value of others and self in the things we do and say

Resilience: Ability to bounce back and continue to try when things don't go as planned

Collaboration: Working together as a team to achieve a common goal

Motivation: Having a desire to/ or wanting to achieve or succeed

Positivity: Looking for the best in every situation

I know that students are really thinking about how they can show the values, so please ask your children about them. Perhaps you can discuss how family members demonstrate these values at home. The Latham School values are for us all – we certainly can't expect our children to behave in a certain way if we're not modelling those behaviours ourselves!

Have you heard about our SEAL program? SEAL (Student Engagement and Leadership) started in Semester Two last year and was facilitated by our executive teacher Yehuwdiy Dillon and Rob Lans from the Belconnen Network Student Engagement Team. A group of children who are nominated by teachers and supported by parents come together once a week to practise the school values while engaging in team building and problem solving activities. You may have noticed a new cement slab near the back fence – that's ready for a SEAL shed where the group can work on their projects. Last year they started to pull apart and rebuild lawn mowers ready for resale. I think these are still in a state of disrepair so don't put your orders in yet! This year Rob will continue to meet with the SEAL group once a week with our new teacher Evan who has had experience with this sort of program before. If you have particular project skills or interests you could share with children, please see let us know.

Keep happy and stay safe.

Liz

SCHOOL BOARD PARENT REPRESENTAIVES

Membership of the School Board is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate in the ongoing management of the school and to contribute to the determination of the school's future directions.



There are two (2) vacancies for a parent representative on the Latham Primary School Board for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017. Election of the parent representatives will be undertaken in the first few weeks of the 2015 school year as set out below.

Nomination period:

Opens – 11:00am on Monday 2 February 2015
Closes - 11:00am on Monday 16 February 2015

Voting period (if election is required):

Opens - 11:00am on Monday 23 February 2015
Closes - 11:00am on Monday 2 March 2015

The successful candidates will be announced by Monday, 30 March 2015.

If you are interested in being a member of the Latham Primary School Board for 2015-2017 and would like more information about the roles and responsibilities of School Board members, please contact the Principal, Liz Bobos on 6205 7345. A copy of the School Board Manual is also available for perusal at the front office.

Nomination forms available are available at schools front office from Monday, 2 February 2015. If you would like to have a form before that date, please contact the school front office on 6205 7345.

Janet Abbott - Assistant Returning Office

RECORDER GROUP

Recorder group is on Thursday lunch times and is open to all students from K-2. It is \$5 for the year with no recorder or \$10 with recorder hire. Notes will be going home today with more information.



Thank you
Sladjana

LIBRARY NEWS

Hi everyone! Welcome back to another great year at Latham Primary School. My name is Heather Govender and I will be working in the library on a Tuesday and Thursday if you have any questions about books or the library.



Reading is a fun way to improve your literacy skills and we have a wide range of topics available for borrowing.

Remember we have:

- Picture books
- Graphic novels
- Junior fiction
- Senior fiction
- Reference books
- E-books
- Audiobooks
- Parents collection

So come into the library and read, read and read!

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 is out and due back Tuesday, 17 February. Monies and orders to the front office please.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere."

– Mary Schmich

Have a nice week. Heather Govender

P AND C NEWS

I would like to welcome the 2015 Latham Primary School P and C committee.

- President: Katherine Stock
- Vice- President: Emma Georgiou
- Secretary: Julie Vey
- Public Officer: Julie Vey
- Treasurer: Megan Cole
- Fete Coordinator: Karen Tait
- Fete Assistant: VACANT
- Communications Coordinator: Sara Fitzgerald
- Uniform Coordinator: PENDING
- School Banking Coordinator: Geniene Barbour
- Fundraising Coordinator: VACANT
- Fundraising Team: Justin Kerslake (Trivia Night) and Emily Kerslake (Family Photos)
- Auditor: Tracey Guest
- Canteen Treasurer: VACANT
- General member: Tess Gifford

We are still looking for four positions to complete the P and C committee. These positions are essential

for the running of the P and C. I have outlined the roles and their responsibilities.

Fete Assistant – This role is to provide support for the Fete Coordinator including sponsorship, volunteer management and general organization. It is roughly an hour or two a week with busier times closer to the fete. This role is essential for supporting the Fete Coordinator and reducing the work load overall.

Fundraising Coordinator - The Fundraising Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the fundraising for the year, excluding the Fete, but includes discos, Lap-a-thon, Trivia Night, gingerbread building, family photos, Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls and incidental fundraising such as the calendars. The role isn't about running all of these events but about overseeing them. This role involves a bit of recording and monitoring of information and is about 1-2 hours a week depending on what is happening.

Canteen Treasurer – We need a canteen treasurer to manage the canteen finances. It involves wages, superannuation, payments of bills and dealing with BAS etc. All small business related roles. This role is an essential part of the running of the canteen and we need someone who can assist for roughly 1-2 hours a week.

If there is any position that you feel you or a member of your family can get involved with please contact me on 0416248411 to discuss further.

Communication – Welcome to Sara Fitzgerald who has taken on a new role for the committee, which is Communication Coordinator over the course of 2015. We struggled with communication to the school community. We are going to look into using the P and C communication to go through this site <http://edublogs.org> and managing volunteers through this way <http://www.signupgenius.com> we are hoping that this will assist us in providing useful communication.

Breakfast Club - We run a free weekly Breakfast Club which is sponsored by Red Cross. We have some great local suppliers also. Good Start breakfast club is run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15am till 9:50am in the school hall. There is a choice of cereal, toast, fresh fruit or Hilo milk. We promote healthy eating in a fun and safe environment. We always need volunteers to assist during this time, particularly on a Thursday. It is with big thanks to Nikki Allen for managing this fantastic service.

P and C Meeting:

Our next P and C meeting is planned for February 17 at 7:30pm in the teachers' lounge at the school, please come and listen and contribute to the running of the P and C. There will be good cake as well ☺ during this meeting we will be discussing the future of the canteen, there will be a presentation from the SOCS fundraiser that we ran next week and a finalization of donations to the school.

Cheers,
Katherine Stock

Sports Report

Rugby League

Trials for the Latham Rugby League teams were held yesterday with 30 students in years 3-6 attending. A second round of trials will be held next Wednesday (week 3). Remember your child must have their signed permission note to attend the trials. The Mal Meninga Cup and Laurie Daley Shield will be held at Gold Creek on Wednesday 4 March (week 5). Players from the Canberra Raiders will visit Latham in week 4 to deliver the "Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well" message to years 3-6.

Swimming

Swimming trials for the Latham swim team to compete at the Belconnen PSSA carnival will be held on Tuesday 3 March (week 5) at CISAC Belconnen. Notes will be available on Monday from myself or the front office if your child would like to try out. Selection is based on meeting set qualifying times. The Belconnen PSSA Swimming Carnival is on Friday 27 March (week 8) at the AIS pool.

Cross Country

The Latham Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday 2 April (week 9) on the school grounds and Latham playing fields.

Touch Football

Well done to Amir (5/6MT), Tommy (5/6MT), Declan (5/6SV) and Zac (5/6SV) who represented the Northern Phoenix under 12s in the ACT Touch Football Junior Super League at Deakin on Tuesday. The under 12s girls had a bye this week but Bryna (5/6SV) and Olivia (3/4RG) will represent them next week as well. The boys all played really well and their team won both games 5-0. The competition goes for 3 more weeks.

Sports Sign Up Days

Lunchtime sessions were held this week for students in years 3-6 to register their interest in representing the school in basketball and cricket. Other sports sessions will be held next week. These sessions are

to give the school an idea of the numbers of students interested in each sport before competition registrations open. If your child misses out on a session please just let me know which sport they are interested in.

Brett Maron
Sports Coordinator

Latham Parent Netball Team

As some of you may have heard we have a Tuesday night ladies netball team and are looking for more people to join. The cost is \$80 per game per team and registration/insurance is a one off fee of \$83 per team.



Games vary from 6pm-9.45pm and are played at the ACT Netball centre in Lyneham. It's a good, fun way to exercise and all abilities are welcome. If you are interested in playing you can email me at bjb1106@hotmail.com or call me on 0405610476. I am usually at the school in the mornings and afternoons near the 1/2 area, feel free to approach me if you have any questions. I will need to know no later than the end of next week. Look forward in hearing from you.

Bridgett Reed

THE WORLD GREATEST SHAVE

Yes I am shaving it off!!

In the past 7 years I have lost a number of family and friends to cancer, as I am sure that many other people have been in the same situation with either family or someone they know being affected by cancer.

Just like every other person in this situation, I always wished there was something that could be done.

So in supporting charities which assist in the care of cancer sufferers and their families in their time of need is to me very fulfilling.

Even if it is just a small part, this does help.

The Great Shave Event is to assist in raising money for The Leukaemia Foundation.

NOT SURE what Leukaemia is??

It is a cancer of the blood cells, which are formed in the bone marrow.

One abnormal blood cell builds up and deprives other blood cells of nutrients to function properly.

Leukaemia cells can also spread around the body, disrupting the function of other organs.



There are no known causes for Leukaemia, however with your generosity and any donation made, it will assist in care for affected people and research into what causes this disease.

Please help with this wonderful cause.

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/RachaelJones>

Rachael Jones

Ava Bryden's mother (Kindergarten)

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Fruit and Vegetable Discounts for Families

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TASTES

You have probably heard that Latham Primary School is a part of Fresh Tastes, an ACT Government program to make healthy food and drinks a part of everyday life at school. You can read more information online at:

www.health.act.gov.au/freshtastes.

Many community and business organisations have come on board as Fresh Tastes partners. Toms Superfruits, at the Belconnen Markets (www.belconnenmarkets.com.au) is one such partner.

Toms is offering all families and staff at Fresh Tastes schools a discount card offering 5% off purchases in the first year of Fresh Tastes involvement, 7% in the second year and 10% in the third year (one card per household; discounts available Wednesday to Saturday - not Sunday).

All purchases made by our families and staff earn the school points. The more points we collect, the more bonus boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables we will be rewarded from Toms.

Our canteen will also receive wholesale prices from Toms Superfruits.



If you would like to receive your own discount card, here is what you need to do:

1. Email info@tomssuperfruits.com.au with the subject line: FRESH TASTES LATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL In the email, simply write your full name and your mailing address.
2. Toms will create a card for every household request.
3. Toms will deliver the cards to the school front office after four weeks.
4. Once the cards are delivered to the school front office, a notice will be put into the school newsletter to let you know to pick up your discount card from the front office.

If you have any questions, please contact our school's Fresh Tastes coordinator Amanda Molloy on 62057345



Toms Superfruits at the Belconnen Markets is offering all families and staff at Fresh Tastes schools a discount card.



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NEWSLETTER/NOTES HARDCOPY - Please return to the front office as soon as possible if you would like school notes/newsletter sent home in hardcopy form.

Child's full name (please print) _____ Class _____

Your name _____