

TERM 1, WEEK 4, THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2015

Dates to Remember - Please mark your Calendar

Mon 23/2 - Mon 2/2	School Board Elections
Tues 3 Mar	3/4 excursion - Canberra Theatre Latham Competitive Swimming Trials 9am at CISAC
Wed 4 Mar	Rugby League Legends Comp -Years 3/4 & 5/6
Mon 9 Mar	Canberra Day Public Holiday
Thurs 12 Mar	School banking - account opening morning 8:30am

Notes home

	<u>Due back</u>
Years 3/4 excursion	27 Feb
Swimming Trials	ASAP
Year 6 T-shirts	27 Feb
Student Information Checklist	ASAP
Kinder Health Screening	3 Mar
Concert Survey	ASAP
Years 5/6 Camp Note	20 Mar

Assembly dates for Term- 1:45pm

4 March Year 3/4RG, 18 March Year 1/2 and 1
April 3/4BH



Dear parents and carers,

Week 4 has come around really quickly with the Canberra Day long weekend just around the corner!

It was great to see so many people at the **'Meet the Teacher'** event last week. This was a fabulous opportunity for families to talk 'one on one' with their child's class teacher for 2015. A big thank you to the P&C who hosted the 'Welcome BBQ' that allowed many families to connect with others within our community.

During the warm and humid weather, **head lice** like to raise their ugly heads. Over the past few weeks we have had a rise in the number of students with head lice. Please be vigilant about checking your child's hair weekly. If you notice that your child has head lice, please treat them and notify the school. Children are welcome back at school once the head lice have been treated.

Some children within our school community have low immune systems due to medical conditions or treatment taking place. We ask that you please ensure that your child's **vaccination records** are up-to-date. If your child is diagnosed with diseases such as chicken pox or measles, please notify the school so that families may be informed.

During weeks 3 and 4, Kindergarten children have been undertaking the **Performance Indicators in Primary School (PIPS)** Assessment. This online assessment determines benchmark skills in literacy and numeracy. In term 4, the same assessment will be continued by students to measure growth across the year. Parents will receive an overview of their child's performance From PIPS (Western Australia) later in the term.

Preschool is a very important step in a child's education. Latham Preschool programs are an extension of the three components of the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). These components are;

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

Belonging

Having a sense of belonging in the early childhood years is to feel as though you 'fit' wherever you are. It may be with your family, your home, your community, in your learning environment, with your educators and peers. You have a sense of comfort and can rely on others to support you. To establish a sense of belonging it is important to build meaningful and valuable relationships. Relationships with others are key to a strong sense of belonging.

Being

This is the stage that the child is at right now, at this very minute. What they are interested in, what they are eager to learn, what they are exploring and what they are doing now that is helping to shape their learning. It is important to focus on the here and now, rather than where the child will be next year or what they were doing some time ago.

Becoming

The child is continuously 'becoming' what they will be in the future. The ideas they explore, learning experiences they are exposed to and take part in, help to shape their future thinking and link ideas together. Having a strong sense of belonging and having the time to 'be' helps to add to what they are becoming as a person. This explores the notion that the child's cognitive, social, physical and emotional development; their personality; and their values are ever evolving.

This term there will be a focus on **Belonging** in preschool. If you would like to learn more about this document, follow this link; http://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/belonging_being_and_becoming_the_early_years_learning_framework_for_australia.pdf

It is really essential that we all work together to keep members of the community safe, especially before and after school. Could all drivers please ensure that care is taken around the crossings and carpark. We also ask that parents please remind children to check for traffic, even when using the crossings.

Regards,
Karen

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students in receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 18 February.

Sasha G, Nasia S, Samantha L, Sam B, Anthony E, Olivia M, Charlie S, Belle K, Bryce R, Isabel W, Paige J, Campbell E, Eleni S, Callum C, Jayden R, Katie T, Jasmine B, Will O, Amelia S, Ivy-Jean T, Nyankir Y, Jay B, Thomas S, Josh W, Miles D, Eli D & Hollie M.

PARENTING WORKSHOP FOR PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

Latham Primary School will be hosting a parenting workshop run by Belconnen Community Services (BCS) for parents of Latham preschool and kindergarten students. BCS offer parenting advice and strategies to families with children aged 0-5 years. The session will address issues that are important to you and your family, please email amanda.molloy@ed.act.edu.au with topics you are interested in hearing more about, e.g. bed wetting, night terrors, eating etc.

The workshop will be held in the early evening; it is ideal if children are able to stay home with another adult so you are able to get the most out of the session. Further details will follow shortly.

LIBRARYNEWS

Hi everyone!

Scholastic Book Club

Great news!!!! Just to let you know that due to such a large volume of orders for Issue 1 we were able to purchase over \$250 new books from the Scholastic Catalogue. This is a great addition to our library and I am sure the students will enjoy reading them. Well done everyone!



QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark" Victor Hugo, Les Miserables

Heather Govender
Library Assistant
Latham Primary School

SCHOOL BOARD PARENT REPRESENTAIVES

Board Elections – Monday 23 February to Monday 2 March 2015

Thank you to the parents who have nominated for the Latham Primary School Board. A board election will be held to determine the two (2) parent and citizen board members for the period from April 2015 to March 2017.



There are four nominees for the positions. A short statement by each nominee will be available from the front office to facilitate your decision for voting. Voting ballot papers and envelopes will also be available from the front office. Please place your valid vote in the voting box by the end of the day on Monday 2 March.

Please support our school community by placing your vote. If you are unable to stop by the front office yourself, please contact Melissa on 6205 7345 to organise for the voting documents be sent home with your child.

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

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES PROJECT

You might be able to assist with bringing more creativity, self-expression, fulfillment, and joy to your child and other children at our school.



In September last year, Majura and North Ainslie Primary Schools established a new, creative partnership with artists within their local communities including writers, musicians, dancers,

visual artists, and theatre directors.

This partnership resulted in bringing to those schools new, exciting projects benefiting all involved – the students, the artists, and the broader community (Canberra Times article *Bringing Artists to Schools*, 22 November 2014, *Panorama* section)

Do you know any artists in our community, or are you perhaps an artist yourself? If so, please let us know, as we wish to organise a meeting with local artists to talk about all possible creative ideas that our school community might consider.

More detailed information about the project can be obtained by contacting Dr Jolanta Gallagher on 6262 8689 or jolantagallagher26@gmail.com

DEATH CAP MUSHROOMS

Do not touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can be found across the Canberra region, usually in late summer and autumn. There have been four deaths and many poisonings in the ACT in the past 15 years due to Death Cap mushrooms.



In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms often grow near established oak trees in mild, moist weather. Death Cap mushrooms have been found growing on school grounds in the ACT.

Parents and teachers are asked to remind children **not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms.**

As the Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible varieties, adults are also strongly advised not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms.

All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating even a small amount of the mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the Death Cap mushroom does not make it safe.

If you suspect that you or one of your family members might have eaten Death Cap mushrooms, you should seek urgent medical attention at a hospital emergency department.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom, do not touch the mushroom with your bare skin. If it is in your own yard, the best option is

to leave it be and make sure others stay away from the area. The mushroom will die in a few days.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom growing in a public area, please contact Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, download the fact sheet online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/publications/fact-sheets>.



WITH SHIRLEY

LATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

SATURDAY MORNINGS 9.00AM

Zumba Fitness is for EVERYONE – all ages, fitness levels, shapes and sizes. It's FUN & EASY to follow & Promotes Co-ordination, WEIGHTLOSS, Friendships, HEALTH & FITNESS through movement in disguise in a FUN Party atmosphere that will leave you wanting more!!!!

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HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY

Hook in 2 Hockey Come & Try Carnival
DATE: Saturday 21st March 2015
TIMES: 9:00am - 12:00pm
LOCATION: National Hockey Centre, Lyneham ACT

www.hockeyact.org.au

Looking to get involved in Hockey? If you are already linked to a club please contact them directly. If you are new to hockey please contact Hockey ACT and we will put you in contact with a local club, or simply turn up on the day!

Contact Information:
www.hockeyact.org.au
02 6257 2374
shelley.vatson@hockeyact.org.au

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Belwest's home ground is Latham Oval and Belwest is responsible for, but not restricted to, areas covered by Page, Scullin, Latham, Florey, Higgins, Holt, Macgregor and Dunlop.

School Banking 2015.

Account Opening Day

This year's School Banking program is taking your child on an intergalactic mission to learn smart savings habits with the Dollarmites.

For more information on getting started, get to your school's Account Opening Day.

Date: Thursday 12th March
Time: 8.30am
Location: Front of Office

Note: Please bring your driver's licence for identity verification.

OUTER SPACE SAVERS