

TERM 1, WEEK 6, 12 THURSDAY MARCH 2015

Dates to Remember - Please mark your Calendar

Mon 16 Mar	Kenny Koala Kindy 12-12:30pm
Wed 18 Mar	Assembly 3/4RG
23 - 25 Mar	Years 5/6 Camp
Thurs 26 Mar	school photos
Fri 27 Mar	P&C meeting 9:15 in the cottage Belconnen PSSA Swimming carnival
Tues 31 Mar	preschool blue group School photos

Notes home

Student Information
Checklist
Concert Survey
Years 5/6 Camp Note
Years 5/6 Parliament
House excursion

Due back

ASAP
ASAP
20 Mar
1 April

Assembly dates for Term- 1:45pm

18 March 3/4RG and 1 April 3/4BH



Dear parents and carers,

The focus of this week's front page is about safety at school.

The first bell of the day rings at 8:58am, ready for the morning assembly. It is expected that students attend this assembly because even though it is short, it's the time for important messages to be shared and students' positive contributions to the school to be recognised.

Students may be at school from 8:30am onwards but are expected to be outside – teachers are busy preparing for the school day. Can you please remind your children that they may not play on the equipment before school unless you are supervising them. We have noticed that some children are being dropped off by parents in the front carpark and then are making their way through the back gates and to the local shops. It is the school's understanding that if you drop your child off within the school grounds, then you expect your child will stay within the school grounds. Can you please remind your child/ren of your expectation?

Hats at school are a must. Children know that if they are not wearing a hat at play times, they must either sit on a sliver seat in the shade or at lunch time they can go to the library. At this time of the year we also advise that children wear sunscreen to school as well – it's easy to think that with the cooler mornings, the sun is no longer doing its worst but the UV readings are still between moderate to very high. Teachers also have sunscreen in their classrooms if you'd like your child to reapply during the day.

Sometimes children get their personal belongings like balls and even shoes on the school roof. If this happens, children are asked to let the front office staff know – they will advise our BSO Manuel. Manuel is the only staff member trained for working with heights and therefore is the only staff member who can recover items from the roof. This may take a while depending on his work schedule.

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



At Latham we are fortunate that so many of our parents and extended family members volunteer their time for the benefit of our students – it makes our work so much easier and more enjoyable, and we know how much the kids love having you around. If you are a regular volunteer at school (ie you are in classes or with children more than 5 times during the year) it is a requirement in the ACT that you complete a Volunteer and Visitor Nomination form (attached to this newsletter) and that you either have a current *Working with Vulnerable People* card or have applied for one. These are free and you can apply for one at the Office for Regulatory Services. The Canberra Connect website has a direct link as well. There must be a photocopy of your card held here at the front office so if you have not already done this and are volunteering your time this year, could you please attend to this as soon as possible? And while we're talking about volunteering, it is also a requirement that you sign in at the front office before you go down to the classes, and then again sign out when you are leaving. I know this may seem like a lot of red tape but this is about keeping both our children and you safe.

On another note, I've been asking students about our school values – they are pretty quick to remember what they are and we are certainly being shown lots of examples in practice. Just to remind you though our values and some definitions are:

Respect: Speaking politely, treating each other kindly and taking care of belongings

Resilience: Recognising and reflecting on circumstances or mistakes to adapt and move forward

Collaboration: Sharing ideas and skills to achieve a common goal

Motivation: Identifying internal (self-awareness) and external (positive prompting) factors that give you the desire to achieve a goal

Positivity: Doing everything with a smile and being solutions focussed

Kind regards,

Liz

MERIT AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students in receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 11 March.

Hayden K, Alex T, Amelia C, Lucas A, Samuel S, Jasmine L, Dylan M, Erin W, Caelan O, Kohan O, Declan G, Cassidy W, Billy K, Bailey W, Jahryn R, Lilly M, Kiesha B, Amelia L, Gabe W, Amelia M, Jade B, Aliasha S, Henry H, Mae W, Adam L, Damon E, Jordyn M & Oliver S.

AGAT AND GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENTS IDENTIFICATION

In late March, as part of the school's implementation of the Gifted and talented Students Policy 2014, we will be assessing students from Years 1 – 6 using the Acer General Ability Test (AGAT). This assessment is one of the suite of tools used to identify potentially gifted or talented students. Staff will also be completing class profile sheets which identify work habits and thinking skills that might be accelerated for the age group. If you feel your child is demonstrating advanced skills or thinking for their age I ask that you get a copy of 'Things my young child / child has done' form from the school front office and complete it and return it to school. This will help us to identify students.



To support all students a differentiated curriculum is offered which targets an individual's skills and ability. Sometimes a student's gift or talent will not be able to be catered for at school and so we will work together to suggest relevant opportunities out of school.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 6205 7345 or via email (daniel.manestar@ed.act.edu.au).

Cheers

Daniel Manestar (GaTLO)

Gifted and Talented Liaison Officer

SLT News



2015 SLT

Welcome to the first SLT news for 2015. We would like to introduce our team. There are 10 of us and our names are - Olivia, Rameen, Jade, Lily, Bryna, Zac, Chloe, Brianna, Chelsea and Lauren.

Cyber Safety Conference

On Friday 6th March five Student Leadership Team members attended a Cyber Safety Conference to mark the fifth annual *National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence*. We learnt some interesting things that we are looking forward to



sharing with Latham students. Here is what some of the students had to say about the day,
 Olivia – “I never knew learning about cyber safety could be so enjoyable”
 Chloe – “The day was fun and I learnt lots”
 Lily – “Everyone should be as safe online as they are in real life”

By Olivia Davis

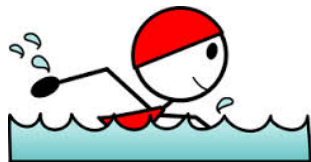
SPORT REPORT

Swimming

The trials to select the Latham Swim Team were held last week at CISAC in Belconnen. We had 16 children swimming and they all did a fantastic job. Nine swimmers beat qualifying times and have been selected to represent Latham at the Belconnen PSSA carnival on Friday 27th March (week 8) at the AIS pool. Although not all swimmers could be selected, they all demonstrated great motivation and earned points for their sporting houses. The results of this first house competition for the year will be announced at assembly next week.

The Latham Swim Team for the Belconnen PSSA Swimming Carnival is as follows:

Lucas W	1/2KR
Heather S	3/4RG
Shaun B	3/4RG
Naomi J	3/4RG
Anisha J	3/4BH
Erika K	3/4LH
Keira F	5/6M
Rhonon M-H	5/6M
Brianna M	5/6MT



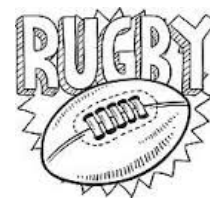
Rugby League

Latham’s Rugby League teams also competed last week in the Rugby League Legends competition run by the Canberra Raiders at Nicholls. The Year 3/4 team played for the Mal Meninga Cup and had a mixed day, with a good win, a draw and a few losses.

Special thanks to Max’s dad Jason for coaching the team during the day and also to the other parents who helped out during the day. The kids had a fun day and there were some strong performances from Samuel, Max, Jack and Jaydan. A special mention must go to Tyler “the tackling machine”, who despite his small size didn’t shy away from tackling the bigger boys and bringing them down to the ground.

The year 5/6 team competed for the Laurie Daley Shield and despite facing some tough competition, improved throughout the day and kept trying to the end. The boys also ended with a win, a draw and some losses, but lost 2 games by only a point and with a bit of luck could’ve ended up with a much

higher placing. Best players during the day were Jesse and Bryce, whilst the other players in the team all contributed and improved. Adam did a good job in his first tournament running the ball up strongly. Despite not making the ACT Finals for the first time in 4 years, I was very proud of the boys and the way they played and the lessons some of them learnt during the day.



Unfortunately the Canberra Raiders visit to deliver the “Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well” message to years 3-6 had to be postponed in week 4. It will now be held on Wednesday in week 10.

Basketball

Following recent selection trials, two Latham students were chosen to be part of the 2015 Canberra U12 Boys Basketball Development Program.



Congratulations to Rhonan (5/6M) and Brodie (3/4BH) who will participate in games in the NSW Waratah Southern Junior League over the next few months. This program is the entry point for Basketball ACT’s Representative Player Pathway and it’s a great achievement to be selected. Good luck boys.

Cross Country

Students in year 1-4 have been doing the Beep Test in PE lessons this week. The Beep Test measures endurance (essential for running long distance races), which is handy with the Latham Cross Country Carnival coming up in just 3 weeks!! The carnival will be held on Thursday 2 April (week 9) on the school grounds and Latham playing fields. If any students want to do a bit of training for the carnival, there will be running club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on the school oval between 8.30am and 8.58am when the bell for assembly goes. Just come down and have a run and get a bit of practice in for the big race day coming up (and also earn points for your sporting house!!)



Touch Football

Congratulations to Amir (5/6MT), Tommy (5/6MT), Declan (5/6SV) and Zac (5/6SV) whose Northern Phoenix under 12-boys team won the ACT Touch Football Junior Super League competition at Deakin last Tuesday. A highlight of the team’s play was the great teamwork they displayed, helped by the fact that there were four Latham boys in the team, the most of any school. Also congratulations to Bryna (5/6SV) and Olivia (3/4RG) whose under-12 girls team also won



the Super League competition last Tuesday. Both teams went through their 4-week competitions undefeated, a fabulous effort.

Belconnen Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) Team Trials

Belconnen PSSA trials for team sports are held during terms 1 and 2 for students in years 5 and 6. These teams then play against the other three regions (South Weston, North Gungahlin and Tuggeranong) in an ACT under-12s Carnival. Cricket trials were held early in term, and other notes that have been handed out recently include AFL, Touch Football, Netball and Rugby League. Details of those trials are below; please see me for a note.

AFL Trials – 2nd trial week 7 (Monday 16 March)
Rugby League Trials – Weeks 7 & 8 (Wednesday 19 & Thursday 25 March)

Netball Trials – Weeks 8 & 9 (Thursday 26 March & Thursday 2 April)

Touch Football Trials – Week 9 (Monday 30 March & Wednesday 1 April)

Cricket

The ACT Cricket Carnival will be held Thursday and Friday this week and selectors will be keeping a keen eye on the games in order to select an ACT team at the conclusion of the carnival.



Congratulations to Zac M (5/6SV) who was selected in the Belconnen Region Cricket team and will play in four games at Canberra Grammar School over the next two days. Good Luck.

House Captains and Vice-Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their fellow students to be House Captains and Vice-Captains.

Brindabella

Captains - Sienna W (5/6MT) and Kieran O (5/6M)
Vice Captains - Samantha L (5/6SV) and John M (5/6MT)

Umbagog

Captains - Claudia W (5/6M) and Lachlain C-G (5/6SV)
Vice Captains - Jordyn M (5/6M) and Nick P (5/6SV)

Casuarina

Captains – Keely K-R (5/6MT) and Declan G (5/6SV)
Vice Captains – Jae B (5/6M) and Rachel O (5/6M)

Badges will be presented at the whole school assembly after lunch on Wednesday Week 7. House Captains and Vice-Captains will soon have house meetings to prepare teams for the Latham Cross Country in Week 9.

Brett Maron
Sports Coordinator

LIBRARYNEWS

Hi everyone!

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2 is out and is due back no later than Tue, 17 March.



Overdue Books

We still have books which are overdue from last year which need to be returned. Can you please make an extra effort to return them ASAP. Notes went home last week. If you have looked and cannot find them please let myself or Wendy (Front Office) know so we can amend our records. Thank you.

Care of Books

Please look after the books borrowed from the library so future students can enjoy them just as much as you. Some things you can do is:

- Be careful turning pages so they do not tear
- Keep books away from drink and food
- Never write or mark the pages in a book
- Return them back to school on time so others can borrow them
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“Some books should be tasted, some devoured, but only a few should be chewed and digested thoroughly.”

-Cornelia Funk

Have a great week. Heather Govender

CANTEEN NEWS

New canteen times:

The canteen now closes at 1pm
Monday- Thursday and 1.15pm
Friday



Canteen menu update:

Hotdogs are back on the menu and are priced at \$3.00

Thank you
Beth and Michele
Canteen Managers

The National Disability Insurance Scheme – what does it mean for my child?

ACT Education and Training and the National Disability Insurance Agency invite parents and carers of students with a disability to an information session about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Find out what the NDIS means for your child, how you apply for your child to participate in the Scheme and how this relates to the support your child receives at school.

LOCATION	DAY/TIME	DATE	FOCUS
Harrison School	TUESDAY 6-7PM	10/03/15	High School and College students
Hawker College	WEDNESDAY 6-7PM	11/03/15	High school and college students
North Ainslie Primary	MONDAY 6-7PM	16/03/15	Primary school students
Mt Stromlo High	TUESDAY 6-7PM	17/03/15	High school and college students
UCHS Kaleen	TUESDAY 6-7PM	17/03/15	High school and college students
Dickson College	THURSDAY 6-7PM	19/03/15	High school and college students
Macgregor Primary	MONDAY 6-7PM	23/03/15	Primary school students

No need to book, just come along to a session that suits you.



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