

### Term 3, Week 4, Thursday 14 August, 2014

#### Notes home

	<u>Due back</u>
Term 3 Calendar	
Raffle Tickets	13 Oct
School Satisfaction Survey	29 Aug
Health lesson	ASAP
Limelight	22 Aug
Preschool bus wash	19 Aug
Preschool Mr Tim	3 Sept

**Remaining Assembly dates for Term 3 –1:45pm start**  
Wednesday – 20 August, 3 & 17 September

#### Dates to Remember – Please mark your Calendar

18 August	Years 5/6 joint Melba Copland excursion to the War Memorial
19 August	Preschool (blue group) bus wash excursion
20 August	Assembly 1:45pm - Kindy & Preschool (blue group)
	Japanese Fun Day at Giralang PS
21 August	Book Week Parade – 9:15am Preschool (yellow group) bus wash excursion
22 August	Busy Broc, Posh Pear & Kulture Break performance 2:30pm

Dear parents and carers,

Well I am just about 'done' with this cold weather but I do believe we have a while to go before the frost disappears.

#### P.E. Events

On the school front, many P.E. events have occurred over the past few weeks. The basketball competition has been a big hit with students in years 3-6, and students represented Latham admirably at the PSSA Athletics carnival. It is great to see such a variety of students participating in these events.

#### Latham Limelighters

Latham Limelighters will be lighting up the stage at the AIS Arena on Friday 29 August. I have been privy to a couple of rehearsals and it is coming together fantastically. Well done to Sladjana and her limelight crew. I look forward to seeing you perform on the night. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek.

#### Literacy and Numeracy Week

Literacy and Numeracy Week is celebrated in Week 5 this term. On Thursday 28 August students will participate in Literacy and Numeracy activities with a buddy class. The classrooms will be open for visitors from 3.30pm-5.30pm. All are welcome. An **Art Show** will also be running during this time slot. Look for more details soon.

#### Preschool

The preschool children have been busy investigating sustainability. Visits from ACT NoWaste discussing the art of recycling were very informative.

Did you know? If you can twist a plastic container, it goes to landfill. Trees have also been planted in the preschool playground and are being lovingly cared for by children every day. As Amanda recently mentioned in a letter to parents 'the trees are being loved in a way only preschoolers can!'

Keep healthy,

Karen

### 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys

The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted over the next two weeks. Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 and 6) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools. The surveys include nationally agreed parent and student items and our 2014 School Board Report will include a summary of our school survey results for these national items. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won't take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. A letter about the parent survey will be sent to you in the next few days. The key results from the 2013 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published in a brochure which is available at [www.det.act.gov.au](http://www.det.act.gov.au) under publications. Thank you for contributing to the improvement of Latham Primary School.

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



## Merit Awards



Cate F, Vasu S, Taylah B, Jhett O, Spencer L, Jordy C, Cameron A, Laura Z, Chelsea E, Samantha L, Prezley W, Odin G, Jaydan R, Brianna M, Rhonan M-H, John M, Nathan T, Vanessa J, Jake B, Declan T, Robert W, Heidi N, Aiden B, Jamal M, Michael G-M and William M

## Arts Dance Awards – Term 2 2014

Preschool – Leighton L &

Abbey B

KCC – Ben S

KJC – Katie A

1/2LA – Zoe B

1/2DS – Aiden L

1/2RG – Max E

1/2SF – Madilyn B

3/4BH – Lily S

3/4LH – Nicholas P

3/4DW – Jack S

5/6MT – Riley T

5/6JS – Georgia C

5/6CG – Cassidy W

JSLU – Callum H

SLSU – Joel D



## GONDOLOPE NEWS

It may only be Week 4, but the Gondolopes have already had heaps of fun!

This term we are learning about animals and their habitats. In our assembly last week we had some 'True or False' quiz questions. See if you know the answer to some of our favourites:

True or False?

1. Giraffes and humans have the same number of bones in their necks.
2. Snails have the best hearing of all the animals.
3. Butterflies taste with their feet.

How did you go? See below for the answers.

Last Friday we dressed up to raise money for the school fete, which will be in October. The theme was 'Freaky Friday'. Some people in our class dressed up as their parents and our teachers called them by their parent's names. Other people came as zombies, vampires and other freaky creatures. But our teachers were really freaky! They came as punks!

We can't wait for our next dress up day in Book Week!



### Quiz Answers

1. True 2. False 3. True.

## National Literacy and Numeracy Week

National Literacy and Numeracy Week will be celebrated across the country from the 25 to the 31 August.

At Latham we will be celebrating on Thursday 28 August. The school will be open for families to come and join in activities.

9.30am-10.50am Literacy activities with buddy classes  
11.30am-12.20pm Numeracy activities with buddy classes  
3.30pm-5.30pm Open Afternoon

- Art show in the hall
- Parents invited to look around the school
- Literacy and numeracy games will be set up in the cottage for parents to play with their children.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Literacy and Numeracy Team



### Latham Primary Art 'Signs' Exhibition

You're invited to come along to the Latham Primary School Art Exhibition

Where: Latham Primary School Hall

When: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Time: 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Cost: \$2 entry - All money raised will be going towards exciting visual arts opportunities for students

Food: There will be a BBQ in the afternoon where you can purchase a tasty sausage sizzle and support our P&C.

## Library News

Latham Primary is celebrating Book Week!!

Connect to Reading - 18-22 August

Book Parade: Thursday morning assembly, 21 August

Colouring competition: Due this Friday

Come into the Library and vote for Latham's Favourite Book.

Have a great week.



### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"I'm wondering what to read next"

- Matilda Roald Dahl

Heather Govender

## Fresh Taste Program

It can be difficult to get kids to be interested in eating fruit and veg, especially when you are competing with all those sweet and salty processed treats available these days!

Get kids more involved with the shopping and preparation of the food they eat and they will be more likely to want to eat the end product.

Ask your child to choose one fruit and one vegetable to add to the shopping basket- or more if they want! Also, let them help with the preparation where safe to do so, including washing, peeling, grating and serving up.

If you have a garden, or even just a small area to plant in pots, help kids see and learn where their food comes from. Vegetables may not be very appealing if they are

just from the supermarket, but if kids can be involved with the growing and tending of even some of their food, they are going to be a whole lot more excited when it comes to dinner time!

**fresh TASTES**  
healthy food at school



## WALKATHON Friday Sept 12 (Week 8)

To coincide with Health and P.E. Week, Latham School students will be participating in a Walkathon. This aims to promote physical activity while raising funds for our school. The canteen will be holding a special lunch day and the P and C will provide some freshly cut up fruit at recess. Donations can be per lap or a single amount for your child's participation in the



walkathon. If each child raised \$10 that would equate to more than \$2500 to benefit all students at Latham School. You are most welcome to join in with your child and enjoy the sausage sizzle afterwards. We would love the children to get into the spirit of the day by dressing up. They might want to be a tennis player, footballer, cyclist, ballerina, gymnast, princess, fairy - whatever they feel like on the day!

Please note that all sponsorship cards need to be returned, regardless of amount collected.

More information will come home in the coming weeks in the lead up to the walkathon.

Thanks for your continued support,

Di Sullivan

## Fete News

Don't forget your donations for the Hampers



For our annual fete we are asking families to donate an item to our Hamper Stall. The hampers are then raffled off at the Fete which means 100% profit to the school!! Each year group has a specific hamper, however if you are out shopping and you see something on special that would be great for any of the other hampers grab it. There is a list of suggested donations on each hamper box located in the staff room.

- **Preschool** New Baby Gift
- **Kindy** Kitchen & Pantry Cooking
- **Grade 1, Jnr LSU** Sweet Treats, Biscuits, Tea & Coffee
- **Grade 2** Handyman/Car Cleaning
- **Grade 3** Gardening
- **Grade 4**, Kids Rainy Day Fun
- **Grade 5** BBQ/Outdoor Living
- **Grade 6, Snr LSU** Christmas

### Freaky Friday

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Freaky Friday Mufti Day. We raised \$200 that will be used to help pay for the reptiles on Fete day.

### Raffle Tickets

We have had a fantastic response to the Golden Ticket. So many students want to win that free day at the Fete (who wouldn't?).

**REMEMBER** – We have a legal obligation to track each and every raffle ticket. If you did not receive a book at home please let me know NOW so we can reprint your numbers and get them sold. So far 32 books of tickets have been sold and returned. You don't have to sell tickets, simply return your unsold book and it will be passed onto to another student. Tickets are due back Week 1 of Term 4 (Monday 13 October).

Thank you  
Karen Tait

## Canteen News

### Special Recess Food

The canteen is trying some new menu items in Term 3 with the possibility of adding them to the new Term 4 menu. To start we are going to do some special recess food. All recess specials will be \$1 and served on one day only to start with.

- Hot Milo Mondays
- Berry smoothie Tuesdays
- Chocolate pikelet Wednesdays

### Special Lunch Days

The next special lunch day will be Wednesday August 27, Week 6. It will be a chicken wrap and a chocolate cupcake (note to follow for these). All canteen specials are an opt in so please don't feel you have to give your children money for everything. These are certified green recipes which have come from Nutrition Australia.



## Community News



WITH SHIRLEY

9.00AM – 10.00AM @ LATHAM  
PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

*Zumba is not your average fitness class, it is exercise in disguise!*

You don't need to know how to dance to enjoy the benefits from this class. The music and easy to follow steps will get you moving, having a blast and burning calories in not time.

So ditch the workout and join the party with Shirley, your friendly local Zumba instructor. If you're planning on getting fit, like meeting new people or just like getting out and having some fun, this class is perfect for you!!

Please contact Shirley on 0417282173 or email [funkshirlnal@gmail.com](mailto:funkshirlnal@gmail.com) for further information

## Latham Primary School Trivia Night

Raiders Belconnen (Messenger & Lindrum Rooms),  
152 Hardwick Crescent Holt



7:00pm to 10:00pm Friday 19 September 2014

Music!

Finger food!

\$5 food & drink vouchers available!

YMCA staff providing kid minding for kinder age & above!

Tables of 10 available!

Singles, doubles, trios, etc. can join the Quizmasters table!

Prizes!

\$10 per ticket.

Family and friends welcome!

*The P&C*

RSVP total adult & kid numbers to:  
[trivianight.lathamandc@gmail.com](mailto:trivianight.lathamandc@gmail.com)



Australian themed!



**Free Adult Cycling Course**

ACT Health and Cycle Education are offering a FREE 6 week cycle skills course for parents and carers.

**Course includes**

- Borrow a bike and helmet - FREE
- Help from a qualified AustCycle instructor
- Skills to improve your confidence to ride a bike
- Bike and helmet safety check

**Course details**

Dates: Tuesdays, 19 Aug - 23 Sep  
Time: 10am - 11:30am  
Venue: Meet at the car park behind Mr Spokes Bike Hire, Lake Burley Griffin

**To register**

Call: Raynie on 0410 623 957 or  
Email: [info@cycleeducation.com.au](mailto:info@cycleeducation.com.au)

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