

Term 2 Week 6
Date – Tuesday 4 June 2024

Collaboration Respect Motivation Resilience Positivity

JUNE	
Mon 3	MABO Day Dance Club
Tues 4	Breakfast Club 8.30am – 9.00am Table Tennis Tuesday Delta Dogs
Wed 5	Wellbeing Wednesday Meccano DEP Canberra Symphony Orchestra Visit Assembly - Japanese
Thurs 6	Breakfast Club 8.30am – 9.00am Kangaroo & Ukulele Clubs Green Team Year 5 Combined Band
Fri 7	Feel Good Friday
Mon 10	Public Holiday – Kings Birthday
Tues 11	Breakfast Club 8.30am – 9.00am Athletics Track & Field Carnival
Wed 12	Wellbeing Wednesday Meccano Enrichment
Thurs 13	Breakfast Club 8.30am – 9.00am Kangaroo & Ukulele Clubs Green Team
Fri 14	Feel Good Friday

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Dear Families

On Friday our Year 6 cohort showcased their learning through a Careers Expo. This culmination of learning activity saw students working both individually and in small teams to showcase a range of future careers that they are interested in. From Marine Biologists, Carpenters, Game Developers, Actors to various professional athletes, visitors had the opportunity to find out about paths that can be taken to, and specific skills needed to partake in various careers. Students also shared information about salaries and connections within Canberra. Visitors were given tokens to award to the careers they were most interested in. The future is certainly looking bright with our Year 6 students interested in a diverse range of careers!

Several weeks ago, we hosted our Preschool Welcome Morning where prospective preschool students and their families were welcomed to explore our preschool environment. It was wonderful to welcome many new and existing families to our preschool as we begin the transition process for students. As the year continues, we will offer more transition opportunities. Enrolments are still open for families so if you have a preschool age child for 2025, please head to the ACT Education Directorate website and follow the steps to enrol.

Similarly, our Year 6 students and their families are looking to begin the transition process to high school. Connections between our Year 6 teachers and our high school colleagues have formed as a way of supporting our students on their Year 7 journey for 2025.

ABC Reading Eggs is an online resource that helps make learning how to read engaging and fun for children. Children love the games, songs and rewards offered along the way which, along with feeling proud of their reading, really motivate children to keep exploring and learning. All students in Kindergarten to Year 2 have free access to this fantastic program at home and at school. This program is a great way to complement daily reading at home to support growth in your child's reading development. If you have misplaced your child's log in details or need support to access this program, please contact your child's teachers.

We are gearing up for our final whole school sporting carnival for the year, our Athletics Carnival. The whole school is headed to the AIS for the day on 11 June. Our 8 year olds and above will compete in a range of field events such as shot put, discus and long jump while junior students will participate novelty events that will give them an opportunity to practise fundamental movement skills. We welcome families to join us on the day as spectators or volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the front office.

Last week we acknowledged and celebrated Reconciliation Week. This year's theme 'Now More than Ever' is about acknowledging that despite setbacks to reconciliation in Australia the journey will and must continue. National Sorry Day marks the beginning of Reconciliation Week. Latham Primary School was represented at the Sorry Day Walk across Commonwealth Bridge by Tash Lillywhite and several families. Reconciliation Week was brought to life in classrooms across the school, students engaged in a variety of activities.



In our early year's classrooms, students explore quality literature from First Nations authors such as Auntie Fay Muir, Sue Lawson, Adam Duncan and Isaiah Firebrace. They then used these texts as a springboard for discussion and reflection and responded by creating artworks. Students also took opportunities to explore their connections to Country through the senses.

Our Years 2, 3 and 4 students engaged in texts such as Sorry Day by Coral Vass and Dub Leffler and Took the Children Away by Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter. They then used visual thinking routines to capture students thinking in meaningful ways. After reading Come Together by Isaiah Firebrace conversations centred around ceremonies and other aspects of First Nations culture.

In the senior years, students viewed Testimonies of the Stolen Generation and wrote reflections. They reflected on the theme of Reconciliation and made personal commitments. Students also had the opportunity to do some research into David Unipon and why he was selected to be on the fifty dollar note.

Please see some photographs taken from classrooms around the school which illustrate the learning experiences from last week.

Isobel Short
Executive Teacher



Acknowledgement of Country

Dhawra nguna, dhawra Ngunawal.

Yanggu gulanyin ngalawiri, dhunayi, Ngunawal dhwara.

Wanggaralijinyin mariny balan bugarabang.

We at Latham Primary would like to acknowledge and thank the Ngunawal people for letting us play, learn, and live on this land. We respect your connection to this country, ongoing culture, and elders. We will help pass on knowledge of Ngunawal culture, languages, and traditions.

Ngunawal Language Revival Project Working Group 2018

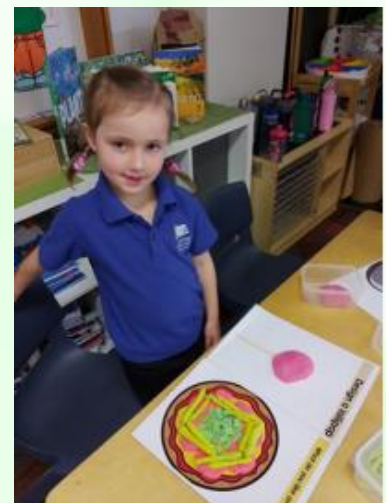
Latham Primary School Cultural Integrity Project Team and Student Acknowledgement Working Group 2018

Kindergarten Explores Healthy Living through Food!

This term, kindergarten have been embarking on an exciting journey into the world of healthy living, starting with the foods we eat! Understanding the importance of nutrition, we have been learning how different foods benefit our bodies by sorting them into three fun categories: Go, Grow, and Glow foods.

Go Foods like bread and pasta give us energy to play and learn. *Grow Foods* such as meat and beans help our bodies to grow strong and healthy. *Glow Foods* like fruits and vegetables keep our skin, hair, and eyes bright and shiny.

We have been creating healthy lunchbox menus, discovering where our food comes from and soon we will be putting our knowledge into practice by making some food faces!



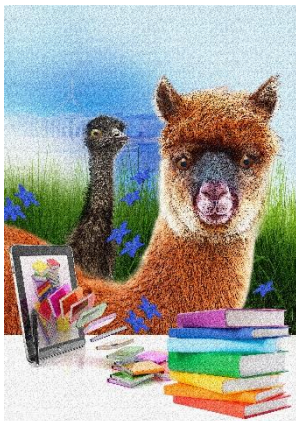




ROSTRUM 2024

Our heartfelt congratulations go to Ashton Stockbridge, Jaxon Bulger, Lily Bowen, Nel Offer, Annie Sutcliffe and Jacob Power on their exceptional performances at our Rostrum school final. It was truly inspiring to witness their hard work and dedication to crafting and delivering such remarkable speeches. The commitment and effort invested by these students clearly shone through in their presentations. Each speech was not only well-prepared but also delivered with confidence and enthusiasm, reflecting the talent and potential within our school community.

We are pleased to announce that Lily has been selected as our Rostrum Champion for 2024. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and look forward to them representing Latham Primary School at the upcoming Rostrum Quarter Final on Monday 24 June 2024. Congratulations also to Nel for being selected as our runner-up, to Annie who received an honourable mention, and to Ashton, Jacob, and Jaxon for their outstanding performances as finalists. Each student showcased their unique perspectives, contributing to an engaging event for all who attended. Our sincere appreciation goes to the students, their families and carers, and their teachers for their support and encouragement throughout this journey. Your involvement has undoubtedly played a significant role in the success of our Rostrum finalists.



Chief Ministers Reading Challenge

The Chief Ministers Reading Challenge will run until the end of this term. Please remind your child to keep filling out their individual recording sheet with the details of all the books that they have been reading at home and school. Forms are due back to their teacher by Wednesday 3 July.

Happy reading!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP STUDENTS IN YEARS 3 TO 6 WITH READING

When?

9.15 to 10.15 a.m. three days a week
(Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).

You will be guided by teachers in supporting the students - no prior knowledge or experience is necessary.

CAN YOU HELP?

PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP BY
CONTACTING THE FRONT OFFICE:

- IN PERSON
- BY PHONING 6142 0077 OR
- BY EMAILING
INFO@LATHAMPS.ACT.EDU.AU



You will need to apply for Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) registration which is free for volunteers.



Hawker Community Repair Cafe

Volunteers will help repair toys, small furniture, small electrical items, lawn mowers, bikes, clothes, leather goods and sharpening

Hawker Recycling Hub - drop off washed lids, blister packs and more

JP available to witness documents

LIVE MUSIC

Made-local market

Eco friendly handmade gifts, toys, jewellery, garden ornaments, home produce, pre-loved tools, art, bric-a-brac and more

SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024

10:00AM TO 1:00PM

**HAWKER SOFTBALL CENTRE,
WALHALLOW ST**

Gold coin donation at the gate, sausage sizzle, cake stall and hot drinks.

Check us out (and get the dates for upcoming events) on Facebook (@Hawker Community Repair Cafe) or www.hawkermensshed.com.au
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