



LAGUNA STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 06 November 2014

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5 November-10 December (Wednesdays) Year 2
AFL skills
6 November: Kinder Orientation 1-3pm
6 November: Sports Photos
11 November: Remembrance Day Ceremony 10.35
17-25 November: Life Education
18 November: 2015 Band Parent Meeting 6pm
18 November: Band Showcase @ 7pm
19 November: Spellathon
25 November: Y1 Hospital Visit

26 November: Combined Scripture Assembly/
Last Scripture for 2014
27 November: BBQ Day P&C
28 November: Cronulla PSSA Season 3 Ends
2 December: Rehearsal Presentation Assembly 9-
3pm
2 December: Y1 Hospital Visit
3 December: High School Orientation Day
4 December: Presentation Night CBC 7pm
4 December: Musica Viva K-2 12.00pm Y3-6 2.00pm

5 December: K and Y1 Assemblies
8 December: Reports Home
10 December: Roads & Maritime Boat Safety Talks
10 December: Year 1 Museum Excursion
12 December: Y 6 Day out (date change)
12 December: Y4-5 Zoo Excursion
16 December: Y6 Farewell
17 December: Last day Term 4

Spell-a-thon Day is 19 November

Spell-a-Thon - Wednesday 19 November 2014

Notes will go home this week regarding our Spell-a-Thon. Spell-a-thon words have been chosen from word lists that are appropriate to a particular age group. The list is a mixture of words studied in Spelling or words that students ought to know.

The P&C will be donating prizes for the Primary & Infants classes who have earned the most amount of money. To qualify, money must be returned to the canteen by 9.30 am Friday 21 November. Money brought in after this date cannot be considered for a prize.

Prizes will be awarded at assemblies in the following week.

For safety reasons, students ought not to go door knocking to obtain sponsorship.

Water Polo News

On 27 October 2014, Mia J and I represented Laguna St at the trials for the Sydney East Waterpolo Team held at Sutherland Swim Centre.

Mia J, one of the youngest who tried out was fantastic. She tried hard and represented Laguna St well but unfortunately she missed out. I am sure she will make it when she is older.

I was fortunate enough to make the team and will be representing Sydney East in a Metropolitan Gala Day. It was a great experience for both of us!

By Sophie C



Safety Committee.

As part of our P&C, our school has a Safety Committee that contributes to the creation of a child safe environment and culture at Laguna St PS. If you have anything that you would like raised at a meeting, please contact Jodie Lee (04022222160) Jody Stokes (0412115636) or Sana Kay (0425243609). They are pictured with Rosemary from Bravehearts who attended our recent meeting.



Yr 2 to Yr 3 Parent Transition Meeting

During late Term 4, we hold a meeting for parents of children moving from Year 2 into Year 3 to discuss the implications associated with this change in our students' lives. The meeting is open to all parents of Year 2 students and will be held in the Library on Friday 5 December at 2pm. Just send an email to lagunastr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to indicate your attendance.

Remembrance Day



Our school Remembrance Day ceremony will be held at 10.40am on Tuesday 11 November. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend. Please be seated by 10.35am.

Attention: Year 5 Parents - Selective High School Applications

Recently, a note was sent home to Year 5 parents advising of the application process for entry into a Selective High School in 2016. A response form should be sent to the school office. Upon receipt of this advice, an information booklet will be sent home. Please note that the response form is NOT an application form.

More information is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Key dates for entry to Year 7 in 2016

Date	Activity
14 October 2014	Application opens, online only, for 2016 entry
17 November 2014	Applications close. No late applications
26 February 2015	Test centre advice sent
12 March 2015	Selective High School Placement Test
Early July 2015	Outcome advice

P&C Meeting - 7.30 pm Tuesday 11 November

The usual date for the November P&C meeting will be delayed until Tuesday 11 November due to Melbourne Cup celebrations. Mr Tant will be discussing the recent NAPLAN results and issues arising. All parents are welcome to attend.

Also at the P&C meeting, two motions will be put:

- 1) *That the Laguna St P&C Association indicates its ongoing support for the chaplaincy program.*
- 2) *That the Laguna St P&C Association indicates its ongoing support for Mrs Jen Shade as the chosen chaplain.*

Captains & Prefects Election Time Line 2014

10 November Captains & Prefects for 2015 presented to school.

Photo Information

If you wish to order a whole school photo or a year 6 whole grade photo please do so at office within the next week. The cost of photo will be \$14.00 per photo. Please be aware that year 6 will receive a copy of the whole grade photo incorporated into the graduation book they will receive at graduation.

Planning for 2015.

During Term 4 we begin our planning for next year. To help us use accurate data I ask that parents inform the school if they intend to leave Laguna St PS and the end of the year and enrol your child elsewhere.

If you intend to go on holiday and will miss the start of the new school year on 28 January 2015, please inform the office so that we can include your child in our arrangements. This information could be crucial when forming classes next year.

During late October and November I make myself available to meet parents who would like to discuss their child's particular educational and social needs when considering class placement. If you would like to see me, please make an appointment through the office. I would emphasise that this process does not provide an opportunity to request a particular teacher or ask that your child not be put in a composite class. Classes will be structured to best meet the needs of students and every endeavour will be made to reflect the Department's class size recommendations. The uneven distribution of enrolments across the grades may result in some composite classes.

New Out of Hours School Care (OHSC) Provider.

Primary OSH Care will soon send home an information booklet. It will be emailed to every LSPS parent email account and hard copies distributed to the 2015 Kinder parents on Tuesday. Some hard copies will be located in the foyer.

Parents can choose which Information Session to attend and ask questions on [Monday 10 November at 7.30pm](#) or [Thursday 13 November at 9.30am](#). Hopefully, the service will start on 24 November.

Band Recruitment Timetable.

Date	Event
Tuesday 18 November, 2014	Parent Information Session 6:00pm All students / parents of new intake to meet and discuss plans for 2014 band (prior to Showcase Concert) 7.00 Showcase concert - students wear Band uniform.

Life Education - Healthy Harold

The life education van and Healthy Harold will be visiting Laguna Street in Week 7 and Week 8 of this term (Monday 17 November - Tuesday 25 November 2014.)

The Life Education visits are an exciting and interactive lesson for students, based around the PD/H/PE curriculum. Teachers and students will be provided with workbooks after their visit with Harold and will continue the lessons in their classroom. The Life Education lessons are delivered our specialist educators in a state-of-the-art Mobile Classrooms using an approach that focuses on the individual, inter-personal relationships and the community. Healthy Harold, the giraffe, helps the educators create a fun and memorable environment. The Life Education programs are contemporary, engaging and highly relevant.

Junior primary modules focus on: Food and Nutrition, personal safety, safety with medicines, body systems, social relationships and physical activity

Middle and Upper Primary modules focus on: Social relationships, self-esteem, body systems and personal safety more specifically - safety with medicines, food and nutrition, physical activity, cyber-safety, legal drugs - tobacco, alcohol and caffeine, and decision making

The cost of the Life Education visit is \$10 and was included in the Student Resource Payment at the beginning of the year. If you have not paid this could you please forward payment to the school office.

Merchandise will be available for purchase. All monies raised from the sale of Healthy Harold souvenirs ensures that Harold can visit for many more years to come. More information and a price list regarding merchandise and sale days will be provided at a later date.



Girls having a great time at PSSA Softball.



SRC Report

At the last two SRC meetings we've been busy deciding on and planning our first big community project!

Like all kids we just love opening presents, especially at Christmas time, but in many places around the world there are kids who have never received a gift before. The SRC would like to help kids in a poorer country have a happy Christmas by sending them some presents.

We talked about it and decided we like the way Operation Christmas Child works. Every year they collect and deliver thousands of shoeboxes filled with donated gifts to boys and girls all around the world. When the children open them and realise the presents inside are for them they are so surprised and happy!

We think if **each Laguna Street family could donate one small gift** for a girl or a boy their child's age then we could easily fill two shoeboxes per class, maybe even more. We've also organised a **Sports and Active Wear Mufti Day on Thursday November 20** with a gold coin donation to raise the funds we need towards posting our filled boxes.

On the next page is a buying guide for small items that are suitable as a shoebox gift. The presents need to be new, safe, not wrapped and age-appropriate so the kids can really enjoy them. Gifts will be collected by each class' teacher up to and including the mufti day on November 20. The SRC class representatives will then organise them into their class's boxes, ready to send. We're hoping everyone can help bring smiles like these!





SENDING A MESSAGE OF LOVE

to children around the world

6 gifts to light up the world of a child in need!

- ☑ **SOMETHING TO LOVE** e.g. Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- ☑ **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL** e.g. Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- ☑ **SOMETHING TO WEAR** e.g. T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, thongs, etc.
- ☑ **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH** e.g. Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, spinning top, wind up torch, etc. (Not battery operated)
- ☑ **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE** e.g. Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies etc. (No toothpaste)
- ☑ **SOMETHING SPECIAL** e.g. Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers etc



What not to buy ...

- ☒ **ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT** Including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, plasticine/ playdough, batteries.
- ☒ **FOOD OR LOLLIES** Of any kind (due to shipping regulations) including medicines and vitamins.
- ☒ **USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS** Including clothing and toys.
- ☒ **BREAKABLE ITEMS** Such as glass, porcelain, mirrors.
- ☒ **ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD** Examples are masks, knives, war-related toys and toy guns.

Controversy Corner

NSW educators wanting to improve public school system could learn from Ontario - SMH

Australia, relentless debates over education, arguments over curriculum and disputes about funding models could easily leave observers convinced the sky isn't far off falling down.

Some of the bad news is true. But the good news is that, with the right strategies in place and some persistence, education systems can not only stave off doom but can, in fact, make substantial progress.

Ontario, Canada, which has characteristics similar to NSW, was stagnant in 2003. In a decade, the percentage of students reaching the highest standard in literacy and numeracy has risen from 54 to 70 per cent and high school graduation rates have risen from 68 to 83 per cent across its 900 secondary schools. The goal now is to move from great to excellent.

So what matters most as you try to improve something as large and as complicated as the NSW public school system, with its 2218 schools, 755,000 students and more than 70,000 teachers?

Starting from the top, you need a compelling vision and a coherent direction. And when you implement it, you need to engage schools and communities in a strong two-way partnership.

This vision must permeate all levels of the system. You need to create the expectations and belief that all students can achieve, regardless of postcode. You need to develop agreement and alignment of practices in schools, along with the capacity of leaders and peer teachers to give constructive feedback to each other.

In Ontario, we focused on a small number of ambitious goals and pursued them relentlessly. In particular, we sought to lift high school graduation rates and improve literacy and numeracy performance. And now we are developing early learning, with all four and five-year olds in the province engaged in full-day kindergarten and day care.

You need to invest in your key resource: teachers and principals. You need collaboration both within schools and between schools so that great practice is shared widely. You need teachers who are willing to continue learning and committed to contributing to the learning of other teachers. You need to invest resources strategically in practices that make the most difference for all students.

You need open doors, not closed classrooms. Teachers need to be working together, because when they do, the results of their students improve. Great schools improve all teachers who work in them - even the very good ones. Great teachers don't tend to stay long in schools that are not collaborative and are not on the move.

You need strong leadership. Everyone in a school must be there to learn, from the student with the biggest struggle right up to the principal who needs to be the lead learner in their school.

You need to track student progress - not just achievement, but demonstrable growth in learning every year - because this leads to improved performance. You need the individual components to feel part of a greater sum. Teachers contributing to - and benefiting from - their school community.

I am often asked if you need more money. In education, there will never be sufficient resources, but what matters most is how they are allocated. From an evidence base, resources need to be targeted to address need, to support students with special educational challenges and address entrenched disadvantage.

Returning to NSW this week, I am pleased to see the direction being charted, particularly within public schools. The focus on developing the capacity of teachers and school leaders is a goal being followed by high-performing systems around the world. We need the best possible graduates entering the profession and the many reforms aimed at raising teacher quality are commendable.

I also think NSW has the balance right in school autonomy, although how this works in practice will be the litmus test. Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli didn't set schools free, but he has released key shackles so that principals can focus on making sure each school responds to the needs of its students. The challenge for schools is to make the most of both their freedom - and of being part of a system - working with other schools to keep improving. When teachers and schools build networks, it creates a solid base for continual growth and improvement that will outlast the principal, the head of the department or even the minister.

Michael Fullan is professor emeritus of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.

K-6 Club

The next meeting on Friday 14 November at 2pm in the hall, is the AGM. Prior to this date we are seeking nominations for the 2015 committee including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please email lagunastk6club@gmail.com for further information on any specific position, or if you wish to formally nominate. We also welcome any general or floating committee members.

Thank you to all the parent helpers at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday the 18th October. With your help we were able to raise \$2,000.00 for the school. An excellent effort!

STUCK ON YOU

Don't forget we have an account with Stuck on You. If you are looking for name labels, personalised lunch, water bottles or pencils stuck on you have these items. Log onto their website www.stuckonyou.com.au and use the promo code LAGUNASTPS to help raise funds for our school.

The K6 club has a new email address lagunastk6club@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is your one-stop shop for school uniforms and accessories. The store is run by volunteers and all proceeds go to School Fundraising.

We sell new uniforms at a price that is cheaper than the uniform shops and



the same quality. So purchase your uniforms from the school and raise money for your school at the same time!

What do we sell?

New Uniforms ☺ Recycled Uniforms ☺ Sports Uniforms ☺ School Bags ☺ School Hats ☺ Paint Shirts ☺ Raincoats ☺ Socks ☺ Swimming Caps ☺ Sports Patches ☺ Library Bags ☺ Much more!

Opening Hours: Wednesdays 3:15pm - 3:45pm and Friday 9.00am-9.30am.

Or order anytime by using the form on the website and use direct debit!

Location: Opposite the school administration office. **We accept cash, cheque and Direct Debit.**

Uniform shop email: lagunastuniforms@gmail.com

Community News

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LAGUNA ST AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Laguna St K-2 Parents

Kidz 'n Sport will be available every **Monday in Term 4** to take your kids through a session of skill development, games and functional exercise on the Laguna St Oval. We will pick your child up at the end of school, start the sports session at **3.30pm and you can pick up at 4.45pm.**



All our coaches have excelled in sport from playing A Grade soccer with Lilli Pilli to representing the Wallabies in rugby union.

Our Sports Science trained coaches take pride in developing the individual child with our patented specialist sport equipment.

Term 4 Sport will be consist of Soccer, Basketball, Teeball, Cricket, Athletics and various development skill games.

To register your interest contact; Scott Fava 0407 946 094 scottf@kidznsport.com.au

Kidstuff Cronulla

Don't forget to mention Laguna St Public School Loyalty program when you purchase items from Kidstuff at Cronulla (or any Kidstuff store). For every purchase Kidstuff will donate 5% of the purchase back to the school.

TAE KWON DO

SATURDAYS 10.30 am - 12.00 pm at Laguna St PS or Wednesdays (4.00-5.00pm) at Miranda Nth PS. The Boulevard, Miranda. Please call Master Kwak on 9524.9560/ 0410 682 171

Tae Kwon Do is a form of self-defence and an Olympic sport using bare hands and feet. It is suitable for boys and girls. Grand Master Kwak has the highest black belt (9th Dan) in Australia and has over 50 years of



experience.

Ritchies

When shopping at Ritchies and by using a community benefit card/tag linked to Laguna Street Public School then Ritchies will donate money back to us.

These cards/tags can be used at ANY Ritchies store throughout Vic, NSW and Qld by staff, students and their families, grandparents, neighbours and so on.

If you would like to support our school and you don't already have a CB card/tag please collect one at the registers next time you shop at ANY Ritchies store. All you do is nominate Laguna Street Public School, it's that easy! Use your card or tag every time you shop, even if you only purchase a couple of



items it all adds up.

This is an easy way for us to raise funds for our school with no costs involved!

The Great Sutherland Shire Bake Off

For the first time ever, The Great Sutherland Shire Bake Off will be held on the 15th of November 2014. Connoisseurs from all over the Shire are invited to enter their marvellous and equally delicious creations.

Everyone from the community is invited to enter their culinary creations into one of the six categories which include:

- Best Cake Amateur
- Best Cake Professional
- Best Decorated Cake
- Best Tart
- Best Preserve
- Best Non-edible Cake³

The event is a fundraiser for Engadine Community Services (ECS) trading which provides a wide variety of services to the Sutherland Shire including Neighbour Aid, Support for Senior Citizens, Children's Play Groups, Women's & Men's Groups, Advocacy, Health & Wellbeing Groups, Domestic Assistance & many more.

The event will be held at CLUB Engadine RSL with doors opening at 10am with Tea & Coffee available and special guest celebrity judge Paris Cutler from Planet Cakes.

To register for the event or for more information head to the website at www.thegreatshirebakeoff.com call 9520 7022 or email project.officer@ecs.org.au

ECS was founded in 1971 from a small group of active neighbours who wanted to provide support to their neighbours in times of need and still continues to provide services to the community with the same commitment to assist those around them.



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CRONULLA



Win a trip to The Rees in NZ

“Brain cancer didn't bring me to my knees, it brought me to my feet.”
Register at walk4braincancer.com.au

LOCATION: Don Lucas Reserve
CRONULLA

DATE: 30 November 2014

TIME: 2:00pm start

Join us for a scenic walk along the esplanade followed by a fun-filled celebration, with local band 'Ellie & the Vandelles'!



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School Fair

Rides & Amusements • Face Painting • Food Stalls • Car Show
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10am-4pm NOVEMBER 8th

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SYLVANIA HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Twilight Markets

**LOTS OF FABULOUS STALLS
BBQ DINNER AND MORE!**

Friday 21st November
5:30pm-8:30pm

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(entrance via Veneto St)

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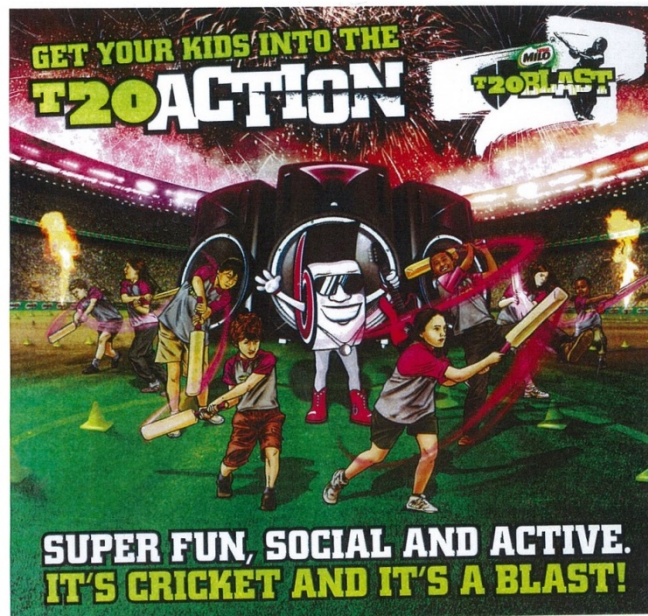
Bullying Briefing Webinar

How to Bully Proof Your Child

A Free Webinar presented by Melissa Honor

**Please Note: This session is suitable for Parents/Carers, Professionals, and Young People 15+*

Wednesday November 19th 7:00pm—8:00pm (AEST) Simply [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this FREE Session or go to <http://tinyurl.com/m3zuz5q>



YOUR NEAREST MILO T20 BLAST CENTRE:

Sutherland MILO T20 Blast

Day: Friday 24th October – Friday 12th December

Time: 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Venue: Sutherland Oval

Contact: Matthew Bell

mbell444@yahoo.com.au / 0404 045 128

SIGN UP AT T20BLAST.COM.AU



P&C Activity enrolment form

INSTRUCTIONS

This enrolment form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian for a child to be formally enrolled in a P & C Activity. A separate form must be used for each activity. A single form can be used for multiple children if enrolling in the same activity.

ACTIVITY (Please circle one activity)

Drama (DRA) \$90 per student per term (9 Week Term) Wed & Thu, 3.30pm Ph: Danica 0402442506	Japanese (JAP) \$60 per student per term Tuesday, 8:30am, TBA	String (STR)* \$108 per student per term. Friday, 8:15am, Band room Ph: 0423 052 692	Ballet (BAL) \$90 per student per term Tuesday, 4:30pm, Hall	Ballet: K-1Beginner \$90 per student per term Tuesday, 3:30pm, Hall
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* The String Group is an advanced class and students must have own instrument and have undertaken prior tuition. If you are interested in this group, please call the coordinator Fiona Benyon prior to enrolment.

STUDENT DETAILS

Name	School Class	Special Needs ie. Allergies

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

Name*	Contact No.*	Email

* Parent/Guardian contact details are mandatory.

CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

Enrolment is for a full year, but can be cancelled at the end of each term. **Full payment** of enrolment fees is required each term by **no later than the 2nd week of the activity** and are non-refundable.

Payment can be made by EFT payable to *Laguna Street Public School P & C Association*, **Bsb # 062136** and **Account # 00902184**. The EFT reference is the activity code above (DRA/JAP/STR/BAL) and surname, eg. DRASmith. Email your EFT confirmation to helen2631@gmail.com.

EFT is preferable, but cash and cheque payments can also be made to the School Canteen and must be in a **sealed envelope with the details of the payment** (ie. Name/class/activity/amount), clearly marked on the envelope.

Parents are to bring children to the stated classroom for each activity, and children are not to be dropped off at School prior to the scheduled commencement time. Following completion of the activity the children will be released into the playground.

I seek enrolment for my child/children and I acknowledge and accept the conditions of enrolment.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____