

Collaboration Respect Motivation Resilience Positivity

**Term 3 Week 10**  
**Thursday 27 September 2018**

Dear parents and carers,

Last week I attended the Australian Primary Principal's Association national conference held in Perth. I was privileged to hear some amazing speakers who have challenged my thinking, and I've already started making some plans for improvement starting next term and into 2019.

There were a couple of things I wanted to share with you from the conference to give you some food for thought too.

One of our values is resilience, and we certainly focus on this at school but what does it actually mean in practice? Resilience is an ability to bounce back when something bad or unexpected happens to us. I'm sure you've heard of the terms 'helicopter parents' (those who hover overhead to watch everything closely) and 'lawn mower parents' (those who clear every obstacle out of their child's way) but if you are one of those parents, and your number one goal is to not let your child experience anything bad, are you supporting your child to develop their resilience? I'm certainly not suggesting that you don't advocate for your children or protect them (just try to stop us!), but I do want you to consider how and when you allow your children to fail? It's well known that we learn most by failure rather than success, but it's how we approach failure and recover from it that's important.

Our closing key note speaker was inspirational to say the least. Rabia Siddique is an Australian woman of Indian heritage, who trained as a lawyer and was a Major in the British Army. She is now a human rights lawyer, humanitarian and public speaker. A survivor of childhood sexual abuse, she was taught not to speak up, to keep silent so as not to bring shame on herself and her family. In 2015 Rabia was one of two negotiators in a hostage situation in Iraq; a situation that turned ugly with both negotiators also being held hostage. They were eventually rescued but post incident, the other negotiator, a man, was debriefed and then awarded a Military Cross. Rabia was not offered debriefing nor was she recognised for the part she had played. Two years later after dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and addressing her childhood instruction to stay silent, she successfully sued the British Army and therefore the British government for race and sexual discrimination. She had one very clear message for us: **the standard you walk past is the standard you accept**. Do we want our school grounds to look uncared for or do we stop to pick up some rubbish? Do we say nothing when we hear a put down towards one of our students or do we speak up? Do we walk past a child without a hat or do

### Dates to remember

#### September

Fri 28 House Colours Day  
Last day of term 3

#### October

Mon 15 First day of term 4

### Notes home

Camp 2019 Note – due 30 November  
Swimming Notes  
Book packs 2019  
Netball Note – years 3 - 6

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we insist they move onto a silver seat in the shade? My questions could go on; for student, for staff and for parents, but I'm sure you get the idea.

We missed introducing a new word last week but this week's word is **fortitude**. I asked the children to research not only what the word means but to determine whether there is any relationship between the word 'fort' which they know well and 'fortitude'.

### **New Latham Babies**

Don't forget that we are collecting information about your own babies born this year, so if you have had a new addition to your family, please email our Learning Assistance teacher Robyn and let her know when the baby was born and what his or her name is. Email Robyn at [robyn.frencham@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:robyn.frencham@ed.act.edu.au)

I'm off on long service leave, travelling to Europe and will return at the end of week 3. Have a wonderful rest from school, enjoy this beautiful Spring weather and stay safe.

Warm regards,  
Liz

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### **Merit Awards**



Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 19 September 2018.

*Jaiken L, Luke D-W, Angus W, Charli S, Eleanor M, Harry P, Jasmine R, Zac W, Lily B, Jett E, Jax D Q, Fox M, Thomas N, Imogen B, Curtis H, Stephen H, Adol Y, Ethan L, Isabelle D, Molly B, Nathan H, Sappho O'F, Isabel B, Rory W, James D, Chloe N, Jack B, Sophie T, Tom B, Bella S, Mathew H, Mateo F, Naomi J, Rhiannon B, Jack L, Owen L, Asolima I, Isaac B, Sammy S-M, Michael R & Mohammed S*

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Mel M needs your help!!

Does anyone have any old fence palings they would like to donate???

Next term I will be working with some small groups to design and build some bird houses for our playground.



Do you have extended family who aren't in need of their board games anymore??

I would like to build the library as a quiet play space and we are in need of board games to interact with. Things like Scrabble, Connect 4, Guess Who, Battleships, Uno and card games, Jenga, Pictionary, Snakes and Ladders. They would need to have all their pieces included and be in working order condition.

Please contact Melissa Mongan if you can help us out!  
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## P&C Update

Our 2019 Fete will take place **Saturday 23 March**

Please join us for the Fete Kick Off Meeting

Thurs 25 Oct, 7:30-9:30pm, Raider's Club Kippax

Come along to get our fete off to a great start! Bring along your ideas for stalls and activities and be part of this fun event. Everyone welcome.



Eat a burger **and** raise money for our school? No way!  
For the remaining few days of September, pop into Grill'd Belconnen, order a burger and be sure to put your token into Latham Primary's jar! If we win proceeds will go to our garden project.

### **Asphalt painting and sand pit maintenance**

We will be continuing to update the decorative painting on the asphalt next school holidays.

Sat 6 October, 1:00 -5:00pm (drop in whenever convenient for you),  
bring a shovel if you are able to help out levelling the sand pit.

Children welcome (but only adults can paint).

Enquiries to [emily.kerslake@gmail.com](mailto:emily.kerslake@gmail.com).

### **5-cent fundraising drive end**

Our 5-cent fundraising drive will finish at the end of this term. Please bring in any 5c pieces tomorrow. Let's see which class collects the most!



### **Spell-a-thon thank you**

Thank you to all students, staff and parents for your help in our first spell-a-thon, we raised over \$5000! These funds will go towards our garden project.

Are you looking to keep up-to-date with P&C matters? The minutes of our meetings can be found on the school website. Next meeting of the P&C is Tuesday 30 Oct, 7:30-9:30pm at the Raiders Club in Kippax – all welcome, please come along.

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## **Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Open Day on Sunday 7 October 2018 from 10am to 3pm.**



The annual Tidbinbilla Open Day is on again this year. Mark this date in your diary for a fun-filled day of nature-based experiences, kid's activities, live music, displays, demonstrations and more - held in the greatest venue of all, the great outdoors! The theme this year is 'Rediscover Tidbinbilla' where we encourage you to explore the Reserve with renewed curiosity and a fresh perspective.

Rediscover the rich Indigenous culture of Tidbinbilla through a guided experience on Ngunnawal Country. Rediscover adventure and take the chance to explore our natural environment through immersive NaturePlay activities. Rediscover science with a hands on experience to learn about our Threatened Species Breeding Programs. Rediscover heritage and take a step back in time to explore the stories of the Tidbinbilla Valley and how they have shaped the reserve to what it is today.

A relaxed family friendly atmosphere with free entry to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve all day.

<https://www.tidbinbilla.act.gov.au/whats-happening>

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## Government House Open Day Spring 2018

10am-2pm Saturday 6 October – free entry

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