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Term 1 Week 2
Thursday 13 February 2020

Dear families,

Welcome to the 2020 school year!

I am excited about this opportunity to be Acting Principal for term one. I really appreciate all the support from staff and families - I can't tell you how many people have stopped by the office or caught me around the school with words of encouragement. I would like to congratulate Melissa Mongan who will be Acting Deputy Principal and Mike Smith who will be Acting School Leader C (Preschool to year 2). We welcome several new staff to Latham in 2020;

- Angie Dowell (Kindergarten)
- Denise Cherry (1/2)
- Toni Brammall (3/4)
- Yueni Yang (5/6)
- Anne Brennan (Learning Assistance)
- Julie Ayre (LSA - LSUA)
- Helen Misa (LSA)
- Ted Leask (LSA)

I know that they have appreciated the warm welcome they have received.

In week 10 this term, Latham will undergo School Review. This is our 5-year 'check-in' to celebrate our growth over the past 5 years and provide insight into direction for the next 5-years. A 'Review Team' will spend a few days with us, talking to staff and community members. At the end of their time at Latham, they will provide us with a document highlighting commendations and recommendations. As a staff, we have already begun to collate our evidence outlining our strategies and actions in meeting our two priorities;

1. *Improve student outcomes in literacy and numeracy through building teacher capacity using an evidence-based approach*
2. *Improve relationships between students, staff, parents and the wider community*

FEBRUARY	WHAT'S ON
Monday 17	Raiders assembly 10:30am – years 3 - 6
Thursday 13	Fete meeting 8:00pm @ the Raiders Club Kippax
Tuesday 18	Meet the Teachers from 4:30pm
Wednesday 19	Assembly 2:10pm – hosted by years 1/2 School Board meeting – 5:00pm
Monday 24	School Board nominations close
Wednesday 26	Enrichment afternoon
Breakfast Club is on every Tuesday and Thursday morning 8:30am – 8:50am	
	
Notes Home	Due back
Medial Information	ASAP
Emergency Contact	ASAP
Kindergarten Screening	28 February
Swimming Carnival Years K - 6	4 March
Year 2 Aquasafe Note	11 March
Year 5/6 Camp Cooba Note	3 April
Term 1 Calendar	
Term Overviews	
Fete Newsletter	
School Contacts	
Front Office – 614 20077	
Absence Email: info@lathamps.act.edu.au	
Principal: karen.wilson@ed.act.edu.au	
Deputy Principal: melissa.mongan@ed.act.edu.au	
Executive P-2: michael.smith@ed.act.edu.au	
Executive 3-6: daniel.manestar@ed.act.edu.au	
Business Manager: Samantha.chapman@ed.act.edu.au	
Latham School Board: lathamprimaryschoolboard@gmail.com	

In our time of change at Latham, this will be an excellent springboard for the future. Latham students excel in many ways and we love to acknowledge our students. If you have information about your child's achievements that you would like to share, please drop Daniel an email at daniel.manestar@ed.act.edu.au.

We are looking forward to seeing families at our Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday 18 February.

Regards,

Karen

We want YOU for the Latham Primary School Board

If you are eager to contribute to the governance of Latham Primary School, you should nominate for a position on the Latham Primary School Board. No prior experience is necessary.

The following positions are vacant:

- 2 parent and citizen member positions for 2 years



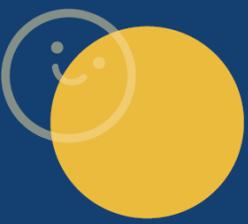
Nominations open at **11:00am Monday 10 February 2020** and will be closing at **11:00am, Monday 24 February 2020**. Nomination forms are available at the school's front office during normal business hours (9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday to Friday), or you may request one be emailed to you.

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Melissa Cruz-Willis on 614 20077.

The school day- new bell times

8:57am	Move to hall
9:00am	Morning assembly
9:10am	Classes commence
10:45am	Supervised eating time (in class)
10:50am	First break
11:20am	Classes resume
1:20pm	Supervised eating time (in class)
1:30pm	Second break
2:00pm	Classes resume
3:00pm	School day ends

You will notice that our lunch break has been altered to 1:30pm - 2:00pm to accommodate learning. We are mindful that with the increased time in the middle session and later second break, students may benefit from a 'Munch and Crunch' snack within this time.

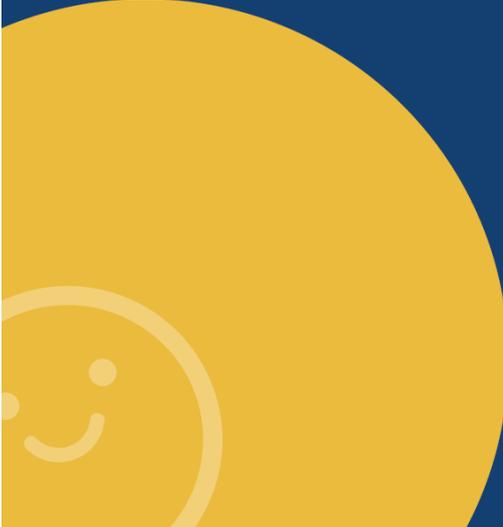


LATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



Meet the Teacher 2020

Come meet your child/s teacher/s
and have a look around the space.
Find out plans for the year and how
you can support success for 2020!



February 18

Kindergarten	4:30 pm
Year 1/2	5:00 pm
Year 3/4	5:30 pm
Year 5/6	6:00 pm





Latham Fete

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2020 3PM-7PM

Only 5 weeks until the 2020 Fete - Our next Fete Meeting is being held on:

- Thursday 13 February 2020
- 8pm @ Raiders Club Kippax
- All welcome - bring your ideas!
- Make sure you read the attached Fete newsletter for all the exciting details

Don't forget to put the fete date in your diaries! Please see the dedicated fete newsletter and fete Facebook page (www.facebook.com/lathampspnc/) for information.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to the Canteen for 2020, we hope your students have settled into the beginning of the school year smoothly. There are a few items to discuss with this newsletter; if you have any questions then please don't hesitate to chat to Bonnie at the canteen or myself on 0416 248 411 or 614 20095.

Volunteers

We are always on the look out for volunteers, particularly related to food prep and lunch order packing. The times required are between 9:00am -1:30pm; we would love a lot or a little time. The main points to be aware of; you will need to get your Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) card and it is not advisable to have young children accompany you in the canteen as it is a working kitchen.

Cutlery

The canteen is always looking at ways to manage more environmentally in relation to our packaging and resources. We often have students coming up to grab a fork or spoon and we would love to give them stainless steel cutlery instead of plastic. Can you please donate spoons, teaspoons, forks and knives to the canteen to assist our stocks.

Gluten and Dairy Free

We have had a good look at the menu and we have identified a number of items that can be converted to gluten and dairy free. We are going to be ordering, over the next few weeks, gluten free burger buns, pizza bases and bread. We are going to look at dairy free pizzas and other dairy free options.

However, we need to be clear that our kitchen is saturated with gluten and dairy and while we will make every effort to not contaminate we will have all care and no responsibilities approach. Please head to the flexischools menu for updates.

New menu items

We are going to be adding sushi and a new chicken burger – Katsu Chicken Burger !

New work hours

Due to the change in lunch time we will be changing the canteen staffing hours; the canteen staff will be starting at 9:00am – 1:45pm.

Thank you
Bonnie and Katherine



Schools direct – Are you Back to School Ready?

As we start a new school year, we would like to remind you, parents and students about our services and how to best prepare for travel on both bus and light rail in the new year. Details of all school and regular services are available [online](#) for parents and students to begin planning their journeys. School routes and services remain unchanged for 2020. Transport Canberra is here to support the safe passage of students to and from school using public transport and active travel options.

To assist in planning school bus travel, use our handy tips and checklist below.

Routes and timetables:

Check the details of services required for your child to and from school, also making sure your child is familiar with the times and stops. If your child is new to school or changing schools, please check available [school services](#) or [regular bus timetables](#) information.

Journey Planner:

The Transport Canberra Journey Planner includes school services, allowing you to plan out the most convenient mode of transport for your trip to school. Use Transport Canberra's [journey planner](#) to plan your travel, and use [NXTBUS](#) to track your awaited service.

MyWay cards:

MyWay is the cheapest and easiest way to travel with Transport Canberra services. A student [MyWay card](#) can be purchased online, over the phone, or at a MyWay Recharge Agent. Adding travel credit is even easier with the options of B-Pay or Autoload direct debit, attracting an additional 5% discount on all fares. Students can also top up their MyWay card or purchase a single or daily ticket at Transport Canberra's new [ticket vending machines](#), available at selected bus stations and Light Rail stops.

[When travelling on Transport Canberra services, it is important for students to carry their concession entitlement in addition to their MyWay card as Customer Service Officers regularly check concessions.](#)

Fares:

A single trip school student MyWay fare is now \$1.22 on school days and a single trip school student cash fare costs \$2.50. All information about MyWay and cash fares are available [online](#).

Public Transport Safety:

If your child is new to public transport or a regular user, don't forget safety is a top priority. Make sure your child is familiar with the safety rules for inside and outside their chosen bus or light rail service. For further information on Transport Canberra travel safety, please visit the [Etiquette and Safety](#) and [Staying Safe](#) sections on our website.

School Safety Tips:

A School Crossing Supervisor program has been in place since 2018. School crossing supervisors (lollipop people) assist children to cross roads safely by directing traffic with a stop sign and providing instructions. They also help to manage the flow of pedestrians and motorists at the busiest crossings. For further information on schools participating within the program please refer to our Active Travel page, under [School Crossing Supervisors](#).

Active Travel:

Walking, riding or scooting to school is also a great way to reduce congestion and increase safety around schools. There are several initiatives in place to support families wishing to walk or ride in 2020, including the Ride or Walk to School, Active Streets for Schools and School Crossing Supervisor programs. Part way drop off points near a school, like a local oval or the shops, can be a great option if walking or riding the entire trip is too far.

Further information:

Pick-up and set down guidelines, tips for parents, tips for staff/volunteers, tips for students, safe driving, safety tips, safe school travel plans and travel congestion information can be found under the [School Safety Tips](#) on the Transport Canberra website.

Staying up to date:

To keep up to date with Transport Canberra news and important service information, sign up for our [email alerts](#) or follow us on our social media channels: [Email Alerts](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

Further information can be found under the [FAQ's section](#) on our website. For all other enquiries, please contact us on 13 17 10.



The new exciting store at the Latham Shopping Hub



OPEN

BARBER SHOP

Matt Stylez

Offering personalised barber services at Latham Hub

To make an appointment:
call 02 6278 3849

* mention this flyer to receive a special discount *

Cuts start from \$20
Senior & Student Discounts available

20% discount on your first visit
and half-price on your 5th visit

1st:

2nd:

3rd:

4th:

5th:

We look forward to welcoming you to our newly opened Barber Salon

On Thursday Friday Saturday evenings from 6.30 pm till 8.30pm

And Sunday from from 10.00 till 4.00 pm

Or by appointment throughout the week!

0411 305 046

Shop 19B/15 Wanliss st Latham Shops