Dear Parents, Carers and Latham School Community,

Let me begin by saying I am thoroughly enjoying my move to Latham Primary School and I already feel a strong connection with the school community. I spent six years at Harrison School working to establish the school and the community. This gave me a unique perspective into the opportunities and challenges that exist with starting (reinventing) a school. I believe these skills will be invaluable as Latham PS embarks on the next chapter of its journey and I look forward to working together to make Latham PS the best school it can.

As we near the end of Term 1 it is important to reflect on the many successes we have had so far this year.

Harmony Day
Last week’s assembly, hosted by 5/6MT and 5/6ILS, highlighted the various cultural backgrounds that we have in our community and the importance of celebrating diversity. Staff and students dressed either in orange (the colour chosen for Harmony Day) or their traditional dress. It was wonderful to see the range of nationalities that are represented here at Latham. To name a few, Serbia, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Afghanistan, Papua New Guinea, India, Japan and England. The hosting students did a fantastic job of leading the assembly, representing data they had compiled regarding the backgrounds of the staff and students and presenting a PowerPoint about Harmony Day. Celebrating everyone’s diversity makes us all HAPPY!

School Disco
Thank you to all the parents who put on two fantastic discos last Thursday night. It was great to see the students dancing to the latest songs and filling up on all the delicious treats being sold at the canteen. Even though I didn’t brave the discos for the entire time (I could hear and feel the music from my office), the few times I did stick my head in I was impressed to see the quality of the costumes and the joy/exhaustion on all the faces.

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people – traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.
asking all parents and carers to have an open and frank conversation with their child about appropriate use of the toilets. We are still investigating options for how we can prevent misuse of this area.

Photos Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
This is a timely reminder about the importance of privacy. Recently it was brought to the school’s attention that a number of photos of our recent Harmony Day assembly appeared on different social media sites. You only have the right to use photos of your own children. If you take photos with other children you are not permitted to place these on any social media site.

Hands Off @ Latham
The staff have noticed an increase of games involving students hitting, kicking, swinging each other by clothing and other ‘rough house’ types of activities. We are discouraging this type of play in the school as it often leads to someone getting hurt. The students are reminded on a regular basis the type of play which is appropriate in the school playground and we would appreciate this conversation happening at home to reinforce safe, friendly play amongst all students.

Let’s finish Term 1 off strongly!

Cheers
Daniel Manestar
Executive Teacher

🌟 Merit Awards 🌟

Dij Kids on Excursion
On 26 February the Latham Dij Kids went to the National Museum of Australia to see the Old Masters’ Exhibition. When we got there we met Deb and Marie-anne who took us to the Biami room. Here they used a collection of Aboriginal and Australian items to help us to think about how they related to our own identity.

The second part of our tour was through the Old Masters exhibition where we saw lots of Aboriginal bark paintings. The images in each piece of work helped to identify which area of Australia the artists were from. Our task was to find the images that represented the different animals in the Aboriginal bark paintings.

The most interesting painting was an Aboriginal self-portrait but it wasn’t an actual painting of a person’s face. The portrait was only made up of diamond and stick shapes.

By Keely and Claudia.

News from the 1/2 Gondolopes
This term we have been learning about simple machines. Simple machines are instruments that make our life easier. There are 6 simple machines - levers, wheels and axles, inclined planes, screws, wedges and pulleys.

Here are some of the things we have enjoyed this term.

- “I have enjoyed drawing diagrams” – Daniel C
- “I like learning about the different machines” – Archie A
- “I liked doing the experiment with the wheels and axles” - Ella B
- “I liked learning about the screw because it is an inclined plane wrapped around a cylinder” – Samantha T
- “I have enjoyed writing lists of simple machines we use every day” – Lilli T
- “I liked doing the experiments” – Bella M
- “I liked learning how wheels and axles work together” – Harley S
- “I really liked drawing a diagram of a screw” – Spencer Lang

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SLT News
National Day of Action Against Bullying
On Friday March 21, the student congress representatives: Sophie Platt, Georgia Carter, David O’Brien and Samuel Pink attended the National Day of Action Against Bullying at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning.

At the conference we gathered lots of information that can help our school with preventing bullying. Some of the activities were based on school policies and agreeing or disagreeing to bullying related questions. There was also a trivia quiz about the information that was covered throughout the day. We really enjoyed listening to the guest speaker, Olympic medal winner Alicia Coutts, who talked about her childhood story.
The students who attended have a whole bag of knowledge about bullying prevention to share with the other members of the SLT at our next meeting.

Sophie Platt and Georgia Carter

**Sports News**

**Cross Country**

The Latham sporting houses will be on show for the first time this year at the Latham Cross Country Carnival next **Thursday 3 April (Week 9) between 11am and 1pm (weather permitting)**. Please feel free to come down and support the students in an action packed schedule of races.

**Rugby League**

The Latham Year 5/6 Rugby League team competed in the ACT finals of the Laurie Daley Shield yesterday on a rain soaked field in Kippax. Battling the elements as well as opposition teams, the Latham team went from strength to strength, improving with each game. After defeating Monash Primary 4 tries to 2 in the first game, Latham defeated Ngunnawal Primary 6-1 and finished the pool games undefeated with a 5-2 victory over Taylor Primary to advance to the ACT final.

In a tough and very physical final, the brave Latham team were at one stage tied 2-all with the bigger Wanniassa Primary. All players were giving everything they had before Wanniassa scored a couple of late tries to end up winning 5-2. Jesse was the Latham player of the final.

**Finishing second in the ACT is a magnificent result for Latham and the school can be rightly proud of the tremendous effort all the boys put in representing our school.** Congratulations to: Jesse, Zac, Nathan, Tyler, Brock, Bryce, Tom, Tommy, Jamal, Amir, Declan, Michael, Daniel, Cooper, Lachie and Jacob.

Thanks very much to the Latham parents and supporters who braved to conditions to come out and cheer for the boys. Thanks also to Craig Pickard and Chris Garven for helping with the team during the day.

**Swimming**

The Latham swimming team of seven students competed at the Belconnen PSSA Swimming Carnival last week. Whilst not all are regular swimmers, our team was very competitive in all their races, with some personal best times being set. Special mention must go to Naomi from 1/2RG who placed 5th overall in the 8 years girls 50m freestyle and will now represent Belconnen at the ACT Swimming Carnival next term. Well done Naomi and to our other swimmers Pia 1/2RG, Anisha and Erika 3/4BH, Brianna 3/4DW, Chelsea 3/4MC and Zac 5/6CG.

**Cricket**

Congratulations to Zac M (5/6CG) and Michael G-M (5/6 MT) for being selected in the Belconnen PSSA Cricket teams after the recent selection trials. Day 1 of the ACT 12 & Under Cricket Carnival was to be held yesterday but was unfortunately cancelled due to the rain. Day 2 moved to the Weston Creek Indoor Cricket centre today and I hope the boys had a successful day.

Brett Maron

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**Rhiannon’s new style**

Friday, 17 March, was awesome. At recess all the kids gathered around Rhiannon like she was a royal. Wendy, our hairdresser, cut her hair off in one foul swoop.

Donations from the school on Friday were $206.15 which was fantastic and in addition to the already transferred money of $35.10, so Latham families and staff donated a total of $241.25. Rhiannon also had donations from other families via the shave site. I love that the community got behind her.

In total, Rhiannon has raised over $1645. Totally amazing! We would like to thank each and every person who donated.

Geniene Barbour

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**URGENT!!!**

**On-line payments**

If you have made an on-line payment – thank you! Could you please contact the front office regarding what your payment was for, and how much you paid?

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**Library News**

Hi everyone.

**Overdue notes:** As we are coming to the end of Term One within the next few weeks, I will be sending home overdue notes. As we encourage our students to be readers and borrow books it is good practice to return them so that other students can borrow them. Please look around the house and if you see any please return before the end of Term. Thank you.

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”

- Mason Cooley

Happy reading,

Heather Govender

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**Newsletter via email**

**Latham Primary is well on its way to going green!!!**

Please help us achieve this goal by getting the newsletter via email. **If you wish to join the distribution list for the newsletter by email,** please email the school IMMEDIATELY at info@lathamps.act.edu.au or send a note to the office with your address and child’s name CLEARLY WRITTEN. If you still wish to receive a hard copy, you must request this to happen. **Please note that if you do not advise the school, you will only be able to access the newsletter via the school website www.lathamps.act.edu.au.**

This arrangement will commence at the start of Term 2.
Latham P and C News

CADBURY FUNDRAISER
We are looking at selling Cadbury chocolate frogs for $1 each towards the end of term.
Can you help sell a box or two? Each box contains 50 frogs in an assortment of delicious flavours.
If you are interested in grabbing a box or two to sell, please email fundraising.lathampandc@gmail.com.
Thank you very much.
Janine Lancaster

Latham Celebrates National Ride to School Day
On Wednesday, 19 March 2014, we at Latham Primary School celebrated the eighth National Ride2School Day, where over 250,000 Australian students rode, walked, scooted or skated to school. It was a wonderful day and the weather was absolutely fabulous for our activities. Students arrived alert, attentive and ready to learn after a morning of exercise.
Over 150 students participated on the day by walking, riding their bikes, scooters, skate boards or heeleys to school. On arrival at school, our breakfast Club leader, Nikki, was on hand to provide a healthy breakfast for our students.
Activities on the day included a discussion with Harriet Burbidge-Smith, an International BMX Rider, who came to talk to our year 5/6 students about her achievements, and Constable Kenny Koala worked with our preschool students on road safety. There was also an obstacle course for students to practise road use, safety awareness and improving their cycling skills.
Latham’s Ride2School Day was highly successful, with a range of students from across the school community participating and enjoying the day’s events. Our thanks go to all RWTS Student Ambassadors who helped out on the day; without their contributions it would not have been possible to host this event.

Kimani Chikwendu
Student Welfare Officer

Gifted and Talented Students Policy 2014
At Latham Primary School the first point of contact is the principal, Liz Bobos, who can be contacted on 6205 7345. Our Gifted and Talented Liaison Officer is Daniel Manestar who can be contacted on 6205 7345.

Gifted and Talented Students in ACT Public Schools – Information Session for Families and the Community
Tuesday, 8 April 2014
Families and members of the community are invited to attend an information session focusing on how ACT public schools and families can work in partnership to support gifted and talented students in ACT public schools. This information session will take place at 5:30– 6:30pm on Tuesday 8 April at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling ACT. Registration for this session is not required and tea, coffee, water and juice will be provided beforehand. Principals are required to ensure that appropriate strategies and provisions are made for all gifted and talented students enrolled at their school. Principals and staff will work with families, students and community members to support the process of identifying and meeting the needs of all gifted and talented students at their school. Schools will be active in engaging families and the community throughout this process.

Community News

Larissa Dann
parent skills

PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)
Supported by Parentline ACT
Communication skills for peaceful parenting and resilient children, without the use of punishment or reward.
Powerful, proven and practical.
Yell less, laugh more.
Building relationships that last a lifetime.
The course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.
$290 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

Course begins: Thursday, 8th May, 2014;
Time: 6:30 pm to 9:45 pm;
Place: Weston, ACT.
Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa, Canberra’s most experienced P.E.T. instructor.
0413 453 607 www.parentskills.com.au info@parentskills.com.au

NEW CLASS STARTING @ PALMERSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Thursday, 27 March 7:30pm-8:30pm
This is a first for Canberra and the only place that you can be part of this exciting new program.
Please call Shirley for more information 0417 282 173
Email: funkshirlnal@gmail.com
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37 Erldunda Street, Hawker
For more information contact: Gillian 6255 1514 or Kate 0447 669 989

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Languages 4 Kids @ Canberra

Our LCF Fun Languages organise various language clubs in your community: primary (5 to 12 years old), pre-schoolers and little learners.

We provide interesting and structured programs to learning languages and cultures in French, Italian, Mandarin and Spanish.

For more information, you may go to our LCF website www.lcfclubs.com.au or contact Sarah Mak @0431252768 or sarah.mak@lcfclubs.com.au

2014 Sports Expo

Calling all children aged 5–15 years old!
Come & enjoy a 3 day sports expo. You will get the chance to learn, enjoy and play a variety of sports, including Hockey, Touch Football, Volleyball, Cricket and Netball all in one place.

DATE: 14th -16th April
9:00am - 3:00pm (All 3 days)

VENUE: National Hockey Centre
196 Mouat Street Lyneham

COST: $55 per day
To register please go to http://www.hockeyact.org.au/Development/Clincs
**Kids Boxing ABC**

Class information
Mondays and Wednesdays
4pm to 5pm
For 8 - 11 y/o
Copland College Canteen
Call Brown 0416 291 286
or email: brown.enyi@gmail.com

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**Kidsoccer Holiday Clinics and winter programs**

Registrations are now open for
Kidsoccer’s April holiday programs.
We run skills based, age appropriate
programs for 3 to 12 year olds. Our
emphais is on fun, participation,
*fun*, development, and did we mention - *fun*!

Visit our web page - kidsfc.com.au —and click on the
program link for all the details. A fantastic 35% discount
is available if you register before 8th April.

Whilst you are looking at our website, check out our
winter program – special early bird discounts also apply if
you register before 18th April. Our program caters for the
very beginner through to the more experienced player,
and we take kids as young as 3! It is a great way to keep
your kids fit and active and improve their skills Kidsoccer
– it’s just more Fun.