Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for contributing to another productive term at Latham. We have had some significant events that have really kept us busy but I think they’re worth listing so we can all feel proud of our achievements:

- Athletics Carnival
- Limelight
- Literacy and Numeracy Week
- Art Show
- Lapathon
- Representative basketball, athletics and touch football
- Tournament of the Minds
- Preschool tree planting
- Choir and Band performances at Floriade
- Trivia Night
- Year 5/6 Market Day
- Footy Colours and Talk Like a Pirate Day
- Fathers’ Day stall
- Book Week
- Science Week

I certainly haven’t listed all the happenings that have occurred but isn’t it wonderful that our children have so many opportunities to experience life and shine! Our staff work tirelessly both in and out of the classroom and I know how much you as parents support the staff and your children to be the best people they can be, so a heartfelt thanks to all from me!

The teachers have all had a day away from their classes over the last couple of weeks planning for next term. I don’t want you to be under the misapprehension that they will get all that work done in that one day; planning for the needs of a whole class, groups and individual students within that class takes hours of work. At Latham we really value the opportunity to get together in teams to discuss where each child is currently operating and what they need to move them forward to the next stage of development. I have been meeting with teaching teams for a detailed analysis of each child’s growth and how we can best cater for their needs. As a school, we have made some very satisfying progress.

The new preschool building is getting very close to completion; classes will be working in there from the start of Week 2 next term. The old building will be refurbished during Term 4, so that there are two beautiful spaces for our students to start their education at Latham Primary. Even if you no longer have a child at preschool, do yourself a favour this year or next and take yourself for a visit down there. I’m sure you’ll be impressed!

Please enjoy your children for the next two weeks and happy holidays to those of you lucky enough to have them.

Regards,

Liz
**Merit Awards**


**3/4 CHEETAHS AND MARINES**

It has been a super busy term! We have had many learning activities such as; Book Week, Literacy & Numeracy Week, PE Week and Science Week. Below are a few quotes from some of the students about their favourite things this term.

*My favourite things this term*

*Learning to write in cursive* – Hayley B

*Learning about poetry because it gets you into writing and it can sometimes calm you down* – Emily

*Art because it’s messy and fun* – Zoe

*Maths because we got to learn lots of facts about shapes* – Mohamad

*The excursion to the Glassworks and Flipout because I learned a lot about glass and I like jumping on the trampoline* – Amelia

*Making slime and PE because they are fun* – Rochana

*Science, I learned that oil never freezes and that glass at room temperature is a liquid* – Tommy

**FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER**

*Latham Pre-school invites you to participate in our Family Portrait Fundraiser. advancedlife Professional Photographers will provide you with a Family Portrait for only $20 (valued at $130). For your $20, you receive your choice of a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour) OR a Pencil Sketch with a bonus keyring with a family portrait photo to fit. 100% of this money is retained by Latham Preschool.*

*Please contact Emily Kerslake (Lucy’s mum) on 0402 484 111, or kerslakefamily@grapevine.com.au to reserve your photography session before they’re all gone!* Our fundraiser will be held on Saturday November 1, 2014 from 9:00am on-site at Latham Preschool.

*Additional photos will be available for purchase at no obligation. These additional photos include: Portraits & Greeting Cards – featuring your Family Portrait & other photos taken on the day, with a Complete Package for only $199.00! Please visit our facebook page on www.facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising for more information about the images on offer, what to wear or other general queries.*

*There are four rules for participation in this fundraiser:*

1. **Rule 1** Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait
2. **Rule 2** No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)
3. **Rule 3** An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)
4. **Rule 4** Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day

*Please help Latham Preschool raise valuable funds by participating in our upcoming advancedlife Family Portrait Fundraiser. Invite your neighbours and friends - Family Portraits provide memories to be kept & cherished by the entire family for years & generations to come.*

*Thank you*

Emily Kerslake

**MURA AWARDS - 2014**

**Latham Nominee – Claudia Walker – Year 5JLS**

*Mura* is an Ngunnawal word meaning pathways. The *Student Aspirations Mura Awards* were established to recognise, support and reward Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students for showing excellent attendance, a strong commitment to learning, greatly improved engagement in their learning, good academic progress, and/or active involvement in community or extra-curricular activities.

*Congratulations Claudia on being nominated as a candidate for this award.*

*Winners announced Term 4.*

Narelle Ashby

*Indigenous Programs Coordinator.*

**LIBRARY NEWS**

*Hi everyone! Term 3 is nearly over so please keep in mind to return any overdue books back to the Library. During the school holidays don’t forget that if you have an ACT Library card you will be able to continue to loan books from the public library.*

*We have two more Scholastic Book Club catalogues to go before the end of the year and we will be having a ‘One Day Sale Only – buy one and get one free’ sale next term. More details to come.*

*Have a safe and happy holiday.*

Cheers

Heather

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.”

— Joseph Addison
P&C NEWS

We have made it to the end of Term 3; I hope that the school holidays treat you and your family well. We have had such a busy Term 3, Limelight, Art Show, the Lap-a-thon and much more, it has been so much fun.

Lap-a-thon Update

How much fun was the Lap-a-thon, the kids had a ball and it was a great day; special mention to Dianne Sullivan for the organizing and promoting it to the school. We were only able to do this day so well due to the 20 volunteers that turned up to support the Lap-at-thon, it made so many tasks so much easier because there was so much help. Many thanks for turning up on the day it has meant the world to us.

Has your child returned in their Lap-a-thon card and any sponsorship money? If you haven’t then could you please return the card, this is important for our accountability. The money raised will be used to purchase outdoor equipment for the kids to use.

Canteen News

The new canteen menu comes out for Term 4, over this term we have been trialling some new foods, what was your favourite? This menu will be our permanent menu rather than a summer and winter menu. It is really important that you are ordering from the most recent menu to ensure that we have the food in stock. Are you able to support our canteen by volunteering in the canteen? Please give the canteen a ring on 62546261 to have a chat with Beth and Michele if you can help out.

Trivia Night

Last Friday night the Latham Primary School Trivia Night was held. It was a terrific night, as well as a fantastic community event and a great time had by all participants. Many thanks to Justin Kerslake for organising the event and Mel Cruz-Willis for their time and energy in putting it on.

Fete

Our Fete is coming up very quick it is on October 25 at 3-7pm. It is all coming together and there is all sorts of little jobs (and some big ones) which need doing to ensure that the Fete can run as smoothly as possible. Have a look over the last Fete newsletter and see if there is something that you can do to contribute, big or little it all counts.

Uniforms

We are heading into summer which means polo t-shirts and hats. The uniform sales have a school summer pack with 2 x polo t-shirts, a hat and a polar fleece vest for sale for $45, which is a saving of $5. Come and see us on a Wednesday morning for uniform sales or place a uniform order form and we can put a pack together for you.

P and C Catch Ups for Term 4

• Friday Coffee Mornings till 11:30am
• Gingerbread House Afternoon around Week 8
• Fete October 25 3-7pm
• Wednesday catch up after assemblies
And much more, stay tuned 😊

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Latham Primary P&C

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See you at the Fete!!
On Sunday the 2nd November 2014 the Hawker College Sports Administration Class and the Donohoe Family will be hosting the 10th annual Ben Donohoe Run and Walk for Fun. Gather your family and friends or enter as part of a school team to raise money for supporting people with cancer and other life threatening illnesses. Walk or run the 3 or 6 km course around Lake Ginninderra.

The Ben Donohoe Run and Walk for Fun aims to raise money for The Cancer Support Group, Make-A-Wish Australia® and Ronald McDonald House® Canberra. So far this event has raised a total of over $405,000 for these charities.

Encourage all your family and friends to get involved and help us to “Make a Difference”! This community event is in honour of Canberra local, Ben Donohoe who passed away in 2005 from a brain tumour at the young age of nine.

Contact us at: 6205 8986 admin@bensrunandwalkforfun.com
Enter online or for extra information visit us at www.hawkerc.act.edu.au/runandwalkforfun
To enter: Visit the website above and fill out an online registration.