

Term 2 Week 1
Thursday 2 May 2019

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter long weekend and a break from having to organise your children to get to school in the mornings. I enjoyed a nice balance of friends and family time, home and garden maintenance, and time catching up with my school work. I thought students and staff looked noticeably refreshed at the Monday morning assembly.

We had considerable work done over the holiday period; Manuel said he had 67 tradespeople on site and some additional volunteers working on eave replacement (about 1/3 of our eaves are now new), heat mitigation work in some of the warmer classrooms, tagging and testing of electrical equipment, garden work, shelving in the preschool, carpark signage and topping up the tan bark under both pieces of fixed equipment in the primary playground. We are currently looking at replacing the worn soft fall in both of the outside spaces adjoining the LSUA classrooms.

The upgrade of our bike shelter will begin in 3/4 weeks and will be completed before the end of term. The existing fenced space on the northside of the 5/6 classroom will remain as is but will be greatly enhanced by the addition of bike racks and housing for scooters, a tyre pumping station, a roof and rear landscaping including a rain water tank to catch the roof run off.

This week has seen the teaching staff begin some rigorous professional learning around teaching literacy. We have had two afternoon sessions with a literacy consultant and a demonstration lesson followed by observation feedback and leadership team planning. The initiative focussing on the essential instructional practices for literacy learning is research based and allows for the school and teachers to tailor them to our own context. This week's demonstration lesson focused on 'read alouds'; the planned and prepared manner with which teachers can use a shared book experience to springboard children into talking, word work, vocabulary knowledge and writing. It is always such a privilege to work as a group learning together and committing to improved practice. The Latham staff are professional, expect the best of themselves and each other, and always have the children's best interests at heart.

Dates to remember

May

Mon 6	Year 2 Dental Program
Tue 7	Mother's Day Stall (Preschool Mon/Tues group)
Wed 8	Assembly hosted by year 3/4 – 1:45pm
Fri 10	Mother's Day Stall

Breakfast club is on every Tuesday and Thursday morning 8:30am – 8:50am

Notes Home

Voluntary Contribution
Year 6 Careers Expo excursion
Year 6 KSS visit

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This week's Word of the Week is **pedantic**. I'm excited that I have children coming to me with interesting words they've heard or read at they think would be suitable for a future Word of the Week. I have a little collection now, but I would encourage you as a family to talk about interesting words you come across and suggest to your child that he or she brings them to me.

Warm regards,
Liz

P&C Update

Mother's Day Stall – Friday volunteers needed!

Beautiful gift will again be available for students to purchase.

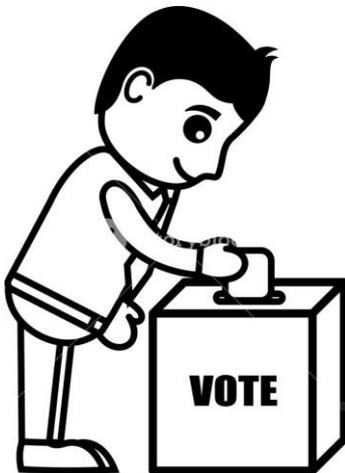
Tues 7/5 – Preschool only

Fri 10/5 – Preschool – Y6

Can you help out on Friday? Please join us after morning assembly on 10/5 to help sell the presents.



2019 Federal Election 18 May



Latham Primary School will again be a polling place for the upcoming federal election. This is a great opportunity for the P&C to make some money for the school and also add to the community atmosphere of the day. We plan on running:

- Sausage sizzle
- Cake stall (plates for donations will go out to the eldest student in the family next week)
- Craft stall
- Coffee cart

Can you help out with an hour of your time cooking sausages or selling cakes? Please sign up via the P&C Facebook page or on the signup sheet outside the front office.

Are you interested in our community garden? Would you like a say as to how the fete profits are spent? Come along to our next P&C meeting Tues 14 May, 7.30pm
Latham Primary School – all welcome.



This morning we celebrated ANZAC Day at a special assembly Student Leadership Team. The choir performed a beautiful rendition of In Flander's Fields. Each class presented a beautiful wreath that they made. A big thank you to Melissa O and Simone R for all the time and organisation of this special event here at Latham Primary.



Mathematical Mondays

Dear Latham students,

Do you and your family like to solve problems?

If yes, then have a go at solving this problem:

At the front office there will be a jar of jelly beans it is up to you to write an answer to how many jelly beans are in the jar?



Write an answer on a piece of paper with your name on it and place it in the Mathematical Mondays Box which will also be near the front office.

Parents and Teachers, can you guess how much sugar is in the jar?
Have a guess and write your answer and name on a piece of paper.

The Latham maths project team would like to promote maths inquiry within the community. When you receive the Latham Link keep on the look out for a maths problem to solve as a family. On Monday mornings during assembly we will announce the winner/s who were the first to be picked out of the box with the correct answer. We will acknowledge the winner/s with shout outs.



The last weekend of this year's Heritage Festival is out of this world. With the Festival ending for the year, there are still plenty of opportunities for you get out over weekend and attend an event with family and friends.

This weekend you can:

- Attend a special Star Wars themed concert at the National Carillon to celebrate May the 4th
- Head for a morning hike and learn about Canberra's oldest bridge – Tharwa Bridge
- Find out how archaeology is practised today—it may lead to a career change!
- Venture past the pod playground with the kids on a guided walk of the Arboretum

With so many events on offer, there is something for the whole family. Bookings are essential for many events. To find out more, head to www.act.gov.au/heritagefestivals

PARENTLINK

ParentLink provides parenting education to the community, from birth to teenage years. It is available for parents, carers, kin, teachers, and the broader community, providing information and links to local resources and services.

The ParentLink website provides links to all ParentLink guides including a variety of topics - *Starting School*, *More than Reading and Writing*, *Optimism* and *Cyber Safety*.

The ParentLink suite of resources includes guides specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, and access to resources for diverse cultural groups.

ParentLink guides are available to view and order via the website at, <https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/>



Latham Primary School The perfect way to celebrate Mothers' Day

Give mum the VIP treatment with Entertainment! Packed with thousands of valuable offers across dining, retail, attractions and travel, an Entertainment Membership is the gift she can enjoy all year round.

We think Mum will love it even more for supporting Latham Primary School and knowing it helps a good cause.



P&C Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 7 May 2019 – Preschool only

Friday 10 May 2019 – Preschool to Yr 6

Great gifts for Mum from \$1 - \$5

Send your child's money in a ziplock bag



Gifts are for students only to purchase



Only one gift for Mum unless the student is purchasing
for a step parent or similar person (we have a limited number of gifts)

