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Term 4, Week 1, Thursday 16 October, 2014

Notes home	Due back
Raffle Tickets	ASAP
Swim & Survive	22 Oct
Lap-a-thon Sponsor form	ASAP
Calendar	
Hatching Chicks	24 Oct
Canteen menu	

Remaining Assembly dates for Term 4 –1:45pm start
Wednesday – 22 Oct - 3/4LB, 5Nov – 5/6CG & Band performance, 19 Nov – 3/4CHM, 3 Dec & 15 Dec – Year 6 Graduation.

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Term 4. I hope your children had a relaxing break and that perhaps some of you were able to spend some special time with them. We have a busy term ahead so some recharged batteries really help!

During the holidays, I received the updated review of our new school canteen menu. Nutrition Australia follows the traffic light system to assess all items (green – items that can always be on the canteen menu, amber – items that should be selected carefully, and red – items that are not recommended). Over the past 12 months the P&C and the canteen staff have worked really hard to align our food offerings with Nutrition Australia's recommendations, and I'm thrilled to report that all items now available through our school canteen are either green or amber. The Latham Primary School Canteen was awarded a certificate of recognition to acknowledge the improvements that have been made. Congratulations to the P&C and particularly Katherine, Emma, Michelle and Beth for their huge contribution to ensure that we are offering healthy food options for our children. Being a school that focusses on health, fitness and wellbeing is one of Latham's priorities – it's why we involve our students in the Ride or Walk to School and Fresh Tastes programs, why Health is taught as a speciality subject in the junior classes and why we encourage students to play representative sport. There is so much emphasis in our society on being healthy and Latham is trying hard to be ahead of the game!

Dates to Remember – Please mark your Calendar

17 Oct	Loud Shirt Day
20 Oct	Fete packing party – 6:30pm
21 Oct	Partnership G&T Day
	Fete meeting 3:15pm
22 Oct	Assembly 3/4LH & BH
	Preschool Transition 11:30am-1:00pm
	Maths cuppa and chat -9:30am
25 Oct	Fete 3-7pm

Parents of children in years 3 and 5 received their individual NAPLAN results at the end of last term, and now the school has been given access to our whole of school data. The staff have been analysing school trends to see what areas we are doing well in, and what we need to focus on more, and looking at individual student achievement to ensure we are doing what we can to help them progress. I'm pleased to report to you that we have made school growth in year 3 Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy, and in year 5 Spelling. We have also met our targets as identified in the 2014 Annual Operating Plan for both year 3 Reading and Numeracy and year 5 Reading. I know there was a lot of media publicity about the writing task this year and the lack of preparation teachers were given to prepare their students for the task, but I don't think we should be teaching to the test – I think this was a much fairer way to assess students' writing achievements. Despite some of students performing exceptionally well, it is clearly an area we need to focus on as a school next year and you will see it as a priority in next year's Operating Plan.

I'm so looking forward to our School Fete next Saturday. It was such a fabulous community day last year and looking at what is on offer this year, I can't see how the day won't be even better! Please set aside some time and some money to support the school, and if you have some volunteer hours available, please contact Fete Coordinator and parent Kareen Tait. Money raised at the fete will go towards improving the school's facilities and opportunities for students. See you all then!

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people – traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.

ACT Government
Education and Training

It will soon be the time that we assign students to their 2015 classes. If you have particular information that you think would help us to make the very best match of class, peers and type of teacher for your child, please speak to Mel or Jill in the front office about booking an appointment time with me.

Warm Regards,
Liz

SPORTS NEWS

Tennis

During Term 3 year 3/4 classes were very lucky to have Adrian Zarebski from the ECC Tennis Academy at Kippax deliver tennis lessons each week during their PE time with Brett M. Each unit received 5 lessons working on a range of tennis shots and there was some really good improvement shown during the program. In Term 4 the year 1/2 classes will have their turn. Adrian has done a great job with the kids and is coming to us as part of a partnership between Latham Primary School, ECC Tennis Academy and Tennis Australia.

Cricket

GIRLS Only MILO T20 Blast - For all girls keen to give cricket a try this year please come down to a FREE Come and Try Day on Wednesday 15 October 2014 from 5:30pm- 7pm @ Griffith Oval, Griffith ACT. For more information, or to register for the Term 4 Program please contact Liz.McPherson@cricketact.com.au .

MILO in2CRICKET Programs are ideal for boys and girls aged 5-10 years. Programs run all across the ACT and NSW, if you are keen to get involved and register your child please visit http://www.in2cricket.com.au or contact liz.mcpherson@cricketact.com.au

Latham Primary School is again part of the Sydney Thunder Local Hero Program for Big Bash League (BBL|04). With a new coach and a growing roster of great players BBL|04 promises to be Sydney Thunder's best season yet. Latham has been given Dirk Nannes to adopt for the season and students will have the opportunity to engage with Dirk through the Local Hero Program.

Touch Football

Latham PS has 5 teams entered in the Kippax junior touch competition which started this week and is played every Wednesday during Term 4. This follows on from Latham's incredible efforts in the Touch Football gala days last term where the boys 5/6 team were runners up and the girls 5/6 team were winners. It's great to see so many keen players. Updates will be put in the newsletter in weeks to come.

Good luck to Tyler F. (5/6CG) who is travelling to Morwell in Victoria next week to represent ACT in the Under 12 Touch Football National Championships.

Athletics

Congratulations to super-athlete Lauren M. (3/4BH) who came 2nd in the 8 years girls 100m at the Belconnen Athletics Carnival last term. Lauren then competed in the 100m and 70m races at the ACT Athletics carnival and performed admirably, finishing in the top 10 in the ACT in both events. Well done Lauren on your achievements!!

The Ben Donohue Run and Walk for Fun is rapidly approaching. The event is on Sunday 2 November at Lake Ginninderra. For more information go to www.hawkerc.act.edu.au/runandwalkforfun

OzTag

Good Luck to Zac M. (5/6CG) who is travelling to Coffs Harbour this week to represent ACT at the Under 11 OzTag National Championships.

Soccer

Congratulations to Elke A. (5/6JLS) who represented ACT at the Under 12 Girls Soccer National Championships last term. Elke is a highly skilled athlete who takes her sport very seriously and has done a tremendous job. Well done Elke.

Cheers,

Brett M

RIDE SAFE TO SCHOOL
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October 2014.

This year Ride Safe to School Day has been extended due to its popularity. The new week long initiative will see several schools across Canberra participating in a various activities to highlight, promote and reinforce safety messages around cycling.

Latham Primary School is a 'Ride or Walk to School' school and aims to encourage more children to ride or walk safely to school.

As we are fully aware negotiating roads, traffic and being a pedestrian can be quite a daunting experience and that is why we believe in giving students the appropriate skills and confidence that they need to ride or walk safety.

We are therefore encouraging our students at Latham Primary to RIDE SAFELY to school Monday 27 – Friday 31 October, so dust off your bikes, scooters or skate boards and ride safely to school. You don't have to ride to school every day but try to ride at least one day during this week. Look forward to seeing you all riding safely to school.

Kimani

MATHS AT HOME

Cuppa and Chat
For parents with children aged 4-8 yrs
Wednesday 22 October, 9:30 am

We know you as parents want to support your child at home with maths, but times have changed!

To assist you, we will be having an informal chat, over a cuppa in our school staffroom, showing you some of the things we do in the classroom to teach maths, as well as give you some fun, practical and easy ideas on how to help your children at home.
We look forward to seeing you there!

MATHS MOMENTS

Using only addition, how do you add eight 8's and get the number 1000?

Answer: 888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000

LIBRARY NEWS

Hi everyone!
Welcome back to Term Four. Just a few things this week.
Scholastic Book Club pamphlets will be going out today. Please note the due date is Friday, 24th October and handed in to the Front Office.
REMEMBER great for Christmas presents.
Also some exciting news Latham Library now has access to ebooks and audiobooks for students to borrow at school as well as at home. In the next newsletter, I will attach information for parents on how students can access them from home.
Have a lovely week.
QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Books were my personal pass to freedom. I learned to read at age three, and soon discovered there was a whole world to conquer that went beyond our farm in Mississippi."
~ Oprah Winfrey

Heather Govender

FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

advancedlife photography

Saturday November 1, 2014

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:

Rule 1 Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait

Rule 2 No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)

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)

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

Community News

On Sunday 2 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 a 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 a online registration.**

ACT Community Language Schools Association

ACT Community Language Schools Day 2014

The Canberra community are invited to come along and join a day of celebration organised by the ACT Community Language Schools Association with the support of the ACT Government through the Community Language Schools Program.
55 Community language schools and playgroups that teach 40 languages across Canberra will gather together during Children's Week to celebrate and share their learning through displays and performances. There will be games and activities with the assistance of ACT Bilingual Education Alliance plus several schools will be cooking some of their traditional foods for you to purchase.
When: Saturday 25 October 2014
Time: 2.00pm – 6.00pm
Venue: University of Canberra Refectory, Bruce
Cost: Entry and activities are free. Multicultural food will be available for purchase.
For more information contact: ACT Community Language Schools Association 6230 5191
email: admin@actclsa.org.au

ACT Bilingual Education Alliance – Family Afternoon Tea

The ACT Bilingual Education Alliance invites you to this family event during ACT Children's Week:

- Free games and fun activities for children in a range of languages
- Meet families raising children in more than one language and others interested in language teaching and learning
- Bring along a favourite snack for a delicious multicultural afternoon tea.

When: Sunday 26 October 2014
Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: Function Room, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, Civic Square (near Civic Library and Canberra Theatre Centre)
ALL WELCOME
For more details: contact Canberrabilingual@gmail.com, 0408 089 235 (Mandy) or see http://actbilingual.weebly.com/events.html.

For other Children's week events in the ACT see www.actchildrensweek.com.au