

**Term 2 Week 3**  
**Thursday 16 May 2019**

Dear families

At Latham Primary School we continue to prioritise improving relationships between students, staff, parents and the wider community through developing partnerships. I am so excited to announce our new **partnership is with Delta Society Australia** through their therapy dog program.

Delta Society Australia is a not-for-profit organisation with one core belief: *'that the human-animal bond improves our quality of life and leaves a lasting paw print on our hearts.'* There is a special relationship shared between dogs and people of all ages and research continues to highlight that interaction with an animal can brighten your day, make you feel loved and improve your overall health and wellbeing. This partnership began today on a fortnightly basis, with a small number of students participating. We are hoping that this partnership will be expanded in the future.

On Monday 20 May (week 4) our **bike shed refurbishment** will begin. This will see new bike racks and a pumping station installed. This is expected to take a couple of weeks. In the meantime, students may park and lock their bikes and scooters in the cottage courtyard. Manuel will lock and unlock the courtyard as he presently does with the bike shed. Some tips on how to lock up your bike;

- make sure your lock actually goes through your frame's triangle (not through the wheel)
- give your bike a quick tug to ensure that it is actually locked to the rack

We don't have a record for stolen bikes, but there are just great habits for students to get into to ensure that their bike is locked correctly when 'out and about'.

Latham Primary School is a pilot school for the new **Academic Reporting** that is completed through our Sentral program. Please read the attachment for more details. One of the most important details for parents is that the reports will be sent to families electronically.

### Dates to remember - May

<b>Fri 16</b>	Walk Safely to School Day <b>Week 4 – BOOK FAIR</b>
<b>Mon 20</b>	Kingsford Smith Information Night
<b>Tues 22</b>	Assembly 1:45pm – hosted by specialist classes ROSTRUM final
<b>Mon 27</b>	Reconciliation Day – public holiday
<b>Fri 24</b>	NMA visit
<b>Tues 28</b>	Year 1/2 National Zoo and Aquarium excursion
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Belconnen Cross Country
<b>Fri 31</b>	Hats off – Sun Smart NMA visit

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

### Notes Home

Voluntary Contribution  
Years 3/4 and LSUA EW - National Zoo and Aquarium excursion – **due 22 May**  
Kindergarten Umbagog excursion  
Year 1/2 Cotter Dam Tour – **due 31 May**  
Year 5/6 Belconnen Fresh Food Markets excursion – **due 30 May**  
P&C Hoodie order form – **due 21 May**  
Athletics Carnival – **due 5 June**  
Year 6 Ukulele Band rehearsal – **due 22 May**

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Please ensure that your email is correct, to ensure that you receive your child's report. If you don't have an email address, your child's report will be printed for you and sent home on Friday 28 May as in the past.

Have a fabulous fortnight.

Regards,  
Karen



Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 9 May 2019.

*Brooklyn C, Lexie W, Audrey P, Daemon C, Tyzak H, Jamie O'B, Lucy K, Willow L, Brody B, Miya T, Connor T, Neema M, Fox M, Heidi L, Lylah W, Caitlin B, Rafferty K, Ben H, Ella P, Jake W, Ziva B, Courtana C, Paul Y, Seth H, Ava B, Jacob M, Jett E and Leighton L.*

**Book Fairs**

See what's NEW at our  
**BOOK FAIR**  
Catch the reading wave!

FIND THESE BOOKS AND HUNDREDS MORE AT THE FAIR!

*Blabbermouth*  
CHRISTIE PERKINS  
"OOPS, I'VE DONE IT AGAIN!"

*SERIOUSLY DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOK*  
Andy Lee

*Alpacas with Maracas*  
MATT COBURN

*A Stack of Alpacas*  
MATT COBURN

*ella Olivia*  
Popstar Sisters

*DOG MAN BRAWL OF THE WILD*  
DAV PILKEF

*COWBOY AND BIRDBRAIN*  
WALLACE GIBBS  
MRS. HART

11 22 23 We deliver F.A.R.T.S!

THE OFFICIAL BOOK FOR NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2019!  
[www.nsls.org.au/nsls](http://www.nsls.org.au/nsls)

Date	Monday 20 - Thursday 23 May!	Time	8.15am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 3.45pm
Place	The School Library!		

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

**SCHOLASTIC**

# 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.



[www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

Friday 17 May 2019

## Walk Safely to School Day

Walk Safely to School Day is tomorrow, Friday 17 May and we encourage all school students to gather their friends and family and experience the physical, mental and social health benefits of walking to school!

Visit the [Active travel for schools page](#) to learn more about the many free initiatives being delivered in the ACT to promote walking to school, including the Ride or Walk to School and It's Your Move Safe Cycle programs, Active Streets for Schools program and the School Crossing Supervisor program.

For more information visit [www.transport.act.gov.au/news](http://www.transport.act.gov.au/news)

*Authorised by Jim Corrigan, Deputy Director-General, City Services, Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate*



## P&C Update

Stage one of the Garden Project will soon be underway with fruit tree planting. Would you like to sponsor a fruit tree for \$55? Watch out for a note to come home soon with details.

### 2019 Federal Election 18 May

Time to vote again! Come along to our school on Saturday, grab an egg and bacon roll or a sausage, a coffee, some craft and a cake.

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.

### Election cake stall

Did you miss out on a plate for the cake stall? Drop into the front office to collect another. Or just put your baked goods on a disposable plate and include an 'ingredients' label. Please dropped your baked goodies into the front office on Friday, or before 10am on Saturday.

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 18 June, 7.30pm Latham Primary School – all welcome. Minutes from our meetings can be found on the school website.



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### **New Bus Network Feedback**



The ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (the peak body for the school's P&C) is collating feedback on travelling to school using the new bus network. They would like to hear from any public school parents, carers or students about difficulties or concerns and will represent these to Transport Canberra.

Send a message with your specific feedback to [contact@actparents.org.au](mailto:contact@actparents.org.au).

# Dragons Splash Polo

Gungahlin Leisure Centre

Term 2 begins Sun 19 May

Five week program:

- 6-7 year olds 2-2.45pm

- 7-8 year olds 2.45-3.30pm



**DRAGONS**  
WATER POLO CLUB

Splash polo is played in the program pool. More info & to register:  
Limited places available.

Facebook/DragonsWPCLubACT

Only \$70 per child

