Dear parents and carers,

Wow hasn’t this term passed quickly! It seems just yesterday that I was welcoming you back after the Christmas holidays and now we are knee deep in hot cross buns and Easter eggs. We’ve had an extremely productive and busy term and I’m really thrilled with the progress our students have made with their learning. Our new staff have fitted in really well and class programs are humming. Now we’re all ready for a holiday of course, students and staff alike.

**ANZAC Day**
ANZAC Day falls in the holiday break this year so we will be recognising this national day in two ways. Tomorrow there is a large formal event at Melba Copland School which will draw students and staff from many of the cluster schools together. Our year 5/6 students have been awarded the honour of representing Latham Primary School and some of our students even have a speaking role. The students have been doing quite a lot of background work in class as preparation. It is very important that our students are **wearing full school uniform** at this event.

On Friday of Week 1 next term (2 May) at 10:15am the 3/4DWC students will be leading our school in an ANZAC Day assembly. You are cordially invited to attend this special event.

**Preschool Building**
The new preschool building is due to commence at the start of Term 2. The building site will be established in Week 1 and then it will be all action stations until final completion at the end of November. I met with interested preschool parents on Tuesday to give them an overview of what to expect, and I will also keep both the School Board and P&C updated throughout the year. The builders (Cercol Constructions) will be taking regular update photos of what’s happening which will be displayed at the preschool to keep you all informed. While we all understand that this will be a disruption, we are all really excited about the modern learning spaces that will be created as a result.

**Year 5/6 Camp**
Our year 5/6 students are off to camp on Day 1 next term. They will be at Camp Cooba (between Cooma and Jindabyne) for 3 days enjoying a very physical experience. There are range of activities which they might be involved in including team challenges, the big swing, dirt buggies archery and hiking. Yehuwidy Dillon and hopefully I will be doing day trips there to see how everyone is going, but we can all expect some very tired bodies to return to us on Wednesday afternoon!

**Voluntary Contributions**
Thank you to those families who have already paid their voluntary contributions. We are very grateful to receive this money as it allows us to purchase resources for students like Maths and sports equipment, iPads and laptops, take home reading books, or new furniture for classrooms. If you haven’t had the opportunity to pay the voluntary contribution and would still like to, you can at any time during the year.

**Parent and Carer Survey**
The staff and students have been looking at the school values this term and now it’s your turn. There are 10 easy questions attached to this survey. If you would like to help shape the direction of our school and have time, please complete our School Values Survey by pasting the following URL into your web browser

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VXX6SQL

Many thanks!

Have a wonderful holiday break with your children. Even if you are working, it will be lovely to have a couple of long weekends to relax and enjoy each other. Thank you for a great Term 1.

Kind regards,

Liz

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


**No Parking!**

We have been advised by the AFP that parking on the median strip on Onslow Street (or any street) is a **finable offence**. There is an 'on the spot' fine of $200. The AFP will be patrolling the area.

**SLT News**

**Lost Property Is Moving**

If you weren’t already aware, the lost property will no longer be next to the hall, it will be moving into classrooms. Early next term clearly marked tubs will be placed into each of the classrooms. So, if students find something with no name on it in their classroom or out in the corridor, they can put it in their classroom tub. Every week the SLT will go around and collect the items. Our Principal, Liz, says clothing with the Latham Primary School logo will be sent to the School’s second-hand shop and non-school items will be sent to the Salvation Army. So, please make sure all your stuff has your name on it.

Samuel

**Mufti Day fundraising**

Yesterday was a very successful day for Lindsey Davis and Riley Tait. By organising the Mufti Day they managed to raise $210 which will be used to purchase sandpit toys.

Thank you Lindsey and Riley, your efforts are appreciated!

**Sports News**

**Cross Country**

Despite the threat of rain all week, the weather held off long enough for the Latham Cross Country Carnival to be held last Thursday. In what turned out to be a great morning for running, there were lots of impressive performances, particularly from some of our junior students. It was great to see so many children (and teachers) giving their best effort, whether they were good at running or not.

Congratulations to all participants and to our winning house this year – Umbagong.

The top 3 placers of each age group from under 8s up have qualified for the Latham Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to the Belconnen PSSA Carnival early in term 2. Notes will go out tomorrow.

Brett Maron

**School Board Election Results**

Congratulations to Karen Goddard, Ian Shaw and Lyndal Andrew on their appointment to the Latham Primary School Board.

Melissa Cruz-Willis
Assistant Returning Officer

**News from 3/4 MC & DW**

Wow, what a busy term the 3 and 4 Cheetahs and Marines have had. We not only became awesome explorers but have learnt how to be creative narrative writers, methodical mathematicians, dance like Michael Jackson, paint like Michelangelo and play basketball like an NBA star!

Below are some of the fantastic things that we have learnt so far this year!

- “Sir Francis Drake’s had a boat and it was called The Golden Hind!”
  Jacob S
- “I learnt how to write an expositions”
  Olivia M
- “We have learnt about new explorers and places that I never knew existed’
  Jae B
- “I found out that Black Beard was real!”
  Hayley B
- “I’ve learned about maps and how to read maps”
  Mohamad M
- “Going on an Easter egg hunt is fun, especially when you win and get a giant bunny!”
  Samuel G
- “Narrative stories are just like any other story”
  Cody C
- “I learnt that Marco Polo had many weapons such as a sharp sword”
  Josh E
- “I can now read a map and get around the world”
  Nick W
- “I learned that I don’t need a best friend to have fun”
  Brianna M
- “Vasco da Gama discovered India whilst sailing a boat”
  Samantha L
“Narrative writing is really fun because you get to make up your own characters and storyline”
Emily M

“I discovered how to write an exposition and learnt the difference between an exposition and a narrative”
Amelia M

“Genghis Khan was a scary man, he killed thousands of people!”
Jahryn R

“I learned this term that good work pays off”
Brodie D

“I found out that I am good at maths and that shapes and numbers are awesome!”
Lana R

Michael, Helen and Chrissie

Library News
Hi everyone.
Please keep any overdue books rolling in and thank you to those who have returned their books.
Upcoming dates for next term:
• National Simultaneous Storytime – 21 May
• Scholastic Book Fair – June

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK
“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.”
- Walt Disney

Happy reading.
Heather Govender

Newsletter via email
Latham Primary is well on its way to going green!
Please help us achieve this goal by getting the newsletter by 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 & C News
Well we are nearly at the end of Term 1….we made it! 😊

Sand Pit
Over the school holidays the P & C will have a large sandpit installed under the trees and this will be ready for play in Term 2 (hopefully!).

Chocolate Boxes
Janine Lancaster is organising the chocolate fundraising which is proceeding at a rapid rate of knots. This is an easy fundraiser and will assist us in our bank balance. If you are keen to grab a box then send Janine a message on fundraising.lathampandc@gmail.com to arrange for a box or two.

Preschool Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings
The Preschool subcommittee has got a fundraising opportunity with a BBQ at Bunnings Hardware in Belconnen on Sunday, 4 May.
If you are able to lend a hand for that day to flip sausages then please give me a call and I will pass on the Preschool details.
If you need to call me regarding these messages please call me on 0416 248 411 or email me on presidentlathampandc@gmail.com

Katherine Stock

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?
Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
• school uniforms and text books
• computers, laptops and tablets
• excursions and camps
• sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
• music tuition and instrument hire.
You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Brent Beyer, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(02) 6283 7606 / 0448 730 305
or brent.beyer@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by AMX and the Australian Catholic University and is delivered in partnership with the Australian Catholic and Catholic Education Melbourne.

Swimming ACT provides individual swimming lessons at various public pools, and some school pools, for children and adults with special needs during the school terms.
Enrolments for Term 2 are now being accepted.
Please phone 6258 4520 or 6257 4837 for available times and cost.
April School Holiday Chess - Autumn Boot Camps

April School Holiday Week 1 - Autumn Boot Camp (1) Tournament, Mon 14 & Tues 15 April - 60 + 10
Autumn Boot Camp 1 tournament is a two-day rated tournament for players born on or after 1 Jan 1994, played with long time controls (60 + 10s) on Monday 14 April & Tuesday 15th April 2014 at Campbell High.

April School Holiday Week 2 - Autumn Boot Camp (2) Wed 23 April - Allegro chess 15mins - Good warm up for school championships and have lots of fun.
Allegro chess playing conditions are the same as the school championships (that is, games are played with clocks with each player having 15 mins to complete his/her moves) but children compete as individuals.
Send entry for either camp to the Emma Guo, at emma.guo@actjcl.org.au or phone 0423 284 501 (a/h)

Homestay Network is seeking families to join in the experience of hosting international students who attend universities and language schools.

We have students who are keen to experience the Australian lifestyle within a family environment. If you think you might enjoy the cultural exchange and would like to know more, please apply online to be a host at www.homestaynetwork.com.au. Hosts are paid upwards of $250 per week for hosting our students.
**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


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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 emphasis 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 8 April.

Whilst you are looking at our website, check out our winter program – special early bird discounts also apply if you register before 18 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.**

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**Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?**

**Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.**

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks).

The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: [https://exp psy uq edu au/type1diabetes](https://exp psy uq edu au/type1diabetes)

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan (aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation,

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawaska, and Amy Mitchell

UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre