

**Term 2 Week 5**  
**Thursday 28 May 2020**



Collaboration Respect Motivation Resilience Positivity

MAY	WHAT'S ON
Thursday 28	Fete planning online meeting – 7:30pm
Friday 29	Hats off – Sun Smart
JUNE	
Monday 1	Reconciliation Day – Public Holiday
Tuesday 2	Return to on-campus learning for Years 5 & 6.
Wednesday 3	End of NRW
Friday 5	2021 Enrolments close
Monday 8	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
Wednesday 10	Enrichment - 2:00pm

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Dear families,

I can't thank you enough for your continued support over the past 8 weeks. The Latham Primary School community is one of my 'selling points' when I meet with prospective parents and staff, and boy have I been proven correct!

We continue to pull together and support one another as we move through a time that personally has seen some challenging times, but it has also brought with it enormous pride to be the leader of this school. I look forward to welcoming back the final piece of our puzzle -our year 5/6 cohort, on Tuesday 2 June. This will be the first time that we would have had most of our students at school at the same time since 23 March. I know that everyone will be excited to see one another, however we need to remember that it is not the time to exchange hugs when greeting people.

Parents please continue to assist us to keep our Latham Primary School building safe by keeping out. We love each and every one of you, however every additional adult in our building impacts our aim to minimise contracting COVID-19 at school. As the weather gets colder, I know that it will be tempting to sneak inside to keep warm, however we ask that you remain under the eaves or under the cover on the basketball court – maybe try the drop off/pick up system in the front carpark! We have a teacher on duty out there every afternoon and you wouldn't get wet or cold at all!

It has been brought to my attention that there has been an increase in the number of dogs on our school grounds. Just a friendly reminder that under the Domestic Animals Act 2000,

**Return to on-campus learning  
at ACT Public Schools**

**Monday 18 May** - Preschool, kindergarten  
year 1, 2, 7, 11 & 12

**Monday 25 May** - Year 3, 4 & 10

**Tuesday 2 June** - Year 5, 6, 8 & 9

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domestic animals may not be taken on to school grounds, unless with permission. For example, you have a very cute puppy that your child would like to show the class – you need to obtain permission from the class teacher. The teacher will make a decision in the best interest of the class, as they know who has allergies, or phobias.

Each year, the school organises a community event to showcase learning. In past years, this has been in the form of a concert. In 2020, the community event is planned to be an Art Show. This will provide an authentic opportunity for students to showcase their learning in visual and media arts. Unfortunately, our 'grand plans' for this event have been impacted by COVID-19, however options are still being discussed. Obviously, we will be limited to community restrictions around gatherings and social distancing, however the community events team will keep developing a plan and provide more information next term.

This week marks the beginning of Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for NRW remain the same each year, 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Be kind to each other and keep safe.

Regards,

Karen



**27 MAY – 3 JUNE**

[reconciliation.org.au/nrw](https://reconciliation.org.au/nrw)  
#NRW2020 #InThisTogether2020

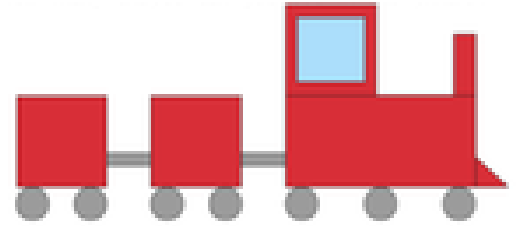
# The Maths Challenge

Have a go and challenge yourself with one or all challenges.

## Challenge 1

How many shapes do you see?

Draw the picture. Count and name the shapes.



## Challenge 2

Can you solve it.

**Can you Solve this?**

$$\square \times \square \times \bigcirc = 16$$
$$\triangle \times \triangle \times \triangle = 27$$
$$\triangle \times \square = 6$$
$$\square + \bigcirc \times \triangle = ?$$

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Share It!!

## Are you a Maths Adventurer?

The teachers at Latham have been hearing some exciting news about families discovering mathematical concepts when involved in daily activities. It would be fantastic if you could share your discoveries with us, please share images and a small blurb about your mathematical discoveries and send them to your teacher on Seesaw.

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### Change to Primary Schools Central Placement Panel date for small group programs (LSU, LSU-A, LSC) and specialist school placement

The 2020 school year has started unlike any other, and this has caused significant disruption to usual routines for students, families, and schools. As we welcome students back into our schools, planning is underway to minimise long term impacts of these unprecedented times on our students and their ongoing schooling. In line with this, the date for Primary Schools Central Placement Panel (where small group program placements for LSU, LSU-A, LSC and Specialist Schools are determined) has been changed, with applications now due in Week 6, Term 3 and letters of offer sent to parents in time for schools and parents to develop a transition plan together in Term 4.

The Secondary Central Placement Panel will proceed as anticipated with outcome letters for Year 6 student applications for high school placements in 2021, sent to parents early in Term 3.

If you would like to access more information regarding the Disability Education Central Placement Panel and process, please see the [Students with Disability](#) webpage on the Education Directorate website or speak to school staff. If you need further information, you can email your query to [DisabilityEducation@act.gov.au](mailto:DisabilityEducation@act.gov.au).

## CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is opening on **June 2 for all the recess and lunch orders** your young people can manage. However, there are some changes to the canteen to support the current health situation.

Our opening days for Term 2 are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, for recess and lunch online only through Flexischools - <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>.

The following rules for the canteen are:

- No students will be allowed to assist in the canteen
- Lunch buckets will be left at the door for the canteen manager to pick up
- Food safety guidelines will be strictly adhered to as per normal
- No paper bags from home or cash will be accepted at the canteen.
- Social distancing will be maintained within the canteen space.
- Recess will be picked up by the student as required and lunch buckets will be picked up as per normal.

We are currently unable to accept any new volunteer assistance to the canteen however when we can we let you know.

While these changes are different to how the canteen normally operates, we can make this work and it will become our new normal for now.

Any questions about this please feel free to chat to Bonnie at the Canteen on 6142 0095 or the Canteen Coordinator Katherine Stock on 0416 248 411.



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## FETE NEWS

### **Fete Planning Meeting:**

Don't forget the Fete online Zoom meeting tonight (**Thursday 28 May**) at **7.30pm** <https://anu.zoom.us/j/97718832864> to discuss ideas for our new online fete format.

### **White Elephant - Looking for Expressions of Interest...**

- Have you enjoyed the recent online P&C sales?
- Got a vision for white elephant/books/second hand clothes?
- Enjoy engaging the public in online (or in person) sales?
- Love finding new homes for old items?



The Fete Committee are looking for a team of families who would be happy to take a bundle (or bundles) of white elephant items and sort, photograph and sell for the P&C.

Volunteers would work together as a team to decide on the chosen 'vision' but can work independently on the bundles of items they collect. This is a 'many hands make light work' task.

Please let Jo Dynon know if this could interest you, or email [lathamfete@gmail.com](mailto:lathamfete@gmail.com)

## *From the end of May Put sun gear away*

Autumn leaves are falling and so are Canberra's ultraviolet (UV) levels – so it's time to start thinking about your sun exposure and vitamin D over winter. From the 31 May to August in Canberra UV levels are typically low (below 3), so it's time to put sun hats and other sun protection gear away and get some sun for vitamin D.

Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones, muscles and general wellbeing. The best natural source of vitamin D is the sun's UV. During these months it is recommended that you try to get outdoors during the middle of the day each day with some skin uncovered.

Sun protection is not usually required at this time of year, unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow, outside for extended periods or when the UV reaches 3 and above.

SunSmart's top winter vitamin D tips:

- Physical activity assists with production of vitamin D, so get the family outside and active in the middle of the day.
- Clothing acts as a barrier to vitamin D absorption, so put away the hat and roll up the sleeves when you're outdoors.
- Download SunSmart's free app to check the daily sun protection times and know when you do or don't need sun protection.
- No app? Check the weather section of the newspaper or visit [sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au) to find out when you do and don't need sun protection each day.

If you are concerned about vitamin D, speak to your doctor for advice. For more information visit [sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au) or call 13 11 20.



**2021 school  
enrolments  
now open**



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- 1. Go to [education.act.gov.au](http://education.act.gov.au)** for information on your local school and to enrol online.
- 2. Apply before 5 June 2020** to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. This means there is ample time to submit your application to be included in the initial round of offers.