

## TERM 3 - WEEK 6, THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

### Dates to Remember – Please mark your Calendar



- Fri 28 August** Years 5/6 excursion – 26 Storey Treehouse – Q Theatre
- Tues 1 Sept** Father's Day Stall
- Fri 4 Sept** Wear your Footy Colours Day  
Father's Day Stall
- Wed 9 Sept** Latham's Got Talent
- Fri 11 Sept** Years 1/2 Cranky Bear excursion
- Fri 18 Sept** Trivia Night
- 23 September** School Concert at KSS -5:00pm – 7:30pm
- 27 JULY -18 SEPTEMBER ACTIVE KIDS CHALLENGE**

**ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM 3 WILL BE ON WEDNESDAYS ON  
ODD WEEKS AT 1:45PM**

- Week 7 2 Sept** 3/4RG
- Week 9 16 Sept** Preschool Blue group

### Notes Home

	<u>Due back</u>
School Satisfaction Survey	31 August
Years 1/2 Excursion	
Very Cranky Bear Performance	
Latham's Got Talent	9 September
Green Team Colouring in Competition	10 September

### Due back



FOOTY COLOURS DAY  
FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER  
Bring a gold coin donation for children with cancer.

Dear parents and carers,

There is so much to share with you this week; as we've all been very busy! I'm not sure whether it's a reflection of the times in which we live or if life has always been this way, but everyone appears to me to be rushing around these days; I certainly feel like there are not enough hours in the day to get everything done. Karen was just telling me that the weekends were for catching up on work – well that can't be right can it? In the upcoming weekend, let's all try to spend some time being leisurely.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and diligence of the year 5/6 students who participated in Wakakirri last week. The message of their performance was that we all need to develop a work life balance; that our kids depend on it. I watched the automation of the 'worker' performers and felt really sorry for them! I'd like to give a special thank you to Sladjana and Amanda who worked with the students to develop the performance, to produce props and to inspire resilience. Latham was awarded the Most Sustainable Performance Award which I think must have pleased Captain Recycling a great deal! Thank you also to the large contingent of Latham parents who were in the audience cheering on our group.

Last week also saw stellar performances from Latham students in the sporting arena, touch football and PSSA Athletics. I know that Brett felt particularly proud of how hard the children all tried and how they supported each other to do their very best. Thank you to those parents who came out to encourage our sports stars – it's lovely to be at a school with such enthusiastic and supportive parents. Brett has written detailed accounts of both events which you can read further in the newsletter.

And while I'm acknowledging our students for their talents, I'd particularly like to congratulate Zac M for his outstanding run of representative sport. In the past 6 weeks Zac has been to Brisbane with the ACT Under 13 Indoor Cricket team as the only primary school player for the National Championships. He's been to Geelong with the ACT Under 12 AFL team even though he only started playing AFL this year. He

## LATHAM VALUES

COLLABORATION

MOTIVATION

RESPECT

POSITIVITY

RESILIENCE

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also represented the ACT in the Under 12 Rugby League team for the national championships held in Darwin. Despite the very hot conditions, Zac was awarded the players' Player Award at the end of the tournament for ACT's best player. This kind of dedication to sport requires a great deal of organisation and determination; I think Zac embodies the values of our school so I feel very proud to have him as one of our students.

I know that many of you have completed (or are intending to) complete the annual School Satisfaction Survey. If each parent in your family would like to participate and would like another access code, please contact Wendy in the front office who can supply you with another. The survey closes on Monday 31 August, so you don't have much longer. Thank you for taking the time to do this.

Warm regards,  
Liz

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## MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students in receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 19 August.

*Callum C, Eleni S, Gemma G, Tyler R, Kohan O, Leighton L, Aman N, Apajok G, Bella R, Sophie T, Ryan M, Marley W, Georgia W, Alisha S, Brodie D, Chloe J, Sara A, Charlie W, Noor A, Robert C, Tayla B, Davey N & Kayli W.*

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## The GREEN Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our beautiful parent community for their support and help with sustainability at Latham. They have been involved in a number of projects that cover the Pre-School and Senior School.

With our waste and recycling well underway we have booked in a wonderful learning experience for the Green Team to learn how to manage the Wormfarm next Wednesday. Thank you to Katherine Stock for taking time in her day to spend time with the Green Team.

Two days later on the Friday the Green Team will learn how to make seed tapes, paper pots, spacing plants and managing a shared garden bed. Thanks to Amanda who has organised Suzie Kontos from Gardening 101 to come and run this experience for us. We are very keen to setup a kitchen/garden program here at Latham Primary and seeking parent helpers to be a part of this wonderful opportunity. Please come along and join the Green Team together with Suzie on the morning of Friday 4 September from 9.00 to

10.00am. Parents are also invited to stay longer if they wish as we rotate classes through the school to come and do some planting. We are all looking forward to this extremely exciting day! Lastly, the Green Team have set up a colouring-in competition inviting all grades to participate. The competition opened today and closes on Thursday 10 September. The competition also helps us to understand a little more about the bins we use at home. Prizes will be awarded to students from each grade level and the winners will be announced at assembly in Week 9.

### GREEN FACT:

In 2014, Australians recycled only 67.4% of aluminum cans. Many aluminum cans are still being sent to landfill, despite 93% of Australians having access to kerbside recycling services.



Don't be mean, just go green!  
Steve Vukelic

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Well done to the 5/6 Students who represented Latham Primary at WAKAKIRRI. They did an amazing job, which could not have been possible without all the hard work put in by Sladjana and Amanda. The following is a caption from the WAKAKIRRI website on Latham Primary School.

### Latham Primary School

#### Life Matters

*As money and greed try to take over our lives, it is up to us to find a balance between work, life and happiness. Join Latham Primary School as we delve into the lives of everyday families who are faced with this challenge.*



*"A great message that quality time with family and friends is just as, or even more important than, the daily 9 to 5 grind" Andrew McFarlane*

**Teachers Name:** Sladjana Jovanovic, Amanda Molloy

### PERFORMANCE AWARDS

- **Well-Rehearsed performance**
- **Soundtrack**
- **Performance teamwork**
- **Stage crew**
- **Most sustainable production**



## **ATHLETICS**

The Latham Athletics Team competed at the Belconnen PSSA Athletics Carnival last week on a beautiful winter Thursday (once the fog lifted!) at the AIS track.

36 students participated in a wide range of track and field events and did a great job representing Latham. Some students only participated in one event and showed great patience to wait (sometimes hours) for their event. In the meantime it was fantastic to see our students cheer on their team mates.

Full results haven't come back from the Belconnen PSSA yet, but at the time of writing there are three Latham students who have qualified to represent Belconnen at the ACT Athletics Carnival later this term. Congratulations to:

- Zac M (5/6PJ) – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12 years boys 800m
- Keira F (5/6MV) – 4<sup>th</sup> in her heat of the 10 and Under Girls 800m
- Lauren M (3/4BH) – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 9 years Girls 100m and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 9 years Girls 70m.

Other good results included, Heather S (3/4LH) 14<sup>th</sup> in 100m, Jade B (5/6MT) 10<sup>th</sup> in 200m, Samantha W (3/4LH) 13<sup>th</sup> in Shot Put and William Miller (5/6MV) 15<sup>th</sup> in Discus. All results will be placed on the P.E. and Sport notice Board once I receive them.

Congratulations to all who participated, in particular to those students who were competing in their first Belconnen Athletics Carnival. I hope you enjoyed the experience.

## **TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Four Latham touch football teams participated in the ACT Touch Football Gala Day last week at the touch football fields in Deakin. We had two year 3/4 girls teams and two year 3/4 boys teams. Each team played five games during a busy day which saw some great touch footy played.

The Latham Girls 2 team improved throughout the day and were desperately close on many occasions to scoring some great tries. Coached by Emma from Hawker College, she nominated Naomi as their best player for the day.

The Latham Girls 1 team also had a number of girls who had never played before and they took to the game with great enthusiasm, improving in each game. They passed the ball around and scored some great tries, with Lauren and Olivia leading the try scorer's list, but with most girls scoring or setting up a try. They defended with extreme dedication and ended up winning 4 out of 5 games. Molly and Amelia were equal in the most improved stakes, followed closely by Pia, Heather, Katie and Stephannie.

The Latham Boys 2 team was coached by Owen and played really well as a team, improving during the day. They showed some definite flair in attack and grit and determination in defence and had a mixed bag of results with some wins, losses and draws. The players voted for their player of the day and nominated mighty Marcus as their best player. He was well supported in a real team effort.

The Latham Boys 1 team opened the day with a massive victory and then continued with a series of extremely close games. Jason Essai introduced some special Sharkies plays from his coaches playbook and the boys implemented them to play some entertaining touch footy. Best Sportsmanship award went to Tyler, players of the series to Max, Tom and Sam, most improved player to Campbell and top points scorer for the day was Jaydan.

Thanks to the parents who came out and supported our teams, and a special thanks to Jason Essai as well as Emma and Owen from Hawker College who all coached a team during the day.

Brett Maron  
P.E. and Sports Coordinator



# LIBRARY NEWS



Hi everyone!

## Book Week Parade

Thanks to everyone who dressed up and gave a gold coin donation to the 'Make a Wish' Foundation. We raised \$161 for this wonderful foundation. Here are few pictures from the Parade. Enjoy!



## Gardening workshop

**fresh TASTES**  
healthy food at school

Friday 4 September 2015

at The Cottage

9:00am - 10:00am

Are you interested in learning more about how and what to plant in your veggie patch?



Join Suzie from **gardening101** and Latham's very own GREEN TEAM.

Visit <http://www.gardening101.com.au/> to find out more about Gardening 101.

## Latham Primary School Trivia Night

Raiders Belconnen (Messenger & Lindrum Rooms),  
152 Hardwick Crescent Holt



7:00pm to 10:00pm Friday 18 September 2015

Tables of 10 or singles, doubles, trios, etc. can be booked!

Music!

Child minding for preschool age & above kids for a small fee by YMCA staff!

Prizes!

\$10 per ticket.

Dress as your favorite musician, movie star or TV show character!



Music

Movies



TV shows

For more information or to RSVP total adult & kid numbers send an email to: [trivianight.lathampandc@gmail.com](mailto:trivianight.lathampandc@gmail.com)