

Collaboration Respect Motivation Resilience Positivity

*Term 4 Week 9
Thursday 13 December 2018*

Dear parents and carers,

Once again we come to the end of another wonderful year of learning at Latham. It has been such a busy year full of undertakings designed to enrich the lives of our students and to support them in their learning endeavours. It's also been a huge year of learning for staff. It's true to say that students and staff alike are a bit tired, and some of us are even a bit emotional, but we are happy too, happy in the knowledge that we have all done our best.

We sadly say farewell to some staff members who are leaving us at the end of this year. Rochelle Merchant, Sladjana Pantic and Evan Gilson have all won positions in other schools in the ACT; jobs that they have selected and are really excited to be moving to. Robyn Frencham is retiring for the second time, and she and her husband are leaving their home of 27 years and are moving to NSW. So while their leaving is sad for the Latham community, I know you'll join me in congratulating them and wishing them well for their future. Lauren Jarvis is taking a year's leave to travel around Australia with her family and will return to us for 2020 (first time I've written that date - it used to sound so far away!).

New staff joining us for 2019 are Sandy Newbery and Gavin Molyneux who are joining our preschool team, and Bethany Lieschke and Melissa Orton who will both be teaching in the junior classes next year. We have selected our new staff very carefully to add to our wonderful team. I know you'll make them feel very welcome.

Class lists for 2019 will be posted on the internal windows near the external courtyards on Wednesday by 3:00pm. You are very welcome to have a look at them, but I'm requesting that you do not take photos of any list; not for yourself, for friends or to post on social media. Lists contain information that belongs to different families and they are not to be shared. Many families availed themselves of the opportunity to see me or Karen about considerations that we should take into account when placing their child, and these have all been considered; in fact they are the first thing that was taken into consideration by teachers. Hours of thought and conversation have taken place to create the 2019 class lists and we have done so in the very best interests of every child. If something seems wrong to you however, please make an appointment to see either myself or Karen. If you are not able to come

Dates to remember

December

- Fri 14** Wear Red for Archie
Reports sent home
- Wed 19** Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Year 6 Graduation dinner/disco
6:00pm – 8:30pm
- Thurs 20** Teachers vs year 6 soccer game –
10:00 – 11:00am
- Fri 21** Last day of 2018

Notes home

2019 Book Pack order forms – due 31 Dec

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to school to look at lists (they will remain on display until Friday lunchtime), please phone the front office (after Wednesday 3:00pm) and someone will be able to tell you the name of your child's teacher for next year.

On Thursday afternoon, students will move to their next year's classroom. They will spend time with the teacher (some of the new teachers may not be able to attend unfortunately) and see who else is in their class. In the week before the students return to school next year they will receive some personal mail (through the post) from their teacher or their team of teachers. We find that both of these practices greatly reduce anxiety in our children.

Thank you to all of you who support and encourage us in our work and to this wonderful staff I'm so privileged to lead. I'd also like to thank our beautiful students for a year full of learning – they live our school values every day and bring such enthusiasm and joy to share. We exist only for them and it's an honour I enjoy every day.

Please have a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and stay safe wherever you travel. If you are staying close to home, please keep an eye out for our school. We'll see you in 2019!

With very warm wishes,
Liz

And finally...Words of the Week

Torrid – ask Tania about that one!

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Merit Awards



Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 5 December 2018.

Eleni S, Jumana S, Charlie S, Ben S, Nathaniel J, Coddie C, Isabella M-K, Jayden S, Byron G, Haris R, Theo C-G, Noor N, Bethany P, Rheed S, Shaun O'D, Rory W, Eeli G, Caleb T, Lexie W, Will H, Bradley K, Summer W, Lily B, Zara C, Mila A, Sammy G, Daisy H, Jennifer T, Milla M, Arley C, Annabell T, Yazmin B, Heidi N, Gabriel W, William F, Ziva B, Benny S, Shaun A and Toby G.

P&C Update

Canteen Information

The Canteen will be **closed** Fri 21 Dec. Leading up to this time there may be reduced availability of some items.

Thank You!

A big thank you goes out to all the families that have helped us out this year, be it painting the asphalt, helping out at a disco or buying hamper tickets – we really appreciate it!!

Next meeting of the P&C will be the AGM on Tuesday 19 February 2019, 7.30pm at the Raiders Club in Kippax – all welcome, please come along!

Merry Christmas from the P&C!

Classes 2019 – Important information

Next Wednesday afternoon the 2019 class list will be up on the windows in the main corridors.

For privacy issues we ask that you do not take photographs of the class lists either for yourself or for other families. No information is to be posted on social media. Thank you for your cooperation on this very important matter.

Students will then have the opportunity on Thursday afternoon to visit their new classrooms.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION



WE WANT YOU FOR THE LATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

If you're keen to contribute to the governance of Latham Primary School, you should nominate for a position on the Latham Primary School Board. No prior experience is necessary.

The following positions are vacant:

- 2 parent and citizen member positions for 2 years

Nominations open at **11am Monday 4 February 2019** and will be closing at **11am, Monday 18 February 2019**.

Nomination forms are available at the school's front office during normal business hours (9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday), or you may request one be emailed to you.

You can submit your nomination by: either hand delivery to the front office or email it to melissa.cruz-willis@ed.act.edu.au

For more information, contact the Assistant Returning Officer, Melissa Cruz-Willis on 614 20077.

LATHAM PRIMARY GIVING TREE 2018

The Latham Primary Giving Tree for 2018 will be supporting the United Church at Kippax 'Let's Give Everyone a Christmas' campaign. Every year the Latham community has always been so generous to this worthwhile cause.

We are asking for donations of unwrapped children's toys for children aged 0 - 12 years. The United Church will then be giving the toys to local families in the Belconnen Community.

The Giving Tree will be located in the front foyer of the school from **Monday 3 December to Friday 21 December.**

Thank you for your support



Climate Ready Quiz

Did you know that taking 20 minutes to chat about your family's bushfire survival plan could save their lives as well as your home? Take the Climate Ready quizzes to see how prepared your family is for bushfires, heatwaves, severe storms and droughts. Get informative tips and advice on how you can take action and get prepared for extreme weather events. Complete all four quizzes for a chance to WIN \$1,000. Terms and Conditions apply. Competition closes 31 January 2019.

Visit <https://www.environment.act.gov.au> and get Climate Ready today.



Melba-Copland Cluster Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

Latham Primary School is working with several other schools in the Melba-Copland area on a shared Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). A RAP is designed to support organisations (such as schools) to support, celebrate and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, culture and issues in order to assist the process of reconciliation in the wider community. In this week's newsletter you will find an overview poster of the action items that have been agreed upon by the cluster schools. Between now and October 2019, we are committed to meeting deliverable outcomes for these actions, both at a school level and within the cluster. In the new school year, further information will be available around the school and in newsletter communication outlining how Latham Primary is working to achieve the RAP goals.

If you would like further information or to find out how you can be involved, please contact Sharee (sharee.harrild@ed.act.edu.au) as a representative of the Latham Primary Cultural Integrity project team.

WEAR RED FOR ARCHIE DAY

WHEN: Friday, 14th of December (Week 9)

WHY: Archie was someone who went to our school. He died in 2015 from mitochondrial disease, which is when the mitochondria in our cells stop working. This makes people get sick or even die.

WHAT TO WEAR: Any type of clothing that is red because red was Archie's favorite color.

WHAT TO BRING: A gold coin donation to raise money for Mitochondrial disease foundation.

