

Collaboration Respect Motivation Resilience Positivity

Term 4 Week 9
Thursday 12 December 2019

Dear parents and carers,

I can't believe we are very nearly at the end of another year of learning! I can remember vividly the anxiety when we were about to move to the new millennium – all the computers were supposed to stop working (can you imagine?) and now it's 20 years later – where did those years go?

We sadly say farewell to some of our wonderful staff next week. Peter, Tania and Sharee are all transferring to other schools and new experiences. They have each made a significant impact on our school culture and growth, and will be greatly missed. We wish them all the very best with their new ventures. Annette is taking long service leave in semester one to see what life might offer without a working hours commitment. I know she has lots of fitness, gardening and general wellbeing in mind!

We will welcome some new staff of course. Louise Poulakis is coming to teach Japanese and Angie Dowell is joining the early childhood team. Emma van Smethills is also returning to Latham next year. Julie Ayre a very experienced learning assistant will be joining the LSUA team. I still have a couple of teacher vacancies and have the Directorate's HR team working with me to fill them. We select our staff very carefully to make the best possible teams so it's important that we are careful with this process. I know you'll make all of our new staff feel very welcome.

Class lists for 2020 will be posted on the internal windows near the external courtyards on Monday 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 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.

Dates to remember

December

Friday 13	Wear Red for Archie Reports emailed home
Monday 16	LSUA EW – HOYTS excursion
Tuesday 17	Year 6 students vs teachers soccer game 'Moving Up' Session at Latham
Wednesday 18	Year 6 Graduation ceremony – 9:30am Year 6 Graduation dinner/disco – 6:00pm
Thursday 19	Capital Football Training – years 3 – 6 Year 1/2 end of year celebrations Last day of school for 2019

Notes Home

2020 Book Packs

2020 Year 5/6 Camp note - due 13 December

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Hours of thought and conversation have taken place to create the 2020 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 to school to look at lists (they will remain on display until Thursday lunchtime), please phone the front office (after Monday 3:00pm) and someone will be able to tell you the name of your child's teacher for next year.

On Tuesday 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 2020!

With very warm wishes,
Liz

And finally...these are the words of the week we've been researching this term

Predictable, symmetry, iota, aviation, quatrain, conundrum, brisk, self-defenestration and takoyaki

Merit Awards



Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday, 4 December 2019.

Jake W, Ziva B, Dexter B, Sophia M, Haris R, Jayden S, Karleah F, Arhaan Q, Cai K, Clinton S, Ibrahim A, Mohammed S, Abdullah B, Ashton S, Harry G, Cayla G, Henry H, Lucas W, Azul G, Toby G, The Curious Chameleons, Abbey B, Nasia S, Emma M, Suyana R-T, James D, Thomas S, Kimmy G, Henry H, Micah T, Mila A, Laylah L, Jayden S, Haris R, Sophia M, Henry H, Lucas W, Leo F, Daxyn K, Violet D and Jett E.

*Wishing everyone a
fantastic holiday
and all the best to our
year 6 students in
their journey to High
School.*



Nana the Therapy Dog

How absolutely adorable is Nana our therapy dog. She is definitely bringing her festive joy here at Latham. What a pleasure it has been having her visit our students this year.

Merry Christmas from Nana



Latham Giving Tree

The Latham Primary Giving Tree for 2019 will be supporting children in the local community. 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 Giving Tree is located in the front foyer of the school from **Monday 2 December to Thursday 19 December.**

Thank you for your support.



Wear Red for Archie

**Friday 13
December**



**Help us honour Archie's
memory by raising
money for the
Australian
Mitochondrial Disease
Foundation. Wear your
favourite red clothes
and bring a gold coin
donation.**





Latham Fete

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2020 3PM-7PM

P&C Update

Thank you!

A big thank you from the Latham Primary P&C to all the wonderful volunteers that have made 2019 possible. From the fete helpers to people donating for our hampers – thank you!!

Would you like to keep up with matters in the school and have your say? Consider joining the P&C committee for next year! Positions on the executive committee and Mother's/Father's Day stall convenor will be available in 2020. Please hop onto our Facebook page or email kristen.sutcliffe@gmail.com with any questions.



Eat a burger **and** raise money for our school? No way!
Pop into Grill'd Belconnen in December, order a burger and be sure to put your token into Latham Primary's jar

Parents' Happy Hour

Thursday 6 Feb 2020, 5-7pm

Latham Primary School

Come along and meet other families at the start of the school year

Supervision and dinner for children provided

Drinks and nibbles for the adults followed by the P&C AGM

RSVP to kelee.hodge@gmail.com with number of children and ages



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

FILL YOUR PANTRY FOR
CHRISTMAS
DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT OUTSIDE THE
FRONT OFFICE

PLEASE SEND IN ANY PANTRY ITEM

PREVIOUS HAMPERS HAVE INCLUDED ITEMS SUCH AS CHOCOLATES, JAM, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, CHUTNEY, LOLLIES, BBQ OR TOMATO SAUCE, TINNED FRUIT, COFFEE, TEA BAGS, BISCUITS, CAKE MIX, FLOUR, SUGAR, COOKING CHOCOLATE, CRACKERS, CHIPS, SUGAR, SELF RAISING FLOUR, PLAIN FLOUR, CONDENSED MILK, COOKING OIL, POP CORN, SPICES, NOODLES, ICE CREAM CONES, ANY PANTRY ITEM IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

THANK YOU

TICKETS ARE 50 CENTS EACH AND WILL BE ON SALE, EVERY MORNING 8.30AM UNTIL 8.55AM AND AFTERNOON 3PM UNTIL 3.30PM, OUTSIDE FRONT OFFICE FROM TUESDAY THE 10 UNTIL TUESDAY MORNING ON THE 17 DECEMBER.

VICKY WILL BE AT THE PRESCHOOL ON FRIDAY 13 AT 2:45PM AND MONDAY 16 AT 2:45 TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS.

DRAWN TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER AT MORNING LINES

