

**Term 2 Week 6**  
**Date – 24 May 2021**



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**MAY/JUNE UP COMING EVENTS**

WEEK 6

**Mon 24**

**Tue 25** Breakfast Club – 8:30am – 8:50am

**Wed 26** Book Fair  
MECCANO – 10.00 am  
Assembly 2.05 pm – Preschool  
NATIONAL SORRY DAY  
Primary Belconnen and Secondary  
North Regions (Cross Country)

**Thurs 27** Book Fair  
Breakfast Club – 8:30am – 8:50am  
ROSTRUM Final  
National Reconciliation Week Begins  
(NRW)

**Fri 28** Book Fair

WEEK 7

**Mon 31** Reconciliation Day – Public Holiday

**Tues 1 June** Breakfast Club – 8:30am – 8:50am  
Hats Off – Sun Smart

**Wed 2** MECCANO – 10.00 am  
Enrichment – 2.05 pm

**Thurs 3** Breakfast Club – 8:30am – 8:50am  
End of NRW WEEK

**Fri 4** 2022 enrolments close

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## From the Principal

National 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. This year the theme is *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.*

Tomorrow, our school staff team will be taking action by Walking on Country with Adam Shipp at Umbagog Park. We want to learn more about our local area and history. The team will be leaving school promptly by 3:15pm tomorrow.

National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime was amazing last week. How amazing that an Astronaut read the book to us from the International Space Station! The whole school listened to a read aloud of the story Give Me Some Space by Philip Bunting. The message to look after our earth could not have been more timely. There is some wonderful vocabulary as well in the book which you may like to explore with your child should they bring the book home. Thank you Mimi for all the organising for the day!

## Excursion Feedback

Last Friday, our Year 3 and 4 children along with the children from the LSUA's went to the National Zoo for their excursion. We got some extremely positive feedback from the bus drivers and from the zookeepers who said that the Latham children were the best children they had seen in a long time! Well done to our children and thank you for demonstrating our school values out in public.

## Communication Protocols

Our communication protocols have been finalised and are provided as part of the newsletter this week. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions. We also have a request to some of our families. Over the course of 2020, some of our teaching team used their home phones to contact families about urgent matters during COVID. We are asking families to not use any personal mobile numbers you may have and to use our official channels to contact staff. This is especially for absences and when requesting information from the front office. WE are working hard to make sure that our team has an appropriate work life balance.



### **Acknowledgement of Country**

**Dhawra nguna, dhawra Ngunawal.**

**Yanggu gulanyin ngalawiri, dhunayi, Ngunawal dhwara.**

**Wanggaralijinyin mariny balan bugarabang**

We at Latham Primary would like to acknowledge and thank the Ngunawal people for letting us play, learn and live on this land. **We respect your connection to this country, ongoing culture and elders. We will help pass on knowledge of the Ngunawal culture, languages and traditions.**

*Ngunawal Language Revival Project Working Group 2018  
Latham Primary School Cultural Integrity Project Team  
and Student Acknowledgement Working Group 2018*



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### **Another Chance op shop**

Another Chance op shop is hosting a Winter sale with 50% off all clothing from Tuesday 1 June – Wednesday 30 June.

Open weekdays 10am – 4:30pm, and Sat 10am-1pm you'll find Another Chance at Scullin shops, Ross Smith Crescent.

The shop is a project of Mosaic Baptist church; "in the community, for the community".

Bronwyn Parsons  
Volunteer Manager  
0403 645 051

A NEW WAY TO THINK MATHEMATICALLY

# FOXTROT THINKING

[WWW.FOXTROT-THINKING.COM](http://WWW.FOXTROT-THINKING.COM)

## ABOUT US

Established in 2020, Foxtrot Thinking has started its unparalleled approach to mathematical tutoring and resources. Our Teacher, Hayley and Mathematician, Sam, believe that it is important for students to work collaboratively, developing a partnership where taking risks, sharing strategies and posing and solving challenging problems is encouraged.

With Hayley, an experienced Teacher, having a deep understanding of the curriculum, along with Sam, an active Mathematician, who is continually up to date with the latest research in mathematics and statistics, all contemporary activities are relevant, flexible, open-ended and hands on. Our activities ensure that students are engaged through investigation and real-world learning.



## TUTORING

We believe in providing the finest possible tutoring service regardless of location. For this reason, we create an interactive virtual environment through the use of video, audio and interactive whiteboards.

We currently offer virtual tutoring sessions for students in grades 7-12.



## RESOURCES

Our resources aim to expose students to mathematics beyond the classroom. Students will be able to apply their knowledge to real world problems, as well as see the further applications within mathematical research.

Our resources are engaging, interactive and linked to the Victorian and Australian curriculum. Students are encouraged to apply their own reasoning skills to reach logical conclusions, highlighting that there is not always one correct way to solve a specific problem.



## Preschool

As Preschool educators and lifelong learners, we continue to educate ourselves around quality early literacy practice.

Something that resonates with us is an article written by a fellow preschool educator, Tom Hobson AKA 'Teacher Tom'.

Below is an extract from his blog:

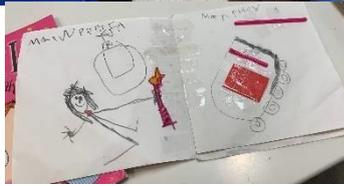
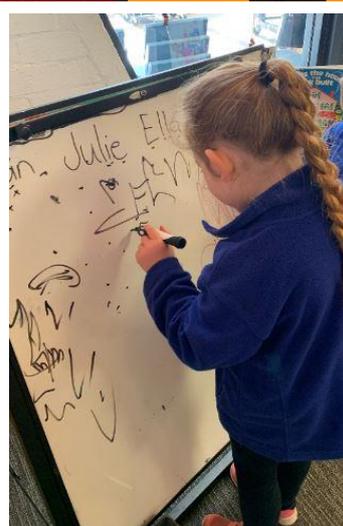
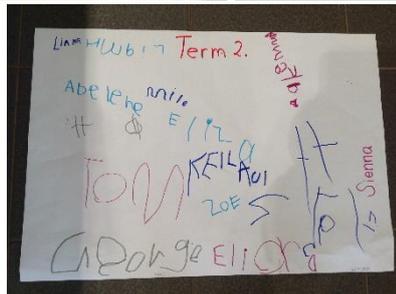
... they will be laying the foundations for literacy through their play, their dramatic play in particular; every time we read to them or tell them stories, or when they tell stories to us; each time they get excited and say, "Hey that's *my* letter!" or "That's your letter!" I won't be teaching them, but they'll be doing exactly what they need to do to read when their brains are ready.

If you would like to read more, here is the link to his blog:

[Teacher Tom \(teachertombsblog.blogspot.com\)](http://teachertombsblog.blogspot.com)

Here are some images demonstrating rich literacy learning through play in our Preschool.

The Preschool Team – Julie, Miho, Maria, Sandy, Gemma and Pushpa



## Literacy and Numeracy Week

### Author Visit

Recently we were visited by local author and Latham parent Jennifer Bardsley. She was generous enough to give her time and read her book, *The Land of Muddy Puddles* with our Preschool, Kindergarten, and Year 1/2 classes. The students were captivated by the story and found connection with the themes of exploration and enjoying the outdoor environment.

Our students write every day and learn about writing processes. This learning prompted a lot of great questions for Jennifer about authors create their books and about the process of publishing and printing. Children wondered how the book is bound, if the illustrations or text were completed first, and how many drafts Jennifer wrote before finally publishing her story.

Jennifer kindly donated several copies of her book to our classrooms and school library. You can learn more about *The Land of Muddy Puddles* here -

<https://www.bardsleybooks.com.au/product/a-land-of-muddy-puddles>



### National Simultaneous Story Time

Last Wednesday Latham Primary School participated in National Simultaneous Story Time. Students all over Australia got a chance to experience this year's book, *Give me some space!* on 19 May. We also created miniature rockets and origami at lunch time in the school library. There was even an opportunity to see the book being read on the International Space Station by NASA astronaut Shannon Walker!



Sam Bird – Executive Teacher



# LATHAM PRIMARY P&C ASSOCIATION

## ACT Inquiry into the management of school Infrastructure

The Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion announced a new inquiry into the management of infrastructure in ACT schools in February 2020.

The Latham P&C submitted a formal submission which can be read, along with 22 other submissions on the [Inquiry website](#). Our submission outlines concerns around our school's grounds, roof, heating and cooling, bathrooms and accessibility for all.

The Standing Committee is due to report to the Assembly in December 2021.

## National parent survey

### How did 2020 affect your family and your kids' learning?

[Australia Acssso](#) would love to know more about how families are finding the return to school and how last year's home learning worked for them. They are looking at family and child wellbeing; access to adequate equipment and appropriate learning formats; and questions of engagement and support for students with additional needs.

Please [take the short survey](#), and pass on to your parent community so they can have their say!

Thank you so much for supporting this – the Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment are looking forward to seeing the results and using them as evidence for future planning.

## Gifted and talented education

ACT Gifted Families Support Group is running an [online information session](#) for parents during Gifted Awareness Week about the ACT Education Directorate's new Gifted and Talented Policy. Directorate staff will outline the new policy and cover everything from Early Entry to Mentorships, identification and more. IT's on Thursday May 27 (week 6) from 7:30 to 8:30pm via zoom. It's a free event, but a ticket is required - [get one, and find out more, here](#).

## National Volunteer Week

Over on the Facebook group we thanked our volunteers during **National Volunteer Week** (Monday 17 May to Sunday 23). The P&C Committee thanks all parents, family and community who give their time to support our school in so many ways. Whether you give your time to the P&C Committee, Canteen, Breakfast Club, events like stalls or discos (plus more), or to support our wonderful teachers, we appreciate the benefits you bring to our school community. We thank you for your time, effort and support.





# LATHAM PRIMARY P&C ASSOCIATION

Supporting our school and community together.



## Breakfast Club News

### We are on the lookout for 'backup' volunteers and contributions

Seeking donations of both honey and margarine please!

We ask that kids arrive at Breakfast Club before 8:50 to allow enough time for our volunteers to feed everyone and pack up on time.

Unable to commit to helping every week, but happy to be a backup?

Please get in touch with Jackie

[breakfast.lathampanc@gmail.com](mailto:breakfast.lathampanc@gmail.com)



## Canteen News

Please see attached our Canteen Autumn Window Menu, but **remember** we highly suggest lunch orders (due 1pm the day before) are placed and this menu is used for snacks only - availability of items and quantities varies daily.

**If you can't get Flexischools working or have a problem** - call Bonnie at the canteen on 61420095 (best time is from 12-1pm).

## Next Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be **Tuesday 1st June at 7.30pm** at Latham primary School. **Everyone welcome!**



## Business Shoutout!

**Own a local business you think families in our school community may like to use?**

**We would love you to share!**

Add your business details in our Facebook group post and keep an eye out later in the year when we hope to collate a school community business directory.



## Want to get in touch?

Chat to a friendly face, message via Facebook or email

[lathamprimarypanc@gmail.com](mailto:lathamprimarypanc@gmail.com)

Search '**Latham Primary School P&C**' on Facebook (don't forget to answer the group questions, so Admin know to add you!).





## Canteen Window Menu Autumn 2021

### MENU

#### LIGHT SNACKS

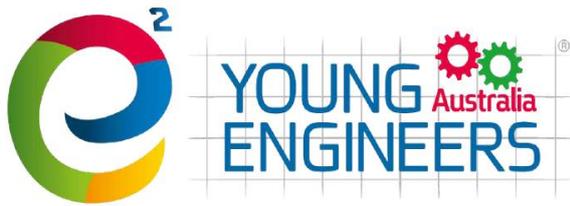
ANZAC BISCUITS	50 ¢
PIKELETS	50 ¢s
VEGGIE STICKS	50 ¢
PIECE OF FRUIT	50 ¢
PRETZELS	50 ¢
POPCORN	50 ¢

#### FROZEN SNACKS

QUELCH ICYPOLE Half / Whole	50¢/\$1
FROZEN WATERMELLON	50 ¢
FROZEN JUICE CUP	\$1.50
FROZEN YOGHURT	\$2.50

#### HOT FOOD

WEDGES	\$2
PARTY PIE/SAUSAGE ROLL/DINO SNACK	\$1
PIZZA BREAD	50 ¢



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# Holiday STEM Incursions

## PROPOSAL



Young Engineers, Canberra

☎ 0490808138

@ canberra@young-engineers.com.au



# Workshop Objectives

Young Engineers provides STEM workshops for children in primary school years with a hands-on approach. Our sessions are designed around a STEM principle with the practical application in mind. It is a fun educational experience for the children with a lot of creative Lego building.



## Bricks Challenge Workshop

Children will make a motorised Lego model based on a STEM principle.

Age Group - Kindergarten to Year 6

Cost - 15/- AUD per child (+GST)



## Coding & Robotics Workshop

Children will make a model based on a STEM principle and learn to code it using LEGO WEDO software.

Age Group - Year 3 to 6

Cost - 17/- AUD per child (+GST)

Duration - 1 hour per workshop  
Maximum no of students - 20 per workshop  
All equipment supplied

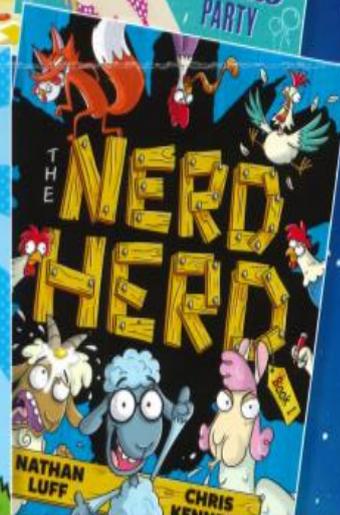
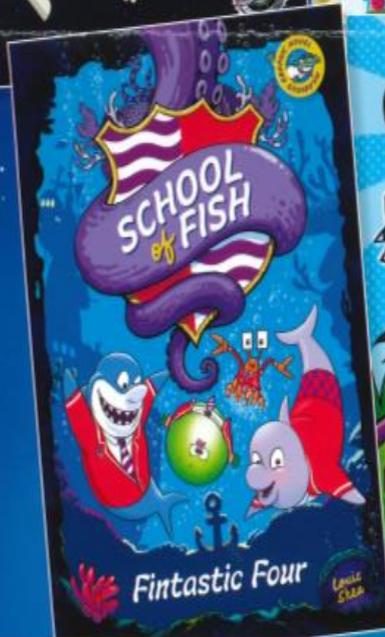
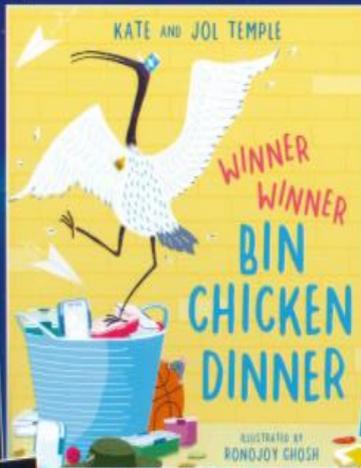
All our staff are from a STEM background, trained as Young Engineers Instructors and holds a WWVP Card.  
We maintain a 10:1 students to instructor ratio.

\*\*We are open for negotiation on the price per student for booking over 60 students or multiple workshops within your organization.



See what's NEW at our  
**BOOK FAIR**  
Read More in May 2021!

This year's National Simultaneous Storytime story will be read by astronauts *from Space!*



FIND THESE BOOKS AND HUNDREDS MORE AT THE FAIR!

Date	_____	Time	_____
Place	_____		

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS **LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES** FOR OUR SCHOOL





## New Library Books!



Hello everyone! We in the library have some new books for you to read!

Continue reading some of our favourite series! Dog Man is out of commission and Grampa has broken out of jail in **Dog Man: Mothering Heights**. Can Weir and his friends win the cook-off and get a ticket to Queen Bubblegum's Lolly Factory in **Weirdo: Tasty Weird?** Both of Archie's brothers have left him to fight in the war in **My Australian Story: Kokoda**. Zombie has one week to turn his new pet pig into an award-winning champion in **Dairy of a Minecraft Zombie: Pet Show Pandemonium**, and the Bad Guys have been transported to a dangerous new universe in **The Bad Guys: Cut to the Chase**.



Learn how to find the best loot in every biome with **Minecraft Maps**! Sink your teeth into some fantastic shark facts in **Australia's Amazing Sharks and FindOut Sharks**. Discover the building blocks of the universe with the **Periodic Table**. Learn all about the creepy-crawlies of the world with **100 Facts – Spiders and FindOut Bugs**, and find out all about our cold-blooded buddies in **100 Facts – Snakes and FindOut Reptiles**! If you love our planet, unearth facts about explorers from every corner of the world, or learn how you can help rescue our small blue dot in **100 facts – Explorers and Saving the Earth**.

Thank you all for a fantastic National Simultaneous Storytime, and grab a copy of **Give Me Space** to read at home! Keep a look out for more great new books, coming soon!

Enjoy, and keep up the good reading!

The Library Team