

Collaboration Respect Motivation Resilience Positivity

Dear parents and carers,

Congratulations!

For the first time ever Latham had a representative team at the ACT Schools Orienteering competition. Becky, Ryan, Ivy, Declan and Henry H competed against many other teams over four before-school events. At the morning assembly yesterday they told us why they enjoyed it, what the challenges were and how they hoped they would improve next semester. The next competition is in October so if your child would like to be part of a team, please direct them to Sally who has offered to assist them.

Fifteen students aged 8 years and above represented Latham at the Belconnen District Swimming trails on Tuesday. Both parents and Sally highlighted what fantastic ambassadors they all were; they tried their hardest, they supported each other and were polite and respectful all day. A special congratulations to Aafreen and Ryan K who have progressed to the ACT Championship.

What wonderful good news stories to start this week's newsletter – I am so proud of our students!

Thank you 😊

I'd like to give a big shout out this week to our P&C. I have had the privilege to work with a wonderful parent group since I started here in 2013 and this year will be no exception. I attended a meeting on Tuesday night with the biggest parent attendance we've seen for a long time. There is a newly formed committee and lots of energy for events and fundraisers to connect us as a community. The P&C is open to you all; so if you would like to be a part of this vibrant group please look out for details of the next meeting. Put a place holder in your diaries for Tuesday 15 May at 7:30pm in the meantime.

You're invited!

After school on Friday 9 April a group of staff members will be taking their utes and trailers out to the Mitchell Green Shed for a fossick and collection of more materials for the Play Shed. The Play Shed was paid for by the P&C as a result of your fundraising dollars and is designed to provide students with equipment to aid imaginative play. If you search 'children playing with junk materials' or 'playpod' on the internet you will find articles and videos that will give you a wealth of ideas. You may even have something you'd like to donate at home – our kids would love it.

Staff collected lots of materials last year but it is nowhere near enough so we're going out for round two. We would love parents to join us, so if you can be free at about 4:00pm next Friday, please meet us out there. Kids are welcome too as long as you supervise them!

Dates to remember

March

Fri 30 Good Friday

April

Mon 2 Easter Monday

Tues 3 School photos

Wed 4 Assembly –
Kindy & LSUA PS

Fri 6 Bungee girls group
School photos
(preschool Thurs/Fri
& catch up)
Kenny Koala visit
Years 3/4

Tues 10 Gary Eck Author visit

Wed 11 Latham Cross Country

Fri 13 ANZAC Day
Assembly – 10:15am
Last day of Term 1

Notes home

School photo order forms

Medical notes

'Wake up Sleepyhead' - Gary Eck
book order form

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The Words of the Week since the last newsletter have been: [jettison and diminish](#). My challenge for the coming week is to the year 1/2 students to put their research skills to work!

A challenge for you...

Can you find the School Strategic Plan 2016-2020 on the school website and locate our two big priorities? I'm planning on randomly testing some parents at assemblies so be ready!

The two priorities inform the work of each year's Annual Action Plan (AAP) and if you would like a copy of this year's AAP please email me at liz.bobos@ed.act.edu.au and I will either email you a copy or print out a hard copy - whichever you'd prefer.

Have a wonderful Easter break and I hope that wherever you might venture, the Easter bunny or bilby finds you.

Warm regards,

Liz

Merit Awards



Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 21 March 2018.

Justin McN, Melinda C, Heidi W, Toby G, Willow L, Elliot T, James D, Eeli G, Klay A, Caitlin B, Mikaylah G, Kabe L, Molly B, Brody B, James S, Miah N, Heather S, Blake R, Lilly McN, and

Henry Honchera.

School Photos

School photos are being held on Tuesday 3 April 2018 and on Friday 6 April (preschool Thurs/Fri group and catch up photos).

Order forms have been sent home and there are spare envelopes available at the front office. If you would like to have

sibling photos please fill out the sibling order form which is also available at the front office.



Author Visit – Gary Eck

We are very lucky to have Gary Eck, author and comedian, visiting Latham Primary School to chat about his fantastic new children's book 'Wake Up Sleepyhead'. All students will have the opportunity to listen to Gary talk about his debut children's book and hear about the creative process involved in writing and publishing a children's picture book.



Gary has rescheduled his visit for Tuesday 10 April 2018. He is offering to sign purchased books on the day. Order forms were emailed to

families a few weeks ago and hard copies are available at the front office. He will also have copies of 'Wake Up Sleepyhead' for sale in the library after the event for those of you who may want to purchase a copy later.

1/2 Superheroes reflect...

"I have been working hard on my reading and have been successful in going up a level. I am trying to improve finger spacing in my writing." (Bob)

"We have been learning about how to be a self-manager. I can be a self-manager by sitting down and not being distracted by other people talking." (Lilly)

"I like writing. I think I did a pretty good retell of the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' because I put the scenes in the correct order." (Sylvie)

"I love using the balance scales during Maths." (Ruby)

"Being a self-manager is about listening and managing yourself." (Stacey)

"One of the learning assets is being a thinker and it's very important because it helps you to solve problems." (James S.)

"I can make connections from different books that I look at and read." (Isabella)

"I like writing and I do it every day." (Benjamin N.)

"I am working on my reading. I look at the pictures to help me read tricky words and I also read on." (Miah)

"I read a lot at school and at home. When I don't know a word I can sound it out and chunk it up." (Kai)

"Cooperation helps people work together. It makes me want to do reading with my friends." (Kayla)

"We can use communication in different ways – on your phone and writing. My writing goal is to try and keep my writing in the lines and put full stops at the end of sentences." (Aiden)

"I like using the reading strategies when reading books. I am working on being a self-manager in class." (Isaac)

"I am trying to get better at writing on the lines. My favourite school value is respect." (Lexie)

"I am good at being a self-manager in class. I finished my story about a princess but needed a little help with the spelling. I am working on sounding words out when reading and writing words." (Caitlin)

"When it's read to partner, I do knee to knee and elbow to elbow. I am also a good writer. When I have a tricky word to spell I sound it out." (Audrey)

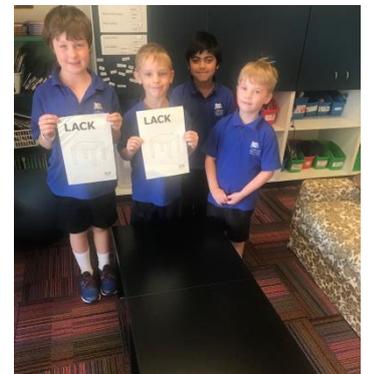
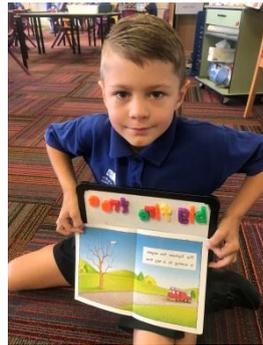
"Word choice is about finding words that are different. I am trying to use interesting words that are tricky." (Harry)

"Good researchers always ask questions and they use more than just the internet." (Zayaan)

You can ask us about learning assets.



1/2 Superheroes in training...





Easter Hat Parade
What a wonderful display of Easter hats this morning at the Easter Hat Parade. Congratulations to the winners Aneleigh M-K, Ashton S, Maddi T, Molly G, Declan T and Callum C. Thank you to the P&C especially Vicky Honchera and Geniene Barbour for organising the event.



P&C News

The Canteen

Yesterday the P&C accepted the resignation from Michele Don. We will be looking to recruit another Canteen Manager asap, during the transition Beth Tait will be still be there.

Would you like to help out and get involved in the canteen? Parents/ carers are always welcome, it makes a big difference - help is required between at 9.00am and about 1.15pm Tuesday - Friday. Get in touch with Katherine Stock 0416248411

P&C Meeting

On Tuesday night we had our P&C meeting; it was great to see so many people turn up and a few new faces as well! A lot was discussed in the meeting and the minutes will be available on the website early next week. We are working on a full calendar of events (for kids and parents) and of course some exciting fundraising opportunities as well. Our next meeting is **Week 3, Tuesday 15 May 7.30pm - 9.30pm** at Raiders Club in Kippax, all are welcome, we'd love to see you there.

SAVE THE DATE!

P&C Working Bee | Kids Movie afternoon

SUNDAY 6 MAY 1.30pm - 3.30pm

We are putting the call out for families to join in for a working bee and at the same time kids can come and enjoy a movie afternoon in the hall. We are still finalising all the details, and will provide all details before the end of term.

Term 1 Calendar – Weeks 9 and 10						
9	2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr	7/8 Apr
	EASTER MONDAY	SCHOOL PHOTOS Breakfast Club	Assembly Kindergarten and LSUA PS		Bungee Girls Group 9:30am – 10:50am SCHOOL PHOTOS	
10	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr	13 Apr	14/15 Apr
		Breakfast Club	Latham Cross Country		ANZAC DAY ASSEMBL	

Term 2 Calendar – Weeks 1 to 3						
1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
	30 April	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May	5/6 May
	2019 Online enrolment form opens					
2	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May	12/13 May
		ICAS – Digital Technologies Mother's Day Stall – Preschool	Assembly – Specialist & LSUA JL		Year 6 transition visit to KSS Mother's Day Stall	
3	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May	19/20 May
		NAPLAN P&C Meeting 7:30pm	NAPLAN School Board Meeting – 5pm	NAPLAN	National Walk Safely to School Day	

Larissa Dann



PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)

Supported by Parentline ACT

Learn respectful communication skills for a peaceful, gentle approach to parenting, without the use of punishment or reward. P.E.T helps children and parents develop resilience, emotional intelligence, confidence and consideration. The course is powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, and enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.

For more information: visit www.parentskills.com.au; read [P.E.T. on a Page](#); and join the [Parent Skills Facebook](#) community

*The 24 hour course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential.
\$390 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).*

Course begins: Tuesday, 8th May 2018 (minimum number of participants required); **Time:** 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; **Place:** Weston, ACT.

Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa Dann, accredited P.E.T. instructor.

Resource blogs: www.parentskills.com.au/blogs/larissa; **Contact:** info@parentskills.com.au

April School Holiday Junior Tennis Camps

- Camp 1: April 16th, 17th & 18th @ Old Parliament House Tennis Club
- Camp 2: April 23rd & 24th (ANZAC week) @ Barton Tennis Club

Sign Up: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program

Junior Tennis Coaching & Competitions - Autumn/Winter Season

- All players receive a Hot Shots Players Shirt & New Players receive a FREE Tennis Racquet

Information & Sign Up: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis

*Book A Trial: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis

*Trial Sessions Available - Week 10 (Term 1), Week 1, 2 & 3 (Term 2)

APRIL HOLIDAY CLINICS



The Brumbies Holiday Clinics are back!

Kids can enjoy a day of Rugby filled fun plus receive their very own Rugby kit. The clinics run from 9:00am to 3:00pm, with morning tea and lunch provided.

HOLIDAY CLINIC INFORMATION

Southern Inland Rugby Union :

16th April – Griffith Holiday Clinic (5-12-year olds)
17th April – Albury Holiday Clinic (5-12-year olds)
18th April – Wagga Holiday Clinic (5-12-year olds)
19th April – Temora Holiday Clinic (5-12-year olds)
20th April – Young Holiday Clinic (5-12-year olds)

South Coast Monaro:

19th April – Goulburn Holiday Clinic (5-11-year olds)
20th April – Broulee Holiday Clinic (5-11-year olds)

Canberra:

26th April – Canberra Holiday Clinic (5-8-year olds)
27th April – Canberra Holiday Clinic (9-11-year olds)

COST: \$66.00 per participant

CLINIC INCLUDES:

- A Rugby ball
- Brumbies poster
- Brumbies trucker cap
- Brumbies draw string bag
- Expert coaching from Brumbies Development Officers.
- Morning tea and Lunch



To register, contact our Development Staff Members on 02 6283 8565 or Email below:

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