Dear parents and carers,

Here we are at the business end of the first semester – how quickly these two terms have flown by. I’m thrilled with the work that’s happened so far this year and the progress we have made towards our year’s goals. Reports will come home to you this Friday and next week there are three way conferences where you will gain further knowledge about how well your child is doing. Three Way Conferences are new to Latham and as the name implies the meetings comprise of you, the teacher and your child - please don’t leave them at home! The students know their strengths, their learning goals and what they need to do to achieve them and this is their opportunity to articulate them. Research has shown that when the learner is involved in the feedback cycle their learning improves and three way conferences form part of the feedback cycle for our students. We are expecting 100% of our students and parents to attend, so if for any reason you cannot commit to one of the times your teacher is offering you next week, please talk with them about when they can schedule a make-up time early next term. This important!

Lost property – How We Manage it
It is so important that you label all of your children’s clothes that are likely to come off at school (jumpers, jackets, hats particularly) with your child’s name. With the holidays coming up it’s the perfect opportunity to get everything washed and labelled ready for Term 3. We used to have a lost property table near the hall but this became a huge mess often with canteen rubbish added into the mix, and so we have dismantled this central spot. Now any lost property can be found in classrooms. Members of the Student Leadership Team go to each lost property pile on a regular basis and ensure any item with a name on it is returned to its rightful owner. They are stockpiling the rest till the end of term when there will be a big ‘come and look’ opportunity for you to rummage through and see if you can find your child’s missing items. Any unclaimed school uniform items will be washed and put with our second hand uniforms for sale and non-uniform items will be donated to charity. If you want to look for an item belonging to your child before that time, you will need to go to the classrooms and ask the teacher to see their lost property collection. You may have to go to several classrooms so please take the time to label your child’s school items with their name.

Preschool Building
You may have noticed that the new preschool building is taking shape and is starting to be recognisable as a classroom. This wet weather has put a halt on brickwork and outside cladding happening – I know the country needs rain but I keep praying for sunshine! The builders, teachers and students have a great relationship and communication between them is strong. The preschoolers are maximising the resources and spaces of the primary building during this process; it’s lovely to see the children here regularly accessing the library, using the iPads and thoroughly familiarising themselves with this part of the school.

Please Say Goodbye To...
After 4 and ½ years at Latham and her adult life in the workforce, our school secretary Narelle Panneman is retiring at the end of this term. She’s so excited about this next stage in life’s adventure and we wish her all the best for a happy and fulfilling retirement. On a personal note I will miss her keen eye and attention to detail – nothing much gets past her – and from my perspective that’s a highly valued skill to have on staff. Staff are farewelling her with a high tea next Thursday afternoon. If you get the opportunity in the next few days to wish her all the best, I’m sure she’d appreciate it.

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people – traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.
Have a wonderful holiday break with your children. Karen and I are off to Darwin for a Literacy conference and I have to admit the warm weather has great appeal right now, but whatever you are doing be happy and stay safe.

Until next term,
Liz

🌟 Merit Awards 🌟

NAIDOC Week – 30 June–5 July
1. Tuesday, 1 July 9:00am–11:30am
   DJ Kids Excursion - Bush Tucker Trail, Botanical Gardens
2. Tuesday, 1 July 3:15pm
   DJ Kids Parents Meet ‘n’ Greet in Latham Library
3. Thursday, 3 July 1:45pm (note change in time)
   Latham Hall, Whole School Performance.
   $2.00 per student

Swimming Program
Latham Primary School has enrolled in a swimming program for Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 4 (3-14 November).

Please note the dates have changed from the original expression of interest. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to participate.

Last Friday, 20 June 2014, permission notes were sent home with students who had returned their expression of interest indicating they wanted to participate in the program. If you wish for your child to participate, and did not receive a note, spares are available from the front office.

Maths at Home
Cuppa and Chat

HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 3.
For parents with children aged 4-8 years.
We know you as parents want to support your child at home with maths, but times have changed!
To assist you, we will be having an informal chat, over a cuppa in our school staffroom, showing you some of the things we do in the classroom to teach maths, as well as give you some fun, practical and easy ideas on how to help your children at home.
We look forward to seeing you there!

SLT News
Thanks to everyone who dressed down and helped to raise money for our partner school in Kenya last Thursday. We managed to raise $331.20! We are now well on our way to reaching our target of $800 for a new classroom. If your family is looking for other ways to help the students at our partner school, you may like to sponsor a child who attends Kerobe Joybright. Please see below for more information about child sponsorship through Global School Partners.

Sponsorship of Kenyan students
Thank you for considering sponsorship of a student at Kerobe Joybright School, we have seen the enormous and amazing difference sponsorship makes to the life of the student and their family.

- Just $350 provides...
  - Education for a year at the Kenyan partner school
  - School uniform including shoes
  - Stationery and exercise books
  - Exam fees so the student can sit exams each year
- Global School Partners ensures that 100% of your donation goes directly to the family or school.
- Global School Partners will send you your student’s profile, school reports, letters and receipts.

Note: GSP is registered with the ATO as a not-for-profit Public Benevolent Institution and is in the process of applying for DGR status.

For more information or to sponsor a student contact
GSP: Simon Carroll
E: simon@globalschoolpartners.org.au M: 0407 104 159
W: www.globalschoolpartners.org.au

Canteen News
The Treat Day has been changed to
Wednesday, 2 July. Jellies, cupcakes & icy poles will be on sale for $1.

Pantry Drive – Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our pantry drive. Items still needed and greatly appreciated, are – resealable snack bags, paper towel, spray ’n wipe, foil, cling wrap, Milo, Nesquik, plastic spoons. Items required for Treat Day are jelly packets and cake mixes. The winner of the DVD player will be drawn on Friday, 1 August.

Reminder – The canteen is open on the last day of Term 2 (Friday, 4 July) and the first day of Term 3 (Monday, 21 July).

Thank you to everyone who has supported the canteen during Term 2. We look forward to your support during Term 3.

Beth and Michelle
Fete News
This year we have a $1000 Fete Raffle plus the chance for a student to win a Golden Ticket!!!! One book of 10 tickets is being sent home per family, they are $2 each. Tickets are due back Week 1 in Term 4 (13 October). There is an extra special reward this year for one student. Every time you return a sold raffle tickets, the students name will be placed into the draw for a Golden Ticket. This ticket entitles them to a free day at the fete!!!

Library News
Hi everyone!

Book Fair: We sold over $2000 at our Book Fair this year and received $500 Scholastic rewards which will go towards purchasing books for our Library. Well done!

Overdue books: Please take a look around the house and return any books that are overdue. Thank you.

UPCOMING: Book Week, 18-22 August

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“You’re the same today as you’ll be in five years except for the people you meet and the books you read.”

- Charlie "Tremendous" Jones

As this is our last newsletter for the term, have a safe and happy holiday.
Heather Govender

P & C News

Save the date!
Latham Primary School, Preschool to Year 6, Australian themed Trivia Night.
When: Friday, 19 September 2014, 7:00pm start – will finish between 9:00 & 9:30pm
Where: Belconnen Raiders Club, Kippax

A Flyer will be circulated in Term 3 with the details. All welcome!
Justin Kerslake, organiser

Slice Drive Fundraiser – last chance to order!
Order forms are available from the front office if you are interested in placing an order. Orders must be returned to the front office by next Thursday, 3 July.
Orders will be placed during the holidays for delivery early in Term 3.
Thank you for your support,
Janine Lancaster, fundraising.lathampandc@gmail.com

Community News

Macquarie Childcare Centre currently has places available on Monday and Friday in our Preschool rooms. Macquarie offers an EYLF-based curriculum, regular incursions, a French language program in the Preschool rooms, the PALS social skills program, and a beautiful, modern building for our children to learn and grow.
Our qualified early childhood educators take pride in their work, and are committed to our children.
Enquire today about preschool places!

Emma Humphries
Director, Macquarie Child Care Centre
11 Birch Pl Macquarie Ph: 6251 4144
Fax: 6251 0461

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Action Tae Kwon-Do has children only classes so that your children are taught relevant skills in a safe environment. These children’s classes are for children aged 5–12 years of age. After progressing through our children's program the child will have the required skills to join our teenager program.

The Master Instructor of Action Tae Kwon-Do has an unshakeable belief in the incredible potential that lies within each of us, and the capability of this leading martial arts school to unleash this potential. If you choose to let your children train with Canberra’s leading martial arts school, some of the many benefits your child will receive include:

- The ability to concentrate longer
- Discipline
- Improved listening skills
- Better coordination
- Increased strength
- Greater stamina
- Shaped physique
- Positive outlook on life

The Instructors and I are looking forward to seeing your child.
Mr Paul Welch
Master Instructor of Action Tae Kwon-Do
0414 89 88 88

2014 Junior Holiday Clinic
- Raiders/NRL

Where: Raiders HQ, ActewAGL Park, 2 Eade Street, Bruce, ACT
When: Thursday 10, July 2014
Session 1: 9:00am – 12:00pm (Registrations from 8:30am)
Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00pm (All participants)
Session 2: 1:00pm – 4:00pm (Registrations from midday)
Cost: Varied - Check web site for options
Register here:
The Winter School Holiday Program will keep young artists fascinated, focussed and challenged with a great variety of cool, quality artistic activities. There are lots of options over the week including drawing, printing, dot painting, cartooning, sculpture, kite making and flying. Presented by local artists, this popular and affordable program will have a special focus on NAIDOC week. Teen’s classes will run for the first time including stencilling and kite making, sculpture and cartooning. It’s going to be awesome fun!

**Ages:** 5 years–Teens  
(plus accompanying adult for under 7’s)  
**Cost:** $15-$25 per workshop plus booking fee, accompanying adults free!  
(For Kite Workshops add in kite kit fee)  
Please wear old clothes in preparation for some serious splattering!  
**Early booking highly recommended**  
**Enrolments**  
Bring cultural exchange into your home!

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family from July 2014.

Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

Contact us today to start your adventure in student exchange!
Contact Emily on 0478 837 814 email: e.gall@hotmail.com
STS Student Exchange, PO Box 666, Hornsby NSW 1630 ABN 35 095790177
STS is registered with the Department of Education of ACT.

Did you know that 1 in 4 children have an undetected eye problem?

Symptoms to watch out for –
- Complaints of blurred vision, headaches, or sore eyes
- Delayed progress in reading ability
- A turned eye, red or watery eyes, and frequent blinking
- Poor hand-eye co-ordination
- Losing their place or omitting words and skipping lines when reading.

Once recognised, these problems are usually easy to correct, which is why early detection and treatment of eye and vision problems are important.

We have a behavioural optometrist, Dr Craig Butler, working with our team who specialises in children under the age of 18 years.

Our offer to you –
- Medicare Bulk billed eye examination
- $100 off frames when purchasing frames and lenses
- 2 convenient locations – Canberra City, 6248 9100 & Westfield Belconnen 6251 3399.

Korina Choundary, Mackinley Optical

PH 6248 9100 25 Petrie Plaza, Canberra City
PH 6251 3399 Shop 60, Westfield Belconnen
www.thecanberraoptometrist.com.au

U Can Sing
The University of Canberra's very own children’s choir is welcoming new students.

For those who love to sing, and want to learn vocal techniques, musicianship, performance skills, and make new friends. More info at http://www.canberra.edu.au/music/choirs/u-can-sing

JULY SKILLZ DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

DATE: Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July
TIMES: 9am – 1pm both days
AGES: 7-16 years old
COSTS: $130 for 2 days
LOCATION: National Hockey Centre, Lyneham ACT
FOCUS: Participants will experience both outdoor and indoor skill development with goal keepers plus specific coaching. A guest speaker will also be involved to give insight on healthy living and what it takes to become a successful hockey player.
*Snacks tea will be supplied
**Participants will be split into groups to provide relevant coaching based on age and ability.

Coached by current Australian Indoor players, former Hockeyroo and Olympian and ACT representative players

To register please go to the Hockey ACT website and complete the online nomination. If you have any questions or require further information please contact Hockey ACT on 625 323 74.