Dear parents and carers,

Term 4 has come around really quickly and I can’t believe that I have nearly been here for a full school year. The recent fete highlights exactly why I was so keen to come to Latham. The support and involvement from the parent community is outstanding.

Our Student Leadership Team (SLT) has been building their leadership skills throughout the year and have coordinated a number of fundraising events for our Global School Partner, Kerobe Joybright. Congratulations to Jordan, the members of the SLT, 5/6 students and teachers, and Jill. Their combined efforts and the support of the entire Latham community has resulted in the raising of over $1700 that has been used to build new classrooms.

The Maths ‘Cuppa and Chat’ facilitated by Lyndal was a great success and built on our school priority of continuing to work with parents. This was a great session that gave parents a clearer understanding of the curriculum and strategies used in class to support learning. These strategies could also be used at home for practice. If you were unable to attend this session, feel free to speak to Lyndal and get some of the handouts specially designed for parents.

Term 4 is notoriously busy.

Regards,
Karen
**Merit Awards**


**LIBRARY NEWS**

Hi everyone!

Scholastic Book Club: The books have been ordered so delivery will be by Friday next week.

Please keep returning overdue books. Thank you.

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

"Books make great gifts because they have whole worlds inside of them." — Neil Gaiman

Heather Govender

**Information Session for Library e-Resources**

The ACT Government has recently purchased eBooks and Audiobooks to be used in conjunction with our current library school system.

The purpose is to enable students to access e-resources at school via iPads or at home on their personal device through the digital backpack.

Dependent on numbers attending, a 30 minute information session will be held on Thursday 20 November between 5:30-6:00pm in the Latham Primary School library. The meeting will consist of a quick overview of how to access the eBooks and audiobooks, a demonstration and a practice/Q&A session.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to the front office, by Friday, 14 November.

**SLT NEWS**

**Kerobe Joybright Update**

This year the SLT, students and staff at Latham Primary have been working hard to raise money for our partner school in Kenya. We raised over $300 with our mufti day in Term 2, $500 from Market Day last term and $915 from staff donations. This means that the Global School Partners volunteers have been able to begin building some new classrooms for our friends at Kerobe Joybright Academy. A big thank you goes out to the 5/6 students and their teachers for the Market Day donation. We would also like to thank Jill Huber for her amazing fundraising efforts and all the staff for their generous donations. It is so wonderful to see everyone at Latham Primary working together to make a difference for those less fortunate.

**SLT 2015**

The application process for the 2015 Student Leadership Team has begun. The Student Leadership Team at Latham Primary School is made up of students who make a positive contribution to the life of the students, parents and staff and the wider community. They represent the school with pride and honour and are role models for the younger students. All students in years 4 and 5 this year are invited to apply for this exciting leadership opportunity. Applications close Friday, 31 October.

**Book Swap**

The SLT are holding the annual Latham Book Swap on Friday, 21 November. The purpose of the book swap is to promote reading and support the Lifeline Bookfair. Each child is asked to bring in two or more books before this day to give to the school book bank. On swap day all children in the school will be able to take home one new book to keep.

**Awards**

Congratulations to the SLT who received the Fred Hollows Schools Award in recognition of their fundraising efforts for our partner school in Kenya, Kerobe Joybright Academy. Well done to Mackenzie Brown who also received the Children’s Week Endeavour Award and the Children’s Commissioner Award for her voluntary work at Latham and in the wider community.

**RIDE SAFE TO SCHOOL WEEK**

Ride Safe to School Week will be held from 3-7 November (Week 4). To celebrate this week and the start of the warm weather we are encouraging all students to try to walk, ride their bike, scooter or skateboard to school during the week.
On Friday there will be an obstacle course on the basketball court and we encourage all students to bring their bikes or scooters (and helmets) to take part.

There will be free fruit handed out

Bike Club will be on for the 5/6 students every day this week

Backbone BMX will be coming in on Friday to do a demonstration between 1 – 1:30pm

ALSO, there are two competitions under way:

- **Draw a Logo!** Junior students (P-2) can draw a logo that we could use for the Latham Primary Ride and Walk to School Program.
- **Convince Us!** Senior students (3-6) can write a persuasive text about why we should ride or walk to school; what are the benefits of riding or walking to school.

There are heaps of prizes up for grabs including helmets, water bottles, bike lights, bike locks and more! All entries should be handed to the front office by Thursday Week 5 (November 13). Winners will be announced at the Week 6 assembly.

**FUNDRASING NEWS**

**CRAZY CAMEL FUNDRAISING**

We are now taking orders for Crazy Camel Fundraising. You should have received an order form and earlier this week your child should have come home with special artwork paper for their creation.

Please have all artwork, order forms and payment returned to the Front Office by Wednesday 5 November.

Thank you

**FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER**

*Saturday November 1, 2014*

Latham Preschool invites you to participate in our Family Portrait Fundraiser. advancedlife Professional Photographers will provide you with a **Family Portrait for only $20** (valued at $130). For your $20, you receive your choice of a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour) OR a Pencil Sketch with a bonus keyring with a family portrait photo to fit. 100% of this money is retained by Latham Preschool.

Please contact Emily Kerslake (Lucy’s mum) on 0402 484 111, or kerslakefamily@grapevine.com.au to reserve your photography session before they’re all gone! Our fundraiser will be held on Saturday November 1, 2014 from 9:00am on-site at Latham Preschool.

Additional photos will be available for purchase at no obligation. These additional photos include: Portraits & Greeting Cards – featuring your Family Portrait & other photos taken on the day, with a Complete Package for only $199.00! Please visit our facebook page on [www.facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising](http://www.facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising) for more information about the images on offer, what to wear or other general queries.

**There are four rules for participation in this fundraiser:**

- **Rule 1** Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait
- **Rule 2** No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)
- **Rule 3** An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)
- **Rule 4** Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day

Please help Latham raise valuable funds by participating in our upcoming advancedlife Family Portrait Fundraiser. Invite your neighbours and friends - Family Portraits provide memories to be kept & cherished by the entire family for years & generations to come.

Thank you

Emily Kerslake

**LATHAM LUNCHBOX NEWS**

**New canteen menu**

The Latham Lunchbox is now using a new canteen menu and meal deals. The menu is being sent out today with the newsletter and it is available from the schools website [www.lathamps.act.edu.au](http://www.lathamps.act.edu.au).

**Special lunch day**

The Latham Lunchbox will be have a special lunch on Wednesday 19 November. Students will be able to purchase a hot dog for $3.00 and a drink for a bit extra. Order forms are due into the canteen by Monday 17 November.

**HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY**

*Friday 31 October*

Students are able to dress up in a Halloween costume for the day for a gold coin donation. All donations will go to our Global School Partnership.

Thank you for your support.
Community News

Ben Donohoe
Run & walk
FOR FUN!
Sunday 2 November 2014

Tell us your ideas for better services in West Belconnen

What's happening? Community and government services are working together to build a better way for Canberrans to get the support they need.

Why? Our plan—the Human Services Blueprint—will make getting help easier. Whether someone needs help to access public housing or health services, learn new skills to be a parent or to return to work—we think by working together we can do better.

What's in it for you? We know that West Belconnen is a strong and diverse community and there are some great services working here. That's why it's an ideal place to start a Local Service Network. This is a new way of services working together so it's easier for you to get the right kind of support, when you need it. We would like to hear from you about what we can do to make this happen in West Belconnen.

How? Come along to one of the neighbourhood forums. Register at: betterservices@act.gov.au or call 6205 5174.
- Flynn Community Hub
  2pm–4pm Saturday 25 October
- Holt Community Hall
  10am–12noon Monday 27 October
- Charnwood Life UC Centre
  7pm–9pm Thursday 30 October

Or do our survey at:
www.timetotalk.act.gov.au

If you want to know more, visit www.communityservices.act.gov.au