

Term 1 Week 10
Thursday 11 April 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Feedback from children, parents and teachers about the recent student led conferences has been incredibly positive. We have been tracking the number of families who have attended conferences, and so far we have 76.6% accounted for. I know that some parents are making arrangements for conferences early in term 2 which is great, and this will improve our statistics even further. This is by far the best response we have had for many years, and we are very interested in knowing what's made the positive difference, so that we can keep doing it! To be honest, I'd like 100% of our students being able to share their learning with their parents – they have worked hard this term and have practised with teachers and peers to ensure they are ready for their conference. If you haven't yet made a booking, please make contact with the relevant teacher; your child deserves this!

Your children may have mentioned that our PE teacher Sally has not been at school for the last two weeks; she has moved to Scotland with her family where her partner has accepted a Defence posting. She will be there for at least 12 months, and if things are going well for her, she may stay for another year. We have employed Syed Ahmad to replace Sally; he and his family moved to Canberra from Melbourne last year (and the fact that he is a Collingwood supporter pleases Manuel a great deal; me not so much!).

Today we have enjoyed a wonderful Cross Country. In Sally's absence Mel M organised the staff to work together to put all the pieces in place and the result was a fabulous day enjoyed by all! Thank you to those of you who found time to come and cheer the children or help us out and thank you to the amazing house captains who worked tirelessly to not only run themselves, but to help set up and pack up. Thank you also to the staff who work so beautifully together, and thank you to the students who ran like champions! I was so proud of our students who demonstrated the school values – I gave out several Shout Outs, mostly for positivity, motivation and resilience.

This week's Word of the Week to finish off the term is 'adjourn'. The terms words have been: inaugurate, personification, rambunctious, campanologist, pizzazz, and aforementioned. The parents who attended the week 9 assembly run by the Kindergarten children were put to the test to see if they knew the meaning of these words – they did pretty well, but to be honest the children are better! The kids loved seeing their parents squirm as I walked through the audience; thank you to those of you who I targeted!

Dates to remember

April

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| Thurs 11 | School Disco
Junior 5:15pm – 6:45pm
Senior 7:00pm – 8:30pm |
| Fri 12 | MCSS Cluster ANZAC Day
Commemoration Service –
Student Leadership Team |
| Mon 29 | First Day of Term 2
2020 round one online
enrolments open |

May

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| Thurs 2 | ANZAC Assembly |
| Mon 6 | Year 2 Dental Program |
| Tue 7 | Mother's Day Stall (Preschool
Mon/Tues group) |
| Wed 8 | Assembly hosted by the
specialist team – 1:45pm |
| Fri 10 | Mother's Day Stall |

*Breakfast club is on every Tuesday and
Thursday morning 8:30am – 8:50am*

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At the end of this week we will be enjoying a couple of weeks of later wake ups, lunches out, extra time with family and friends, and shoe shopping (that could be just me – I'm off to Melbourne for a week). Manuel will be here all next week overseeing many tradespeople (plumbers, electricians, builders and contractors), and there will be teachers in and out in both weeks, but as you go past the school, please keep an eye out for us, and if you see anything that concerns you, either make contact with the P&C through their Facebook page (and they'll make contact with me) or call the police. Enjoy your children 😊

Warm regards,
Liz

Merit Awards



Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 3 April 2019.

Gabrielle T, Benjamin N, Daliah L, Eadie W, Madi T, Cameron T, Jaxon B, Caleb T, Ilaria N, Katie A, Jack D, Ivy T, Zach Z, Cooper W, James D, Hazel C, Harry P, Violet D, Noah D, Dylan C, Imogen B, Phoebe J, Rylan R, Dexter B, Haris R, Campbell P, Laylah L, Xanthe D, Nulyn F, Cooper W, Micha T, Summer A, Eve K, Harry G, Shaun A & Emily J.

P&C Update

Disco – Tonight!

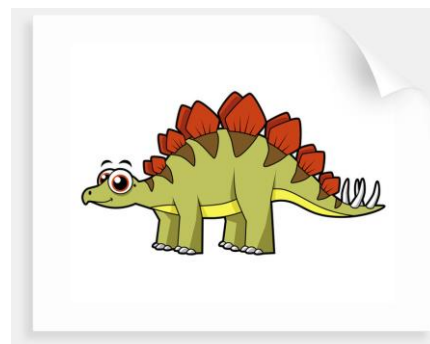
Theme: ***Jurassic***

5.15pm - 6.45pm for juniors (preschool – Y2)

7:00pm -8.30pm for seniors (Y3-6)

\$5 entry (correct change appreciated)

The canteen will be open for this event.



School Community Garden Project

We are looking to form a sub-committee to get our community garden started. Interested? Please PM Emily through the P&C Facebook page or email Emily.kerslake@gmail.com (with school gardening sub-committee in the subject line).

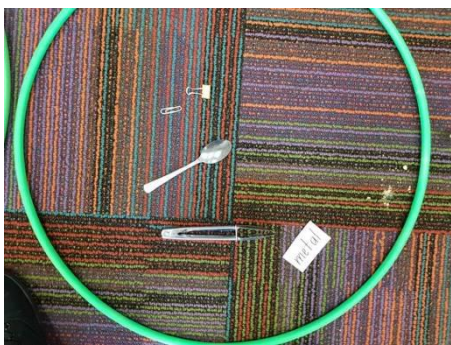
Are you interested in our community garden? Would you like a say as to how the fete profits are spent?

Come along to our next P&C meeting Tues 14 May, 7.30pm

Latham Primary School – all welcome.



Kindergarten Scientists at Work!



In science this term the Curious Chameleons, Compassionate Crocodiles and Persistent Penguins have been investigating the topic of materials! Throughout our unit, we have learnt to identify different sorts of materials and their properties, for example: wood can be smooth, shredded paper is soft.

We have also used our knowledge to conduct some exciting experiments.

Here we discovered a crime scene – poor humpty fell off his wall?! We used hard boiled eggs and a variety of materials to test out a solution for a soft landing just in case he fell off again. None of our tests worked – but oh well, that’s what being a researcher is all about!



Here we conducted some tests of materials to see if they were waterproof. We described the items before and after we put them in the water and recorded our results in a table using words, pictures and symbols – that’s how scientists keep track of what they find out! We then discussed what we found out to see if our results were the same or different.



We are finishing our materials learning by taking a trip to the Canberra Glassworks this week. We wonder what we will find out there...



Becky and the Curious Chameleons, Bethany and the Compassionate Crocodiles and Trudy and the Persistent Penguins ☺

ACT Parents and Citizens and the Education Directorate working together for safer schools.

Building Strong and Safe Communities for Learning is a partnership project between the ACT Education Directorate and the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (P&C). It focuses on all of us - parents, students, principals and teachers- working together to reduce violence and bullying in schools. An initial workshop discussed the key issues, what is working well or not working well, and who contributes to these. A second workshop with representatives of the P&C Council and the Education Directorate considered the outcomes of the first workshop to help prepare for further conversations with our school community.

We want to make it easy for anyone who wants to have a say to be given the opportunity to be involved. There are two remaining workshops you may wish to attend:

- On 9 May 2019, 8:30am – 4:30pm the workshop will explore the key question “*How might we reduce and respond to violence in schools and co-create strong and safe communities for learning?*”.
- In June 2019 a 2 – 3 hour showcase will highlight what we have learned. It will enable participants to attend at different times during the day.

If you require any further information, or if you wish to attend the 9 May or June workshops, please contact Ms Leanne Ballard on Leanne.ballard@act.gov.au or 6205 2912 by 12 April, last day of Term 1.

Systemic Innovations are a provider of LEGO® Education Programs in the ACT and Southern NSW.

We are running the following workshops in the upcoming school holidays.

Program	Age	Date	Time	Location
Cool Control - \$45 In this program, students will construct computer programs to control LEGO® models with motors and sensors. The program will allow the children the opportunity to create systems that can control the behavior of the robots.	7-11 years (please no younger children)	Friday 26 th April	12 noon – 3pm	Gungahlin College Gozzard St, Gungahlin

To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBWUR>



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