Dear parents and carers,

Wow hasn’t time flown by! Can you believe it is Wednesday of Week 6 and there are less than 4 months until Christmas? But we really shouldn’t be thinking that far ahead when we have so much to do in the meantime.

Book Week
A huge thank you goes to Heather for organising the Book Week festivities last week. It was fantastic to see the costumes being paraded around on Thursday. The time and effort is much appreciated.

Leonie Pye
Last Week we also welcomed author Leonie Pye and her guide dog, Franklin to speak to the students about her book ‘The Little Shell’. An article appears on page 10 of this week’s edition of the Chronicle. We were also lucky enough to have WIN News visit and record the event for us. I hope you saw it last Tuesday evening.

Hats
As the weather warms we have returned to ‘no hat no play’ on our playground. It is extremely important to ensure your child comes to school with the appropriate sun smart hat so they can enjoy the benefits of playing on our playground equipment, digging in the sand or running on the grass area. If your child does not have a hat they will be asked to sit on a silver seat. Please also ensure the hat is clearly labelled with the child’s name and class.

Swimming – Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive
The deadline for swimming payments passed last Friday however we still have several places left so I have extended it to Monday 1 September. If you have already signed up for the opportunity you will receive a pink coloured enrolment form today that needs to be completed and returned so that students can be allocated to an appropriately levelled group for their swimming ability. The original intention was this would be completed online however the facility is not ready yet. The pink notes are due back no later than Wednesday 24 September.

School Satisfaction Surveys
On Monday 11 August you should have received a note for each child at the school containing the URL and unique access code to complete the Parent Satisfaction Survey. Surveys close on Friday 29 August. The information you provide assists the school to develop plans for improvement and we value all opinions. If you did not receive a note then a spare can be collected from the front office. Please do not use names so we can maintain confidentiality.

Literacy and Numeracy Day and Art Show
Tomorrow we are celebrating all things Literacy and Numeracy by doing activities with a buddy class. Then at 3:30pm we are opening the classrooms and the hall for parents to visit, have a look around, talk to the teachers and then view the fantastic art work on display. Entry to the Art Show is $2. We look forward to seeing you all there.
Congratulations and Good Luck!
Michael Chapman has been selected to represent Australia at the 30th World Mountain Championships in Italy. He will be gone from the 8 September to 19 September and we wish him the best of luck for his race. During this time Helen and Chrissie have agreed to share the responsibility for teaching the class.

Trivia Night
Friday 19 September is the annual P&C organised trivia night. I attended last year’s event as part of a team from Harrison School and I was very impressed at the turn out. This year I am looking forward to being part of a Latham Primary School Staff table and I hope to see lots of parents / friends come along and support this excellent event. So to get started I have included a random trivia question; Who was the first Australian-born governor-general? Answer in next week’s newsletter.

Cheers
Daniel

Merit Awards

SLT News
FRIDAY 5 SEPT
This year the SLT are running the Footy Colours Day to support children and teens fighting cancer. On Friday 5 September, dress up in your favourite team’s colours and bring a gold coin donation.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

LIBRARY NEWS
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Latham Lapathon
Sept 12 (Week 8)
To coincide with Health and P.E. Week, Latham School students will be participating in a Walkathon. This aims to promote physical activity while raising funds for our school. The canteen will be holding a special lunch day and the P and C will provide some freshly cut up fruit for recess. Donations can be per lap or a single amount for your child's participation in the walkathon. If each child raised $10 that would equate to more than $2500 to benefit all students at Latham School.

You are most welcome to join in with your child and enjoy the sausage sizzle afterwards. We would love the children to get into the spirit of the day by dressing up. They might want to be a tennis player, footballer, cyclist, ballerina, gymnast, princess, fairy - whatever they feel like on the day!

Please note that all sponsorship cards need to be returned, regardless of amount collected.

More information will come home in the coming weeks in the lead up to the walkathon.

Thanks for your continued support,

Di Sullivan

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Community News

WITH SHIRLEY

9.00AM – 10.00AM @ LATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Zumba is not your average fitness class, it is exercise in disguise!

You don’t need to know how to dance to enjoy the benefits from this class. The music and easy to follow steps will get you moving, having a blast and burning calories in not time.

So ditch the workout and join the party with Shirley, your friendly local Zumba instructor. If you’re planning on getting fit, like meeting new people or just like getting out and having some fun, this class is perfect for you!!

Please contact Shirley on 0417282173 or email funkshirlnal@gmail.com for further information

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Belconnen Little Athletics

Does your child like to run, jump and throw? If so, then little athletics could be the summer sport for you.

The philosophy of little athletics is self-improvement in an environment promoting fun, family and fitness. The development of skills and fitness is encouraged in children of all abilities aged 5-17.

Your local club is Belconnen Little Athletics, with meets held on Saturday mornings (and some Thursday evenings) at Cook oval. The 2014/15 season starts on 18 October and online registrations commence 1 September.

For more information:
- Visit our website www.bwlac.org.au
- Attend our registration days on Sunday 7 September or Sunday 14 September 4:00-7:00pm at the Canberra Southern Cross Club Jamison (Catchpoles Room)
- Contact our Registrar – Paula McMahon at blacregistrar@gmail.com or 0407 017 463 (after hours)
It has been an extremely busy couple of weeks here in the 3/4 Pocket Rockets. Air powered cars, balloon rockets, erupting volcanoes, vegie pikelets, melting ice, corn flowered based bouncy balls and mouldy sandwiches to name a few.

Check out some highlights of the past few weeks!