

**Term 3 Week 6**  
**Thursday 30 August 2018**

Dear parents and carers,

A couple of weeks ago, Evan sent the staff a Radio National interview with a clinical psychologist and a personal trainer about what motivates us – is it the carrot? The stick? Or something else entirely? The interview raised some really interesting points and it made me think about the way adults set out to ‘motivate’ children, often to do things that the child doesn’t want to do.

When I was a student at school, motivation was all driven by reward and punishment. To be fair, I don’t remember too many rewards but the punishments were handed out regularly, and it was often physical. I guess the reward for doing the right thing was not being embarrassed in front of your peers or being hit.

Once the use of corporal punishment was frowned upon in society (and banned in schools) adults had to look for other ways to motivate children. I know from my own experience as a parent that rewards are an easy solution but according to this interview external reinforcement and rewards do motivate behaviour, but they typically motivate in a way that brings about the lowest quality behaviour and no persistence with that behaviour unless you continue with the rewards. So where should we be focussing?

Introducing the Self Determined Theory of Motivation (SDT): how you can help people internalise the desire to keep acting, even when there is no reward immediately in the environment. If we are thinking about children at school we want them to be engaged in their studies not because we are forcing them, but because they see the value of their learning and are interested in what they’re learning. This is one of the primary reasons we are focussing on inquiry learning (or investigations as they are called at preschool), and the learning assets (research, think, collaborate, communicate, self-manage). We want our students to know that learning is something they’re actively engaged in; they’re not being ‘forced to do it, they are doing it themselves for themselves. But importantly for children (indeed any of us) to remain motivated they need not only autonomy but also a sense of competence, and also a feeling of connectedness with the people around us. After all none of us stick in isolation with something for very long if we see not even the smallest hint of improvement.

Of course in our classrooms (as I’m sure it is the same for you at home) not all of our children are always motivated to engage with their learning (or get on well with others, or take on civic responsibilities). Our job

#### **Dates to remember**

#### **AUGUST**

#### **BOOK WEEK – 20 – 24 August**

Thurs 30	Limelight rehearsal all day and evening performance
Fri 31	Crazy Hair Day P&C Father’s Day Stall

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Week 7	Literacy and Numeracy Week
Tues 4	Canberra Stories Excursion Preschool
Wed 5	School Concert @ KSS
Thurs 6	Canberra Stories Excursion Preschool

#### **Notes home**

Canberra Theatre Excursion  
Concert Costume Note  
Uniform Policy Draft  
Camp 2019 Note  
Canberra Stories Note

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as adults then becomes finding out what the obstacles are and helping them to tackle those obstacles. For you as parents, if you find your child is unmotivated with school work, listen to their concerns be empathetic and help create an environment that allows them to get their work done. The change at this point is not to dangle a carrot (reward) in front of them because not only will you have to find another reward the next time they are challenged with motivation, you're also reinforcing to them that the work isn't worth doing in itself; that it needs external reinforcement to be completed.

The interview goes a lot further into SDT and what helps to motivate us; if you would like to watch the interview or read the transcript you can do so here.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/allinthemind/carrots,-sticks-...-and-other-ways-to-motivate/10078514>

### **New Latham Babies**

Don't forget that we are collecting information about your own babies born this year, so if you have had a new addition to your family, please email our Learning Assistant teacher Robyn and let her know when the baby was born and what his or her name is. Email Robyn at [robyn.frencham@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:robyn.frencham@ed.act.edu.au)

The Word of the Week for the last two weeks has been 'entice' and 'endanger'. We're following a bit of a theme with words that start with 'e' at the moment.

Warm regards,  
Liz

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### **Merit Awards**



Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 22 August 2018.

*Max H, Isabelle D, Brooklyn C, Jaxon B, Elena R, Kai B, Cayla G, Logan W, Emily W, Jonah T, Lachlan J, Skye B, Brodie R, Gabby T, James S, Miia K-L, Sasha D R, Ryan K, Malachi P, Lily C, Jhett O, Elspeth T, Lucas S-M, Caelan O'C, Mateo F, David G,*

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### **School Satisfaction Survey**

*The 2018 School Satisfaction Survey for Parents and Carers is now open. So far we have received 144 from parents and carers. We would like hear from everyone so we can get a complete picture of the level of satisfaction of our parents and carers. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey by **Monday 3 September 2018**. A letter about the parent and carer survey was emailed to parents and carers and sent home with students. If you do not have a letter for each child in your family, please contact the school office. The letter contains all the information you will need to access the survey. The key ACT results from the 2017 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published on the Education Directorate website ([www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)) and a summary of our school results is provided in our 2017 School Board Report. Thank you in anticipation of your participation in this important school survey.*

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### **CRAZY HAIR DAY**

Tomorrow, Friday 31 August is Crazy Hair Day. The Student Leadership Team have organised this fundraiser with all proceeds to go to our partner school in Kenya, Kerobe Joy Bright. Please bring in a gold coin donation.



# Latham Primary School Acknowledgement of Country

Earlier this year, Latham Primary was successful in gaining a grant amount to recognise Reconciliation Day in the A.C.T. The Cultural Integrity Project Team proposed developing an Acknowledgement of Country for the school (students, staff and parents) to use at a variety of occasions and to be displayed within the school. Acknowledgement is a vital part of the process of reconciliation and we hope to develop the school community's understanding of the importance and meaning through the act of acknowledgement.

On Wednesday August 1, a group of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 (who had been nominated by their teachers) met to work with two special guests. Tyronne Bell (from Thunderstone Cultural Group) and Doug Marmion (from AITSIS) worked with the students to help them learn an Acknowledgement of Country in traditional Ngunawal language. The students represented Latham Primary in the best way possible, showing great respect, enthusiasm and interest in learning both the language and the meaning of the words. They were then tasked with the responsibility to assist their own classes and teachers (and parents, family and friends) to learn this acknowledgement. They also reflected on their learning and the meaning of the words they had learnt following the session with Tyronne and Doug.

Our next step in this journey will be to meet again soon with the students to add our own 'Latham voice' to this acknowledgement, through the development of wording to reflect our school's belief in respect and reconciliation. This will then become part of a permanent display within the school.



Latham Primary Cultural Integrity Team - Millie, Peter, Evan, Sally and Sharee

## **SPORTS NEWS**

This term has been extremely busy for Physical Education and associated events.

**Oztag Gala Day-** Latham sent 5 teams to participate in the North Side Oztag Gala Day held at Dickson oval on Thursday 9 August. The weather was on our side and students enjoyed playing against other schools and working cooperatively with their teams. Thank you to parents, Matt Ward, Emma Georgiou, Geniene Barbour and Poppy Chris for leading teams on the day.

**Cricket Gala Day-** Latham entered 5 teams, consisting of mixed and boys 3/4 and 5/6 teams to experience cricket in a fun, encouraging and inclusive format against other schools. The Ginninderra Woolworths Cricket Blast School Cup which was held on Friday 24 August at the Holt ovals. A great day was had by all.

**Belconnen Athletics Carnival** - over 30 students qualified to compete at the Belconnen Athletics Carnival hosted at the AIS track and field venue on Tuesday 28 August. Students represented Latham and competed against students from all Belconnen primary schools. They will have the opportunity to qualify for the ACT athletics carnival.

**Buroinjin-** during enrichment in week 6, the whole school participated in a traditional Aboriginal game on the Latham ovals attached to the school from 1:45-2:45pm. All students were placed in mixed teams K-2, 3/4 and 5/6. Each team was named after a unique Australian animal and teams played in a round robin format against each other. Students have experienced Buroinjin games within their physical education lessons last term and are familiar with the game. The 'JETS', a leadership group from Kingsford Smith School attended the event to referee the games and did a fabulous job. This hopes to be fun event for the whole school, students and teachers and parents are most welcome to attend.

**Gymnastics-** Gymnastics lessons run by the City Gymnastics Club will commence in week 5. All classes from Wednesday to Friday will get to participate in the lessons for 3 weeks.

**Ginninderra Schools Team Athletics Challenge-** a 5 a side schools athletics team carnival on Saturday 15 September from 9am - 1pm. There will be **eleven events** with a point system focused on team performance rather than the individual. There is prize money and awards on offer with combined placings and overall performances determining the team's final event. Any parents who may be interested in helping lead the team on the day please let the school know as I am unable to attend the Saturday event with my own family commitments. I shall enter a team, once supervision is arranged.

Yours in sport,

Sally Parker

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## **MY KANTEEN RULES**

On sale for one week only, Latham's "My Kanteen Rules" brings to you Baked Potatoes. These healthy and tasty snacks are available for pre- ordering during week 6 and will be served on Monday 3 September. Get them while they are hot.

Please return your completed form to the front office by Friday 31 August 2018. There are spare forms available at the front office.

Thank you for your support.

## P&C NEWS

Latham Primary School P&C has been selected for the September Local Matters Program at Grill'd in Belconnen. What does that mean? Everyone who buys a burger/ meal at Grill'd in Belconnen will get an opportunity to support Latham Primary School P&C through their LOCAL MATTERS program. We have the chance to win \$300 if we have the most tokens at the end of the month. Support the school and eat at Grill'd in September. YUM YUM!



**\*\*TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY\*\***

## **FATHER'S DAY STALL**



Friday 31 August

(Thur/Fri Pre-School - Year 6)

We have great gifts for Dad ranging in price from \$1 to \$5.

Please ensure your child brings their money in a zip lock bag or envelope with their name clearly marked.

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Belconnen Community Service recognises the need to provide parents with resources to support their child's school transition from Primary school to High school. Through an informal information session *Tackling Transitions Together* will provide parents with the resources and tools to confidently support their child and discuss a range of challenging topics.

The event will be held at Belconnen Community Service Theatre, Swanson Street, Belconnen on Wednesday 19 September from 5:30 – 7:00.

Parents will be encouraged to access information on the following areas:

- social and emotional well-being
- discussing sex, drugs and alcohol
- mental health and medical support
- body, nutrition and physical health
- cyberbullying and online safety

To ensure the most appropriate concerns are presented it would be greatly appreciated if a short survey could be completed via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V7JFM2Q>

Registration for the event can be made via <https://www.trybooking.com/XHJV>

For further information or event details contact [Justine.White@bcsact.com.au](mailto:Justine.White@bcsact.com.au) or call 62640602

## Canberra Symphony Orchestra

Are you a music student? Does your family love music?

Don't miss the largest CSO performance this year.

Join us on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 September for an exceptional orchestral experience featuring one of the greatest and most electrifying Australian saxophone players, Nick Russoniello.

The ActewAGL Llewellyn Four Concert is a feast of the most extraordinary and influential French music – a rich and exciting combination of Debussy's *Rhapsody*, Ravel's *Bolero* and Berlioz' *Symphonie Fantastique*.

This concert is a must-see for music lovers! A free pre-concert talk begins at 6:45pm in Llewellyn Hall.

We have special offers for students and their families. For more information, visit <https://cso.org.au/student-group-and-family-pricing/> or make a booking by calling David at CSO Direct 6262 6772 (weekdays 10am to 3pm).



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### *DESIGN Canberra Festival*

**Enrico Taglietti, Latham Primary School architect, celebrated in DESIGN Canberra festival**

Enrico Taglietti, award-winning architect, is responsible for the unique design of Latham Primary School built in 1971.

Taglietti's thoughtful detailing, aesthetics and sense of place have helped to shape Canberra. Latham Primary School is a prime example of his vision for Canberra's future. Taglietti has said that he wanted to encourage children to be more inquisitive, designed as a response to the restriction of traditional school designs on their students.

The DESIGN Canberra festival will pay tribute to Enrico Taglietti, now aged 92 years, in their festival program. The festival will celebrate the work, poetics, personal style and contribution to the nation's capital of Taglietti, through a curated series of events, tours, open homes, a symposium and exhibitions.

The Latham Primary School community is invited to be part of this celebration of Taglietti's lasting and important contribution to Canberra's built environment.

Visit [designcanberrafestival.com.au](http://designcanberrafestival.com.au) for a list of events and activities.

### **About DESIGN Canberra**

DESIGN Canberra celebrates and promotes Canberra as a global city of design.

Design is in Canberra's DNA. From the time of Walter and Marion Griffin's visionary design a century ago, to iconic experimental modernist architecture of the 1950s and 60s, through to contemporary and sustainable design developments today, Canberra has been – and will always be – a living design laboratory.

From 5-25 November 2018, DESIGN Canberra will experiment with new ideas and expand the most successful programs into new directions in the 2018 festival. Over 100 events, exhibitions, talks, tours, activations, markets, collaborations, artist studios and open homes will once again transform the nation's capital into a new platform for the best in design. The festival, now in its 5th year, is for all interests and ages and most events are free.

Presented by Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre. Explore the

program on: [www.designcanberrafestival.com.au](http://www.designcanberrafestival.com.au)



MACROCOSMIA: LIZ KELLY  
MARK MAKING: BENCH  
5 JULY - 25 AUGUST 2018

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# SC-ORE School Orienteering

## 2018 Term 4

A before school body and brain work out.

**Teams 2 girls and 2 boys**

Thursday 25 Oct	Forrest Primary School
Thursday 1 Nov	Garran Primary School
Thursday 8 Nov	Hughes Primary School
Thursday 15 Nov	Canberra Grammar School

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