

## Term 4, Week 9, Thursday 11 December, 2014

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Years 5/6 Graduation dinner/disco note

### Due back

### Remaining Assembly dates for Term 4

Monday 15 December at 9:30am – Year 6 Graduation

### Dates to Remember – Please mark your Calendar

**11 Dec** Sausage Sizzle 5-6:00pm  
School Concert 6:00pm

**12 Dec** Reports sent home  
P&C thank you disco  
Preschool picnic 1:00pm

**15 Dec** Year 6 Graduation 9:30am  
Year 6 Graduation dinner/disco  
Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic

**16 Dec** Years 1/2 end of year incursion  
Years 5/6 Lake Ginninderra excursion

**17 Dec** **Last day of Term 4**  
**Merry Christmas and have a lovely break.**  
**See you all in 2015!!**

Dear parents and carers,

Latham School opened in 1972, and the building's design by well known Canberra architect Enrico Taglietti, is one of its charms. The low ceilings and the use of wood are real features of the 70s (for those of you old enough to remember that decade!) but like all things getting on in age, it brings us some challenges too. There are certainly areas that are looking tired and it is my absolute desire to provide our students with a facility that is not only charming but functional, fresh and cared for. So to this end we've been slowly making some upgrades – some of which you might not have noticed.

This year the unused art room was gutted and refurbished to become a new classroom, three junior classrooms have had new wet areas installed, the hallways in each direction from the front office were repainted, the internal courtyard was finally completed (and with the help of the P&C furnished), we put some big pots and plants at the front entrance, and we have new furniture for a 5/6 class and the library. Some of the windows around the internal courtyard were replaced with double glazing and the gym floor was replaced with a sports floor after a downpour earlier in the year damaged the wooden floor boards. As you know the preschool was extended and the old building is currently being refurbished to maintain its original style while being refreshed. In the Christmas holidays the old computer lab is being refurbished to make a new classroom, the cupboards in the library workroom are being replaced and there is money set aside to keep updating classroom furniture. In the April holidays next year the school will be recarpeted. As you can see there has been a lot happening.

Last Friday some of our students accessed two special events: one the Governor General's Sports Day and the other, an enrichment Maths opportunity here at school. Two lovely Maths crazed students from ANU worked with 20 year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Latham students on problem solving tasks while developing their knowledge of tricky maths formulas. Apparently there are some real maths brains here at Latham! Brett and some wonderful parents took 20 students to the Governor General's Government House at Yarralumla for an out of the ordinary sports day. There were sports activities happening everywhere but I believe the highlight of the day was Santa arriving on the grounds by Navy helicopter – gee the Governor General sure has some connections! Thank you to Karen and Brett for giving our students some fantastic opportunities.

Last week I met with a representative from Roads ACT who outlined their response to Latham parent concerns about parking around the school. The proposed improvements are revision of the line marking near the school crossing on Onslow Street and O'Loughlen St to emphasise 'no stopping' next to the school crossing, improvements in the signs for 'no stopping', providing some on street parking on the southern side of Onslow Street and improving school zone signs on both Onslow and O'Loughlen St. These changes are due to take place in January and it is expected that Parking Operations and ACT Policing will monitor and enforce parking and traffic restrictions. Being a Ride or Walk To School, we also like to encourage students to consider other modes of transport like walking and cycling.

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people – traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.

It is with great sadness that we farewell some staff at the end of this year. Lalangi, Chrissie, Jodie and Michael C are all taking up positions at new schools, Kimani is moving on to a new adventure and our counsellor David is being reassigned to be exclusively at a college. Ciaran is off for the biggest adventure of all as he is going to be teaching at an international school in Shanghai. Our lovely Business Manager Jill is retiring from the ACT to work much closer to home in Goulburn. I know you would join me in passing on my heartfelt thanks for the work that these people have given the school and its students and we wish them all the very best for their future.

As this is the last newsletter for 2014, I'd like to thank you for all your support, for entrusting us with your children's education and for helping to make Latham one of the very best schools in Belconnen. Have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy your children for the next 6 weeks.

Until next year,  
Liz



## Merit Awards



Class 5/6JLS, Jamie O, Connor T, Chloe E, Bailey W, Kiesha B, Olivia M, Lucas A, Willow C, Ben S, Kaitlin C-H, Dillan R, Marcus A, Tazmyn M, Gemma G, Noor N, Jordan F, Rochana Y, Maria O, Abbey P, Zac M, Bryna G, Roland C, Madilyn B, Logan S, Abdullah N, John M & Dakota F.

## Arts Music Awards - Terms 3&4 2014

### Preschool – Justin McNeice + Emma Masciulli

KCC – Newman Ma

KJC – Charlie Shoemark

1/2LA – Monique Masciulli

1/2DS – Benjamin Pye

1/2RG – Rheed Shoemark

1/2PG/JS – Heather Soloman

3/4BH – Abdullah Nadeem

3/4LH – Lily Carter

3/4CH/HD – Rachel O'Brien

3/4MC – Jacob Stock

5/6MT – Olivia Davis

5/6JLS – Rameen Nadeem

5/6CG – Zac Maron

## SCHOOL REPORTS

All students Progress Report will be handed out to them tomorrow Friday 12, December.



Thank you and make sure to check their school bags.

## CAROLINE BUCHANAN LAUNCHES RIDE OR WALK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

On Tuesday 2 December Latham Primary School celebrated the launch of its Ride or Walk to School program. Our guests included Caroline Buchanan – 2014 World BMX Champion, Lucille Bailie – Chief Executive of Physical Activity Foundation, Cal Chikwendu - ACT Health Manager and Kym Wojcik - ACT Health Officer. The event included a demonstration by Backbone BMX Riders, who did a fantastic job of entertaining both staff and students.



Mackenzie B - one of our year 6 students did a splendid interview with Caroline Buchanan, asking some very probing questions about

Caroline's involvement and continued success in the world of BMX.

Caroline also presented certificates of appreciation to our Student Ambassadors who have been actively involved in the program, enabling and ensuring various Ride or Walk to School activities take place at Latham Primary School. Caroline was in demand, her patience was extraordinary as she signed posters, hats and t-shirts for students. The final event of the day was the competition between teachers and students. Although one of our more experienced bike riding teachers showed some great skills, he was eventually beaten by Jacob N one of our Year 6 student who was awarded a BMX helmet for winning the competition.

The program will continue in 2015 and we hope our students will be as enthusiastic as they have been over the past year. We at Latham Primary are keen to ensure the continued involvement of our students as the benefit the school community receives when students are active on the school journey is apparent.

As parents and role models, you have a strong influence on how active your children are so please continue to support them to make the right choices.

Thank you  
Kimani

## School Concert 2014

The kids have been working very hard to put on a quality performance for their families.

**WHERE:** Kingsford Smith School Hall.

**DATE:** Thursday 11 December

**TIME:** BBQ 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm

**Performance starts at 6.30pm**

Please note that there is no food or drink permitted in the hall.

### OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Children will need to wear their costume to Kingsford Smith School before they meet up with their teacher in the paved area. If final additions to costumes are needed then class teachers will arrange this before the performance.

Steak sandwiches are available for \$4.00, sausage sandwiches are \$2.50, along with soft drinks for \$2.00. Water and fruit boxes will be \$1.00.

The children will be seated in class groups surrounding the audience and return to this position after their performance. They will not sit with families during the concert, as this space will be needed for guests.

Parking is located in the secondary car park off Hardwicke Crescent, with additional parking located across the road or at the Raiders Club car park, or in the large car park at the front of the school (see map below).

Entry is via the bottom gates off Hardwicke Crescent (see map below).

The duration of the concert is approximately 1 hour and we appreciate your waiting until it is finished before collecting your child directly from their class teacher outside.

**PLEASE RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF OTHER CHILDREN AND STAFF BY NOT SHARING ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OR FOOTAGE UNLESS PERMISSION IS GRANTED.**

Looking forward to a great evening.

Di Sullivan, Lyndal Andrew and Sladjana

Jovanovic

### LATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION



## 2015

Membership of the School Board is a wonderful opportunity for parents to participate in the ongoing management of the school and to contribute to the determination of the school's future directions.

There are two (2) vacancies for a parent representative on the Latham Primary School Board for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017. Election of the parent representatives will be undertaken in the first few weeks of the 2015 school year as set out below.

### Nomination period:

Opens – 11:00am on Monday 2 February 2015

Closes - 11:00am on Monday 16 February 2015

**Voting period (if election is required):**

Opens - 11:00am on Monday 23 February 2015

Closes - 11:00am on Monday 2 March 2015



The successful candidates will be announced by Monday, 30 March 2015.

If you are interested in being a member of the Latham Primary School Board for 2015-2017 and would like more information about the roles and responsibilities of School Board members, please contact the Principal, Liz Bobos on 6205 7345. A copy of the School Board Manual is also available for perusal at the front office.

Nomination forms available from the school front office from Monday, 2 February 2015. If you would like to have a form before that date, please contact the school front office on 6205 7345.

Janet Abbott,  
Assistant Returning Office

## CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen will be open on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 December for lunch orders but will be CLOSED 17 December.

Please note due to limited stock over the next few day certain lunch order items may be substituted. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

The canteen will reopen on 3 February 2015. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Beth and Michele



Latham Primary School P and C Term 4 Disco

Theme:

Wear the funnest outfit you have.

Date: 12.12.2014

Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Location: School Hall

Cost: Free, this is a thankyou from the Latham Primary School P and C for all the support over 2014.

Food: Snacks will be provided in the form of popcorn, icy poles and watermelon. Please note this is a change from what has previously been posted.

Please discuss with your child's teacher if your child does not want to attend the P and C disco. The kids will be sent back to their class at the end of the disco to be collected for 3pm school pickup.

Many thanks for a great 2014.



**Moving schools - Please return to the Front Office**

My Child/ren:

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(Please print)

**will not** be returning to Latham in 2014.

Parent/Carer Name:

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Signature:

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**THE AFC ASIAN CUP**



Australia is about to embark on the most exciting period of football it has ever

seen, and we're offering you a chance to be a part of it with a complimentary ticket offer for an AFC Asian Cup match in Canberra!

The AFC Asian Cup is the biggest football tournament Australia has ever hosted, with more than 800 million people expected to tune in around the world. We're inviting you to take a seat in the stadium and experience all of the action and excitement.

All you need to do is go to the website below and register to receive your complimentary ticket/s **via email** to a match in your city.

Matches on offer are:

SYDNEY: Uzbekistan v DPR Korea, Saturday 10 January

CANBERRA: UAE v Qatar, Sunday 11 January

MELBOURNE: DPR Korea v Saudi Arabia, Wednesday 14 January

NEWCASTLE: Oman v Kuwait, Saturday 17 January

This is your chance to witness Asia's best footballers in your own backyard. Grab your tickets today!

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Tickets are strictly limited, so register now to avoid disappointment. 32 match, 23 days, 16 teams, five cities, one Champion. UNITE FOR THE ASIAN CUP!

**Tennis Hot Shots T-shirt offer**

Children should bring home this week a business card with a web address on it to claim a Tennis Hot Shots T-shirt through our participation in the Tennis Hot Shots program.

Simply go to the address [hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim](http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim) and register as a new participant. To search for our centre, enter Latham in the Centre Name box, press Search and Latham Primary School will come up. Select Latham Primary School then enter your child's details.

T-shirts will be available early next year from school. We look forward to lots more tennis action at Latham in the new year.