

*Term 1 Week 8
Thursday 28 March 2019*

Dear families,

Thank you to all those who helped to organise and run the **fete**. As you can probably imagine the coordination for an event such as this is enormous and wouldn't be able to happen without the support of our fabulous community. Unfortunately, I was sick and unable to attend, but there was certainly a lot of excitement in the air on Monday morning. In my last newsletter piece, I spoke about **community partnerships** being a priority within our 2019 Action Plan.

Priority 2: Improve relationships between students, staff, parents and the wider community

1. Developing effective school community partnerships

I outlined some of the partnerships we have established at Latham Primary School over a number of years, and the purpose for each of these. **The Smith Family** is a relatively new partnership that we are trying to foster through their 'Learning for Life' program. The 'Learning for Life' program helps each child to reach their potential by supporting their education from primary through to post-school studies. This is achieved through financial support via student scholarships and support networks. To be eligible, you must:

- ✓ Have a child in kindergarten to year 6 who attends a school affiliated with The Smith Family (such as Latham Primary School)
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pension Concession Card
- ✓ Demonstrate a strong commitment to education through regular school attendance

Please contact me if you would like more information or a referral form. Alternatively, you can contact our school liaison Emma on Emma.Dryden@thesmithfamily.com.au.

Many parents and carers are taking advantage of the **Seesaw app** to celebrate and share their child's learning throughout the school day. This initiative was designed to foster our home and school partnerships. As a co-teacher on all classes, it has been wonderful to see so many families accessing this resource.

Dates to remember

April

Mon 1	Early Childhood Strategy Consultation – 1:45 – 2:45pm
Mon 1 – Fri 5	Student Led Conference
Tues 2	School Photos
Wed 3	Assembly hosted by Kindergarten and LSUA PS – 1:45pm
Thurs 4	Preschool CMAG excursion Kenny Koala visit
Fri 5	School photos – preschool Thurs/Fri group and catch up day
Tues 9	Special Nacho lunch day
Wed 10	Glassworks excursion- Kindergarten and LSUA PS
Thurs 11	Latham Cross Country School disco

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

Notes home

School photo order form
Special lunch order form – Taco's
CMAG Preschool excursion
Glassworks excursion
PTO online pin

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Student Led Conferences are also a way to continue to build our home and school partnerships. This is an opportunity for your child to celebrate their learning and share their goals with you. We have moved these to the week 9 (term 1) to allow this purpose to remain the focus of the meetings. **Please remember that these conferences are facilitated by your child; you will therefore need to bring your child with you to your scheduled timeslot.** You can book your day/time through the PTO link on the Latham webpage using your individual login and pin. If you need help to make a booking please contact the front office.

At Latham Primary School we pride ourselves on our relationship with our community. As always please come and talk with us if you have any concerns or queries.

Regards,
Karen

Merit Awards



Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on Wednesday 20 March 2019.

Nyankiir Y, Ethan B, Cheryl P, Lewis G, Max K, Janis E, Ben W, Tyler S, Molly B, Audrey R, Ryan M, Ben F, Melinda C, Ziva B, Sophia M, Jake W, Isabelle D, Klay A, Sienna K, Lily B, Monique M, Illaria N, Ben S, Thomas S, Lilly McN, Sophie T, Katie A, Alivia D, Izaak F, Melanie J, Emily W, Scarlett S, Noah D, Bethany B and Vladi K.

Term 1 2019

9	1 Apr <i>Student Led Conferences</i> Early Childhood Strategy Consultation 1:45 - 2:45pm	2 Apr <i>Student Led Conferences</i> Breakfast Club – 8:30am – 8:50am <i>School Photos</i>	3 Apr <i>Student Led Conferences</i> Assembly 1:45pm – hosted by Kindy & LSUA PS	4 Apr <i>Student Led Conferences</i> Breakfast Club- 8:30am – 8:50am Preschool CMAG Excursion GATEWAYS	5 Apr <i>Student Led Conferences</i> <i>School Photos</i> GATEWAYS	6/7 Apr
	8 Apr	9 Apr <i>Easter Hat Parade</i> ACT school swimming carnival @ the AIS	10 Apr Kindergarten & LSUA -PS Glassworks excursion	11 Apr <i>Latham Carnival</i> <i>Cross Country</i> <i>School Disco</i>	12 Apr Last day of Term 1	13/14 Apr 

Term 2 2019

1	Monday 29 April 2020 online enrolments open	Tuesday 30 April	Wednesday 1 May <i>Enrichment</i>	Thursday 2 May <i>ANZAC Assembly</i>	Friday 3 May	Sat/Sun 4/5 May
	6 May Year 2 Dental program – 9:15am – 10:45am	7 May Breakfast Club – 8:30am – 8:50am <i>Mother's Day Stall</i>	8 May Assembly – Specialist team	9 May Breakfast Club – 8:30am – 8:50am	10 May <i>Mother's Day Stall</i>	11/12 May

Year 1/2 News

Has your child come home and asked if they could dehydrate a pineapple or grow a money tree in the backyard? Children have been observing, discussing and learning about change. They explored how foods change from a solid block of ice to water, from chocolate beans to melted chocolate, from stiff hard spaghetti to slippery noodles. This has been an excellent unit of learning for students and has prompted many wonderings and predictions including the following.

When dehydrating fruits and vegetables students predicted that:

- Apples will change to a brown colour – Caitlin
- Blueberries will melt to skin – Cai
- Apples will dry the most because it is sweet – Arhaan and Logan
- Grapes might turn into sultanas – Isabel
- Pumpkin will dry the fastest because it is the biggest – Heidi
- Onion skin will come off – Harry
- Skinless fruits and vegetables will dry out fastest – Isabel
- Fruit will dry out and go hard – Rafferty
- Maybe the zucchini won't change – Aiden
- Cut tomato – the inside will go hard and the outside will stay the same – Milla
- Pumpkin might go mouldy – Ashton
- Tomato will go soft and squishy – Liliana
- Tomato might get soft and wrinkly – Hazel
- Orange skin will disappear – Michael
- Onion skin will turn brown – Madi
- Zucchini and tomato will become crisp – Klay
- Thin zucchini slices will dry faster – Jennifer
- Mandarin skin will become soft, squishy and mouldy – Nathan
- Grape skin will fall off and go squishy – Cayla
- Mandarin pieces will come apart – Noah



Wow what amazing predictions!

And wondering:

I wonder...

- What would happen to watermelon skin in the food dehydrator? Sim
- Can you make chips from zucchini? Emily
- Will all fruit and vegetables dry out the same? Madi
- Will the apple turn mouldy inside? Milla
- What will the food taste like and can you eat it? Liliana
- Will food become dryer if it is in the dehydrator longer? Lylah
- Will some of the food stick together? Cai
- Will the juice come out or stay inside? Mia
- Will the food taste good? Hazel
- What will happen if we put a hole in the zucchini chunk? Isabel
- Will the light tomatoes become darker? Scarlett
- Which one will dry out the fastest? Cayla
- Will the food change temperature? Liliana
- Will the ripe fruit dry faster? Cameron

Students also explored how a big orange pumpkin can change into a jack-o-lantern. Here are their questions and wonderings. Apologies, Mike and Tania did not record names.

Who knows about pumpkins?

- Jaxon – pumpkins are used for carving

What questions would you like to ask about pumpkins?

- What is that thing coming out of the top of the pumpkin?
- Why are some green and orange?
- Why are some big and some small?
- What are the marks on the pumpkin?
- Why are pumpkins orange?
- Did we (class) plant them or did Tania plant them?
- Why are they lines on the pumpkin?
- How do you know if the pumpkins are raw?
- When were pumpkins made?
- Why do they grow out of the stem?
- Why is there something dead on one stem?
- Why is the stem green?
- Why do they need to grow in dirt?
- Do pumpkins have seeds inside them?
- How can you tell if there are rotten or not?
- Why does the pumpkins have leaves on it?
- How do you know of they are ripe?
- How do you know when the pumpkins are good?
- How does the pumpkin get so hard?
- Why do they need stems?
- Why is the little one squishy?
- What colour is it inside?
- Why are there leaves on the top?
- Why do they need seeds?
- Why are there dead leaves on top of the stem?



What is inside the pumpkins?

- Mia – seeds
- Juice – Ibrahim
- Something fluffy – JJ
- Fruit stones – Audrey
- Pumpkin flesh – stuff that sticks on the seed – Julian
- Orange stuff – Ruby M
- Guts – stuff that sticks inside – Kayla
- Flesh, seeds and juice – Brody
- Pumpkin guts – Rafael



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Latham Primary families

You're invited

to take part in the
Early Childhood Strategy

CONSULTATION

Date: Monday 1 April

Time: 1:45 - 2:45 pm

Location: Latham Library



Minister Berry is seeking input
from experts in the
Early Childhood Sector - YOU!

Your knowledge and experience
will help us build a stronger
future for our children.



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P&C News

A huge **thank you** from the P&C to everyone who made last Saturday's fete such a success; from the family volunteers to the school staff who gave up their weekend to attend and help – we couldn't have done it without you!!!

Disco – change of date

Our term one disco will now be on **Thursday 11 April**, we apologise for any inconvenience this change of date may cause.



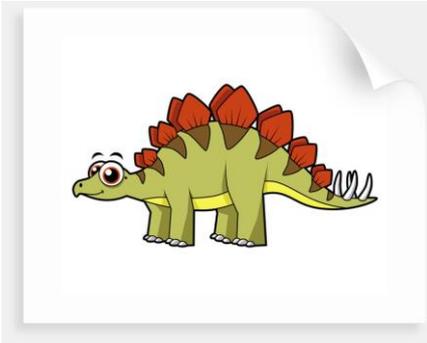
Theme: *Jurassic*

5.15-6.45pm for juniors (preschool – Y2)

7-8.30pm for seniors (Y3-6)

\$5 entry (correct change appreciated)

The canteen will be open for this event.



Due to staffing logistics, last Tuesday's P&C meeting had to be cancelled last minute. Our next meeting will be Tues 14 May, 7.30pm Latham Primary School – all welcome.



School Photos are on Tuesday 2 April and Friday 5 April (Preschool Thurs/Fri group and catch up). Order forms are due back by the 2 April. Sibling order forms are available at the front office.



Latham Lunchbox News

Make sure you have ordered your special Nacho lunch that is happening on Tuesday 9 April.

Playgroup at Latham Preschool

Got little ones?

Friday Playgroup at the preschool is on again this year and they are keen for some new faces. Open to anyone – not just Latham families. Spread the word. It's free. Bobby is the lovely coordinator and she is there from 9;15am very Friday with her little ones. Bring a piece of fruit to share. It's a fairly easy going morning, the kids have a play in the new preschool room, parents have a chat.



Easter Hat Parade

You are invited to attend our annual
Easter Hat Parade!

Date: Tuesday 9 April

Time: 9:15am

Venue: School Hall

