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Collaboration Respect Motivation Resilience Positivity

Term 1 Week 4

Date – Monday 19 February 2024

FEBRUARY

Mon 19	School Board Nominations Close
Tues 20	Breakfast Club 8.30 am – 9.00 am
Wed 21	Meccano
Thurs 22	Breakfast Club 8.30 am – 9.00 am
Tues 27	Breakfast Club 8.30 am – 9.00 am
Wed 28	Meccano
Thurs 29	Breakfast Club 8.30 am – 9.00 am

MARCH

Mon 4-6	Year 6 Camp Borambola
Tues 5	Breakfast Club 8.30 am – 9.00 am
Wed 6	Assembly Meccano
Thurs 7	Breakfast Club 8.30 am – 9.00 am
Fri 8	Swimming Carnival International Womens Day
Tues 19	Close the Gap Day Breakfast Club 8.30 am -9.00 am
Wed 20	Meccano
Thurs 21	Harmony Day Breakfast Club 8.30 am – 9.00 am
Fri 22	National Ride to School Day

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Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful fortnight it has been. It is great to see all our learners, particularly the youngest members of our community, settle into the rhythm of school.

We loved seeing so many families at our Welcome BBQ, Class Information sessions and Getting to Know You Yarns. Parents are their child's first teacher, and it is important for teachers to hear those valuable insights that you hold as they plan the year together with their students. We hope that these opportunities were just as worthless for you in meeting your child's teacher/s and the space where they will be working this year.

Latham Primary School is in its first year of being an Affiliated School with the University of Canberra. On Tuesday, we welcomed 25 preservice teachers and their tutor Michael to Latham Primary for their first Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK) class. This group of students will plan and deliver English workshops to students in Year 2 for the next 6 weeks. The university students start their class in our library together before moving out into classrooms to deliver lessons to students. Our year 2 teachers observe lessons and provide feedback to the preservice teachers.

Last week's workshops centred around getting to know students and gaining an insight into the where students are up to in their learning and perceptions around the subject area English generally.

Throughout the year we will have more preservice teachers joining us for various placements as a part of their studies. These placements see teachers and preservice teachers working together to plan, deliver and evaluate learning for students.

Hosting preservice teachers is a valuable part of the work that we do as teachers in schools. As all of us once where nervously walking into a school and standing in front of a class for the first time as we began our practical learning through our university studies. As lifelong learners, we can also take time to reflect on practice and current teaching taking place in university today.

Reading is a powerful skill that we use in every day. Watching a child learn to read is a magical experience as they unlock a whole world of wonder and excitement. This process begins as young children recognises signs and symbols around them as they go about their daily lives. They cuddle up with a book as their trusted adult helps them to unlock some of that magic as they drift off to sleep. They begin to recognise letters and that those letters make sounds. All of this begins before they even come to school. As children get older and their skills develop further their reading menu becomes more diverse, as does their vocabulary. This knowledge begins to transfer into their writing.

Daily reading is an extremely important part of a child's journey as a reader. Research shows that reading 15 minutes daily exposes a child to over a million words over the course of a year.

There are different ways to engage in reading at home. You can:

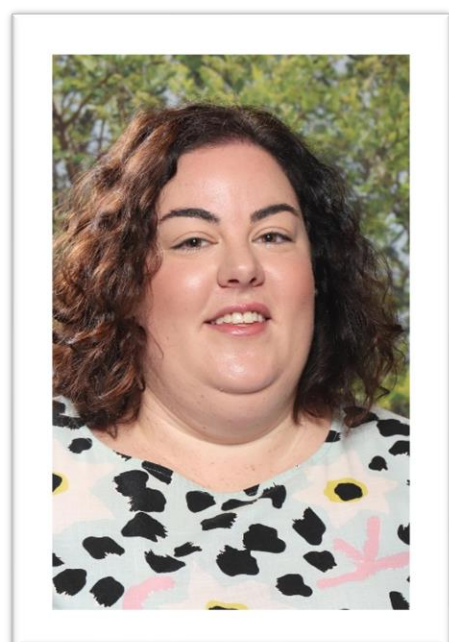
- **Read to** your child. Choose books together and let them enjoy the experience of listening to stories and looking at pictures. Your child will bring home quality picture books each week as part of the Reading at Home program which you can share with them.
- **Read with** your child. (you might read with your voices together, or take turns with pages)
- Listen to books read **by** your child.

Stay tuned for some drop-in sessions and resources to support your child's reading development at home.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Isobel Short

Preschool and Kindergarten Executive Teacher



Exciting Moments from the Past Fortnight!





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Digital Account

During term 1 we are introducing a new Parent Portal, a secure online platform used to share student information between you and your child's teachers.

Using the Parent Portal on your mobile phone, tablet or computer, you will be able to:

- notify us if your child is sick or explain an absence
- book parent-teacher interviews
- receive academic reports
- receive our school newsletter
- receive messages from your child's teachers
- make payments
- access the school calendar and your child's student timetable.

You can start the sign up and identity verification process now so you're ready to go. Head to our website for all the details at <https://www.lathamps.act.edu.au/>



Acknowledgement of Country

Dhawra nguna, dhawra Ngunawal.
Yanggu gulanyin ngalawiri, dhunayi, Ngunawal dhwara.
Wanggaralijinyin mariny balan bugarabang.

We at Latham Primary would like to acknowledge and thank the Ngunawal people for letting us play, learn, and live on this land. We respect your connection to this country, ongoing culture, and elders. We will help pass on knowledge of Ngunawal culture, languages, and traditions.

Ngunawal Language Revival Project Working Group 2018

Latham Primary School Cultural Integrity Project Team and Student Acknowledgement Working Group 2018

Merit Award

**Congratulations to the following students on
receiving a Merit Award at the assembly on
Wednesday 14 February 2024**

Isidora D, Jye A, Gigi A, River D, Jackson D, Fred B, Lillian H, Mark G, Louise S, Skye R, Josh P, Oliver H, Kate C, Andrew H, Daisy M, Ellie K, Nathan S, Carter M, Edmund M, Elian K, Liam H, Will L, Jenny T, Ashleigh R, Finn H, Blake M, Skylar K, Marcello S, Zara J, Nell O, Imogen B, Lily B, Sienna K, Olivia C, Maple Y, Cai K, Hudson M, Nicholas B, Molly B, Julio T,

RESPECT
MOTIVATION
RESILIENCE
COLLABORATION
POSITIVITY



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CULTURAL INTEGRITY IN YEAR 2

HASS INQUIRY

In our HASS inquiry we have been exploring our place in the world and all the different features of our Earth, like continents and seas. One key thing we have been exploring is our connection to Country.

We have had time to explore and play on Ngunnawal Country. This time led to significant discussions about Acknowledging Country, why it is important to us and why we should continue to care for it. We discussed activities we liked to do, special places and different parts of Ngunnawal Country we are thankful for.



ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLOGY



On the 13th of February, 2008, Kevin Rudd (Prime Minister of Australia at the time) apologised to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the atrocities of past governments. In year 2, we reflected on what the stolen generations are and why Kevin Rudd apologised. The students spoke about how it all made them feel and asked many questions.



NAPLAN testing will occur in our school between **13 and 25 March 2024** for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Online NAPLAN tests provide more precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

NAPLAN provides valuable information to schools and parents about literacy and numeracy achievement. It supports school improvement processes by enabling teachers to monitor student progress over time and to identify areas of strength and development.

All eligible students are encouraged and supported to participate in NAPLAN testing. Visit www.nap.edu.au to see interactive versions of the test and for more information.

The Online Safety Education team are committed to supporting school communities to develop their online safety skills and knowledge. The team aim to increase the number of safe and positive online experiences students have and reduce the number of online safety incidents that impact on learning environments.

There are multiple webinars running each term with both afternoon and evening times available that will help your family be more confident and safer online by:

- understanding online safety and risks young people face
- learning strategies to prevent and respond to online issues
- supporting your child to be safe online
- knowing where to go for further support.

Register for the Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinars – 2024 online at

https://bit.ly/2024_OnlineSafetyWebinar_RSVP

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INTO YOUR BROWSER**

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ABORIGINAL YOUTH GROUP



FREE FEED



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BOYS 12 - 18

SPORTS

STARTS 5 FEBURARY 2024

EVERY SECOND MONDAY

3:30PM TILL 4:30PM



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FEED



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Please call Mitch Daley

on 0403290212 or

email

mdaley@yerrabi.org.au





Koori Girls



For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls
8 years and older.

A group focusing on building future leaders,
strengthening links between community and
families and strengthening cultural
connections to build strong and proud
identities through activities relating to art,
well being and culture.

WHEN: Monday, 3:30pm-4:30pm during school terms

WHERE: West Belconnen Child & Family Centre -
Corner of Luke & Starke Street, Holt

For more information call WBCFC on 02 6205 2904



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BRING
YOUR
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GAMES CLUB



EVERY
WEDNESDAY

LUNCH
11AM

THE
COTTAGE



UKULELE CLUB



WHEN:

Every Thursday @ Lunch (11am)

WHERE:

**Performing Arts Room
(Meet at the corner gate)**

WHO:

Students in years 3-6



JOIN US!

HOCKEY ACT COME & TRY WEEKEND

Come and see what hockey is all about! The Come & Try Weekend is a relaxed and fun introduction to the sport. All ages and abilities are welcome!

NORTHSIDE

🕒 9AM - 12PM

📅 Saturday 24th February

📍 196 Mouat St, Lyneham

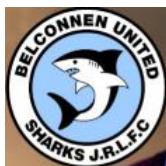
SOUTHSIDE

🕒 9AM - 12PM

📅 Sunday 25th February

📍 288 Soward Way, Greenway





COME AND TRY DAY

SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2024
10AM - 12PM

GAMES

DRILLS

BBQ

ASSISTANCE



MELBA PLAYING FIELDS,
VERBRUGGHEN ST, MELBA ACT 2615

INFORMATION

Have you or someone you know always wanted to try the great game of Rugby League but weren't sure if it was for you or how to get involved?

Then this is for you!

The Belconnen Sharks are hosting a completely free come-and-try day This Saturday, Feb 17th!

There will be fun drills, games and a BBQ set up, as well as expert coaches and administrators on hand to answer all of your burning questions, and queries or to help you register!

No Prior Registration is needed!

See you on Saturday Sports Fans!