



Lane Cove Loop

*A community-focused public school
valuing a proud tradition and shaping a positive future.*

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Term 2 – Week 3

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➤ Principal's Report

Far From a Blue Day

What a great day of fund-raising last Friday as the students responded superbly to the SRC's Blue Day. The SRC raised over \$2,000.00 for this worthy cause which relies heavily on the support of our public schools.

Congratulations to the SRC, Miss Di Maria and the many blue muffin makers out there. Please click on to www.stewarhouse.org.au for information on Stewart House.

Mothers Day Stall

Congratulations and thanks to those many parents who "manned" these stalls last week. I'm not sure who got the most out of this annual event as the parents seemed to be having a good time.

I'm sure that the Mums out there got a kick out of their "surprise" gifts.

Hand Washing

The current focus on swine flu has resulted in the school introducing the availability of antiseptic hand washing liquid in each classroom. The product is **Aqium Antibacterial Gel** which is waterless. There will be a 1 litre dispenser in each classroom.

You will receive a note this week which will provide you with specific details.

If you have concerns about allergies or other matters you should return the slip indicating that you **do not** wish that your child(ren) use it.

As you would expect, staff will be discussing the usage thoroughly with classes prior to use.

Mid-Year Reports

For those new to the school, parents will receive mid-year reports on student performance and progress in the mail at the end of Term 2.

Middle Years Education

In recent years there has been considerable focus on students in the **middle years** of schooling, Years 5-8. David Smith, who has conducted considerable research on the middle years, will be visiting the school on **Wednesday June 3**.

He will meet with staff from 3.15 -5.00 pm. He will then conduct a parent session in the Kit Kirkwood Centre (school hall) from 6.30-8.30 pm.

I would recommend parental attendance regardless of whether you have sons or daughters and regardless of which grade your children are in.

It promises to be very informative as David has been responsible for a range of DET documents on this topic, and education in general. He has already worked with staff on Quality Teaching over the past two years.

Chess Results: Round 1

Lane Cove A played Chatswood A at home.	The score was 2.5-1.5 to Chatswood.
Lane Cove B played away at Newington Prep.	The score was 3-1 to LCPS
Lane Cove C played away at Mosman Prep.	The score was 3-1 to Mosman Prep.
Lane Cove D played away at St. Philip Neri.	The score was a 2-2 draw.

Well done to all players, especially those playing in the interschool competition for the first time.

NAPLAN

Years 3 and 5 students do their national testing this week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The details are provided later on for your interest and information.

Events this week:

Tuesday

- * National Test Years 3-5
Language & Writing
- * 7:00pm School Council Meeting

Wednesday

- * National Test Years 3-5
Reading
- * No Waste Wednesday

Thursday

- * National Test for Years 3-5
Numeracy

Friday

- * Walk Safely to School Day
Breakfast at 7.30am in the Plaza

Coming Events:

Monday 18th

- * Children's Writers Festival
Years 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 20th

- * Class Parent Morning Tea
regarding Trivia Night
9.00 am in Hall

Thursday 21st

- * Recorders –
Opera House Rehearsal

**SAVE THE DATE
TRIVIA NIGHT –
SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST**

Year 5 Canberra Excursion

Our students undertook this tour of the national capital on April 30 and May 1. They participated in a variety of educational programs based on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. The Australian Government has contributed towards the cost of the excursion under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program. This contribution will be paid directly to the school following our submission based on the set guidelines. This is designed to contribute towards transport costs.

We would like to thank the Australian government for their support of this program as the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

Music Camp

This annual two day event once again provided our students with a wonderful opportunity to develop their musical expertise. Thank you to the music and organising committees and tutors/conductors for their commitment. Thank you also to Mrs Buckley, Mr Murphy and Mrs Walkerden for their overnight involvement.

Congratulations the 120 students who were absolute delights to take away and interact with!

Education Week - Open Day

Open Day is scheduled for **Thursday 28 May**. This is week 5.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

The finals of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition were held during the last week of Term 1. One finalist from each 3-6 class competed, presenting both a prepared and an impromptu speech. The standard was extremely high, making the judges' decision a difficult one. The winners will go on to compete at district level during Term 2.

*Amber Gorrell
Assistant Principal*

MAD Tennis

Limited vacancies exist on Wednesday and Friday afternoons for tennis coaching on the school courts from 3.15 to 4.15.

NEW OFFER: Enrol for two terms and receive a free junior racquet. This applies to new clients only.

Call Debbie on 9428 5832 after 6.30 pm or email jepsonbunch@dodo.com.au

MindQuest 2009

We have received application forms for MindQuest - an enrichment program for gifted and talented students. This program enables students to select from a range of courses based around Mathematics, English or Science. It is to be held on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July at Quakers Hill High School. There is a cost of \$150 for the program and parents need to transport their child to and from the venue on both of these days. Students from Lane Cove PS who have attended in previous years have found it to be a worthwhile and engaging experience. If you would like an application form or some more information, please see Miss Gorrell.

*Amber Gorrell
Assistant Principal*

Sacramental Program for Catholic Church

The reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation program will be offered this year to all those who wish to receive the sacraments, beginning with reconciliation.

Please contact St Michael's parish Office for information regarding times and requirements.

Safe Sexting Memo

I have included this memo from our Deputy Director-General in the interests of student welfare.

You will be aware of recent media on the use of mobile phones to send provocative images. This is an issue of concern particularly for parents of adolescents.

The attached fact sheet, SAFE SEXTING: No such thing, aims to raise awareness of this growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phone - a practice termed 'sexting'.

Links to the fact sheet on the NSW Department of Education and Training's internet and intranet websites are provided as follows.

Intranet website address:

<https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/newsbuzz/yr2009/may/>

Internet website address:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2009/sextingfacts.pdf>

The Department's May issue of Click magazine also contains a pod cast discussing 'sexting' and suggesting strategies for parents. It can be accessed at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

I encourage schools with secondary enrolments to ensure that students and parents are made aware of the fact sheet, for example, via school newsletters. Messages could also be reinforced at school assemblies and through relevant curriculum areas such as Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

The key message from schools to parents and young people about this activity is - **don't post images of yourself and don't distribute any sent to you.**

I am also providing a copy of this message to your primary school colleagues. They may find it of interest and it could be of assistance in cases where they get inquiries from parents.

I know that we all share the view that the welfare of our students is a paramount concern. Your assistance with this issue is greatly appreciated.

Regards

Trevor Fletcher

Deputy Director-General, Schools

NSW Department of Education and Training

In the School Library

At present, there is a back-log of books requiring covering in the School library. If any parent has a few hours to devote to covering books on a Friday afternoon in the Library workroom, we would be most grateful.

Ruth Elston – Teacher/Librarian

Bob Lamaro

Hindu Scripture Classes

Hindu scripture classes will be available at Lane Cove Public School from Wednesday May 13.

If you would like you child to attend Hindu scripture on Wednesday mornings during the allotted religious education time, please complete the slip below and return it to me by Friday May 7.

Christine Scully - Deputy Principal

Hindu Scripture

I would like my child to attend Hindu scripture.

Name-----

Child's name----- Class-----

Parent's signature-----Date-----

School Photos

Tuesday June 2 2009

The photographers will be at school on Tuesday June 2 to take class, family and individual photographs. On Wednesday May 13 the children will be given pre-payment envelopes on which to order the photographs. Please make sure you are using the correct envelope. There is one envelope for the class and individual packages and a different envelope for the family photographs. The pre-payment envelopes must be returned to your child's class teacher before the day of photography. This year we are using a new photographer and there is an option to pay online. If you are not satisfied with the photographs, the photographers will give a refund if the photos are returned within seven days. Please contact me if you have any queries.

If you would like a family photograph, you or your eldest child at the school MUST collect the order envelope from the Front Office.

Christine Scully

➤ P & C News

Mother's Day Stall

Another very successful stall – thank you so much to all the contributors – the donors, the helpers and the purchasers!

P&C General Meeting (half year results) – Tuesday 26th May 7pm Library

This meeting is open to all. Amongst many other topics, Mr Lamaro will lead a discussion about the application of our government grant for grounds improvements, as part of the BER initiative. Also, the P&C and its sub-committees will present their half year results.

Editor needed

We are looking for a new volunteer editor or two to help publish the School Trader each term. This is very useful resource for the school community and helps raise funds for the school. Two issues are produced each term, requiring a few hours work on average each week. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact us pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au

Parent seminar

The P&C will be hosting a series of Parent Seminars, run by Northern Sydney Central Coast Health. All sessions will be held in the evenings at school, in the School Library. The events will be subsidised by the P&C, so cost to attendees will be just \$10 per person per seminar. These sessions will be targeted at parents of children in years K-2, and it is strongly recommended that you attend all three as a series. There will be a limit of 25 people per session – so get in quick! A booking form with more info will appear closer to the date, or email pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au to reserve a place.

The Power of Positive Parenting	Wed 10 th June 7-9.30pm
Raising Confident, Competent Children	Wed 17 th June 7-9.30pm
Raising Resilient Children	Wed 24 th June 7-9.30pm

There will also be a session on Cyberbullying and Child Protection On The Net on 18th June at 6.30pm in the Hall, run by Chatswood Police. Pop it in the diary - more info later.

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

Contact the P&C via the website or email pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au

➤ Music News

Music Camp 2009

Music Camp was a great success. The kids were so well behaved and everyone enjoyed the rehearsals, tutorials, music games, rope activities and trivia night. The end of camp concert was well attended by parents and siblings and the musicians were able to show off what they had been working on for the past two days.

Music Camp Survey

The music committee is currently preparing a survey so that parents and children can give feedback on the music camp. This is your opportunity to tell us what you liked and didn't like and how we could improve the experience for all next year. Watch out for the survey over the next week or so.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thanks to the fantastic team of parents and music tutors who made the music camp possible. Particular thanks go to Swantje Lorrimer for coordinating this event but also to the other members of the camp organising committee (Kath Morris, Janet Donnelly and Jackie Brighton) as well as our fantastic treasurer, Liz Eadie-Miramis. Thanks also to LCPS staff; Belinda Buckley, Deb Walkerden and Noel Murphy for their assistance at camp, Christine Scully and Carol Djurasevich for general support and assistance and to the parents who helped out at camp; Cathy Cook, David Mitchell and Jane Roth.

No rehearsals in KR this week

Due to renovations for the connected classroom in KR there will be no music rehearsals in this room on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th May. All group rehearsals (intermediate and senior recorders, beginner guitars and senior strings) plus any private students usually in KR on these days should go to 4L (Miss Liddle's room) for this week.

Enquiries regarding the LCPS music program to Jackie Brighton, Convenor of the Music Committee on 9427 5529 or brighton23@optusnet.com.au

➤ Canteen News

Dino Snacks – 3 for \$1. These dinosaur shaped chicken snacks are made from 100% chicken breast and contain 30% less fat than standard crumbed nuggets. We are trialing the Dino snacks at the canteen this term as an extra hot food at recess which means they can be bought over the counter at recess.

Hot Chocolate – \$1.50 - please remember that while we are now selling hot chocolate at all times the canteen is open, including before school, *it is still not able to be ordered on lunch orders*. If your child would like a hot chocolate they must come to the canteen to pay and to collect the drink.

Size of lunch bags – Please remember that the paper bag you write the lunch order on is the same bag that we place all the items ordered into. Each class's bags are then all placed together in a lunch order box and several students return the bag to the classroom. We are finding that where the smaller brown "Coles" bags are used, we cannot close off the top of the bags or the bags split as they are not big enough to hold the food ordered. If the bags are not closed, food ordered (in particular drinks) can fall out and be accidentally taken by other students.

To help make sure your child's lunch order gets back to them intact, we ask that you use a generous sized paper bag for the orders.

- Pre printed lunch bags are sold at the canteen \$1.20 for 20 bags
- TeeJay reusable lunch bags are available from www.teejay.com.au and will donate 10% of LCPS sales back to the canteen. Check out the display at the canteen.

Noodles and Soup – if your child has a lunch order containing either noodles or soup, please remind them they need to come to the canteen (side window) to collect it. It will not be returned to the classroom in the lunch order box.

Lunch order money – We now tape the change to the lunch order bags so that it doesn't fall out of the bags but this still has not completely solved the problem of lost change. The canteen is not responsible for replacing lost change and so we ask that you use the correct change for the lunch orders wherever possible to help deal with this problem. Please also make sure your lunch order does not contain any foreign coins.

Canteen Volunteers for next week:

This is the canteen roster for this week, as we know it. If you have made any changes with other volunteers, it is not reflected in this roster.

- 12 May (2nd Tues): Cathy D., Kathy S., Kate P., Si W.
- 13 May (2nd Weds): Sally E., Allison A., Annabelle F.
- 14 May (2nd Thurs): Sharon K., Alethea M., Justine J., Jacqui S.
- 15th May (3rd Fri): Liz E.M., Anne C., Emma M., Seema A.
- 18th May (3rd Mon): Alison F., Sonya Z., Leonie H.

Many thanks to these volunteers for helping at canteen this week – as always, it's much appreciated.

The Canteen Committee

➤ Uniform Shop

Microfibre trackpants are out of stock in some sizes already. Size 8 is out of stock. Sizes 4, 6 and 10 are getting low. I have reordered and am waiting to hear approximate date of arrival. We have limited stocks of trackpants and jackets as we guestimated how many we needed by your responses last year. Please order as soon as possible so we can now see if we have ordered enough for the season. Jackets if reordered take 3 months to come.

No exchange of sports shorts without receipt

Deadline for exchanging last year's microfibre sports shorts has expired. We are now unable to exchange these. Any new microfibre shorts being changed for a different size must have the receipt with them.

Orders Any enquiries about orders, we need your order number to be able to track it down easily.

Exchanges of size without attending the shop Please send them to the shop in a plastic bag via internal mail with your receipt and details inside. Mark the outside of the bag clearly for the Uniform shop. We will exchange and send back to your child's classroom.

Boys black music trousers have not arrived yet. Should be here this week.

Long sleeved sports polos are by order only and are not kept in stock.

Order forms are available from rack in front of school office and downloadable from the school website. Any queries please contact me at school phone number 9427 1024 (ask for uniform shop) during shop opening hours or at home on 9428 3523.

Cash, Cheques or Credit Cards (2% surcharge) accepted. No EFTPOS.

Helene Sharp - Uniform Shop Manager

➤ Netball News

Round 4 results will be posted on the school web site and School Notice Board on Monday

Netball Committee

➤ Environment Group

Sustainability Workshops for Parents and Students

In response to community interest, Lane Cove Council is holding a series of sustainability workshops for residents in its local government area. A Student workshop with representatives from the school will be held on 3rd June. Parents and other interested adults are invited to attend the following workshops;

General Sustainability Workshops

Sunday 17 May, 3.15-4.45pm, Lane Cove Club, 1 Birdwood Avenue, Lane Cove

Contact Phil Smith to register for one of these workshops. Please indicate which workshop you will attend and leave a contact number.

RSVP cut-off is 2 days before each workshop. Email: phil@knowhands.com.au PH: 0412 338 687

Also:

Topic "Sustainability, My Garden and the Bushland"

Tuesday 12 May, 7.30 – 9.15pm, Lane Cove Seniors Centre, 180 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove,

Topic "Sustainability in our Community" Series of 4 workshops

Wednesday 27 May, 3 June, 10 June, 17 June, 7.30 – 9.30pm, Memorial Hall, St Ignatius College, Riverview

Contact Grahame Collier or Phil Smith to register. RSVP cut-off is 2 days before workshop commences.

PH:0412 338 687 Email: grahame@tissues.com.au

Volunteers needed for Watering

We are looking for more volunteers for our watering roster for the vegetable gardens at the school. If you would like to help, please contact Rose Moore on rose.moore@exemail.com.au or 0437 040 551.

Free Compost bins and Worm farms

Did you know that if you attend one of Lane Cove Council's regular compost workshops you will receive a compost bin or worm farm free of charge? (value \$70). These workshops are open to all Lane Cove residents.

Environment Group News

This week is Composting Awareness Week and Lane Cove Council has a special ½ price offer on composting equipment: Composting bins now only \$25, composting metal turners (very handy tools) now only \$12.50. Worm farms also on sale. To purchase and for more information about composting and worm farming contact Claire Brittain, Council's Environmental Education Officer on 9911 3507. Lane Cove Council also regularly runs composting and worm farming workshops. These three hour workshops will tell you everything you need to know about setting up a compost bin or worm farm. Or if you already have a system set up, you can find out how to make it work even better! PLUS, all Lane Cove residents who attend a workshop will receive a free compost bin or worm farm. The next workshops will be held on Friday 18 September and Saturday 21 November.

The Environment Committee

Timetable of National Tests for 2009

The NAPLAN tests for 2009 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May 2009.

Year Level	Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
Year 3	Language Conventions* 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy** 45 minutes
Year 5	Language Conventions* 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy** 50 minutes
Year 7	Language Conventions* 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy** 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes in total) Calculator-allowed test to be scheduled first, followed by Non-calculator test.
Year 9	Language Conventions* 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy** 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes in total) Calculator-allowed test to be scheduled first, followed by Non-calculator test.

* **Language Conventions** incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation.

** **Numeracy** incorporates Number, Algebra, function and pattern, Space, Measurement, chance and data.



Lane Cove Council

Meeting the Needs of Our Community Updating Lane Cove's Social Plan



What's Happening?

Lane Cove Council is updating its Social Plan. In order to better understand and plan for the existing and future social needs of the Lane Cove Community, we need your input.

How can you tell us what is needed?

A critical part of the Plan is your involvement. Your comments and views will ensure the Plan captures the needs and values of the Lane Cove Community

You can input your views by attending any of the following Consultation Forums

<p>What are the Social Issues for Older People and People with Disabilities in Lane Cove?</p> <p>Date: Thursday 7th May 2009 Time: 10 - 11:30 am Where: Lane Cove Seniors Centre, 180 Longueville Road, Lane Cove</p>	<p>Community Forum What are the Social Issues for Lane Cove?</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 12th May 2009 Time: 6 - 8 pm Where: Cove Room, Civic Centre, 48 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove</p>
<p>What are the Social Issues for Children, Women and Families?</p> <p>Date: Thursday 14th May 2009 Time: 10am - 12 noon Where: Cove Room, Civic Centre, 48 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove</p>	<p>What are the Social Issues for Young People?</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 26 May 2009 Time: 5 - 6:30 pm Where: Cove Room, Civic Centre, 48 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove</p>

AND from your computer by getting on line through:

Bang the Table (an innovative on-line forum)

<http://www.bangthetable.com/lanecovesocialplan>

OR complete an Online Questionnaire about Lane Cove's future

<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au> and go to **Current Issues**

Please **RSVP** for the Forums to Eric Poulos either via email epoulos@lanecove.nsw.gov.au or by phone: **9911 3592**. A detailed brochure about the Social Plan Update is available on the Council website, or telephone Eric Poulos 9911 3592. If you wish to discuss the Social Plan Update, please contact James Lette at BBC Consulting Planners on 9211 4099.