



Lane Cove Loop

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

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Events this week:

Monday

- * Life Education continues

Thursday

- * Interrelate for Year 6
- * Band Night in Hall – 6.30pm

Friday

- * Kindergarten excursion to Fairfield City Farm

Coming Events:

Monday 21st September

- * Year 4 Excursion to Cumberland State Forest

Tuesday 22nd September

- * Life Education finishes
- * P & C Meeting in 1891-7.00pm

Thursday 24th September

- * Interrelate for Year 6

Friday 25th September

- * Year 6 Fete
- * Guitar & Recorder Concert in Hall at 6.30 p.m.

Term 3 – Week 8

14 September 2009

➤ Principal's Report

Building the Education Revolution (BER)

Bovis Lend Lease sent their team of builders, architects and tradesmen to the school last Wednesday. This was obviously with a view to our P21 (Primary Schools for the 21st Century) project.

I found the team to be very accommodating, supportive and realistic as they recognised the complexities of our site and our desire to increase the number of permanent classrooms in preference to having additional demountables.

While there are examples in the media of P21 problems, I have to say that I have found the process with the DET to date to be productive.

I have continually emphasised the school's desire to secure increased classroom accommodation without compromising recreational space, and so far...so good.

The aim is to demolish four permanent classrooms and replace them with eight rooms.

Geotechnic personnel will be at the school this week to commence their investigation of the site.

Grandparents Day

There is no doubt that Grandparents' Day is a very popular annual event at LCPS and last Monday confirmed that yet again. The large number of senior visitors expressed their delight about our classrooms, students and teachers.

The concert in the Kit Kirkwood Centre was excellent and show-cased the vast array of talent at LCPS.

Congratulations to the students, tutors and music committee on an outstanding hour or so of entertainment.

Thank you to the Years 3 and 5 parents who provided the abundant morning tea and also those parents who served and assisted our guests.

I would like to commend the two music captains, who did an excellent job in compering the program. They did so well that I was able to ease myself off the stage and leave proceedings to them. Actually, their efforts allowed me to access coffee and morning tea a little earlier than I anticipated.

Our Year 6 guides ably escorted our visitors around the school, allowing them to make quicker contact with grandchildren in their classrooms.

The following items made up the program:

Year 4 choir with Miss Schmidt

Cello group with Cathy Tabrett

Guitar group with Jeremy Brien

Junior, intermediate and senior strings with Jenny Byrne

Orchestra with Judy Mitchell

Beginner guitars with Phil Arnold

Jazz ensemble with Bob Pritchard

Whooping Cough

Last week I sent a note home regarding whooping cough and I would urge you to absorb its contents. We have had some cases confirmed and we need to take it seriously.

Life Education

Healthy Harold has LCPS students mesmerised. The Life education program has commenced superbly and our students (and staff) thoroughly enjoy the time in the van. Unfortunately, the van is pushing us over our electrical capacity and we had a problem with power last week. The air conditioning in particular uses substantial power and we will have to watch our usage carefully this week.

J Rock

Congratulations to our J Rock finalists who performed superbly last week at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Although our students did not secure a place they were awarded several "golds" for their efforts. The staff and students had a 17 hour day last Tuesday from 7.00 am until midnight and congratulations to all for a great year of dance.

Miss Schmidt, Mrs Buckley, Miss Liddle, Miss Manassian, Miss Shaddick, Miss Shelberg and Mrs Walkerden demonstrated as much stamina as the 100 students involved and I thank them for their gold medal involvement.

How fortunate our students are when you consider that they have such experiences because teachers give up so much of their own time. This takes me back to the Year 6 bush camp involving teachers on duty 24 hours a day over three days and the Year 5 Canberra excursion with teachers on duty also for 24 hours a day over two days.

Such commitment is voluntary and I appreciate that I do not have to coerce staff into taking on such time-consuming commitments.

Working Bee

Sunday's working bee made a great impact on the school environment, for which I am very grateful.

UNSW Competitions

I am getting closer to publishing our high achievers in the four UNSW competitions. Miss Bucciol is showing me how to extricate the High Distinctions, Distinctions and Credits from the results without my typing each individual's name.

Honour Assembly

This term's honour assembly will focus on Human Society and Its Environment. Our special guest will be our Relieving School Education Director, Ms Dailene McGilchrist.

Term 4

Term 4 commences for students and staff on Monday, 19 October.

There is no school development day in Term 4.

Bob Lamaro**Basketball Begins!**

Basketball has begun for all but one of our teams and what a fantastic start it has been!

There are 5 brand new teams up and running combined with 5 teams that were pre-existing and they have all started with amazing enthusiasm and excellent results. This makes 10 teams and 80 children in total PLUS another 40 children in the development classes.

Keep it up guys! You are really proving that talent has been lying dormant in LCPS for too long!

As for the rest of you... when aarrree you going to start?

There are some spaces still available – see below

U8 Team (Tuesdays 3-4pm) – 4 spaces available, must be turning 6 or 7 this year

Cost: \$153.50 + Registration \$70

U8 Development Class (Wednesdays 3-4pm) – 7 spaces available

Cost: \$95

U10 Development Class (Wednesdays 4-5pm) – 5 spaces available

Cost: \$95



We expect they will fill up quickly so to get in fast email Daniel Fischer at daniel@trickss.com

We are also looking for our inaugural committee – currently we need a President, Secretary, treasurer and age co-coordinators... we need everybody! But it's the beginning of a brand new adventure and you have the chance to start something that will be around for years and years to come – and we will have loads of fun!

If you love exciting new projects, or if you love organizing things please email. The busiest time for club members will be when we are forming teams, which we have just done, so you will not be thrown in the deep end. We have a system for building and running clubs that makes the process more fun and more efficient. We would love to hear from you soon. As above, please email daniel@trickss.com.

➤ P&C News

Working Bee Last Sunday

Once again a million thanks to all the busy bees – as always there was a lot to do and everyone mucked in with their usual enthusiasm. Your efforts are much appreciated by the school.

Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 22nd September 7pm 1891 Building

This meeting will feature presentations on the proposed Walking School Bus initiative and from Lane Cove Council on their strategic plan - Lane Cove Listens.

The following motions will be also voted upon at this meeting

- That LCPS P&C re-direct \$12,000 (previously approved for security of 3 school buildings) towards replacement seating around Terminus
- That LCPS P & C re-direct a further \$12,000 towards Interactive Whiteboards that was to be used for Grounds
- That LCPS P&C pledge a further 3 years support towards Learning Support @ \$30,000pa
- That LCPS P&C commit a further \$85,000 towards purchase, installation and training associated with Interactive Whiteboards over the next 3 years, Year 1 \$30,000, Year 2 \$30,000 and Year 3 \$25,000

Secret Bob Business

Save the date – there will be a special parent farewell to Bob Lamaro on Friday November 20th at the Longueville Hotel 7-10pm. Get your hankies ready - more detail next week...

We are collecting photos of Bob's time at Lane Cove Public for a special secret mission. If you have some good snaps, please either email to Sue Bishop on suebishop@bigpond.com OR burn onto a CD/save to USB, place in envelope titled 'LCPS P&C Photos' and put in P&C pigeon hole in the office.

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

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

➤ Canteen News

MunchMonitors comes to LCPS!

Lane Cove Public School has teamed up with MunchMonitor to offer an easy to use online lunch ordering system for parents and students. Due to the smooth implementation of the new system we are bringing forward the launch to all the school by a week and it will now be open to all from the **last week of this term**. For the next couple of weeks, the system will be used by a pilot group of families so we at the canteen can become totally familiar with the system before we open it to everyone. Look out for instructions on how to set up you account in next weeks school news!

Please note that the existing lunch order system will continue to operate at the canteen – MunchMonitor online ordering will just be an option you can choose to use to make your life just that little bit simpler!

By using MunchMonitor, you will be able to

- ✓ place lunch orders online up to 4 weeks in advance (up to 9am on the day)
- ✓ top-up your MunchMonitor account using VISA/MasterCard (or with cash at canteen window)
- ✓ obtain reports on your child's canteen spending & nutrition
- ✓ students can purchase over the counter on account (no more lost cash)
- ✓ set daily spend limits for your students over the counter recess and lunch sales (eg up to \$1.50 on Wed & Fri) & menu limits (eg no milk)
- ✓ list allergies to alert canteen staff during account sales

We are very excited about the launch of MunchMonitors and hope that you will be too. If you want to find out more about the system before joining up, go to www.munchmonitor.com

Year 6 Fete – the canteen will be **closed** all day on FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER. No lunch orders or over the counter sales will be able to be made that day.

Canteen AGM: The Canteen Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday October 19 at 7.30pm in the LCPS staffroom. Everybody is welcome to come along. There are a few Committee positions that we are looking to fill for next year as parents move on. If you are interested or have any questions please contact the Convenor, Brigid Bremner on 9418 8748 or bremner@bigpond.com

Canteen Volunteers for this 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.

- 15th Sept (3rd Tues): Nicki A., Cait R., Si W.
- 16th Sept (3rd Weds): Caroline F., Sarah C., Deborah B., Caroline J.
- 17th Sept (3rd Thurs): Angela C., Mark D., Janice G.
- 18th Sept (3rd Fri): Liz E.M., Anne C., Emma M., Seema A.
- 21st Sept (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 News**

Kindergarten 2010 appointments for Uniform buying – Do you have a child starting kindergarten in 2010 then please book a Uniform buying appointment held on some Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in Term 4. Avoid waiting in a queue, there will be more staff so a more efficient service, enjoy a less pressured time to shop and have time to meet a few of the other new starters. Appointments take about 20 minutes and are held half hourly. We will exchange unworn, labels intact uniform with receipt for a bigger size if necessary so buy early and miss the crowds. A sheet with the dates will be in your kinder pack on parent info night. Ring the shop to book your appointment during opening hours.

Price rises – Prices rose on some items from 1 September 2009. Please discard your old order forms.

Some Trackpants – Are arriving someday soon. All orders will be delivered as soon as they arrive.

Sports jackets and rest of trackpants – Will be following on a slow boat.

Netball skirts – we have to order next year's supply next month. Please think ahead and let us know if you will need a skirt next year and which size to give us an idea of what to order.

Order forms are available from rack in front of school office and downloadable from the school website. Exchanges or refunds can only be made on clean, unworn, (labels intact) garments. Please bring your receipt. **No refunds on second hand goods. Cash, Cheques or Credit Cards (2% surcharge) accepted. NO EFTPOS.**

Helene Sharp - Uniform Shop Manager

➤ Music News**LCPS Spring Concert Series – Band Concert Night Thursday 17th September**

The Training Band, Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble will be performing in the second of the LCPS Spring Concert Series this week. Performers to arrive at 6pm and bring a plate for supper. The concert will commence at 6:30pm in Kit Kirkwood Hall. Entry by gold coin donation. The concert will run for about an hour and conclude with supper afterwards. Everyone welcome. A special invitation is extended to children and their families who may wish to take up a band instrument next year. This is a fabulous opportunity to come and see what is on offer at LCPS.

String and Orchestra Concert

Thanks to all the fantastic performers for a great concert on Friday night. The atmosphere was really encouraging for all musicians. They really appreciate the formal concert opportunities that such a concert provides. Thanks to Vivienne Albin and Judy Mitchell for their organisation of the concert and also to Janet Crayn and Liz Eadie-Mirams for their efforts with overall coordination of the Spring Concert Series.

Music Committee Positions

The extra curricular music program at LCPS is run by a volunteer group of parents who form the Music Committee (a subcommittee of the school PandC). At the committee's AGM in October it will be looking for some additional volunteers to replace committee members who are leaving (understandably parents don't usually stay on the committee after their children finish Year 6!!!).

If your child is enjoying music at LCPS and you feel you could offer some assistance (big or small) to help run the program we would love to hear from you. You do not have to have any musical bones in your body as most of the tasks undertaken are purely administrative.

If you would like to sit in on the September committee meeting (Monday 28th Sept) just to see what goes on please feel free to come along. If you would like more information about how you can assist please give me a call or talk to any of the current committee members.

Remember no volunteers no music program in 2010.

Dates for your Musical Diary (*new items in bold*)

16th September – Jazz Ensemble at senior assembly 11:30am
 17th September – Beginner Guitars at junior assembly 11:30am
 17th September - Band Concert Night 6:30pm Thursday (training band, concert band and jazz ensemble)
 25th September - Guitar and Recorder Concert Night 6:30pm (recorder groups, guitar groups, rock group)
 26th September (Sat) – Training Band 2-4pm at Chatswood High.
 26th September (Sat) – Concert Band 5:30-7:30pm at Chatswood High
 30th September – Senior recorders at senior assembly 11:30am
 1st October – Rock Group at junior assembly 11:30am
 2nd October (Fri) – Orchestra to perform at Term 3 Honour Assembly 9:15am
 8th November (Sun) – Concert Band at Music by the River in Tambourine Bay 4-6pm

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

➤ **Netball News**

Presentation Day will be Sunday 20th September at 3pm at the Longueville Sporting Club, Cnr. Longueville Rd, River Rd and Kenneth St, Longueville.

Let your manager know if you are coming

Netball Committee

➤ **Environment Group News**

Gardening tools

Hi Ho, Hi Ho... it's off to work we go!

Last week the Environment Group procured the first of the Gardening Tools that will eventually be used by school children, Teachers and Parents in Environmental activities. These will all be housed in our beautiful new Shed. The children will absolutely LOVE their new tools! There will be enough hand tools contained in bright coloured "Tuff Trugs" to allow a class to all be working in the garden areas. The tools will also be grouped using the same colour as their Tuff Trug for easier management by teachers.

We are really excited at being able to provide these to all our children! Once the shed is fully operational and stocked, we welcome anyone from the School community to come and have a look. Stay tuned for the sheds progress!

Thank You! Thank You!

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all those respondents to our 'calls' for help and donations. To date we have received:

- Aquariums	- Garden Tools	- Pots! Pots! Pots!	- Lattice for trellising
- Buckets	- Wood	- Pine Logs	

All these will be used in the school by all LCPS school children and contribute to their education.

Keep 'em coming! Rose Moore rose.moore@exemail.com.au

Take Notice!

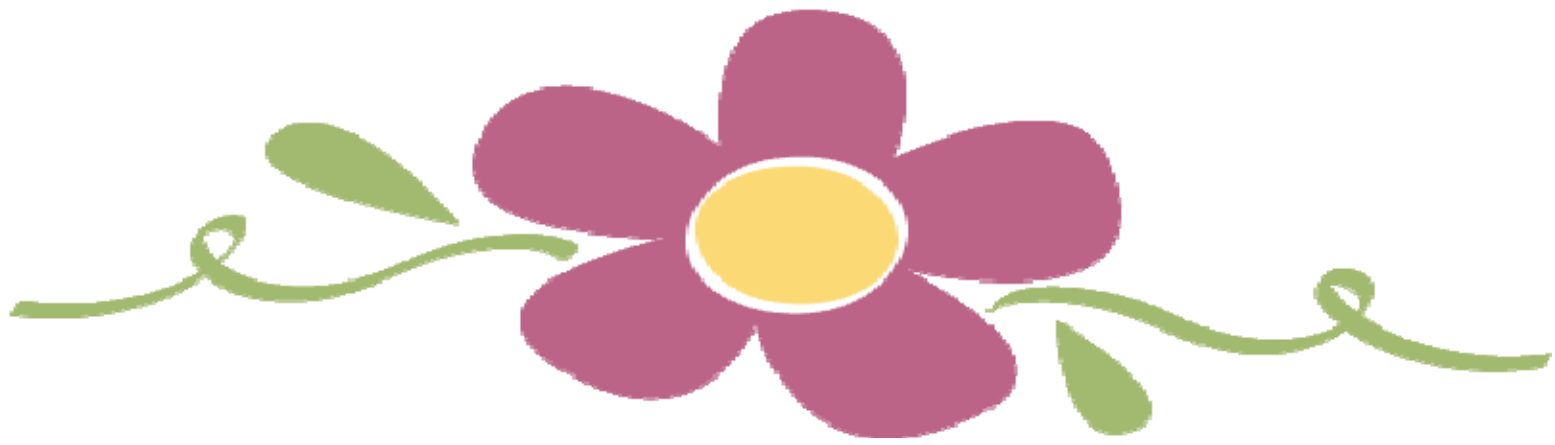
The Environment Group has a new notice board on the wall opposite the library to display details of upcoming events, workshops and tips. Point it out to your child next time you walk past!

Did you know??

Australians are among the best newspapers recyclers in the world, recycling 74.5% of newspapers in 2005.

http://www.wasteservice.nsw.gov.au/dir138/wsn.nsf/Content/Education+and+Safety_Facts+and+Figures

Environment Group



Spring and Music is in the Air!

LCPS music committee presents:-

✚ Training, Concert and Jazz Band Concert
on Thursday Sept 17



- ✚ In the Kit Kirkwood Hall from 6:30 – 7:30pm, followed by supper.
- ✚ Entry by gold coin donation
- ✚ Music students to arrive at 6pm and bring a plate for supper.

Everyone welcome!!!

