



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:

- * Year 5 Debating Team v Lindfield @ Lindfield P.S. - 12.30 p.m.

Tuesday:

- * Uni NSW Spelling Competition Year 3-6
- * P & C Meeting in 1891 Building 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday:

- * Senior Strings Group Opera House Rehearsal & Evening Performance
- * P & C Seminar "Raising Resilient Children" in 1891 Building - 7.00-9.30 p.m.

Friday:

- * PSSA for Years 4-6 - 12 noon

Coming Events:

Monday 29th

- * Year 5 Solar Incursion in Hall 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday 30th

- * Year 6 Antarctica Incursion in Hall - 9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Thursday 2nd July

- * Year 3 Excursion to Botany Bay FSC

Friday 3rd July

- * Last week of PSSA

Term 2 – Week 9

22 June 2009

➤ Principal's Report

Honour Assembly

Because of 100 plus students being involved in J Rock on the last day of the term, our Term 2 honour assembly will be held on **Thursday 9 July**. It will commence at 9.15 am in the Kit Kirkwood Centre.

Swine Flu

I sent out a note last week indicating that the DET has revised its conditions for exclusion from school. In essence, it means that any student or staff member who has been excluded because of travel, and is well, may return to school immediately.

Slap Cheek Alert

A note went home last Friday indicating that we have had a few cases of students in the school emerging with the Slap Cheek virus.

OOSH Celebration

On Friday evening Miss Scully, Mrs Walsh and I had the pleasure of attending the official opening of the after school OOSH on the school site. Quite a crowd assembled at the Stringybark building to celebrate this significant facility.

Many parents, students, Lane Cove Council personnel and the OOSH staff were present to hear Liz Baldwin formally acknowledge the culmination of much planning and collaboration. The initiative has resulted in Lane Cove OOSH being able to provide after school care for an additional 45 children.

BER Update

I have been advised that our National School Pride (NSP) projects have been approved by the DET. However, we may have to rethink our projects as some of the funds have been expended on condition maintenance work which was done without my receiving specific details. This work has made substantial inroads into our allocation of \$200,000.00.

I have expressed my displeasure at the manner in which this was decided.

Structural Engineer Out There??

The NSP projects do require the advice of a structural engineer and I am still hoping that we might have one in our school community to advise us on some technical matters. I would be delighted to hear from a suitably qualified parent or contact.

National Canteen Day

It was brought to my attention by staff last Friday that it was National Canteen Day. I would like to acknowledge the fine work carried out by our canteen committee and voluntary staff capably supervised by Karen Solway. A number of staff, including yours truly, patronise the canteen on a daily basis and we can testify that the quality is of the highest standard and at more than reasonable prices. Belated recognition and appreciation of our canteen is extended to all involved.

When I am conducting tours for prospective parents many comment on the fact that we have a five day per week canteen. This is not the case in all schools!

Austin Street Drop Zone

Supervising staff report that of an afternoon, many parents are parking and getting out of their cars. This forces other parents to reverse park into spaces. I urge drivers to move along the zone when the space in front becomes vacant.

Apparently, a Ranger drove past on Friday and took photos, which seems like an ominous warning to all.

Spell-a-thon

Thank you to all the students who have returned their sponsorship money so far. We are well on our way to reaching our target of \$20,000. The generosity of the school community is to be applauded. This is the last week to bring in sponsorship money so keep it coming. All students who return their sponsorship money will be entered into the lucky draw. The Kindergartens have had the most spell-a-thon returns and have also raised the most money to date. Well done Kinders.

Kate Walsh
Deputy Principal

2010 Enrolments

We now have in excess of 50 kindergarten enrolments for next year. There is also an extensive waiting list of non-local applications.

Any student who lives in our intake area and turns five years of age by 31 July 2010 is eligible to enroll. I would encourage parents to spread the word that we are now taking kindergarten applications for 2010.

Chess

Lane Cove A played an away game against St. Pius X A team and won 3-1

Lane Cove B won their away fixture 2.5 -1.5

Lane Cove C played St Aloysius and lost 1-3

Lane Cove D played against an undefeated Newington Prep B team and lost 0-4

Competitions have now finished for Lane Cove A and Lane Cove D. I would like to congratulate our teams on their efforts this year. They have performed admirably.

Loop Via Email

Mrs Brown, one of our school admin officers, advises me that she currently prints 155 copies of the Loop for classroom distribution. This works out to be around 25% of our families. I would dearly love to see this percentage reduced. It's not just the savings on paper and printing costs.

The Loop via email reduces the amount of admin time involved in printing and also enhances communication. Physical distribution is a prolonged process which involves distribution to teachers via pigeon holes, distribution to students and hopefully then delivered to you amongst everything else in school bags. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please send the name of your eldest child to lanecove-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Reports

Teachers are currently completing their mid-year reports and forwarding them to grade coordinators for perusal and signing. They then come to me for my scrutiny and signing. I would advise you to update your details if your address has changed recently.

I expect that reports will be mailed to parents at the beginning of the last week of term.

Lateness

This is a further reminder that students who arrive late to school should be signed in by a parent. An increasing number of our students are signing themselves in when late and these will be recorded in class rolls as unexplained partial absences.

Opera House

Our best wishes go to our Senior Strings and Senior Recorder Ensemble who perform at the Sydney Opera house this week.

Basketball Knock Out

Last Tuesday the girls and boys basketball knock out teams travelled to Thornleigh to play Thornleigh West P.S. in our first game of the NSWPSA Knock Out Tournament. Both LCPS teams had been training hard to prepare for the game and went in with enthusiasm. Unfortunately we were outplayed on the day and Thornleigh West came away the winners in both girls and boys games. All LCPS students gave 100% and went to the final whistle playing hard. Thank you to all the students who played. You can be very proud of the way you played the game, your sportsmanship and your commitment to the team.

Kate Walsh
Deputy Principal

Stewart House School Clothing appeal 2009

Stewart House clothing bags have been distributed and it would be appreciated if they could be returned to school by no later than Wednesday, 1st July.

Library News

Book Covering Morning Tea – On Monday 29th June there will be a book covering morning tea in the school library from 9.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. Come along and meet your friends while you cover a few books. All welcome!

Andy Griffith Author Talk – Australian author, Andy Griffith, will be talking to school students at the Palace Theatre, 99 Norton Street, Leichhardt on Monday 6th July from 4.30-5.30 p.m.

Andy Griffith has written a number of books but his most famous ones are the “Just” series.

If you would like to take your child/children, send along a note to the library and I will give them the ticket/tickets.

Ruth Elston
Librarian

Bob Lamaro**➤ P&C News**

Please come and show support for your P&C. Main agenda items will be:

- * Kate Walsh will present an overview of the school's Learning Support program, part funded by the P&C.
- * A presentation on the use of the National School Pride grant from the Government, which will be invested in new school entrances and covered walkways, amongst other things.
- * A report from Bob Lamaro in school activities. .
- * A vote on the following motions:
 - That LCPS P&C contribute \$12,000 towards installing school security in the 1891, Osborne Park and Longueville buildings
 - That LCPS P&C redirect \$17,000 of capital expenditure from Grounds to Technology.

LCPS P&C TRIVIA Night “B” Party – Saturday 8th August 2009

With only a few weeks left of this term, and Trivia Night happening in week 2 of Term 3, we all need to get our skates on. Happy to report that we have received donation pledges for **46% of our target** – so we are nearly half way. Please don't leave it till the last minute! Plus the Trawlers should be wrapping up their visits to local businesses, and class baskets/artworks should be coming together.

Visit the school website for more info on Trivia 2009, including a Beginner's Guide to Trivia Night, an overview of our donation needs and the all-important table booking form (also attached). Trivia Coordinator is Brigid Bremner bremner@bigpond.com or 9418 8748.

Parent Seminars

Triple P Seminars – Continuing this **Wednesday 24th June 7-9.30pm 1891 Building**

Don't forget your bookings for this week's seminar “Raising Resilient Children” in the 1891 Building (home of KR) located by the Kindy playground.

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

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

➤ Canteen News**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.

- 22nd June (4th Mon): Alyssa L., Donna M., Sue R.
- 23rd June (4th Tues): Si W., Becky R., Nicole B.
- 24th June (4th Weds): Anne M., Di B., Adam L., John C.
- 25th June (4th Thurs): Evelyn J., Donna D., Anne B.
- 26th June (4th Fri): Sherina U., Alison B., Tina T.
- 29th June (5th Mon): Rita H., Felicity G., Leonie H.

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

The Canteen Committee

➤ Uniform Shop

Trackpants - are out of stock in sizes 4,6 8,10 & 12. Sports Jackets size 8 are out of stock too. Still no confirmed dates of arrival of Australian made or China made orders. All those with order numbers including and below 460 are guaranteed stock from the Australian order. If you require trackpants/sports jackets this season please place an order now.

Delays - Bootlegs size 10 & 12 should arrive this week.

Orders - Any enquiries about orders, please have your order number handy so it can be traced easily. Any queries please contact me at school phone number 9427 1024 (ask for uniform shop) during shop opening hours. 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

Orchestra performance at the Yamaha Music Festival

Congratulations to the orchestra who received a bronze award in the Yamaha Music Festival last week. Remember there is no orchestra rehearsal this week.

Tickets for Concert Band performance at North Sydney Leagues Club – 24th June

Performers do not need a ticket but family and friends who would like to watch the concert will need tickets. Those who ordered with the LCPS Concert Band block booking will receive their tickets via band members on Monday morning. If you missed out on ordering tickets or would like additional tickets you should be able to buy them at the door on Wednesday.

Don't forget straw hats for the performance of Ballad and Hootenanny. Please aim to arrive at 6pm to allow time to find parking and sign in the club. Performers are required at 6:15pm and the concert starts at 7pm. Parents and family members may wish to grab some dinner at the club either before or after the concert.

Senior Strings to Opera House – Wed 24th June

Good luck to all the string players performing in the Jacaranda Concert at the Sydney Opera House on Wednesday evening. Remember there is NO orchestra rehearsal on Thursday morning.

Intermediate and Senior Recorders to Opera House – Fri 26th June

Good luck to all the recorder players performing in the Mimosa Concert at the Sydney Opera House on Friday evening. We would also like to congratulate Eva on being selected to play a solo in this concert and wish her all the best.

Guitar Program Survey

Please return all surveys this week. Surveys were given out last week to all students who learn guitar at LCPS whether or not they play in one of the groups. We would love to hear your comments before reviewing the program. Information will be treated in confidence and surveys should be returned to Swantje Lorrimer (via school office) by 26th June 2009.

Coming events

23rd June – Music Committee Meeting (if you would like to attend please let Jackie know)

24th June – Concert Band to perform with Chatswood High School at North Sydney Leagues Club

24th June – Senior strings to Opera House

25th June – no orchestra rehearsal

25th June – beginner strings first performance at Junior Assembly

26th June – Senior and Intermediate recorders to Opera House

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

➤ Environment Group

Garden Shed

Thanks to all the working bee volunteers who helped in the preparation of the site for the garden shed. (Dickens, Walther, Holland and Moore families). The area was first cleared of vegetation, marked, measured and then levelled by hand, foot and whatever energy we could muster on the day! A concrete slab will be poured soon, and then the shed (3.75 x 3.75m) will be erected. This large shed will house the Environment Group tools and supplies.

Frog Pond

A large number of eager children are taking part in the Tadpole Training program. Existing Frog Pond Friends are training the children to care for the Frog Pond area. Frog Pond Friends also host interested children on lunchtime visits to the Frog Pond.

Recycling video

Mrs Hardy has integrated a Recycling video produced by the Environment Group into Year 2 Science classes. One of the items explored in the video is recycled roof tiles which were used to as a ground cover around the Vegetable gardens.

The Environment Committee

Homework help online

Parents and carers can access age-appropriate material to help with your child's homework assignments at the Teaching and Learning Exchange:

www.tale.edu.au/tale/live/index.jsp

Information ranges from ages 4-9 which includes pages to help you follow your child's early learning and to help you talk with teachers about your child's progress to Beyond School, which includes links to TAFE, university and other further learning opportunities such as apprenticeships and traineeships.

The content of each age group area is organised into these sections:

- What they learn
- Helping your child learn
- About stages of learning

From the navigation bar you can also access links to educational organisations and news.

The site also includes a Jargon Buster, a selection of translated documents and links to DET parent newsletters such as the Click! technology guide and School Parent's magazine.

LCPS Trivia Night



Party

Whether you come as a **B**asketballer or a **B**iker, the **B**lues **B**rothers or the **B**each **B**oys, dressed as **B**ig **B**ad **B**ob or the **B**rumbies, wearing **B**lack and **B**lue or just covered in **B**ling, we want you to come to the
LCPS Trivia Night "B" Party!

DATE: Saturday 8th August 2009
TIME: 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start
PLACE: Ramsay Hall, St Ignatius College, Riverview
BRING: All food and drinks

The "B" theme is not compulsory but prizes will be awarded for the best dressed tables!

BOOKING FORM

Name: _____

Contact No. _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Email: _____

I would like to:

Reserve a table for Ten guests for \$300

Make a donation of \$ _____

Join the _____ table @ \$30 a ticket

Join a table of other Year _____ parents @ \$30 a ticket

The guests names included in this booking are:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

10. _____

RSVP before 31 July

Return booking form and payment to school office in an envelope marked
"LCPS Trivia night Booking – Emma Montague"

Cheques are to be made payable to LCPS P&C. Bookings must include payment and refunds will not be made after 31 July 2009.

Any questions – email pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au and watch the school news for more info.

