



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:

- * Book Week author Duncan Ball visiting Kinder, Yrs 1 & 6 in Library

Tuesday:

- * Book Week author Duncan Ball visiting Yrs 2, 3, 4 & 5 in Hall
- * Combined Choir Rehearsal 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
- * Zone Athletics Carnival – Field Events at Rotary Field
- * P & C Meeting in 1891 Building - 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday:

- * Yr 4 Choir Performance at Hills Centre

Thursday:

- * Debate in Hall – LCPS Yr 5 v LCPS Yr 6 – 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Coming Events:

Tuesday 1st September:

- * OZ Opera for Years 2, 3 & 4
- * Yr 1 excursion to Taronga Zoo

Friday 4th September:

- * Father's Day Breakfast from 7.30 a.m. at the Canteen

Term 3 – Week 5

24 August 2009

➤ Principal's Report

Relieving Executive Positions

Mrs Walsh will be on leave for the last five weeks of this term. Miss Gorrell will be Relieving Deputy Principal in Mrs Walsh's absence, commencing on Monday August 31. Mrs Keisewtter will be relieving as Assistant Principal in place of Miss Gorrell. Mrs Keisewtter will co-ordinate Year 1 in Mrs Walsh's absence.

Gold Medal Performance

As many of you would be aware our students in Years 3-6 have recently completed the International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) conducted by the University of NSW. Jack in Year 3 has been awarded a medal for scoring the highest mark in his year level in the state for the 2009 ICAS Science competition. Jack will receive his medal at a special Awards Ceremony shortly.

This is an exceptional achievement and warmest congratulations go to Jack.

Year 4 Choir

Our best wishes go to our Year 4 choir who are participating in the Primary Proms at the Hills Centre this Wednesday evening. I know that Miss Schmidt is very pleased with her choir and Wednesday night will be a wonderful experience for all.

Grandparents Day

Mrs Spencer-James will be distributing a note re Grandparents Day which will be held on Monday, September 7.

School Development Days

This advice is a repeat of last week's item.

This year the last day of school for students will be Wednesday 16 December.

Teachers will continue at school on the Thursday and Friday (17 & 18 Dec) as the DET has now scheduled the last two days of the school year as school development days with students not attending.

2009 Presentation Day

This is a repeated item also for your information.

*Our annual Presentation Day will be held on **Monday 14 December** at Hunters Hill High School. Students in Years 3-6 attend this event, travelling to and from the venue by bus. The school covers the transport costs incurred.*

Bob Lamaro

Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that our school's reading challenge ended Thursday 20th August. Please remember to enter all the books you have been reading as there is still 43 incomplete reading logs. If reading logs are not complete then the school cannot validate them and forward on information for children to receive their certificates. Please enter all information as soon as possible.

Thank you
Desley Spencer-James

Chess Report

Lane Cove A (Championship level) came in equal 6th place out of 8 teams. The competition in this Championship level was tough this year, with several teams drawn almost entirely from OC classes at Chatswood and Neutral Bay. We were the only school

with children drawn from Grades 3-6 playing at this level; other teams only had students drawn from Grades 5 and 6.

Lane Cove B (Intermediate) came equal 3rd out of 5 teams.

Lane Cove C (Intermediate) came 5th out of 10 teams.

Lane Cove D (Rookie) came 2nd out of 8 teams. This was an especially good effort as this team was made up of very young players; only one had played interschools chess before.

Our approach of allowing students of any age and level to play in the Interschools competition ensures that our teams are challenged each week, and that their wins are well-earned. We will need to replace most of our Championship team (Lane Cove A) next year, and we will be looking for a new crop of players to fill the spaces in the Intermediate and Rookies teams.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the teams with transport, supervision and afternoon tea. Thank you to Mr Lamaro for his unfailing support and encouragement. Thank you to the Sydney Academy of Chess for their home-game supervision and their tutoring. And a big thank you to Mr Keel and 4K for allowing the chess teams to use their classroom for home games.

Tennis News

Round 3 of the Northern Suburbs Primary Tennis Challenge will be held on Saturday 12 September. Good luck to all players and have an enjoyable evening of tennis.

S.SUTTON - Tennis Co-ordinator

Top Shots

Nick has been selected to represent NSW (B team U13) at the Table Tennis Junior Australian Open in Hobart on 27th September. A week later he is competing in the New Zealand Open.

IT'S HERE!

What an amazing response! We have received interest from more than 50 LCPS students so far! Thank you to all who have pre-registered for the Trial Day – if you have not registered, don't worry there is still time! Remember, no player will be turned away and we have a development class option as well as teams to play in.

Dates and Age Groups: Both trial Day sessions are held at the Lane Cove P.S. basketball court straight after school. Trial Day is FREE!

U8's	Born in year 2002, 2003 or 2004	Tue 25 th Aug	3:00pm - 4:30pm
U10's	Born in year 2000 or 2001	Wed 26 th Aug	3:00pm - 4:30pm

Basketball Offers:

- Convenient trainings at school after school.
- Professional trainings sessions with professional coaches
- Gross motor and sport specific skill development.
- All games played at one local venue

Register your interest today by dropping a quick line including; your contact number & email address as well as your child's name & class to the following email address: daniel@trickss.com
More information is available outside Miss Walsh's office.



Islamic Scripture

The Islamic Scripture teacher has informed us that he can no longer take Islamic scripture on Wednesday mornings. The children who were attending will now go to non – scripture, in the hall. I have informed the Islamic Council, the group that provides the scripture teachers, and they are trying to resolve this issue.

Christine Scully
Deputy Principal

➤ P & C News**P&C Meeting - Tuesday 25th August 7pm 1891 Building**

Our meeting next week will focus on the following items

- A special update on Interactive Whiteboards from our expert Helen Bucciol. Have a go on one. Hear about other school's experiences, and find out about the planned roll out of these amazing learning tools.
- Basketball at Lane Cove Public - a presentation from parents about the establishment of the Lane Cove Public Basketball Club. Please see the note below, or contact daniel@trickss.com

Fathers' Day Breakfast - Friday 4th September from 7.30am

It's time to throw those ties over your shoulders once again (to avoid the spillage)! All dads are invited to come and celebrate with their kids from 7.30am outside the canteen. Egg & bacon rolls, sausages, coffee, tea and juice for the kids. Cost - \$10 for a Dad + one child, \$15 for a Dad + more than one child. Anyone willing to help out serving or cooking please email Sue Mayall spmayall@optusnet.com.au

Secret Bob Business

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.

Dates to remember

Working Bee – Sunday 13th September

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

➤ Music News**Instrument officers**

The music committee is urgently looking for additional instrument officers to assist with keeping track of the school's violins and brass instruments. Instrument officer positions are ideally suited to a busy parent who has limited time but can look after a few administrative matters from home and report annually on the instruments (eg. number of instruments hired, available, requiring service etc). Instrument officers are not required to attend monthly music committee meetings. If you think you can help out, even for a year or so, please contact Jackie Brighton on 9427 5529.

Annual School Band Festival 23rd August at UNSW

Congratulations to all LCPS bands on their fantastic efforts in the Annual NSW School Band Festival held at UNSW over the weekend. All groups looked and sounded great. It is such a great experience for the groups to play in the Clancy Auditorium in front of a large audience and an adjudicator as well.

Here are the results.....

LCPS Jazz Ensemble played Watermelon Man and Kansas City and received a Gold certificate.
LCPS Training Band played Old MacDonald and Music Music Music and received a Silver Certificate.
LCPS Concert Band played Ballad and Hootenanny and Lion King and received a Bronze Certificate.

Thanks to Bob Pritchard and Christine Pringle for their tireless efforts to prepare for the festival and for giving up part of their weekend to attend. Thanks also to Christine Wallace (music committee) for getting the new vests fitted and distributed to all the children. Christine has spent many hours sewing on buttons and labelling all the vests. Finally thanks to all the mums and dads who happily support their children's musical endeavours and listened to the performances.

Music Vests

The music committee has invested in additional vests for the bands so that the ones given out yesterday can be kept for the remainder of the year. All vests must be returned at the end of the year or you will be charged a

replacement fee of \$35. If your child's vest is not the correct size please send it back in to your band parent with a note attached indicating the problem eg. too small, too short and we will endeavour to find/swap for another one more suitable.

Rock Group

The rock group rehearses every Friday afternoon from 3:15pm-4:15pm in Tambourine Bay. The group is looking for a few more senior players (doesn't matter what instrument!). It's a fun and informal way to end the school week. Anyone from Years 5 or 6 who may be interested is invited to attend a few rehearsals on Friday afternoons at 3:15 to see if they like it. For more information please call Lisa Butt on 0406 070 501

Dates for your Musical Diary

5th September – "Dad's Are Great". Concert Band 10:30am and Jazz ensemble 11am Lane Cove Plaza
 11th September - String Concert Night 6:30pm (all string groups including cello group and orchestra)
 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) – Concert Band to perform in North Shore Primary School Concert Band Festival 5:30-7:30pm at Chatswood High
 26th September (Sat) – Training Band to perform in North Shore Primary School Concert Band Festival 2-4pm at Chatswood High. Please note change of day/date.

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

➤ **Netball News**

Congratulations to those teams who have made it into the finals and semi finals

Congratulations to LCPS 1 who have made it into the grand final

Friday 28th - Netta Gala Night

Saturday 29th August - Finals

Saturday 5th September - Grand Finals - please come and cheer on our teams (more details closer to the date)

Sunday 20th September - End of Year Presentations (more details closer to the date)

Refer to the school website for team results

Netball Club

➤ **Uniform Shop**

Due to increases in the cost from our suppliers some uniform items will be increasing in price as of 1st September. We will also be launching our new look order form at this time. The new order form will be available on the school website from 1st September and from the rack at the school office. Please discard old forms after this date as prices will no longer be valid.

For those with sports uniform orders we still have no word as to when our air freight order will arrive. We were expecting them to arrive within the first three weeks of term so we apologise for the delay.

Uniform Shop Committee

➤ **Environmental Group**

Garden Shed Assembly – Men still needed

This has been scheduled for Sunday 30th August from 1pm. We have a few helpers now, but would appreciate more help for assembling this shed. It is a large one (4m x 4m) so will take some muscle to put together. If you have an hour to spare, please contact Susan Loane susan.stewartloane@bigpond.com

Garden Shed Security Lights

Installation of security lights has now been completed - many thanks to Tim Cook for his help in installing these. Our Garden Shed and Frog Pond will now be illuminated at night and hopefully decrease the threat of vandals.

Summer Planting Planning

Spring is in the air! If you are interested in planning/planting our summer crops, contact Rose Moore rose.moore@exemail.com.au

Year 2 HSIE

Four classes in Year 2 now have Tadpole tanks in their classes to allow them to study Tadpoles as part of HSIE taught by Mrs Linda Hardy. The tanks were donated by School parents and set up by the Environment Group. We still need 1 more tank to complete the Year 2 classes. If you can either donate or lend a tank for approximately 1 - 2 weeks, please contact Rose Moore rose.moore@exemail.com.au

Did you know???

Up to 80% of a vehicle can be recycled!!

<http://www.recycling-guide.org.uk/facts.html>

All ages**Getting the basics right**

National Literacy and Numeracy Week is being held from 31 August to 6 September with the theme for 2009, 'getting the basics right'.

The week offers the opportunity to get involved in a range of activities and to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills.

For more information about the National Literacy and Numeracy Week go to:

www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/Programs/NationalLiteracyandNumeracyWeek/Pages/default.aspx

Primary school**Assessment resource website**

Want to know more about how and on what your child is tested? Do you want to know more about the A-E grading system? The Board of Studies has an Assessment Resource Centre webpage with all this information, updated regularly. Some is also available in a range of community languages translations. Go to the Board of Studies Assessment Resource Centre webpage: <http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>