



Lane Cove Loop

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Events this week:

* EDUCATION WEEK*

Tuesday

- * Strings Rehearsal for Opera House Concert at Croydon P.S.
- * P & C Meeting in 1891 classrm 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday

- * K-2B at Home School's Walkathon

Thursday

- * **Education Week - Open Day**

Friday

- * Year 1 excursion to the Maritime Museum

Sunday

- * Working Bee 8.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

Coming Events:

Tuesday 2nd June

- * School Photos

Wednesday 3rd June

- * Middle years parents' meeting with David Smith at 6.30 p.m. in the Hall

Term 2 – Week 5

25 May 2009

➤ Principal's Report

Open Day

This week is Education Week with Thursday being our Open Day. Details as per your note last week are provided below.

Date:	Thursday 28 May
Classroom visits:	9.15 - 10.00 am
Hall display:	Thursday from 8.00 am till 7.00 pm
Library and hall open:	9.00 – 10.30 am

P&C Meeting

Tuesday's P&C meeting will be held in the 1891 building, starting at 7.00 pm. This will give you the opportunity to gain a first hand look at our newly installed connected classroom. Miss Shelberg will demonstrate a range of uses of the interactive white board from 7.00 pm. Parents will get an update on the implications of the Federal Government's *Building the Education Revolution* program at the P&C meeting also. Copies of the Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN tests will also be available for parental perusal.

David Smith

This is a reminder that David's visit on Wednesday June 3 is a great opportunity to develop your understanding of the middle years of schooling. The parent session commences at 6.30 pm in the hall. There will be sufficient time for questions. I have included David's resume further on.

Working Bee

I trust that we have a good roll-up this Sunday as we have many projects to complete. Our last working bee was excellent due to so many parents and students in attendance.

Regional Director's Visit

The Regional Director of our Region, Northern Sydney, visited LCPS last Wednesday. Ms Jane Simmons visited the junior assembly and spoke to our students. She also watched the 1M item which was creative and entertaining. I did not alert staff to the fact that Ms Simmons was attending, so it was good to see the weekly assembly, including the class item, simply functioning as it usually does. Ms Simmons was surprised to see so many parents in attendance and I indicated that such numbers were the norm at the junior assemblies.

Spell-a-thon

As indicated on your note from Mrs Walsh, all funds raised by the Spell-a-thon will be devoted to acquiring interactive white boards. I look forward to parents supporting and encouraging all spellers as we count down to class spelling tests.

Chess Results

The following are the chess results from Friday's round of the interschool's chess competition.

Lane Cove A played at home and defeated Northbridge A 4-0.

All other teams played away at St. Pius in Chatswood
Lane Cove B were defeated by St. Pius C 3-1 Lane Cove C defeated St. Pius B 4.0
Lane Cove D were defeated by St. Pius D 1.5-2.5

Update on Human Swine Influenza

I have provided you with the email that the Director-general sent all principals over the weekend. I thought it was simpler to reproduce it for you.

Since I last wrote to you on 28 April 2009, the human swine influenza has continued to spread internationally. According to NSW Health, as at 23 May 2009 there are 13 people in Australia confirmed as having human swine influenza. Most of them contracted the disease overseas.

NSW Health has confirmed a small number of schools in Victoria and South Australia have been closed for seven days due to confirmed cases of human swine influenza. These decisions were taken as a precautionary measure to contain any potential spread of the virus.

Our department has been working with NSW Health to ensure we are prepared for a similar level of action in NSW if required. We have established a decision-making and communication protocol between the department and NSW Health to manage these situations.

A confirmed case of human swine influenza in a student or staff member who has attended school while infectious would result in that school being identified as a 'school of interest'.

NSW Health will investigate each case identified and decide what to do based on the level of exposure to individuals in the school. Appropriate mitigation actions may include placing close contacts into home isolation with antiviral treatment, increased social distancing at school, or partially or completely closing the school. Partial closure could mean closing just a class or year group.

NSW Health would not make any decision to close a school lightly, and would fully consider the social support issues an unexpected closure may create for some families.

The department has developed procedures to support principals in the event that this situation arises in our schools.

The incubation period of human swine influenza is thought to be up to seven days. People can be infectious with influenza for up to 24 hours before they will develop any symptoms. This means that people who are infected could unknowingly spread the virus.

To limit the potential exposure, NSW Health has advised the department to take steps to exclude staff or students who may have been in countries that have had community or school transmission of the virus.

Currently the countries are Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan and Panama. This list will be continually revised. This 'exclusion' approach would mean that students or staff members returning, or arriving, from a country affected by human swine influenza would be instructed to remain at home for seven days (the maximum incubation period) following their travel before returning to school.

This will allow time for any illness related to that travel to develop, and for prompt assessment and treatment to commence. If they remain well after seven days they can return to school.

Staff members who are excluded from their school will not suffer a loss of pay.

Principals should advise parents and staff members of these precautionary measures prior to overseas travel, where possible, to help parents and staff to make informed decisions and appropriate arrangements prior to travelling overseas.

It is important that we all cooperate with these strategies. The primary objective of NSW Health is to delay and limit the spread of human swine influenza within the community. This is a very important strategy in the effective management of the current influenza threat.

Once again, I ask you to remind staff and students about good hygiene practices and how to minimise the spread of infections. The [Infection Control Guidelines](#) can be accessed on the department's Occupational Health and Safety Directorate intranet site.

Simple precautions that prevent catching and spreading influenza include

- *covering your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze;*

- washing your hands after contact with soiled tissues or any contact with nose or throat discharge; and
- if students or staff are sick, advise them to stay home.

If you are aware of any students who have recently returned from overseas who are feeling unwell with any flu-like symptoms, please contact the parents or carers immediately and advise them to go to a hospital Emergency Department for assessment, or to ring their general practitioners if they are from rural areas where they may not have ready access to hospital.

NSW Health has asked that principals also notify the local [public health unit](#).

If you would like more information about human swine influenza, please read the NSW Health [website](#). If you need advice on how to manage a situation at your school please contact the Occupational Health and Safety Directorate on 9266 8958.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with relevant government agencies. You can confidently reassure staff and students that Australia has very strong planning and response measures in place to manage this health issue.

I will keep you up to date with relevant information.

With my best regards,

Michael Coutts-Trotter
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING
MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TAFE NSW
24 May 2009

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 were 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
Deputy Principal*

Bob Lamaro

Dr David Smith, (Adjunct Associate Professor, Faculty of Education and Social Work, The University of Sydney)

David is currently a private educational consultant. After teaching in primary and secondary schools for ten years in rural NSW and metropolitan Sydney he spent the next thirty odd years in teacher education, first at Macquarie University and then at Sydney University. As a former Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education he held various positions including Associate Dean, Research, Teaching & Learning and Postgraduate Studies. He was also Coordinator of the Master of Teaching degree and the undergraduate honours program.

As the author, co-author and editor of 14 books and over 100 published articles he has been a consultant and evaluator for programs in the United Kingdom, Canada, Scandinavia and New Zealand as well as for state and national governments in Australia.

In 2003 he was commissioned by the Australian government to undertake a critical review of the literature dealing with the latest research in quality learning across the western world.

David's most recent work has been with the NSW DET Middle Years Action Research Project where he has been the academic partner to the DET team managing the project, facilitator at the project orientation meeting and academic partner to the Bidwill and Colyton team clusters. As part of this role he recently completed a review of recent policy and research for the NSW DET Strategic Initiatives Directorate. In addition, David is the academic partner for the Colyton and Doonside Schools Learning Communities and several other schools in middle years projects.

➤ **P&C News**

Urgent – Trader Editor Needed

We are desperately looking for a new volunteer editor or two to help publish the School Trader each term. Many thanks to Liz Baldwin who has done a fantastic job but now urgently needs a break. This is very useful resource for the 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 at pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au.

P&C General Meeting – Tuesday 26th May 7pm in 1891 Classroom

There will be a change of venue for this meeting, which is of course open to all. We will meet in the 1891 building (by the Kindy playground) for a demonstration of the new Connected Classroom facility. Keeping to the technology theme, we will discuss the P&C's plans to focus this year's fundraising efforts of the roll out of Smart Boards throughout the school. Plans for expenditure of government grounds grants and the half-year reports of all P&C Subcommittees will also be presented so there will be a lot going on!

Working Bee – Sunday 31st May from 8.30am till 1pm-ish RAIN, HAIL or SHINE

It's on again - as little as an hour of your time is appreciated, and the more helpers we have the less we all have to do! There is lots of general tidying up and gardening to do so you don't need any skills - just come along and bring gardening gloves and any tools you wish, or borrow ours. We also need some handy types - we have quite a few jobs that will require your tools - carpentry work, shifting shelves and installing timber rails for bag hooks, fitting timber seats, replacing fence poles etc etc. Check-in with our coordinator waiting by the cricket nets when you arrive. Remember – **even ONE HOUR is worthwhile** – don't feel embarrassed if that's all you can manage. We hold only one working bee per term – a lovely morning tea and sausage sizzle lunch are provided. There will be indoor work no matter what the weather is like so it goes ahead **RAIN or SHINE**. Please call Tim Cook on 0412 257 156 or at home on 9428 2883 if you would like more info.

Parent Seminars

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 is attached, or email pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au to reserve a place.

The Power of Positive Parenting
Raising Confident, Competent Children
Raising Resilient Children

Wed 10th June 7-9.30pm
 Wed 17th June 7-9.30pm
 Wed 24th June 7-9.30pm

There will also be a session on **Cyber-bullying and Child Protection On The Net on Thursday 18th June** at 6.30-8.00pm in the School Hall, run by Chatswood Police. Though this subject is perhaps most relevant to parents of children in years 4-6, the session is open to all. No need to RSVP but as many attendees as possible would be great, to make good use of the police's time. And don't forget David Smith's talk about the **Middle Years on Wednesday, June 3** in the Hall 6.30-8.00 pm

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor
Contact the P&C via the website or email pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au

➤ Music News

Working Bee 31st May

A few volunteer music parents are urgently required to paint the newly built music store cupboards and make them ready for use. Please let me know if you can assist with this task at the school working bee on Sunday. This is a great opportunity to assist the music committee with a one-off task for those who are not able to help out on a regular basis with the music program. Please drop me an email if you can help. (brighton23@optusnet.com.au)

Invitation to all Guitar Beginners

If your child started guitar lessons this year and they have not yet attended beginner guitar group this is your chance to go along and have a look. During Education Week (25th-29th May) all LCPS music rehearsals are "Open Rehearsals" so feel free to drop in. Maybe the Thursday afternoon did not initially suit but your afternoon activities have changed for the winter terms.

The Beginner Guitar group comprises students from Years 2-6 who commenced guitar lessons this year. The group is run by Phil Arnold, one of our newer guitar teachers at LCPS and they rehearse every Thursday from 3.15pm – 4pm in KL. Playing an instrument in a group situation with other beginners increases a student's motivation to play their instrument well and trains the student's musical ear. The group is also given performance opportunities which further increase the enjoyment of learning. The Beginner Guitar Group is a brilliant preparation for the Guitar Ensemble, which has now been included in the program of the annual music camp. The fee for the beginner group is \$85 per half year (Feb-June) pro rata for new members. For enquiries please contact Swantje Lorrimer on 9420 1694 or swantjelorrimer@gmail.com

Congratulations to the Rock Group

Apparently the inaugural performance of the Rock Group at assembly last week was a great success and they "brought the house down" with their rendition of "wipeout". Congratulations to Jeremy Brien and kids in the group.

Education week 25th-29th May

All LCPS music ensembles will be conducted as "open rehearsals" during Education Week and you are invited. Check out the music section of the school website for our group rehearsal schedule and come along to see what goes on behind the scenes at a rehearsal. This invitation is extended to all parents and students at LCPS. You may want to come along to hear your own child's group rehearse or you may wish to listen to another group that your child does not yet play with to see the possibilities for future involvement.

Room Changes

Unfortunately music lessons and rehearsals are no longer able to be conducted in KR. Also due to the Education Week display in the hall orchestra rehearsal will be moved on Thursday 28th to Stringybark 2.

Please note the following changes:

Mon am – guitar ensemble to use Stringybark 2

Wed am – cello group use 2M

Thurs am – orchestra use Stringybark 2 on May 28th only.

Thurs pm – beginner guitar group and Phil's students use 4L

Tues am – beginner strings use Stringybark 2

Wed pm – Cheryl's students use 4L

Thurs am – senior and intermediate recorders use 4L on 28th May (Stringybark 2 after that)

Fri am – senior strings use Stringybark 2

Music Camp Surveys and Photo Release Forms

Surveys have now been handed to all groups who attended camp (green forms). Please take a moment to give us your feedback on any aspects of camp. Please return surveys along with the photo release forms to the school office before 5th June. Surveys also available on the website in case yours did not make it home.

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

➤ Uniform Shop

Year 6 garments second run If anyone else wants to order before the print screen for 2009 is destroyed, send in your form and payment immediately. Will finalise and place the order on Thursday this week. No orders after this time.

Microfibre trackpants are out of stock in sizes 4,6 8 & 10 I have reordered and am waiting to hear approximate date of arrival but probably July/August. Please order this week if you require trackpants/sports jackets this season to give us an idea of ordering quantities. Trying to improve delivery date but need your orders in NOW. Will keep you posted.

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.

Long sleeved sports polos are by order only and are not kept in stock. Delivery 15 working days minimum.

To save time waiting in the queue - if you are paying by credit card, fill in the credit card form before you reach the computer. If paying by cheque you can pre-stamp with our inked stamp and write your phone number on the back while waiting. If you already know the size then, please send in an order instead of waiting in the queue. We are less busy on Tuesdays between 2 and 2.40.

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

➤ Canteen News

Tee Jay Bags - We now have a small selection of the Tee Jay reusable lunch bags at the canteen for sale. Just ask Karen at the canteen. Alternatively, you can still order online at www.teejay.com.au. Either way, 10% of your sale comes back to the canteen!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – we are in urgent need of some more volunteers for various days.

Canteen Volunteers for next week:

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

- 26 May (4th Tues): Jacque D.M., Becky R., Nicole B., Si W.
- 27 May (4th Weds): Anne M., Di B., Adam L., John C.
- 28 May (4th Thurs): Karen J., Anne B.
- 29 May (5th Fri): May L., Stephanie A.
- 1 June (1st Mon): Karen B., Jenny G., Rachael A.

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

The Canteen Committee

➤ Environmental Group

Permaculture North, Lane Cove Branch

Are you interested in organic gardening, growing your own food, keeping chooks. Contact Permaculture North on www.permaculturenorth.org.au or check out the following website <http://www.permaculturenorth.org.au/>. The local Lane Cove branch has begun a community garden where you can grow your own vegetables if you don't have room at home.



TRIPLE P

3 - 12 YEARS SEMINAR SERIES

Hosted by Lane Cove Public School P&C Association for the benefit of LCPS parents and presented by Vivienne Hughes, Parenting Coordinator and Psychologist, Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Central Coast Health

The Triple P Seminar Series is part of the well-known evidence based and internationally recognised Triple P Programs from the University of Queensland. The seminars are designed for parents/carers of 3-12 year olds interested in learning about positive ways of promoting their children's development. For LCPS the seminars will target children from Kindy to Year 2.

* Each seminar runs for 2.5 hours and costs \$10 per person for LCPS parents, \$20 for others.

* All seminars will be held at Lane Cove Public School in the Library

You are encouraged to attend **all three sessions** as a series, though if places are available single sessions will be offered. Please indicate which seminar/s you will be attending when you book your seat.

SEMINAR 1: The Power of Positive Parenting introduces parents to the 5 core principles of positive parenting.
Date: Wednesday 10th June 7-9.30pm

SEMINAR 2: Raising Confident, Competent Children introduces parents to the key building blocks children need to do well in life.
Date: Wednesday 17th June 7-9.30pm

SEMINAR 3: Raising Resilient Children identifies key skills that parents can help their children develop to build emotional resilience.
Date: Wednesday 24th June 7-9.30pm

Content Enquiries: Please telephone Child and Adolescent Parenting on 9887 5830

To book, please fill in the tear-off slip and hand into the School Office with payment in an envelope marked "P&C Seminars". Cheques should be made out to LCPS P&C Association Booking Enquiries: pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au.

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I will be attending the Seminar/s on
Wednesday 10th June
Wednesday 17th June
Wednesday 24th June

I enclose payment of (\$10 per person per seminar)

FIRST NAMESURNAME:

PHONE:CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS



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SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2009

2K PRIMARY INTER-SCHOOL CHALLENGE
FUN RUN – 9.30AM

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Hope you are all ready for the 2 Kilometre race.

Please register at www.mini-mos.com,
click on the 2K logo and follow the prompts.

This year our designated charities are *Giant Steps Sydney and Starlight Children's Foundation Australia*, and in order for us to raise funds for these great causes we would like you to seek individual sponsorship using the Go Fundraise site, <http://minimos09.gofundraise.com.au/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Sloan on 0416 144409 or
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