



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 6 Excursion to State Parliament House

Thursday

- * Interrelate for Year 6

Friday

- * Honour Assembly in Hall 9.15 a.m.
- * Last day of Term 3

Coming Events:

Term 4 begins on
Monday 19th October

Week One

Monday

- * Year 4 Dance begins 11.30 a.m.
- * Year 6 Dance begins 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday

- * Year 3 Dance begins 1.30 p.m.

Thursday

- * Concert Band to Victoria Barracks

Friday

- * Year 5 Choir to Opera House

Week Two

Monday

- * Music committee AGM in Library at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday

- * Kinder 2010 Parent Information Evening 6.30 p.m. in Hall

Thursday

- * Year 2 Music Information Morning 10-11 a.m.

Friday

- * K-2 Sports Day at Pottery Green

Term 3 – Week 10

28 September 2009

➤ **Principal's Report**

Year 6 Fete

For those who have never witnessed or experienced the annual Year 6 fete, I would like to confirm that last Friday was an exceptional school event.

Yes, in simplistic terms, it is a fund-raising event. However it goes well beyond this as our Year 6 students assume major responsibility for the planning, implementation and wrap-up of the day. Obviously the Year 6 teachers guide, support and facilitate student initiatives, but the prime responsibility rests on the shoulders of our most senior students. There is so much learning involved in the process.

In a world where our students will probably move through many employment experiences in flexible working conditions, the experiences that the fete provides are invaluable. Co-operation, team work, problem-solving, trouble-shooting, independence, resilience and interpersonal skills are few that come mind.

The students also need to apply need their literacy and numeracy skills in order to plan viable activities that generate appropriate returns and satisfy the 700+ customers.

It was an absolute delight to see students K-5 move excitedly from stall to stall eager to secure a bargain or two - or more! I certainly trust that many parents out their concurred with the definition of a "bargain"

Congratulations to Year 6 and their teachers Mrs King, Mr Russell, Mrs Walkerden and Miss Di Maria.

At the time of writing I do not know the final amount raised, and to be honest, this is not my major interest. The fete was a resounding success.

I derive great satisfaction from observing and interacting with senior students who are self-confident, assuming responsibility and adapting to the various challenges that have confronted them before, during and after the big day.

Well done to all. It's the sort of day that highlights the wonderful sense of community at LCPS and the undeniable potential of our students. It also indicates that our students are in good and caring hands.

I have included some extracts from a paper by Don Edgar from the Centre for Workplace Change, RMIT later on. Please read this and think about our school and what it offers whilst doing so.

Hats

As the warmer weather approaches it is essential the students wear a hat to school each day. We have noticed that numbers of students do not have their hats at school so we are asking parents to remind children to wear hats to school every day. Also, could parents ensure that hats are labelled with their child's name and current class.

Christine Scully – Deputy Principal

The Dust Settles

I don't think that I can recall a school day as challenging as last Wednesday. The phone started ringing at 7.05 am with concerned parents checking that the school was open or whether they should keep their children at home.

The school was open and we kept the students indoors at recess and lunch. We also cancelled the senior assembly to reduce student exposure to the elements.

I think staff did a great job in battoning down the hatches and minimising the impact of the dust.

BER

I have been living with the Federal Government's Building the Education revolution for

several months now. While we are well under way with our National School Pride programs, the major P21 project has been a challenge as we have worked through so many proposals that ultimately were rejected for a range of well-considered reasons.

On Wednesday I will be meeting with Bovis Lend Lease personnel to work through the implications of our project. It will revolve around the construction of a two storey building of six classrooms ("3 on 3") approximately where the Stringybark and Tambourine Bay buildings currently stand.

The project also incorporates the refurbishment of the Northwood building.

There is much to consider as the two existing old buildings and the frog pond are affected.

Principals for the Day

I have to take a back seat on Tuesday as I am being replaced by two of our students. Their parents made a successful bid for the Principal for the Day auction at the P&C's Trivia Night in August.

I know you won't believe this, but it's a tough day, taking a back seat and accommodating a further two females after my job.

Sustainability Lane

As part of the Lane Cove Village Fair, Lane Cove Council has organised the "Sustainability Lane" on Sunday, 11th October (10am-5pm). It will include a showcase of sustainable products, entertainment and hands-on workshops. If you would like more information, visit www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/sustainabilitylane or pick up a brochure from our school office.

Honour Assembly

Our Relieving School Education Director, Ms Dailene McGilchrist, will be our special guest at this Friday's honour assembly. It will focus on Human Society and Its Environment, one of our six key learning areas.

50 Years and Growing Stronger

I attended Chatswood High School's 50th anniversary celebrations last Friday afternoon. The school is growing strongly and has overcome the many years of closure threats which would obviously impact on any school's status and profile.

I believe enrolments are now around the 1,000 mark and the new principal Sue Low is undoubtedly relishing her appointment.

It was a pleasure to be invited.

School Council Vacancies

We have some vacancies among our parent reps on our School Council. If you are interested in nominating someone, forms will be available at the beginning of Term 4. This is just a preliminary notice.

Interactive White Boards (IWBs)

I am delighted to advise you that six IWBs are being installed in classrooms during the October vacation. The P&C and school have mapped out an IWB installation strategy linked to appropriate funding so we will see significant technological development over the next three years.

I attended a feedback session on IWBs last Thursday and was told that the timing of our installation is really good as many of the problems have now been ironed out.

Term 4

Term 3 has been yet another stimulating and rewarding term at LCPS. The sense of community and support evident are invaluable and greatly appreciated by our dedicated staff.

I extend my appreciation of your support and wish all of our families a safe and restful holiday.

Bob Lamaro

NSW Premier's Debating Challenge – Regional Finals

We were delighted to hear a fortnight ago that the Year 6 LCPS Debating Team was announced as a zone winner. Out of 84 teams that entered the northern region, 14 were selected as zone winners and invited to attend the Northern Sydney Regional Finals. To the best of my knowledge this is the first time that Lane Cove has been a zone winner and we congratulate the team on this achievement.

On Tuesday, 22nd September we travelled to The Collaroy Centre to participate in the Regional Finals. The students were given an hour to prepare a topic and then debate it. Lane Cove drew Asquith Public School as their opposition. Asquith had to affirm the topic "*That computers are worth the money we spend on them*" and Lane Cove had to negate it. Lane Cove delivered a strong series of arguments and rebuttals and was commended by the adjudicator. However the debate was awarded to Asquith, who progressed to the Quarter Finals.

A few weeks prior in the final round of the zone competition, the Year 6 LCPS team debated the Year 5 LCPS team. The Year 5 team had to affirm *"That weekend sport should be compulsory for all students"* and the Year 6 team had to negate this. The Year 5 team relished the challenge of debating their seniors and inflicted the only loss of the season upon the Year 6 team. This can only bode well for the strength of LCPS Debating in 2010.

Miss Sally Greenwood - Year 6 Debating Coach

➤ P&C News

Notice of AGM and need for new P&C Executive Committee members

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th October, in week 2 of term 4. We are looking for some new faces to join the P&C Executive Committee at this meeting as we will be losing quite a few members. Please read the attached letter from P&C President Jo Ryan.

Secret Bob Business

There will be a special parent farewell to Bob Lamaro on Friday 20th November – please see the attached invitation. Get your hankies ready!

We are still 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.

Have a safe and happy break!

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

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

➤ Canteen News

MUNCHMONITOR IS HERE!

After the incredibly successful trial, the online lunch ordering and cashless card system, MunchMonitor, is now open to all the school to use from this week onwards.

No more scrambling around looking for change in the mornings or trying to find the lunch order bags. No more wondering if your child remembered to put their lunch order in! By using MunchMonitor, you order their lunch online from home (or work!) up to 4 weeks in advance and we deliver it to them in their classroom in the usual way – it's that simple.

To celebrate the launch of MunchMonitor at LCPS, we are holding two special prize draws. Every time a student uses MunchMonitor to order their lunch, they get an entry into win a **\$50 credit on your MunchMonitor account**. The first draw date will be FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER and the second one will be FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER. The more times they use MunchMonitor for lunch ordering up until each draw date, the more entries they will have in the prize draw!

Registration for MunchMonitor is easy –all you have to do is go to www.munchmonitor.com and using the username **lcps** and password **munch2066**, set up your family account and register each child you have who will be using the system. Full details are on the **MunchMonitor flyer** included in this week's school news. MunchMonitor is free until mid-November so we encourage you to register early and try it out! After that, there will be a once per term charge of \$2.50 per account (irrespective of how many children you have on the account).

If you are planning on using the cashless card part of the system (which enables your child to buy over the counter recess and lunch snack items against the account, up to pre set limits) then you must upload a photo of your child to ensure no one else can use the card. The cashless cards are issued by Karen at the canteen, every morning from 8.30 am – 9am.

TeeJays lunch bags can still be used for MunchMonitor orders – just get your child to drop it into the canteen before school or place in the classroom lunch order box (without money or written out order label, but make sure the bag itself is named) and we'll take care of the rest!

New Menu in Term 4: Please keep an eye out for the new menu for Term 4. Many hot items will be removed and

replaced with salads and other foods for the warmer months. If your child does not bring home a copy you can always look online at the schools website and go to the canteen site.

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.

- 29th Sept (5th Tues): Elizabeth Y., Si W. Jacque D.M.
- 30th Sept (5th Weds): Julie D., Melissa E., Sally L.
- 1st Oct (1st Thurs): Tereza B., Anne-Maree T., Julie W.
- 2nd Oct (1st Fri): Caroline L., Seema A., Evelyn J.

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

The Canteen Committee

➤ **Uniform Shop**

Volunteers needed – We need to train up some more volunteers ready for next year before it gets too busy as we have a large number leaving at the end of Term 4. If you can help out once a month on Tuesday afternoon or Thursday morning we'd appreciate it.

End of Line Pearl brand white polos – sizes equivalent of our current size 10 and 14 only \$15 each. No returns on these polos.

Sea freight sports jackets and rest of trackpants – Arriving first week back of Term 4.

Kindergarten 2010 appointments for Uniform buying – Do you have a child starting kindergarten in 2010? Make an special appointment and 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. Ring the shop or call in to book your appointment during opening hours.

Uniform Shop AGM – The Uniform Shop will be holding it's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 20th October at 1pm in the shop. Anybody is welcome to attend. If you have any queries or can't attend but would like further information please don't hesitate to contact Jenny Gay on 9428 1575.

Netball skirts – we have to order next year's supply in October and won't receive them until February. Please think ahead and let us know if you will need a skirt for next year and which size to give us an idea of what to order or we'll have to guesstimate. We cannot order next year and receive the skirts before the season starts.

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

➤ **Netball News**

Well the Netball season has drawn to a close with our LCPS1 team loosing to Northbridge by 1 point in the Grand final. A great effort by all the players.

The end of season presentation held last Sunday at the Longueville Bowling Club. All players received a trophy or medal to recognise their participation in the game. Two special trophies were awarded. The Toni Field Award was presented to Cathy Douvgan for her services to the LCPS Netball club and the Hamilton & Co Award was presented to LCPS 3.

AGM - will be held on 8th November from 7.30 at the Longueville Bowling Club. We encourage as many parents/friends to attend and most importantly join the committee. If you are interested in joining please contact

Lauren Smith - Netball Convenor.

Netball kits - these are to be returned on Monday the 28th. Further arrangements will be advertised as required or contact the Equipment Co-ordinator - Karen Johnson.

Netball Committee

➤ **Environment Group**

Silk worms

Students in Year 1 and 2 will be caring for silkworms in their classrooms. The class teachers will be co-ordinating class members to care for the silkworms on the weekends and over the holidays. If you have access to a supply of fresh mulberry leaves (the silkworms' only food) could you contact Jayne Whitford on jaynew@bigpond.net.au. For more information about silkworms, please see the Silkworm information page on the school website. (http://www.lcps.nsw.edu.au/teaching_&_learning/silkworms.pdf)

➤ **Music News**

LCPS Spring Concert Series – Guitar, Recorder and Rock Band Night

The final concert in the LCPS Spring Concert series was held last Friday night. It was fantastic to see the full range of recorder and guitar performances, right from beginners to the more advanced groups. Well done to all performers and thanks to Crayn Low, Swantje Lorrimer, Janet Crayn, Liz Eadie-Mirams and the other parents who assisted on the night.

North Shore Band Festival

The Training Band and Concert Band both participated in the inaugural North Shore Band festival on Saturday 26th. Both groups performed well and were deserving of some very nice comments from the adjudicators. Thanks to all the band members' parents for their efforts in getting the kids to the weekend event. They looked fantastic too - all dressed in their black and white music uniforms.

Dates for your Musical Diary

30th September – Senior recorders at senior assembly 11:30am

1st October – Rock Group at junior assembly 11:30am

2nd October – Orchestra to perform at Term 3 Honour Assembly 9:15am

22nd October – Concert band excursion to Victoria Barracks and workshop with Army Band (9-2pm)

29th October – Year 2 Music Information Morning 10-11am

4th November – Bang, Blow and Scrape night 6:30pm

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

Two Day Basketball Camp!

Lane Cove and St Michaels basketball clubs will be holding a camp during the October school holidays. The camp will be run by experienced coaches running a combination of fun games and basketball game play.

When? Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th of October

Who? Lane Cove and St Michaels kids of all experience levels!

How Old? 5-13


Where? Riverview Basketball Courts

Time? 9:00am – 3:00pm

How Much? \$120



Spots are limited for this camp, so please book you childs spot by emailing either daniel@trickss.com or edward_summers@hotmail.com

Bob Lamaro Retires	
The Parents Farewell	
Venue	The Longueville Hotel Underbar
Date	Friday 20 th November 2009
Time	7pm to 10pm
Cost	\$30 a head finger food included, drinks extra.
RSVP	13 th November 2009
Reply	Catherine Hughes
	c/o LCPS Office or : gennash@bigpond.net.au (Please make all cheques payable to LCPS P&C)
	 Play The Game

Greenwich Cricket Clinic & Sports Day

Date: Wed Oct 14 **Time:** 9:30-3:30 **Venue:** Greenwich Public School **Cost:** \$40 per child.

Sports & Fun Activities will include: Soccer, touch footy, cricket, crazy catch, t-ball, netball, basketball, oz tag, dodge ball & circus skills.

The cricket clinic will include: specialised coaching in batting, fast, swing, spin bowling & wicket keeping, catching and fielding drills, fun games of cricket

Children will have the opportunity to choose the sports & activities they wish to participate in on the day.

To book your child in for the sports day please email his/her details to sportsday@live.com.au For more details please call Greg 0419 124 369.

Daylight saving starts

Don't forget summer time daylight saving commences over the October long weekend when from 2am, Sunday 4 October 2009, clocks are put forward one hour.

CityRail timetable changes

From Sunday 11 October changes will be made to CityRail train timetables to incorporate the new Epping to Chatswood rail link and this will affect all rail networks. If your child uses the train, please ensure you have an updated timetable. Be aware that bus timetables may also change to accommodate changes to the train timetables. For more information call: 131 500 or go to: www.131500.com.au/servicechanges/timetables2009.asp.

Fun holiday ideas

With the weather warming up, it's time to get outdoors with the kids and be active together. There are a host of ideas at the Healthy Kids website: www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/topics/2101.html ranging from simple games you can play in your backyard, to cycle paths, walking tracks, sports organisations and tips to keep your child safe while at play. Make the most of the school holidays!