



# Lane Cove Loop

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

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### School Council President

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### P&C President

Joanna Ryan

## Events this week:

### Monday:

- \* Year 5 Solar Incursion in Hall

### Tuesday:

- \* Year 6 Antarctica Incursion

### Thursday:

- \* Year 3 Excursion to Botany Bay FSC

### Friday:

- \* Last day of PSSA for Yrs 4-6

## Coming Events:

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

- \* Waste Workshop  
9.30-12 noon

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

- \* Honour Assembly –  
Mathematics

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

- \* J Rock Rehearsal and  
Performance – The Hills  
Centre

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July

- \* Return to school for Term 3

### Week 2 – Term 3

Trivia Night Class Artwork Display –  
in the Office Foyer

## Term 2 – Week 10

29 June 2009

### ➤ Principal's Report

#### Honour Assembly

Because of 100 students being involved in J Rock on the last day of 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.

#### Spell-a-thon

Congratulations LCPS community. We have now raised \$27,000 in our Spell-a-thon. This has exceeded our expectations and it shows that when everyone is working together and making a contribution great things can happen. Students are still able to bring in their sponsorship money this week as the Spell-a-thon prize giving assembly will be next week. I'm sure with another fantastic effort this week we will reach the \$30,000 mark and this will be our best ever fund-raising effort.

**Kate Walsh** – Deputy Principal

#### Opera House Excellence

I had the pleasure of attending two concerts in the public schools Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House last week. On Wednesday evening our Senior Strings performed at the Jacaranda Concert and on Friday evening our Senior Recorders performed at the Mimosa Concert.

Naturally, these were great experiences for our talented musicians. Students from all over NSW participated in this prestigious program.

Next week I'm aiming to have the names of all of students involved.

#### BER Update

Our **National School Pride (NSP)** projects have been approved by the DET.

These projects include:

- Extended Electronic Surveillance
- A storage facility adjacent to the Burns Bay building at the end of the service road
- Upgraded school entrances at Longueville Road and upper Austin Street
- Covered walkways in strategic areas
- Replacement seating
- Possible covered area outside the canteen, dependent on Lane Cove Council's assessment of the condition of the existing peppercorn tree

Our **21<sup>st</sup> Century (P21)** project is still under consideration. We are eligible for a \$3,000,000.00 allocation but there is on-going deliberation about the ultimate project. A range of DET personnel have visited the school to assess our site and possible projects to increase classroom accommodation so that demountables will not be required. This is designed to keep our play areas, particularly grassed areas, as they are.

The slab from Coral Park over the Bullring, with classrooms underneath and the courts on top has failed to be approved. This was designed to provide additional classrooms and extend Coral Park. The DET considers that our allocation will not cover the expense of this project. Alternative projects are being considered.

#### Top Writers

*Mrs King has provided details of the recent writing successes of two Year 6 students. I believe that they were the only two students from public schools to feature in the prize winners.*

Recently Year 6 were given the opportunity to enter the "**Bill Coppel Young Writer's Competition**" with the Stanton Library, North Sydney.

The competition involved writing a short story or poem. Two year 6 students,

**Hannah 6K** and **Isabella 6D** received merit certificates for their entries.

They were invited back to the Stanton Library for a special ceremony. Both girls should be commended on their efforts and results as the writing competition attracted many entries of a very high standard.

*Well done girls.*

"It was a great privilege and it was a lot of fun, a great experience."

**Isabella**

"I would definitely enter the competition next year."

**Hannah**

### **2010 Enrolments**

We now have approximately 60 kindergarten enrolments for next year. There is also an extensive waiting list of non-local applications with over thirty students on it. The waiting list is essential to ensure that local enrolments are the priority.

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

### **Chess**

**Lane Cove B** played a home game against St. Pius C team and drew with a score of 2-all.

**Lane Cove C** played an away game against North Sydney Dem School and lost 0-4.

### **MAD Tennis**

There are currently some vacancies for Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced players before and after school on the Bullring.

Please phone Debbie Jepson on 9428 5832.

There will also be a MAD tennis camp in Week 1 of the vacation. Please see the School Trader or email [jepsonbunch@dodo.com.au](mailto:jepsonbunch@dodo.com.au) for the leaflet.

### **The Importance of Visual Arts**

I came across this article recently and thought that it was worth sharing with you. Visual arts can be a neglected aspect of the curriculum. However, I'm pleased that this is not the case at LCPS. In fact, during my tours, prospective parents often ask me whether we have a specialist art teacher at the school.

*Visual arts are an important part of brain based education. They can enhance cognition, emotional expression, perception, cultural awareness and aesthetics. Visual arts also play a significant role in the learning process.*

*The visual arts is a universal language and that helps students construct meaning. Abraham Maslow once said " the arts are far closer to the core of education than are the more exalted subjects.*

*So what are visual arts? They include design; art production, paper and canvas work, photography, drawing, illustrating, painting: Technical theatre work such as costume design, make-up, lighting, props, scenery: Technology such as film making, visualising, computer graphics, editing, shooting, print making: Other visual arts are architecture, visual thinking, graphic organisers, mindmaps. Howard Gardner states visual arts need strong spatial senses and is a high form of intelligence. Doing art is a way of thinking and demonstrates the product of thinking. Drawing allows our fertile imagination to create meaning.*

*Bezruczko and Schroeder (1996) suggest that the benefits are greater when the visual arts are started early. Pablo Picasso once said "every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up."*

*Visual arts have been shown on many occasions to improve reading and maths scores. One study took 96 pupils in eight, year two classes. Four classes were given an arts enriched programme while the remaining four classes acted as the control group with a standard arts curriculum. After 7 months in arts enriched classes students averaged 77% on reading and maths tests while the control group averaged 55%.*

*Students in secondary school classes have reported drawing compliments the writing and thinking process by enabling them to clarify their ideas, which leads to improved comprehension.*

*There are many different visual arts tools. Concept mapping identifies the micro and macro elements of a topic and conceptual graphs can help capture expert knowledge. Mind mapping can stimulate creativity and enhance recall. Clustering groups of similar items can improve comprehension, idea fluency and organization. Webbing helps the learner link prior knowledge to current knowledge.*

*Eric Jensen maintains that visual arts represent a way of thinking and expressing oneself. He continues to say, without this, students are forced to think the way teachers want them to think, reducing creativity and expression. Unless students have access to stimulating arts activities, they're cut off from many ways to perceive the world.*

### References

- *Eric Jensen: Arts with the Brain in Mind*
- *David Hyerle: Visual Tools for Constructing Knowledge*
- *Karen Boyes: Creating An Effective Learning Environment*
- *Howard Gardner: Frames of Mind*

### Stewart house Bags

Stewart House bags are in the process of distribution and they are to be collected in the last week of this term. **Parents are requested to have them back at school by 1 July 2009.**

### Bob Lamaro

#### ➤ P&C News

### Trivia Night “B” Party – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, St Ignatius College

**Donations** are now at 64% of our target. Some wonderful items have been received to date but we still need more! Any school families with items to donate should contact Brigid Bremner [bremner@bigpond.com](mailto:bremner@bigpond.com) or 9418 8748.

Look out on the **school website** this week for the new Trivia Night “B” party section where we will be starting to list some of the many **silent auctions** that will be there on the night so you can start planning your purchases. You will also find a Beginner’s Guide to Trivia Night and the all-important **table booking form**. Tables are selling fast with over half gone already so get in quick!

**Class Basket** – some are looking rather disappointing so far. Please don’t forget your contribution to this vital part of Trivia fundraising. Let us know if you have not received word from your class parents about your basket, or if the collection box is not in the classroom. A list of basket themes will be up on the website shortly. And class parents please speak up ASAP if you are still struggling when school is back after the holidays – we can help. Contact Brigid – see above.

**Local Business Trawl** – thanks all the class parents for the effort that has gone into this. Still a few classes to hand in their donations but please try to have it all in by the end of the week. All donations should be handed in with the trawl folder to the school office.

**Class art** – we have a fantastic collection of class art coming in. Thanks to all the teachers, parents and of course artists involved. Look out for photos on the school website over the following weeks. All class art will be on display in Week 2 of next term in the school office foyer so all families will have a chance to see the artworks before the big night.

### P&C Meeting last Tuesday

The following motions were passed, and minutes will be on the website soon.

- 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.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the 1891 Building.

**Sally Evans** - P&C Communications Monitor

Contact the P&C via the website or email [pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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.

- 30<sup>th</sup> June (5<sup>th</sup> Tues): Elizabeth Y., Si W., Jacque D.M.
- 1<sup>st</sup> July (1<sup>st</sup> Weds): Irene A., Selina G., Sarah H.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs): Tereza B., Anne-Maree T., Julie W.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July (1<sup>st</sup> Fri): Caroline L., Seema A., Evelyn J.
- 6<sup>th</sup> July (1<sup>st</sup> 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***

#### ➤ **Uniform Shop**

**Trackpants** - from the Australian order should arrive either end of this week or the following week hopefully. All those with order numbers including and below 460 will be delivered first. There may be some left over in some sizes after the remaining orders are filled so if you require trackpants this season please place an order now. Sports Jackets size 8 are out of stock and will be in the China delivery. Still no confirmed dates of arrival of China made orders.

**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**

##### **Concert Band performance at North Sydney Leagues Club**

Congratulations to the Concert Band who looked and sounded great at North Sydney Leagues Club last Wednesday evening. The band performed as guests of Chatswood High School Concert Band and Stage Band who are preparing for a trip to Europe this week.

##### **Opera House Performances**

Congratulations to the Senior Strings and to the Intermediate and Senior recorders who performed at the Sydney Opera House on Wednesday and Friday evening last week. All reports were that the concerts went well and Lane Cove children represented their school proudly.

##### **Guitar Program Survey**

Thanks for the enthusiastic response to the guitar surveys. These are currently being analysed and any changes to the program will be announced shortly.

##### **Rehearsals and Lessons**

Remember that all music rehearsals are ON in the last week of Term 2 and all rehearsals recommence in the first week of Term 3 unless you are advised otherwise. There are no rehearsals on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July as it is a pupil free day. Private lessons are also cancelled that day but please ensure you make arrangements with your tutor if you have Monday lessons.

##### **Composition of Ensembles**

Some issues have arisen lately concerning children's placement in particular ensembles. Generally children remain in a given ensemble for a whole year before moving up to the next group. For example children commencing an instrument at the beginning of 2009 will join the beginner instrument group in 2009 and remain with the group for the whole year. Occasionally there are extenuating circumstances and children may move groups within the year however, this decision is only made after discussion between the group conductors concerned and, often, in consultation with the music committee. Parents and children cannot decide to play with another group because the rehearsal day suits better or they feel they have progressed slightly faster than some other children in the current group. In any ensemble there are a range of abilities and learning styles that must be accommodated. It is the job of the group conductor to make sure all children in the group are being musically challenged or given assistance where required. If you have concerns about your child's group please speak to the group conductor in the first instance to discuss the issue. Rest assured that most group conductors work together to ensure children are placed appropriately. To this end string, guitar and recorder students will all be assessed by group tutors at the end of term to ensure they are placed correctly for Term 3.

**Recorder News**

Unfortunately we must say farewell to Ben Oxley at the end of term. Ben has taken the Intermediate and Senior recorder groups and taught private lessons at the school since mid 2008 but is moving on to pursue other opportunities. We have employed a new recorder teacher, Derek Galloway to take over from Ben in Term 3. Derek is very experienced at teaching music and has taken many school ensemble groups in the UK and he is looking forward to teaching at LCPS.

**Coming events**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Cello group to perform at senior assembly

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Beginner guitar performance cancelled due to Year 3 excursion

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Jazz Ensemble to perform at junior assembly

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Concert Band to perform at Term 2 Honour Assembly

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

➤ **Environment Group**

**Visit from Permaculture North 11 July**

Permaculture North will be visiting our school on Saturday 11th July 2pm -4pm - the first Saturday in the school holidays. During this visit, they will walk around our school grounds and offer invaluable tips on Sustainability measures we may be able to implement. Following this, will be an informal chat with the members with question/answer time to conclude the visit. Permaculture North have been involved in the Lane Cove Council Sustainability Workshops and we welcome their visit and combined knowledge they will share. You can read more about them on: <http://www.permaculturenorth.org.au/> We are inviting a Maximum of 8 School parents that are interested in Sustainability at LCPS to join in. To register your interest in this activity, please contact Rose Moore [rose.moore@exemail.com.au](mailto:rose.moore@exemail.com.au)

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**Keeping kids active**

With winter holidays fast approaching, here are some websites with great ideas for keeping kids healthy, active and away from the couch and computer games.

[www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/active/](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/active/) (lots of active ideas)

[www.freshforkids.com.au/activities/activities.html](http://www.freshforkids.com.au/activities/activities.html) (activity sheets)

[www.gokids.com.au/](http://www.gokids.com.au/) (indoor and outdoor activities)

[www.kidspot.com.au](http://www.kidspot.com.au) (many indoor and outdoor activity ideas)

[www.sportingwheelies.org.au/doc.php?ID=802](http://www.sportingwheelies.org.au/doc.php?ID=802) (activity ideas for people with disabilities)

## KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM 14th-23rd July 2009

### TUESDAY 14TH JULY

Pottery Workshop (open ages)	9.30am—12.30am	\$40
Painting Workshop (8-11 yrs)	1.30pm—4.30pm	\$30

### WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY

Painting & Printing (5-7yrs)	9.30am -12.30am	\$30
Pottery Workshop (open)	1.30am—4.30pm	\$40

### THURSDAY 16TH JULY

Pottery Workshop (open)	9.30am—12.30am	\$40
Painting & Drawing (5-7yrs)	1.30pm—4.30pm	\$30

### TUESDAY 21ST JULY

Making Sculptures (8-11yrs)	9.30 am- 12.30am	\$30
Pottery Workshop (open)	1.30pm - 4.30pm	\$40

### WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY

Art & Painting (open)	9.30- 12.30am	\$30
Pottery Workshop (8-11 yrs)	1.30pm - 4.30pm	\$40

### THURSDAY 23RD JULY

Pottery Workshop (open)	9.30 am- 12.30am	\$40
Painting & Drawing (5-7yrs)	1.30pm - 4.30pm	\$30

A drink and snack will be provided for each class



Community Art & Centre  
178 Longueville Rd  
Lane Cove .

### WORKSHOPS & CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Sth American Jewellery  
Felt-making  
Mixed Media  
Watercolours  
Painting & Drawing  
Italian  
French  
Spanish  
Mandarin  
Belly dancing & Yoga

### AFTER SCHOOL KIDS

**ART CLASSES**  
Drawing & Art  
Painting & Craft  
Creative Craft  
Pottery

### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL : TO ENROL

please call: 02 9428 4898, email: [centrehouse@bigpond.com](mailto:centrehouse@bigpond.com) or download a registration form from our website.

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