



# 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:

- \* Zone Athletics Track @ Narrabeen

### Tuesday:

- \* OZ Opera for Yrs 2, 3 and 4
- \* Year 1 excursion to Taronga Zoo

### Thursday:

- \* Yr 5 Choir rehearsal for Arts North

### Friday:

- \* Fathers' Day Breakfast from 7.30 a.m. at Canteen
- \* Last round of PSSA

## Coming Events:

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

- \* Grandparents Day

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

- \* Life Education Program begins

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September

- \* Interrelate for Year 6

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

- \* Guitar/Rock/Recorder Concert Evening in the Hall

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

- \* Working Bee 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

## Term 3 – Week 6

31 August 2009

## ➤Principal's Report

### Building the Education Revolution (BER)

There has been significant media coverage recently regarding the Federal Government's BER program. LCPS is awaiting Round 3 funding advice arising from our major P21 submission for eight new classrooms where the Northwood building currently stands. I am expecting advice this week.

### Traffic Traumas

We have recently have had two close calls for students at the Longueville Road–Austin Street intersection. On both occasions students went to cross on the green walk sign and a car came around the corner on the red, obviously banked up with traffic and needing to move through the intersection.

The school's traffic committee is meeting this week and these incidents will be among a number of issues which will be presented to Lane Cove Council and Chatswood Police. Road safety is emphasised at weekly assemblies to heighten student awareness and responsibility.

### NAPLAN Results

In May 2009 all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 completed the second round of testing for the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). It is expected that reports for parents will be delivered to schools by 11 September 2009, the end of week 7, Term 3.

### Cleanest Playground

This is a new environmental initiative to keep the playground clean and safe. Each week, the playground is assessed by environmental members to determine which grades keep their area free from rubbish and not scattered with items such as lunchboxes, jumpers or hats.

LCPS's first Cleanest Playground was awarded to Year 6. Well done Year 6 for setting a good example. However, the youngest members of our school were not far behind, as last week, it went to Kindergarten. Congratulations Kindergarten! We look forward to see which grade will be named as having the Cleanest Playground next week. Keep up the good work everyone!

### Recycling Challenge

Last Wednesday we had a recycling challenge where students were awarded with stickers or class points for putting the correct waste into the orange-lidded recycling bins. Currently, the items that can be recycled are milk cartons, poppers, plastic bottles and cans. Thank you to those teachers, students and parents who helped out and well done to all students who recycled the correct materials. We would like all students to try to reduce their waste and recycle as much as possible...every little bit counts!

I will take this opportunity to thank Miss Byun for her on-going commitment to the school and wider environment. She has initiated and maintained a range of programs designed to promote a cleaner and greener school.

### Life Education

This annual K-6 program starts on 8 September and concludes on 22 September.

### Book Week Luncheon

Rachel has provided this report on this annual event that Mrs Elston organises as a part of

Book week celebrations. It is quite evident that our library personnel find this experience very rewarding. Thank you Rachel!

*The Book Week Luncheon at Darling Harbour was a huge success!*

*A group of students from Lane Cove Public School was taken by bus to Darling Harbour where they had lunch with some famous children's authors on a boat called the S.S. South Steyne. The authors included Margaret Wild, Ursula Dubosarsky, Sue Whitey and many more. All the students had the opportunity to speak to and get some good writing tips from these successful authors as well as having a barbeque lunch with them on deck.*

*A big thank you to Mrs. Elston for planning the trip and making the day so special!*

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now officially closed. Thank you to all those children and parents who have read their allocated books and logged their details online by our deadline. You will be receiving your certificate late November or early December. If you did not finish the challenge I am sorry the challenge has now closed and no further details can be entered or validated. I hope you enjoyed reading the books and will participate again next year. Keep Reading!!

**Desley Spencer-James**

### **Grandparents' Day**

Monday 7th September is our annual Grandparents' Day. We look forward to welcoming and meeting the grandparents and hope you enjoy the morning. Our Year 2 and Year 5 parents kindly donate our morning tea for the event. If you are a parent from these grades and are able to help with morning tea on the day and have not returned the slip back to school please write a note to your child's teacher. All help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

**Desley Spencer-James**

### **Year 6 School Fete 2009**

Mrs King has provided the following for your information. The Year 6 Fete has a tradition of being a wonderful co-operative learning activity for our Year 6 students each year.

For those new to the school, the fete is held in school time and students K-6 have opportunities to purchase food, drinks and items as well as undertake a range of student-driven activities which are supervised by staff.

*The annual school fete will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. The money raised is used to buy a gift for the school. The students form small working teams to decide an activity for the fete. These stalls often include raffles.*

*One hardworking team has put together the following fantastic prizes for their raffles:*

- Southern Cross Mountain Bike
- I Pod Touch- Apple
- Nintendo DSI
- Assorted Junior Raffle
- Yamaha Surround Sound System

*Tickets for these raffles are being sold at lunchtime near the canteen. The cost of the tickets is 50c for 1 or 3 for \$1.00.*

*The students are very excited about the fete. It is a very enjoyable day for everyone and a great educational experience for our senior students.*

### **Green Shed**

On Sunday, from 1pm-6pm a group of parents worked on constructing a new environmental shed adjacent to our vegetable gardens and frog pond. The shed will allow tools and resources to be stored securely in a readily accessible location.

The parents who worked on construction were:

Norbert and Sabine Waltham, Malcolm and Rose Moore, David and Cathy Cook and Kim and Susan Loane

This is another example of committed parents contributing to our school and I thank them for an important addition to the environmental landscape of LCPS.

### **Working Bee**

Whilst focusing on the school environment I would alert you to our next working bee on Sunday 13 September. Recent working bees have been resounding successes due to the numbers on board so I naturally ask you to spend an hour or two at the school on Sunday week.

### **UNSW Competitions**

I am currently trying to download student performances for inclusion in the Loop. I will need Miss Bucciol's assistance and hopefully can begin to publicise student successes from next week.

### **Library News**

A book donation stall will be held outside the school library on Monday 7th September, 2009 as part of the Grandparents Day celebrations. Books may be donated at a cost of \$5 or \$10. Each book will have the name of the donor's child inscribed at the front of the book and that student will be the first borrower.

Thankyou, **Ruth Elston** (teacher/librarian)

**Bob Lamaro**

### ➤ P&C News

#### **Fathers' Day Breakfast – THIS FRIDAY 4th September from 7.30am Canteen**

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](mailto:spmayall@optusnet.com.au)

#### **Working Bee – Sunday 13th September from 8.30am (meet at Cricket Nets)**

To Do List

- Lots of cutting back, weeding, and trimming of the gardens.
- We have a classroom wall to paint plus treads on various steps around the place
- Digging a drain behind the tennis court
- Fix the chess board pavers at front of Terminus
- Plus many other small jobs.

So we would love to get as many hands on deck as possible. Bring whatever tools and implements you have - but we have a stock of gear to use if you need some.

Remember even 1 hr is worthwhile don't feel embarrassed if that's all you can manage! Delicious morning tea and sausage sizzle lunch is provided for all. Please contact Tim Cook if you would like more info; 0412 257 156, at home on 9428 2883, or [mwptim@tpg.com.au](mailto:mwptim@tpg.com.au)

#### **P&C Meeting – Last Tuesday 25th August**

We enjoyed a very informative presentation from Helen Bucciol and Ronda Los on Interactive Whiteboards – thanks to both for making such a great effort. We also learnt about the proposed Basketball Club – if you are interested and have not made contact email [daniel@trickss.com](mailto:daniel@trickss.com). Full minutes of the meeting will be on the website soon. Next Meeting is **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**.

#### **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](mailto: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.

**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 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](mailto:bremner@bigpond.com).

**Year 6 Fete:** The Canteen will be closed on Friday September 25 for the Year 6 fete. No lunch orders will be available and only iceblocks will be available over the counter at lunchtime.

#### **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.

- 31<sup>st</sup> August (5<sup>th</sup> Mon): Rita H., Felicity G., Leonie H.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sept (1<sup>st</sup> Tues): Brigid B., Ruth Q., Jane L., Si W.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept (1<sup>st</sup> Weds): Irene A., Selina G., Sarah H.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs): Tereza B., Anne-Maree T., Julie W.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sept (1<sup>st</sup> Fri): Caroline L., Seema A., Evelyn J.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sept (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

Price rises – Prices will rise on some items from 1 September 2009. Please discard your old order forms.

Some Trackpants are coming by air freight. Expected in 2 weeks. All orders will be delivered as soon as they arrive.

Sports jackets and rest of trackpants will be following on a slow boat.

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

### ➤ Environment Group

#### **Recycle, Reuse, Refuse!**

Lane Cove Council and Willoughby Council offer their residents the opportunity to responsibly dispose of their e-waste FREE of charge.

The next e-waste event is planned for Saturday 14 November 2009:

When: 9am - 4pm, Saturday 14 November 2009

Where: Willoughby Leisure Centre, (Bicentennial Reserve lower car park), 4 Small Street, Willoughby

What you can dispose?

- Monitors • Scanners • Keyboards • Printers
- Computer cables • Televisions • Laptops • Video Players
- Notebooks • DVD Players • Modems • Stereo systems

#### **Did you know???**

On average, 16% of the money you spend on a product pays for the packaging, which ultimately ends up as rubbish.

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

#### **Environment Group**

### ➤ Music News

#### **Behaviour at rehearsals**

Generally speaking music students are well behaved however, I have had several group tutors talk to me about behaviour issues in group rehearsals lately. Please take the time to talk to your children about their behaviour at rehearsals and particularly their attitude toward rehearsals. Some children do not seem to value the rehearsal time they are given with a paid professional music tutor. Some children think they can use the time for individual practice (which should have been done at home) and some for socialising. Both of these things really waste the tutor's time and distracts other students who try to gain as much from their time with the tutor as possible. Try to make every minute at rehearsals count. Tutors cost a lot of money and music parents are the ones paying!

#### **Music Vests**

The bands now all have music vests. Orchestra yet to be fitted out. 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 another one more suitable. Please do this before the next performance which for many is Sept 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Dads Are Great**

Concert Band will be performing at 10:30am on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Sept in Lane Cove Plaza (Lloyd Rees Bandstand). Concert Band parents to meet at school hall 9:30am to walk equipment and music stands across to plaza. Jazz ensemble parents to assist with return of equipment.

#### **LCPS Spring Concert Series – String and Orchestra Concert Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

All String Groups (beginner, junior, intermediate, senior and cello) and the Orchestra will be performing in the first of the Spring Concert Series. Performers to arrive at 6pm and bring a plate for supper. The concert will commence at 6:30pm in Kit Kirkwood Hall. Entry by gold coin donation. The concert will run for about an hour and conclude with supper afterward. Everyone welcome.

#### **Dates for your Musical Diary (new items in bold)**

2<sup>nd</sup> September – Intermediate Strings at assembly 11:30am

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Beginner recorders

5<sup>th</sup> September – “Dad’s are Great”. Concert Band 10:30am and Jazz ensemble 11am Lane Cove Plaza

**7<sup>th</sup> September – Grandparent’s Day Concert for selected groups 10:15am**

11<sup>th</sup> September - String Concert Night 6:30pm (all string groups including cello group and orchestra)

17<sup>th</sup> September - Band Concert Night 6:30pm Thursday (training band, concert band and jazz ensemble)

25<sup>th</sup> September - Guitar and Recorder Concert Night 6:30pm (recorder groups, guitar groups, rock group)

26<sup>th</sup> September (Sat) – Concert Band to perform in North Shore Primary School Concert Band Festival 5:30-7:30pm at Chatswood High

26<sup>th</sup> September (Sat) – Training Band to perform in North Shore Primary School Concert Band Festival 2-4pm at Chatswood High.

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)

## Mad Tennis Beginner Vacancies

Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15 p.m.

Fridays 7.30 – 8.30 a.m.

~ on School courts ~

Phone Debbie Jepson on 9428 5832 or email: [jepsonbunch@dodo.com.au](mailto:jepsonbunch@dodo.com.au)  
Tennis camp Week 2 of the next school holidays – check School Trader for details.

### School zone road safety

A reminder to parents that from 1 July 2009 the government has increased fines and loss of demerit points for all driving offences occurring in school zones. We are committed to providing a safe environment for all our students and visitors, so please observe the 40km/h speed limit during school hours and stop in designated drop off areas only.

### Starting school

If you have a child starting school next year it's important to enrol your child and to attend Kindergarten orientation later in the year. Watch a vodcast on starting school and Kindergarten orientation at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue03/watch/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue03/watch/index.php) . You might know of other families that would like this information.