



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 2 Swim School starts every day for 2 weeks

Tuesday

- * Year 4 Excursion to Rocks/ Museum
- * P&C Parent Forum "Transition to Kindy" Library 7-9.30pm

Thursday

- * Selective High School Test

Friday

- * Official Opening of Frog Pond 8.00 a.m.
- * Year 5 Gold incursion all day
- * PSSA Oz Tag for Year 6 12.15 p.m.

Coming Events:

Year 2 Swimming Scheme

- all week

Tuesday 24th

P&C Meeting 7pm Library

Term 1 – Week 8

16 March 2009

Principal's Report

Week 8 already and we're firing on all cylinders as we zoom towards the end of the term. The last day of term is Thursday 9 April.

* *Students commence Term 2 on Wednesday 29 April.*

2008 Annual School Report

A survey on the *Homework Matrix* has gone home this week. It has been given to each third student in Years 1, 3 and 5. It does not involve much time and I would appreciate return to class teachers this week.

A survey on *School Management* has gone home with every third student in Years K, 2, 4 and 6 and return this week is requested.

An *Environmental Education* survey has been placed on the website for all to complete.

Yes, it is the 2008 ASR, we are a 'little' behind schedule.

National Ride2School Day

Miss Minassian, who teaches year 2 is organising this special day for LCPS students. She has provided the following details.

Be part of the action on National Ride2School Day, **Wednesday 25 March 2009.**

Leave the car at home and walk, ride, skate or scooter all the way, or part of the way, to school.

Ride2School is an initiative to get more students choosing to walk, ride, skate or scooter to and from school safely and responsibly. Ride2School aims to improve the health of students by increasing physical activity and changing attitudes to active travel. Choosing to walk or ride is a healthy choice for the environment and an opportunity to reduce our 'carbon footprint'.

On Wednesday **25th March** children are encouraged to walk, ride, skate or scooter to school:

- Remember all children have to wear a helmet if they are riding, skating or scootering.
- Kindergarten children are to only walk or scooter to school.
- There will be a designated place for students to leave their bikes and scooters, bike locks are recommended and please have a tag with your name and class on the bike.
- Please be considerate of the local community and push bikes through the plaza and across zebra crossings. Children under 12 are allowed to ride on the footpath. And so are the parents accompanying them.
- Remember to stay to the left and give way to pedestrians.

Lets get more students, more active, more often, have fun and get fit on the way to school.

New House Banners

We have just taken delivery of our new free-standing house banners. They are bright and durable. They are very impressive, and, expensive.

However, it is money well spent by last year's Year 6 students. Their first public use will be at our cross country on March 31.

Thank you to last year's Year 6 on a very thoughtful and practical gift to the school.

2009 Writers' Festival

Students in Years 4-6 should have received a note regarding this event in which LCPS students will participate this year. It is expensive, but provides our students with a great opportunity to enrich their writing.

Miss Scully has sought payment for this activity independently of your Term 2 invoice because of the expense and the commitment that the school has to make for payment.

Pedestrians at Risk

I continue to be frustrated and annoyed by parents and students walking through our car parks. It is obviously dangerous and I would ask the adults to set a good example for our students by using the appropriate pedestrian entrances to the school.

I have placed a new (expensive) sign at the entrance to the upper Austin St car park and service road entrance but it appears to have had minimal impact.

Obviously I will have to think of some more effective strategies to deter offenders.

Congratulations Jack

I am delighted to inform you that Jack M. of Year 6 has been selected in the Northern Sydney Regional cricket squad which will participate in the state carnival in Term 4.

Stewart House Bags

These were due in last Friday but we will still accept them by Tuesday morning.

Music Captains

Congratulations to Emma H. and Harry T. who have been appointed as Music Captains for 2009. This is the first time in my six years at LCPS that we've had these positions, so I wish them a rewarding musical year.

Bob Lamaro

➤ **P&C News**

Parent Forum "Transition to Kindy" This Tuesday 17th March 7-9.30pm Library

There are still a last few spots left in our up-coming parent forum. This workshop will be run by the Child & Adolescent Parenting team at Northern Sydney Health. Please call Sally on 0410 474 490 or email pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au to reserve a place. A \$10 attendance fee will be payable on the night.

Next P&C Meeting Tuesday 24th March Library 7-9pm

The following motions will be voted upon at this meeting: That the Netball Club cease to be a subcommittee of the P&C; that the Canteen be repaid \$3600 of last year's donation to the P&C to cover cash flow shortfalls; and that \$2250 be sent on improvements to the Tambourine Bay building where the autism satellite class is now located. There will also be an update from the principal about planned use of government building funds. All are welcome.

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

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

➤ **Canteen News**

Piranha Veggie Crackers are a new item that we are selling in the canteen. They come in a range of flavours, are gluten free and cost only 80c. They are a great snack for morning tea or as an extra in a lunch order. They are selling really well which means the kids love them.

Volunteers Reminders – if you are unable to make your scheduled canteen day can you please give as much notice as possible to Ruth Quirk (Roster Co-ordinator) or Karen Solway (Canteen manager). We would also encourage you to organise your own swap, if possible, and notify Karen of this.

Emergency Roster – We sometimes have volunteers unable to work at short notice and have an emergency roster

to cover this. If you are able to help out in the canteen at short notice can you please call or email Ruth Quirk on 9418 8656 – crquirk@optusnet.com.au.

The Canteen Committee

➤ **Music News**

Music Camp 4th and 5th May

Enrolment form for music camp and payment is due this Friday 20th March. Once your enrolment form and payment have been received you will be sent a confirmation of enrolment email which includes more information about what to bring to camp, a medical and dietary form plus a LCPS code of conduct form which needs to be read and signed by your child. Please return the two forms to your group parent or to the school office as soon as they are completed.

Music Camp is for all music students in Years 3-6 who are enrolled in Training Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra and Guitar Ensemble. The Camp Information Note and Enrolment Form was sent home via groups and also emailed to parents. You may also download it from the music section of the school website. We strongly encourage all eligible children to attend music camp as it is such a good learning environment and groups can make some great progress if all players are present. Several LCPS teachers, parents and tutors will attend camp so it is very well supervised and always a really positive and fun experience for children. As you can appreciate we have to confirm numbers, order buses and pay for the camp well before the actual date so we need enrolment forms and payment returned by Friday 20th March to confirm your child's place. If your child cannot attend please let us know via the enrolment form. Please do not hesitate to contact the Camp Coordinator, Swantje Lorrimer (9420-1694) or Jackie Brighton, Music Convenor if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's attendance at camp.

Music Uniforms

Have you checked your child's music uniform? The black and white LCPS music uniforms are used by the larger ensembles (Training Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and Orchestra) for most performances outside the school. The uniform consists of a black music vest (which is supplied) and long black pants which you need to purchase. The rest (black socks, black shoes and white short or long sleeved LCPS polo shirts) are all part of the LCPS school uniform so everyone should have them.

Black Pants for Music – by order only

Special order forms for black music pants will be available on the web and distributed to applicable music students shortly. The Uniform shop has kindly agreed to place a bulk order for those who need pants. Girls can order black bootleg pants and boys can order smart black trousers (cost to be confirmed). A bulk order will be placed at the end of Term 1 and the pants will be available early in Term 2. To facilitate this process the Uniform Shop will hold two try-on mornings at recess on Wed 25th March and Wed 1st April from 11.00-11.30am.

Members of the Intermediate and Senior Recorders and Senior Strings, who are playing at the Opera House, will also need black pants and can order from the uniform shop using the music order forms mentioned above.

Musical Performances at Assembly

Note that the Concert Band's performance at assembly has been postponed to Thursday 26th March due to the selective high school test involving many Year 6 students.

Dates for the Musical Diary

Friday 20th March – Music Camp Enrolment forms due

4th and 5th May - Music camp at Collaroy Conference Centre

18th March - Senior Strings will perform at senior assembly

26th March - Concert Band will perform at junior assembly

1st April - Guitar Ensemble will perform at senior assembly

2nd April - Cello Group will perform at junior assembly

3rd April - Jazz Ensemble will perform at Term 1 Honour Assembly

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

➤ Uniform Shop

Winter tunic belts We have spare belts for winter tunics \$6 each.

Winter stock Blouses size 5 have reached the supplier and will be here shortly. Black scarves are back in stock. Some sizes of L/S white and sports polos are still out of stock at the supplier, arriving approximately end of the month.

Microfibre sports shorts, trackpants & sports jackets Out of stock until end of MARCH hopefully. If you have ordered some and not received them yet, we will deliver as soon as new stock arrives.

Washing Instructions on garments Please read the washing instructions on the garments we sell. If it says – wash in cold, do not tumble dry and you ignore this, we cannot be held responsible for any shrinkage to garments.

Order forms available from rack in front of office and on the school website. 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

Netball News

Training starts THIS Tuesday 17th March

Netta's 3.15pm in the Bullring

Other grades at 4.15pm (except Grade 12C on Wednesday at 3.15pm).

Umpires Exam - Those girls sitting the exam - please meet at the Bullring at 3.15pm and you will be shown the classroom the exam will take place (it will take 30 minutes).

1st game of the season

Friday 27th March Netta Competition - Round 1

Saturday 28th March Netball Competition - Round 1

Tuesday 28th April (Week 1 Term 2) - Fun Net commences

Please check the school website for additional details - LCPS Sport-Netball

Kathy Segal – Netball Committee

➤ Environment News

Frog Pond Opening

The Frog Pond renovation is now completed. This outdoor classroom area will now be handed over to the school for use by the school community. Families and local businesses who have been involved with the refurbishment are invited to attend the official opening of the Frog Pond later this week. If you have not yet received an invitation and have helped on this project, please email Susan Loane on susan.stewartloane@bigpond.com.

The Environmental Committee.

Eco-tip

Did you know? A tap left running can waste up to 17 litres of water a minute.

What can you do? Don't leave your tap running while you brush your teeth!