



Lane Cove Loop

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

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➤ **Principal's Report**

Frog Pond Opening

Our frog pond was officially opened last Friday by the State Member for Lane Cove, Anthony Roberts. It was a significant event and was the culmination of many months of sustained effort and teamwork. Its location, adjacent to our vegetable gardens, highlights the school's increasing focus on matters environmental.

I would like to thank the following organisations for their support:

Lane Cove Council

Willoughby Council

Australian Project Services

Bunnings Artarmon

Woodpecker Signs

Lane Cove Men's Shed

Wirreanda Nursery

Bud Landscapes

NRMA Electricals and Car Batteries

The following people, some of them associated with the above, played key roles:

Bushcare and Regeneration officers from both councils, Simon Brown, Claire Brittain, Peter Cunningham, Peter Worgan, Michelle Greenfield, Reiner Davis, Tony Hatton, Simon Clarke, Emily and Laura, our first two student "frog pond friends".

Thank you to the Contos and Rawlinson families who sponsored benches. Thank you also to the Watsons and Searsons who shared the sponsorship of a bench on Friday.

Last, but certainly not least, sincere thanks to Jayne Whitford and Susan Loane who have developed this project with great passion. Their drive and enthusiasm have resulted in a wonderful outdoor learning area, with the frog pond the key element.

Please go down and have a look at the frog pond. I'm sure that you will be impressed.

Miss Bucciol will have photos on the website shortly.

Harmony Day: Tuesday....Everyone Belongs

Harmony Day, celebrated on 21 March each year, is an Australian Government initiative promoting Australia's culturally diverse and cohesive society. The day also coincides with the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racism Discrimination.

The key theme for Harmony Day in 2009 is Everyone Belongs. It's about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

On **Tuesday 24 March LCPS** will celebrate Harmony Day. Students are encouraged to wear one orange item (eg headband, socks or t-shirt) with their school uniform.

Please note that this is not a mufti day.

Students will be able to purchase orange ribbons for 50 cents and badges for 70 cents.

In essence the SRC is aiming to:

- honour our tradition of a fair go
- appreciate the benefits of cultural diversity/respect each other
- mark the day with a celebration of our successes as a vibrant, cohesive, inclusive nation and wear an orange item along with your fellow Australians to show that

EVERYONE BELONGS

National Ride2School Day: Wednesday

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

Events this week:

Monday

- * Year 2 Swim School continues every day this week

Tuesday

- * Harmony Day
- * P & C Meeting in Library 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday

- * Ride2School Day

Friday

- * PSSA Oz Tag for Year 6 12.15 p.m.
- * Last Day for Yr 2 Swim School

Coming Events:

Tuesday 31st March

- * School Cross Country

Wednesday 1st April

- * Yr 3 Australian Wildlife Display 11.25 a.m.-3.00 p.m.

Thursday 2nd April

- * Closing date for Competitions

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.

Correction

Students return to school next term on **Wednesday 29 April**, with the Tuesday being the school development day for staff. My apologies for the mistake last week.

2008 Annual School Report

A survey on the **Homework Matrix** will come 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 its return to class teachers this week.

A survey on **School Management** will come home with every third student in Years K, 2, 4 and 6.

Swimming Successes

Congratulations to the students who, as a result of their performances last week, advance to the Northern Sydney Regional Swimming Carnival.

Earth Hour

On Saturday 28th March 2009, Australia will take part in Earth Hour. On that day, people in Australia and around the world will turn off their lights between 8:30pm - 9:30 pm for one hour - Earth Hour - showing their support and sending a powerful global message that it's possible to take action on climate change and succeed.

Eco-Friendly Lighting Tips that can make a Big Difference

* Turn off the electric lights. This is especially important to do during the daytime. If light is needed, only turn on fixtures that are necessary, and try to use as much natural light as possible.

* Swap incandescent bulbs to CFLs. ENERGY STAR notes that its qualified compact fluorescent bulbs use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs, and last up to 10 times longer.

* Add more natural light. Installing more windows or adding a skylight may be expensive and cumbersome, but simple solutions such as TDDs can be installed under two hours with no structural reframing required.

Download tips for organisations from the WWF- Earth Hour website: <http://www.earthhourau.org/toolkits>

Bob Lamaro

➤ P&C News

NEXT P&C MEETING THIS TUESDAY 24TH MARCH Library 7-9pm

Please come and support your P&C at our monthly meeting. All are welcome. There will be an update from the principal about planned use of government building funds, plus an overview of school and P&C activities. 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. Minutes from the last meeting are on the website.

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

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

➤ Uniform Shop

Black trousers for music If your child wants to order black trousers for music and is unsure of size, please ask them to come to the Uniform shop on this Wednesday 25th March or Wednesday 1st April during recess. We have some sample sizes of boys' trousers and girls' bootlegs to try on on these days and spare forms in case they forget them!

Winter stock Blouses size 5 have arrived and orders delivered. Black scarves are back in stock. Some sizes of L/S white and sports polos are still out of stock at the supplier.

Winter tunic belts We have spare belts for winter tunics \$6 each in case you need them.

Microfibre sports shorts, trackpants & sports jackets The boat is late and we are still not sure when we will receive them, hopefully before the end of term. If you have ordered some of these items and not received them yet, we will deliver as soon as we can.

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

➤ Music News

Music Camp 4th and 5th May

Enrolment forms for music camp and payment were due last Friday 20th March. Those who have enrolled and paid should have now been 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 new forms to your group parent or to the school office as soon as they are completed but definitely by 6th April.

Who is Music Camp For?

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.

Black Pants for Music – by order only

Special order forms for black music pants are available on the web and were emailed to applicable music students this week. 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.

Who needs a Music Uniform?

Training Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and Orchestra all require the black and white music uniform. 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.

Email Updates for Music groups

Regular email updates are sent to members of the Training Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble and Orchestra. You should have received an email in the past week. Sometimes these bulk emails end up in spam folders so please check that you are receiving these from your group parent. If not please check your spam folder and/or contact your group parent to ensure we have your email contact details as this is the easiest way to keep everyone informed and up to date.

Dates for the Musical Diary

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

6th April – Music Camp medical and Code of Conduct forms due

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

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

➤ **Netball news**

We are still looking for umpires and coaches to assist the girls. It is only a small amount of time with a great reward. Contact Carolyn Pope (Coaches Coordinator) on 0419 227 079 or June McFayden (Umpire Coordinator) 0420 118 979 if you can help.

First competition match of the season this week - Round 1

Please remember all girls are to be in full uniform to play.

Nettas Friday 27th March -**Netball Saturday 28th March**

- times and courts will be emailed to the teams when we are informed

- check NSNA website for information as well.

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

Last Friday morning Anthony Roberts, MP, Member for Lane Cove, officially opened the school frog pond and outdoor classroom facility. About seventy people attended, including representatives from Lane Cove and Willoughby Councils and a large number of parents, students and teachers. NRMA Car Electrics and Batteries supplied a delicious barbecue breakfast. Thank you to all who attended and made this such a successful event. The vegetable gardens and frog pond looked particularly good due to some hard work put in by parents and students over the past few weeks.

Thanks and gratitude go to the many parents and local businesses who have supported the construction of the frog pond, including: Willoughby Council, Lane Cove Community Nursery, Bunnings Artarmon, Wirreanda Nurseries, Lane Cove Men's Shed, Bud Landscapes, Woodpecker Signs and Australian Project Services.

Thanks Jayne and Susan

A special Thank You to parents Jayne Whitford and Susan Loane. Jayne and Susan ran the Frog Pond project and put in an enormous amount of time and effort resulting in this great facility for the school.

Donors for Frog Pond seats and sculpture

Thank you also to the families who have donated seats into the frog pond. There is still one seat remaining with no donor – a lovely bench seat under a tree. If any family would still like to donate a seat please contact Mr Lamaro. We are also raising money to purchase a beautiful child-sized sandstone frog sculpture to place in the enclosure. If you would like to make a donation towards the sculpture please send it into the office clearly marked “donation for frog pond sculpture.” Every dollar will help.

**Graphic Designer needed**

If any parent has graphic design capabilities, we are looking for assistance in compiling a “Frog Pond Features” sign to be installed in the frog pond. If you have these skills and can spare about 4 hours to help please contact Jayne Whitford at jaynew@bigpond.net.au

Visiting the Frog Pond

Parents and children are welcome to visit the frog pond, which is located next to the Stringybark Building near the tennis courts. The frog pond enclosure is unlocked during the day. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Environmental Committee