



Lane Cove Loop

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

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Events this week:

Parent Teacher interviews
this week

Wednesday

- * No Waste Wednesday
- * Australia Wildlife Display
Library – 11.15am to 3.00pm

Thursday

- * Closing Day for Competitions
Years 3 – 6

Friday

- * Honour Assembly 9am-10am
in Hall
- * PSSA Oz Tag for Year 6

Coming Events:

Parent Teacher interviews
this week

Wednesday 8th April

- * Easter Service and
Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 9th April

- * ANZAC Service in Hall
9 am

Term 1 – Week 10

30 March 2009

Principal's Report

Parent Surveys

You would be aware that these surveys have been coming for a while. The pressure is now on as we have to collate and comment on them by Friday morning. Consequently I have sent three surveys home today:

- **The Homework Matrix**
- **Environmental Education** and
- **School Management.**

I have sent them home to all families as I don't expect that all of you will be able to respond within the short time-frame. I would ask you to complete and return them by **Thursday morning, this week.** Any later is too late due to our deadlines. I look forward to your assistance and apologise for the delayed distribution.

Special Swimming Scheme

Year 2 completed this two week program last Friday with the weather being very kind to them. Two groups at a time walked to the pool under teacher and parental supervision. Thank you to those parents who assisted in this capacity. Our students made excellent progress. All students on Friday were able to demonstrate the swimming skills that they had developed. Safety is a key component of the program and students practised a variety of rescue options during the program. I would like to congratulate Year 2 on a successful program and also thank the Year 2 team of teachers for their active participation.

Harmony Day

LCPS students raised over \$300.00 last Tuesday which was Harmony Day. The SRC is now considering a worthy cause to which it will donate. Congratulations to the SRC on this initiative.

Ride2School Day

This was a big day last Wednesday with many students involved by riding a bicycle, scooter or skate board to school. As far as I know, no accidents and not one piece of equipment went missing!!

Hot Shots!

Round 1 of the Northern Suburbs Primary Tennis Challenge was played on Saturday 21 March at Chatswood Tennis Centre in perfect conditions.

Lane Cove finished in 14th place out of 29 schools. Congratulations to all our players for their excellent effort on the night.

S. Sutton - Tennis Co-ordinator

Native Plant Stall in Lane Cove Plaza

Following is a message from the Lane Cove Bushland and Conservation society.

Saturday, 4 April, 8.30 am to 12.00 pm. Plant experts from the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society will advise you on selection & care. Low prices for seedlings. To donate or pre-order a particular plant, call Lidia: 9428 5196.

Many thanks,

Frances Vissel (mobile number- 0434 829 371 / 9427 6931)

On behalf of Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society

Honour Assembly

This Friday sees our first honour assembly for 2009. Peter Overton, a former LCPS student, is our special guest, accompanied by his wife, Jessica Rowe, and his parents.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

I would ask parents to respect the time allocated for these meetings. It is frustrating for all, if teachers slip behind their schedules because of meetings running overtime.

It is better to arrange another meeting if issues are so serious.

School Council Update

School council at its March meeting:

- Welcomed two new staff members
- Considered projects to be lodged for funding under the Commonwealth Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER) program.
- Elected a chair and secretary

David Mitchell

EdAlive Computer Software

Recently, we sent home coloured leaflets about the CSP (Community Software Plan).

This is a reminder that the closing date is Friday, 3rd April. If you wish to place an order, please do so by this date.

Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted. This will be the only CSP for 2009. Extra leaflets are available from the rack located in the office foyer.

Helen Bucciol

Chess

Chess lessons in 4K room have been cancelled on Tuesday March 31, Wednesday April 1 and Thursday April 2 due to parent/teacher interviews.

Bob Lamaro

➤ **P&C News**

Mothers' Day Stall – Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th May

Our fabulous Mother's Day stall will be held in Week 2 of Term 2 so we need to get started now. Expect to see boxes for collection of donations in classrooms over the next week. In addition to gift donations we will be looking for volunteers to help out that week. For full detail please see attached note from organiser Kristin Verge, and more info will come from your class parents.

P&C Meeting last Tuesday 24th March

The following motions were approved: 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. A new motion was moved to spend \$1500 on parent seminars, representing a 50/50 share with payments from participants. Minutes will be on the website soon. Next meeting Tuesday 26th May 7pm.

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

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

➤ Uniform Shop

Volunteer shortage We are still desperately short of volunteers for Tuesdays 2 -3.30pm and Thursdays 8.15-9.30 am. If we don't get more help, we may have to adjust opening times to school hours only. If you can spare time, just 1 ½ hours once a month, please come and volunteer.

Black trousers for music Orders close Friday this week. If your child is unsure of size and wants to try on black trousers or bootlegs for music, please ask them to come to the Uniform shop on this Wednesday 1st April during recess. Order forms in by Friday 3 April.

Microfibre trackpants & sports jackets Now is the time to place your orders for these garments. We need to have an idea if we have ordered enough for the season so we can reorder quickly if necessary. Did you order last year and not pay? If so we recommend you pay for your order asap. Once we receive the garments we will send out all prepaid ordered goods first before selling them in the shop.

Microfibre sports shorts will arrive hopefully before the end of term. Once we receive them, we will sort and send out all prepaid ordered shorts including those from last year. We will let you know in this newsletter when they arrive.

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

Congratulations to our new LCPS Music Captains

Congratulations to Emma and Harry on being elected LCPS 2009 Music Captains. Emma plays clarinet in the Concert Band and Harry plays alto saxophone in the Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble. Both Emma and Harry are in Year 6 and look forward to their important leadership role this year. They have already compared for a recent Concert Band assembly performance and attended a Training Band rehearsal or two to assist the newest members of the music program settle in to their rehearsal routine.

Bass Guitar Player wanted

The Guitar Ensemble is looking for a bass guitar player. This might suit a child already learning acoustic guitar or a new student willing to enrol and learn bass guitar. An instrument will be available to hire and lessons can be arranged at school. Anyone in Years 3-6 who is interested should contact the guitar officer, Justine Jansz on 9420 5229 for more information.

Music Camp 4th and 5th May

Thank you for sending camp enrolment forms in a timely manner – we have had a great response to camp with nearly everyone who is eligible able to attend. By now you should have received 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 these two forms to the school office as soon as they are completed or by 6th April.

Music Stands

Children will need a foldable music stand to take to music camp. If you don't already have one then they make a great gift for your budding musician and will come in handy for music practice at home for many years to come. Please label your child's stand with their name or place some identifying ribbon on it.

Music Uniforms

Last try-on day for black pants is this Wednesday 1st April at recess 11am. If you would like to check the sizes before ordering download an order form and complete all sections except the size. Send your child along to the try-on day on Wednesday and the uniform shop staff will assist with selecting the correct size. All order forms must be returned to the school office by 6th April.

Assembly Performances

Unfortunately the guitar ensemble will not be able to perform at assembly this Wednesday 1st April. Senior Strings will replace the cello group who were supposed to perform at assembly on Thursday 2nd April.

Dates for the Musical Diary

1st April - No Guitar Ensemble performance

2nd April – Senior String 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**

Round 1 (27-28th March) results will be posted on the school web site when available

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

Netball committee

➤ **Environment News**

Graphic Designer needed

If any parent has graphic design capabilities, we are still 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

The Environment Group

Dear Lane Cove Parents,

The Mothers' Day stall is a fundraiser for the school, run by the P&C and this year it is being held over 2 days on Wed 6th and Thursday 7th May.

We are asking parents to donate a gift up to the value of \$10 to sell on the stall. Children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mother from the stall on one of these days. Items will be priced at \$5 or \$10.

Any suitable (new) items can be put in the box in your child's classroom for collection.

Donation suggestions:

Hand cream, Photo frames, Jewellery, Cosmetics, Diaries and telephone/address books, Trinket boxes, Mugs/Cups, Hair products, Perfume, Manicure sets, Chocolates, Books, Candles, Body Lotion, Wheat bags Or any other item you would be happy to receive!

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation please place this in an envelope marked Mother Day Stall and place it in the P&C pigeonhole adjacent to the office.

Children will be escorted to the stall by their teacher according to a timetable. The donations will be distributed evenly over the two days so that every child will have the opportunity to purchase a quality gift.

Donations can be made until Friday 1st May.

Thanks for your help

Kristin Verge 9420 0031 or 0421 636 840 or cverge@bigpond.net.au

P.S. I'll also be asking for volunteers to sort, wrap and sell the donations. Please contact me if you would like to help out.

End of daylight saving

Daylight saving ends at 3:00 am on Sunday April 5, so remember to turn all your clocks back by one hour.

For more information visit: www.nsw.gov.au/daylightsaving.asp

HOMEWORK EVALUATION: PARENTS

In order to assess the effectiveness of the Homework Matrix you are requested to complete the following.

My child is positive about the matrix structure	Yes	Unsure	No
I am positive about the matrix structure	Yes	Unsure	No
I would like to see some changes to the matrix	Yes	Unsure	No
I would like to see the school go back to traditional homework	Yes	Unsure	No

Please tick where your satisfaction with the matrix lies with **1 lowest** and **10 greatest**.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: EVALUATION PARENTS

Please complete the following using the following scale:

1 Strongly Disagree 2 Disagree 3 Unsure 4 Agree 5 Strongly Agree

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| 1. I believe Environmental Education is an important aspect of the curriculum | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. I believe that the school could be doing more in Environmental Education | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. My children show interest in the environment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. I am aware of school environmental programs | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. It is important for parents to be involved in school environmental initiatives | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. The school site is a positive learning environment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. Please indicate an aspect of environmental education that you would most like to see developed or further developed (if applicable) | | | | | |

PARENT SURVEY about SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. With the school's consent, the information will be used to develop a picture of responses from across public schools in NSW. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

Colour the circle for the answer you agree with most. For example, the parental response was usually for the statement – *What my child is asked to learn is important*. If you do not have an opinion about a question leave all boxes blank.

	Almost Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
1 What my child is asked to learn is important.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Almost Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
1 The school is continually looking at ways to improve its performance.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2 The school continually makes minor changes to its programs to improve what it does.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3 The school makes major changes from time to time to improve what it does.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4 The school regularly measures the success of its programs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5 The educational needs of all students are met by the school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6 The school cares about the students and the discipline is fair.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7 The staff at the school are valued and supported.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8 Teachers undertake extra training to improve their classroom teaching.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9 The school is well organised.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10 The allocation of money and other resources are managed effectively.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11 The school communicates effectively with students and parents.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Thank you for completing the survey

Headlice

WHAT ARE HEAD LICE?

- **Head lice** are tiny insects that live in hair, where they breed and feed on blood from the scalp. They are about the size of a sesame seed, have six legs, and range from tan to greyish-white in colour. They live up to 30 days and cannot survive for more than two days away from the human scalp.
- **Nits** are the eggs of the head lice. They look like small whitish specks about the size of a pinhead and are glued to the hair shaft. Nits are first laid very close to the scalp, and then grow out with the hair. Nits hatch within seven to 10 days and mature into adult lice in about seven days.
- **Head lice** crawl; they cannot fly or jump and they do not live on animals. They hang on to the hair with hook-like claws at the end of each leg.
- **Nits** are usually found on the hair shaft at the nape of the neck, under the fringe and behind the ears.

HOW ARE THEY SPREAD?

- Lice are spread by head-to-head contact, or sometimes from sharing hats, headgear, combs or brushes with an infested person.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Symptoms may be absent, or may include:

- A tickling feeling in the hair
- Itchy scalp from lice bites
- Sores can develop from scratching and these can sometimes become infected
- Fine black powder (lice faeces) or pale grey lice skins may be seen on the pillow.

TO CHECK FOR HEAD LICE AND NITS:

- Look closely through the hair and scalp for nits and lice with a bright light, magnifying glass and fine-tooth comb.
- Nits are usually noticed first and are easier to see. They are glued to the hair shaft, behind the ears and at the back of the neck. Unlike dandruff they cannot be brushed off.

IF YOU FIND HEAD LICE:

Check the rest of the household for head lice, and **only treat if they are detected.**

- *Treat everyone* found to be infested on the same day.
- *Treat again* in seven days.
- Tell any possible close contacts, such as friends and work mates.
- After the first treatment, the affected person can return to school or work.

HOW DO YOU TREAT HEAD LICE?

- For a baby under 12 months of age, or if you are pregnant, or breast feeding, or have sensitive skin,

consult a health professional for advice. Lice removal may be recommended in preference to chemical disinfection.

- Head lice treatments can be purchased from a pharmacist without a prescription. Follow the instructions.
- Avoid getting the product into eyes; cover eyes with a towel or washer and wear gloves when applying the product. Wash your hands thoroughly after use.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Do not use a conditioner on hair before (or after) applying the treatment.
- Do not blow dry hair after treatment as the heat may inactivate the product.
- Do not re-wash hair for one to two days after treatment.

AFTER TREATMENT

- Check that the product worked. Comb hair with a fine-tooth comb, wipe contents onto a tissue or cloth and look for any movement. If lice are still active, they may be resistant to the insecticide. Wash hair and treat again using a product with a **different insecticide** base (ask your pharmacist).
- If the other preparation fails, daily inspection and removal of eggs and lice with a fine-tooth comb and fingernails is the only option left. This process is tedious but, if followed strictly, will eventually clear the hair of lice. A magnifying glass may help you to find the eggs and lice more easily.
- Check combs, brushes, headgear and bedding for lice. Combs and brushes may be soaked in hot water (70°C) and detergent for 10 minutes. Bed linen, clothes and towels can be washed in the hot cycle in the washing machine or in a hot drier. Items that cannot be washed or dry-cleaned (for example, hats) can be placed in a plastic bag for a minimum of four days.
- Nit removal is not necessary.
- To help minimise levels of head lice in the community, it is a good idea to check your child on a weekly basis.

For more information please contact your local health unit, community health centre, pharmacist or GP.