



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 9th

- * Year 3 Information Evening
6.30pm in the Hall

Tuesday 10th

- * Year 2 Information Evening
6.30pm in the Hall
- * School Council Meeting
7:00pm in the staffroom

Wednesday 11th

- * Kindergarten Information
Evening 6.30pm in the Hall

Thursday 12th

- * Year 4 Information Evening
6.30pm in the Hall

Events next week:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 18th – 20th

- * Year 6 Camp

Sunday 22nd

- * Working Bee

Term 1 – Week 3

09 February 2009

➤ Principal's Report

School Enrolment

I submitted our 2009 numbers last week and we officially have 804 students which warrants 32 classes. The school enrolment last year peaked at 783 students. When I arrived in 2004 our enrolment was around the 750 mark.

Demountable

You may have noticed the fencing on Coral Park. It depicts the location of the demountable building which will accommodate Class 3S.

After School Music Lessons

Music lessons are conducted in many classrooms before and after school. Some teachers have lessons in their rooms every day and some have them once or twice a week. Teachers and students leave many valuable resources in the rooms and they also spend much time making the rooms attractive learning environments.

It is essential, therefore, that the teachers and their rooms are treated with respect. I am aware that it is essential for a parent to be in the room for some individual music lessons. Pre-schoolers, however, should not be in the room during a lesson. If it is impossible to have younger siblings minded, please bring something for them to play with during the lesson and please don't allow them to touch or play with anything in the room. It is most disappointing for students and teachers to find their resources strewn around the room and notice boards used for scribbling.

Christine Scully - Deputy Principal

OOSH on School Site

There seems to be some confusion out there regarding before and after school care. The Stringybark building will be an "overflow" facility in that those students who cannot be accommodated at Lane Cove OOSH will be able to attend after school care on the school site.

The school hall is currently being used by Lane Cove OOSH as their site "across the road" is currently being upgraded.

Junior and Senior Assemblies

This is a further reminder that our Juniors (K-2) will meet each Thursday at 11.30 am and the Seniors 93-6) will do so each Wednesday at 11.30 am.

Information Evenings

Our information evenings continue this week with

Monday:	Year 3	Tuesday:	Year 2
Wednesday:	Kindergarten	Thursday:	Year 4

Safety Issues

Unfortunately we still have parents and students walking through the staff car parks and along the service road that leads to the canteen. I really should not have to remind parents that this dangerous, particularly given that our delivery vehicles often have to back out along the service road.

Market Square Development

I received an update from Mainbrace last Friday and progress is impressive. I've been assured that the louder hammering has finished and concrete pouring has been happening for some time. Mainbrace seem to have effective structures in place for the cement trucks with the creation of a special lane to streamline truck movements.

We have scheduled a meeting with Lane Cove Council in order to address issues of concern.

Executive Roles

At the beginning of each school year we have parents who wish to clarify a range of issues. I am very appreciative of those who contacted the respective grade co-ordinators when doing so.

Working Bee

We have many parts of the school which have been targeted for attention at the working bee on February 22. Please beeeeeee there!!

Lane Cove Loop

At the information evenings we are asking parents to provide their email addresses so we can send the newsletter via email. This does not only save paper, it ensures that you receive *The Loop* promptly.

Term 1 Calendar

An overview of our activities and events this term is included this week.

Bob Lamaro

➤ P&C NEWS

Working Bee – Sunday 22nd February 8.30 till 1pm-ish

Please put this date in your diary for a much needed spruce-up of the school grounds. As little as an hour of your time is appreciated, and the more helpers we have the less we all have to do! We hold only one working bee per term – a lovely morning tea and sausage sizzle lunch are provided. No skills required, though if you do have any – please make yourselves known on the day. Check-in with our coordinator waiting by the cricket nets when you arrive. **Remember – even ONE HOUR is worthwhile – don't feel embarrassed if that's all you can manage.**

P&C General Meeting - Tuesday 24th February 7pm Library

Our first meeting will be the fourth Tuesday of the month as usual – all are welcome. This is a great opportunity to hear from the principal about what's going on in our school, and to air all parent concerns and views.

Volunteering at LCPS

Thanks to all those already signed up - we will be asking parents to express their interest in a range of volunteer activities at each of the remaining Grade Information Nights this week. If you are not attending these sessions, there is a **form attached**. More information on how parents can help out at our school can be found on the school website in the P&C section, or ask for a copy at the front office. Please remember – we can't do it without you!

Class Parents

Class teachers will be asking for 2/3 parents per class to volunteer at the Grade Info Nights as class parents. For info on the role of the class parent, please visit the website or ask for a handout at the front office. It would be great if class parents could be settled ASAP – please email your details to P&C Volunteer Coordinator Sue Mayall spmayall@optusnet.com.au. Your first job is to get class contact lists sorted and distributed within the first few weeks of term. A template is available – email Sue. Please be mindful that the information on these sheets is to be used for school-related purposes only. There will be a **morning tea to welcome class parents on Thursday 26th February in the Hall at 9.15.**

Back-To-School BBQ – Friday 6th March 5pm-9pm

Our famous back-to-school BBQ will be held on Friday 6th March 5pm-9pm on Coral Park. Pop the date in your diaries – it's a great chance to catch up with friends and perhaps make some new ones! Subject to the potential arrival of the new demountable classroom, there will be four great rides for the kids, a kid's disco featuring a groovy DJ, sizzling BBQs, a licensed bar, soft drinks, chips, ice-creams and glow sticks. Bring a picnic rug or some chairs to enjoy the outdoors on Coral Park. In keeping with tradition, the BBQ goes ahead RAIN HAIL or SHINE!

Parent Feedback

Any thoughts, concerns, comments? Please email pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au or complete the P&C Feedback Form on the website.

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

➤ Canteen News

A reminder to please check the **new Summer Term 1 menu** before placing a lunch order for your child. If you haven't received a new menu, you can look at it on the school website.

Esky required – does anybody have a large esky that they no longer require and would like to donate to the canteen? If so, please contact Ruth Quirk on 9418 8656 or 0419 188656 or email crquirk@optusnet.com.au.

The Canteen Committee

➤ Uniform Shop

Volunteers needed: As you could see by the queues on Thursday last, we still need volunteers at the uniform shop. If you can help out once a month for 1 ½ to 2 hours, please contact us.

Second Hand donations: The LCPS Uniform shop is very grateful for the large quantities of donations of 2nd hand uniforms which we receive to sell. However, please remember that we are unable to sell items such as Hats, socks, and uniforms that are stained or torn. If you could you please consider whether you would buy the item you are donating before dropping them off, it would be much appreciated.

Attention Y6: Deadline has passed for name changes. The names are being sent to the supplier for the print screen to be made. There is still time to place an order but your name will appear as on the class roll. Keep your receipt. If you haven't received a receipt, we haven't received your order. Please be aware we only order exactly the number and size you order. No extras. There are no spares and no possibility to change size once ordered.

Microfibre sports shorts: New stock with correct sizing arriving March.

Microfibre trackpants and sports jackets: Should be in stock in April.

Netball skirts and tops can be obtained by sending in a netball order form and will not be sold over the counter at the uniform shop. The netball committee have sample sizes for you to try on and the forms to fill in. Please send in your form with payment to the shop and we will deliver to your class as soon as we can. Don't leave it to the last minute to order.

Winter stock: Winter stock will not arrive until early March. We will send out a winter order form to all kindergarten children. Save queueing and send in an order

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

Calling all musicians!

Most of the school bands and musical groups have now commenced rehearsals for 2009 with exception of the ones listed below. When children are enrolled in the music program they are expected to play in one or more groups in addition to attending weekly private lessons. If you are not sure which group is suitable for your child please have a look at the web site to see what is on offer. Children who are new to the school this year or, who learn from a private music tutor not based at the school, are very welcome to attend one of the school musical groups.

Beginner strings commence Week 4 Mon 16th Feb

Training Band commences Week 4 Tues 17th Feb (roster for alternating weeks)

Orchestra commences Week 4 Thurs 19th Feb

Beginner guitar commences Week 5 Thurs 18th Feb

Beginner Recorders commence Week 5 Tues 24th Feb

New Rock Group

The Rock Group commenced last week with rehearsals in Stringybark 2 (for the moment) on Fridays from 3:15pm-4:15pm. Membership is still open to electric and bass guitars, percussion, keyboard, sax and trumpets. Any child interested in becoming part of this group should attend rehearsals for the first few weeks. After that the group will be finalised by informal audition. Don't forget that members of the rock group are expected to take part in the Concert Band or Guitar Ensemble as well although Year 6 students will be exempt from this rule.

Brass Players Wanted

We have had record numbers of enrolments to the music program for 2009 but unfortunately we are desperately short of beginner brass players. Brass players can join the training band program initially but in later years they are needed in concert band, jazz ensemble, orchestra and the rock group. Do you have a child who would like to learn the trumpet, trombone or euphonium? We have excellent brass teachers available and several instruments spare. In fact we are offering free instrument hire for the first year on all lower brass instruments (trombone and euphonium) so that your child can try it for free.

Use of classrooms for music lessons

The success of the music program at LCPS is very much dependent on the kindness of the teachers letting music tutors use their classrooms before and after school for lessons and rehearsals. Without the use of the rooms parents would have to find off-site music tutors and this would be far less convenient for most parents. Unfortunately there have been a few issues with the use of classrooms so please adhere to the following guidelines so that we may avoid any further problems:

- 1) Tutors, parents and music students must not enter the classrooms before 3:15pm and must finish morning lessons/groups by 8:45am.
- 2) Most tutors welcome parents in the classroom but please ensure that siblings remain outside the class rooms. They may play/read quietly in the hat room areas but must not be allowed in classrooms or to roam around the playground unsupervised.

Use of Stringybark rooms

You have probably heard that before/after school care will be commencing on-site at LCPS in the near future. Unfortunately Stringybark 1 and Stringybark 2 will no longer be available to the music program which means we lose our storage space and places for lessons and group rehearsals before and after school. We have been working with the school to find alternative storage and venues suitable for group rehearsals but there are no easy solutions! Please bear with us as we sort out these issues and note there may be some movement of your lessons and group rehearsal rooms over the next few weeks.

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

➤ Netball News

Well done for all the girls that have been attending the practice sessions on Tuesday and Saturday (even in the heat). Thank you to Carolyn Pope and June McFadyen for running the sessions.

Final grading **practice** is Tuesday 10th February at 3.15 for Under 10/11/12's

Important Dates

All events take place at the Netball/Basketball Courts at LCPS

Tuesday 10th February 3.15 Under 10/11/12's Grading Practice

Tuesday 17th March First training session for all teams and Fun net.

Friday 27th March Netta Competition - Round 1

Saturday 28th March Netball Competition - Round 1

For further information check the school website.

Kathy Segal – Netball Committee



Play The Game

VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS LCPS P & C ASSOCIATION 2009

First Name _____

Surname _____

Eldest Child's Name _____ Class _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

LCPS P & C Association Events 2009

Please tick if you are interested in helping with these events:

Welcome BBQ 6 March	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mothers Day Stall 6 - 7 May	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trivia Night 8 August	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fathers Day Breakfast 4 Sept	<input type="checkbox"/>
End of Year BBQ 4 December	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working Bees – 1 per term	<input type="checkbox"/>

LCPS P & C Association SubCommittees 2009

Please tick if you are interested in volunteering your time with any of these sub committees:

Canteen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Uniform Shop	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lost Property	<input type="checkbox"/>
News	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please send your completed form to:

Sue Mayall
P & C Volunteer Co-ordinator
c/- School Office

Or email Sue on spmayall@optusnet.com.au

TERM 1 - 2009

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
FEB 1	26 Australia Day holiday	27 School Development Day Staff return	28 Yrs 1-6 return	29	30	31	1
2	2 LCPS Swimming Carnival Yrs 3-6 Kinders start	3 Yr 6 Info. Evening 6:30pm Hall	4 Yr 5 Info. Evening 6:30pm Hall	5 Yr 1Info. Evening 6:30pm Hall	6	7	8
3	9 Yr 3 Info. Evening 6:30pm Hall	10 Yr 2 Info. Evening 6:30pm Hall School Council meeting 7:00pm	11 Kinder info. Evening 6:30pm Hall	12 Yr 4 Info. Evening 6:30pm Hall	13 P&C Teachers' Breakfast	14	15
4	16	17	18 Yr 6 Camp	19 Yr 6Camp	20 Yr 6 Camp	21	22 Working Bee
MAR 5	23	24 P&CExec and General Meeting	25	26 Class Parent morning Tea	27 Teddy Bears' Picnic	28	1
6	2 Leadership Camp	3 Leadership Camp	4	5	6 P&C Welcome Barbecue	7	8
7	9	10 School Council Meeting 7:00pm	11	12	13	14	15
8	16 Yr 2 Swimming Scheme starts	17	18	19 Selective HS Test	20	21	22
9	23 Yr 2 Swimming Scheme	24 P&C Exec and General Meeting	25	26	27 Yr 2 Swimming ends	28	29
APR 10	30	31 School Cross Country	1 Yr 3 Australian Wildlife Display 11:25am- 3:00pm	2 Closing date for Comps	3	4	5
11	6	7	8 Easter Service Easter Hat Parade	9 Honour Assembly	10 Good Friday	11	12