



Lane Cove Loop

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

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Events this week:

* Tuesday

School Council Mtg
7.00 p.m.

* Friday

PSSA Oz Tag for Yr 6
12.15p.m.

Coming Events:

* Monday 16th

Year 2 Swimming Scheme
starts

* Thursday 19th

Selective High School Test

Term 1 – Week 7

09 March 2009

➤ Principal's Report

We are now into Week 7 of an eleven week term that concludes on Thursday 9 April. Some key dates are:

- March 31, school cross country
- April 2, closing date for UNSW Competitions
- April 3, Honour Assembly
- April 8, Easter Hat Parade
- April 9, ANZAC Day ceremony for Years 2-6

References

The writing of references for public school students seeking entry into non-government schools is considered by many staff, and the DET, to be a contentious issue. I have generally complied with such requests.

I am certainly reluctant to write references early in a student's years at school. It means that the public school is simply facilitating a student's movement out of the public system. I will raise this matter at School Council.

Tutoring

Some class teachers have reported to me that they have received requests from tutors for teaching material. As much as teachers endeavour to support all students, I think it's unreasonable to expect them to provide teaching material for students.

I suggest that tutors go to the **Board of Studies** website which provides a wealth of curriculum information. The **K-6 Educational Resources** section, in particular, is very helpful.

Tradesman Required

With OOSH on site and the relocation of the autism class, our musical instruments need to be stored under the Northwood building. Because the cupboards available from the DET are not deep enough, I would like to have made to measure storage facility made and installed.

Therefore I am seeking a cabinet maker / carpenter who may be interested in quoting to do this work.

Please contact for more details if you are interested.

Late Arrivals

Many of our students who arrive at school after 9.00 am do so unaccompanied by a parent. These students are providing their own explanations and signing their own late notes.

I wish to emphasize that this practice results in class teachers recording the lateness as an **unexplained partial absence**. They will be included in absence details on student reports and school records.

Stewart House School Clothing Appeal

The collection date for Stewart House bags is **13 March 2009**.

Parents' Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses

I have received copies of this document which is designed to help parents to understand their child's progress through primary school. I have placed them in the admin foyer if you would like to take a copy.

Cross Country

The school's annual cross country event will be held on 31 March. Classes and grades are currently providing students with opportunities to develop their fitness and endurance capacities on a weekly basis.

BER

You may be aware that the Rudd Government is providing significant funding to public schools on a national basis. Our school working party is developing a visionary program of projects for LCPS. Details will be provided on the school website shortly and I encourage you to have a look.

No Waste Wednesday

This environmental initiative is gaining momentum and your support is crucial, and appreciated.

Islamic Scripture

Islamic scripture for students in Years 1-6 will start at Lane Cove Public School on Wednesday March 11. Students in Years 1 and 2 will have their lesson at 10:20am, students in Years 3 and 5 will have their lesson at 9:05am and students in Years 4 and 6 will have their lesson at 9:40am. Lessons are for 40 minutes. If you would like your child to attend Islamic scripture, please complete the tear-off slip and return it to your child's teacher by March 11.

I would like my child to attend Islamic scripture lessons which will begin at Lane Cove Public School on Wednesday March 11.

Child's name _____

Class _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Bob Lamaro

➤ **P&C News**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ LAST FRIDAY

Thanks to everyone for making the effort to come and have some fun at our first BBQ for the year – it was a great night, with perfect weather leading to a huge crowd and the early disappearance of the sausages! A special thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped man the various posts – we can't do it without you. Fundraising results next week.

PARENT FORUM "TRANSITION TO KINDY" Tuesday 17th March 7-9.30pm Library

There are still a spots left in our up-coming parent forum. The P&C will be hosting a session for Kindy parents in week 8 (next week). 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.

Sally Evans - P&C Communications Monitor

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

➤ **Uniform Shop**

Winter stock Winter tunics, grey trousers, black socks, tights and black scarves have arrived now. Blouses arrived too but size 5 is on backorder. Unfortunately L/S white and sports polos are out of stock at the supplier so there is a further delay on these. We should receive them in approx.4 weeks. PLEASE NOTE: Long sleeved sports polos are not held in stock but are by order only. Order now so we can place our order with the supplier.

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.

Additional stocktake sale this Thursday 12 March We will be holding a sale of assorted items mainly end ofline, flawed or obsolete stock, outside the uniform shop from 8.45 – 9.30 am this Thursday 12 March. No refunds or exchanges on these items will be possible. No receipts given.

Black trousers for music If your child needs black trousers for music, please ask them to come to the Uniform shop on Wednesday 25th March or Wednesday 1st April during recess to check their size. We will have some sample sizes of boys' trousers and girls' bootlegs to try on.

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 Invoices

Now that the composition of most musical groups has stabilised you will be invoiced this week for any outstanding group fees. Prompt payment would be most appreciated.

Payment of invoices

Did you know you can pay your music invoices by transferring the money on the internet? The Music Committee's BSB and account number are included on your invoice. Please remember to include your child's surname and/or invoice number so we can trace the payment. You can also pay by cheque (to "LCPS Music Committee") or in cash. Place these payments in a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name, mark it to the attention of the "Music Treasurer" and hand to your class teacher or the school office.

Music Camp 4th and 5th May

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. A blue copy of the Camp Information Note and Enrolment Form was sent home this week and also emailed to parents. If you did not receive this or, yours is still sitting under the squashed banana, you may 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 for some reason please let us know by indicating this on 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

Now is the time to check you have your music uniforms in order. 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

The Uniform shop has kindly agreed to place a bulk order for black music pants if you need them. Girls can order black bootleg pants (\$30 - same as the school green ones) and boys can order smart black trousers (cost to be confirmed but approx \$25-30). 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. Special order forms for black music pants will be available on the web and distributed to applicable music students shortly.

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

Each of the school's musical groups will have an opportunity to perform at a school assembly a few times in the year. Assembly performances commence in Week 8 and occur bi-weekly at 11:30am on Wednesday (senior assembly) or Thursday (junior assembly). See dates below for upcoming performances.

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
19th 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

➤ **Netball news**

Looking for Umpires and Coaches - do you know anyone who would like to help the girls? Please contact Carolyn Pope (Coaches- 0419 227 079) or June McFayden (Umpires - 0420 118 979)

Seniors netball - Looking for **players and umpires** contact Simone Appleby on 0405 558 504

Important Dates -

All training sessions are held at LCPS, all matches are at Willoughby Leisure Centre

Tuesday 17th March - First training session for teams (times to be announced)

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

Netball Committee**Selective High Schools: Year 7 placement**

The Selective High Schools Test is taking place on March 19, 2009 for all Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. From 2010, there will be 600 additional places for Year 7 entry in 14 newly established partially selective high schools.

For more information visit: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k6assessments/selectiveschools.php

Why it's important for your child to exercise

Encouraging your child to be active is important for their health and wellbeing. Here are some reasons to get your kids exercising throughout the day:

- It will make them feel fit, strong and healthy
- Exercise releases endorphins in their bodies which will make them feel happier
- It will help your child relax and stop feeling stressed
- It's a good social activity where they can make friends
- It will make your child's muscles stronger and help them maintain a healthy weight
- It will give your child more energy to do other things
- It will help your child sleep better and keep them more alert in class.

For more information visit:

www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetailsKids.aspx?p=335&np=285&id=1448

MAD TENNIS CAMP

EASTER HOLIDAYS – 1st Week Before and after Care

Before Camp from 8.30am (Cost – Free).

After Camp 3.15– 6.00pm (Cost \$12per child per day) Includes Ball Games till 4.30pm then Video/play at 58 Farran St Lane Cove)

DATE : - Tuesday 14/4 – Friday 17/4 - 4 days

Time : - 9.00 – 3.00pm (Rain or shine)

Venue : - Mowbray Primary School

Activities : - Lots of tennis in small groups, basketball, soccer, touch ,T – Ball ,Volleyball etc, Lunch provided on last day, tournaments and trophies

OPTION : TEN PIN BOWLING - Tuesday 14/4 at Hornsby Bowling
- \$18.00 extra (Includes bus,Bowls etc)

Costs : - \$140.00 (Tennis Only – 4 days)

Daily rate:- \$42.00 (Tuesday \$58.00)

Interested : - Phone Debbie Jepson on 94285832 or email Jepsonbunch@dodo.com.au or return the form to the address below.

58 Farran St Lane Cove 2066

Early bird discount : - Pay before the 5/4/09 and receive 10 % off the total cost.

I give permission for my child _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Address _____

on the following days : T W Th F / Whole Week. Enclosed is a

cheque / cash for the following Sub total \$ _____

Plus After school care \$12 x T W Th F (Circle) \$ _____

Plus option Ten Pin Bowling \$ _____

(before 5/4/09) \$ _____ - %10

Total \$ _____

Signature _____

My Little One is Going to Big School



We would like to invite you to a workshop on how to help your children make the transition and settle into school smoothly.

WORKSHOP TOPICS:

- ❖ the emotional transition from home to school for children and their parents
- ❖ understanding the developmental stage of your child
- ❖ how to communicate effectively with your school age child
- ❖ how to listen and help when they are upset
- ❖ how to say "no" to this assertive little person
- ❖ Am I doing too much or not enough for my child?

When: Tuesday 17th March 2009 7.00- 9.30p.m.

Where: Lane Cove Public School Library

Cost: \$10 per person (payment on the night).

Available to parents of LCPS only

Numbers are limited - to reserve your place please email pandc@lcps.nsw.edu.au, call SALLY EVANS 0410 474 490 or leave a note in the P&C pigeon hole.

All our course/workshop leaders are parents and trained educators.

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