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Tallong LPPS News



Week 8 Term 2 2012

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Dear Parents,

The term is fast nearing its end and we have been busily planning many exciting events for the remainder of 2012. Semester one reports will be coming out soon. If you turn to page 2, you will find details of recent and future events and more information about the reports.

Robert Cusack, Principal

EARTH AND SPACE PROJECTS

The students of 3/4C and 4J Space in Science and Tech-One. The students were had to create their own

environmental conditions of that planet. The students were then asked to select a plant or animal that currently lives on Earth and adapt it so that it would be able to survive on their fictitious planet.

have studied Earth and nology during Semester issued a project where they planet and discuss the envi-

We were extremely impressed by the planets that were created and the quality of research that went into detailing the environmental conditions of these planets. The adaptations which were undertaken also displayed a high level of thinking.

On Monday of Week 6, we had an exhibition in the school hall where the students could show off their planets to the school community. As the students from various classes entered the exhibition they were given a voting form to vote for their favourite planet. The students whose planet received the most votes were issued with a People's Choice Award. Congratulations to these students and to everyone who submitted a project.



People's Choice Award Recipients

Deon , Luke , Aaron Matthew , Ellie, Tiarne , Tyler , Jasmine Ciocca

Mrs Coomby and Mr Jones

Coming Events

WEDNESDAY 27th JUNE—School Athletics Track Events



Dear Parents,

The Athletics Carnival.

Unfortunately we have again had to postpone the carnival due to the weather. The planned back up date of Monday 25 June now clashes with important staff training for some of the staff and we need now to set the date for the carnival as Wednesday 27 June. My apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause but there is little we can do in the circumstances

Student Participation

Since the last P&C Meeting the school students have been involved in:

- *NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 *Student Showcase *UNSW Science Competition
- *Successfully competed in a round of the Debating Competition.

The school is currently planning for:

- *Southern Stars *Athletics Carnival *All Schools League Competition
- *Life Education *PSSA Sport *Rod Wishart/Paul McGregor Competition
- *Yr 5-6 Berry Sport and Recreation Camp 23-25 July
- *Stage 1 excursion to Darling Harbour (Aquarium and Zoo) 30 August

Current Issues in Education

If you have been following the education debate in the media recently, you would be aware that the NSW Department of Education is undergoing a significant period of reform. This includes:

- *National curricula and state based syllabus *Local Schools, Local Decisions
- *Every Child, Every School

These are wide reaching reforms with significant impacts on how schools will operate now and into the future. I would strongly recommend that you follow the debates and, where possible participate, to ensure that you are informed as to the significant changes that will affect your child's education.

Semester One Reports

Very shortly, you will be receiving your child's Semester One report and an invitation to a parent teacher meeting. The reporting framework in use in schools was a development from the Eltis Report 'Time to Think, Time to Learn' and Australian Government funding legislation. In essence there is a five point achievement scale in use. This is a common grading scale which is based on clearly defined state-wide syllabus standards drawn from the Board of Studies syllabuses. The common grade scale developed by the BoS contains descriptions and associated grades on a 5 point achievement scale, which can be used to report student achievement in Years 1-10, for example:

GRADE C or Sound

Shows that the student has achieved most of the skills, values and knowledge intended by the teacher when they planned the learning program for the semester.

GRADE B or High

Shows that the student has performed very well with the work presented consistently achieving the skills, values and knowledge intended by the teacher when he/she planned the learning program for the semester. This student has demonstrated in all of the assessments and daily tasks that there is no difficulty being experienced in meeting the learning goals.

GRADE D or Basic

Shows that the student is currently experiencing some difficulty in achieving the skills, values and knowledge intended by the teacher when he/she planned the learning program for the semester. There are some gaps in the understanding of the concepts that have been taught during the semester and there is evidence that this has been occurring in daily tasks and in assessments.

End of Year Activities Year 6

Subject to booking confirmations Year 6 will be involved in the following:

- *Monday 10 December – Year 6 Farewell
- *Tuesday 11 December – Jamberoo
- *Wednesday 12 December – Tunnel of Friendship

School ends for our students on Wednesday 19 December with staff participating in professional learning activities on the Thursday and Friday.

Robert Cusack *Principal*

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

WEEK 4	TERM TWO	2012	WEEK	TERM TWO	2012
CLASS	STUDENT	DATE	CLASS	STUDENT	DATE
KT	Indy	31/05/12	KT	April	07/06/12
KB	Emily	31/05/12	KB	Krystal	07/06/12
K-1M	Charlotte	31/05/12	K-1M	Peter	07/06/12
1H	Grace	31/05/12	1H	Anthony	07/06/12
1P	Iesha	31/05/12	1P	Hayden	07/06/12
2C	Mikayla	31/05/12	2C	Jada	07/06/12
2/3W	Blake	31/05/12	2/3W	Rhys Neve	07/06/12
3/4C	Deon Joshua	31/05/12	3/4C	Bailey Ivana B	07/06/12
4J	Zakkary Nicole	31/05/12	4J	Christopher Thomas	07/06/12
4-5H	Ben Elijah	31/05/12	4-5H	Olivia Andrew	07/06/12
5S	Alyssa Neden Isobel Lautrec	31/05/12	5S	Destiny Ty	07/06/12
6M	Aaron Williams Lachlan McLennan	31/05/12	6M	Jacqui Nathan	07/06/12

CANTEEN ROSTER

THURSDAY	14/06/12	Simpson, Thompson
FRIDAY	15/06/12	Morrison, Iseri
MONDAY	18/06/12	Neumann, Kohen
TUESDAY	19/06/12	Ring, Kerri
WEDNESDAY	20/06/12	CLOSED
THURSDAY	21/06/12	Kendall, Edwards
FRIDAY	22/06/12	Purnell, Anderson
MONDAY	25/06/12	Emerton, Duggan
TUESDAY	26/06/12	Smith, Crisp
WEDNESDAY	27/06/12	CLOSED



Electronics Policy

Parents, please note that students are not permitted to bring electronic devices such as iPods, iPads and mobile phones to school. These items will be confiscated and kept at the office until the end of the school day.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The following children have successfully completed the Premier's Reading Challenge 2012

Ella

Charlotte

Maddison

Tate

Ethan

Dylan

Mikayla

Jada

Sophie

Ben

Kara

Grady

Liam

Abby

Ellecia

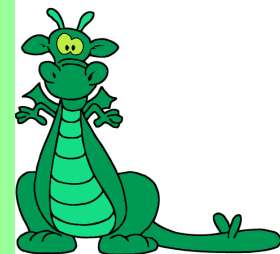
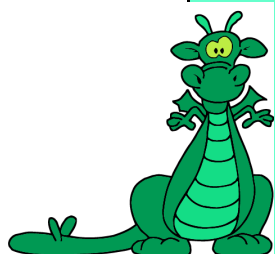
Imogen

Zac

Victoria

Lucas

Madison



Congratulations to you all, your characters will appear in the Enchanted Forest on the library wall in the near future. We are holding a competition to see if more boys, or girls finish the challenge this year. A chart showing the progressive score is on display in the library. Get reading everyone!



OZTAG

Please return Oz Tag
notes by June 22nd

SHOWCASE

Tiarne , Ellie and Emma , all in class 4J, performed a dance “Jump Start”. The girls have been learning dance for approximately three years, they created their own choreography.

Elizabeth also from 4J, played a piece called “Russian Wedding” on the cello. Elizabeth has been learning to play the cello for two years.

Kara from 6M was to perform an Irish Dance. Unfortunately she slipped at the beginning of her dance and was unable to continue. Kara will do her dance at a later date.



SOUTHERN STARS

Date	Item	Venue	Time (from LPPS back to LPPS)	Choir	Dancers
20th July	Focus Item	Bulli PCYC	8:10 to 3:00	No	Yes
3rd August	Combined Rehearsal	Woonona HS	8:00 to 3:30	Yes	No
9th August	Combined Rehearsal	Croome Rd Sporting Complex	TBA	No	Yes
16th August	Combined Rehearsal	Wollongong Ent. Centre	TBA	No	Yes
20th August	Focus Item	Croome Rd Sporting Complex	8:20 to 3:10	No	Yes
29th August	Combined Rehearsal	Smith's Hill HS	8:00 to 3:30	Yes	No
30th August	Technical and Dress Rehearsal	Wollongong Ent. Centre	7:30 to 5:45	Yes	Yes
31st August	Matinee Performance	Wollongong Ent. Centre	TBA	Yes	Yes
1st Sept	Matinee and Evening Performances	Wollongong Ent. Centre	TBA	Yes	Yes

Dear Parents, please take note of the dates above for Southern Stars 2012. I have put in the times for Pick-up at school, and the time when we should be back at school. These times may change as more information is provided. Please be early when preparing to collect your child as parking can be difficult and we may be back earlier than scheduled. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at mark.mcguire@det.nsw.edu.au.

Thanking you, Mr. McGuire.

SPORTS NEWS

2012 Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Blake, Ben, Jessica and Grady who ran the demanding course at the regional cross country last week in Nowra. LPPS is very proud of you all.

I had the wonderful opportunity in taking the District Cross Country team to Wilandra. Our District (Central Wollongong) finished 5th out of 16 schools, which is a wonderful achievement.

ROD WISHART AND PAUL MCGREGOR SHIELD

Next Friday the 22nd of June, Mr Williams and I will be taking a couple of teams away to play in a rugby league gala day at Sid Parrish Oval, Figtree. This will be open to Years 4, 5 and 6 students. The number of teams we take will depend on how many qualified parents we have to assist in managing our school teams on the day. If you have your Leaguesafe or a Level 1 coaching certificate, and you would be willing to help on this day, please let Mrs Colquhoun know ASAP so that we can get our numbers organised.

GO THE BLUES!!!!!!

Thank you,
R. Colquhoun
(LPPS Sports Co-ordinator)

Our regional cross country team



DIGI ED WORKSHOP

The date for this workshop has been moved to Monday the 3rd of September. All of the students who handed in the "Expression of Interest" notes have been accepted. Payment for this workshop will be required early next term. For those keen students who have already paid, you will only need to bring the permission note.

Thank you, Ms Mizzi

ARTEXPRESS

At Wollongong City Gallery

This is an exhibition of outstanding works by 2011 Higher School Certificate Visual Arts students from schools in NSW. It will be showing from June 15 to August 19 2012. For students interested in Visual Arts this is a worthwhile exhibition to visit.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HELPERS NEEDED



We need your help!

On Wednesday 27th June we are holding our Athletics Track Carnival and we need volunteers to assist us with the running of it. Could anyone who is willing to help please report to Mr Williams or Mrs Colquhoun at about 9.15 am on the morning of the carnival.

Reminder SCHOOL CAMP

Parents of year 6 and year 5 students: Notes and money for camp are now well overdue.

If you are paying camp money off, please continue to do so. If your child will not be attending camp, please inform the school immediately if you have not already done so.

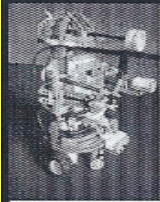
The Outreach Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus will be conducting courses for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study.

Courses include those specifically for women and cover vocational skills in the Office and Computing, Café Operations and Painting and Decorating areas.

These courses have no TAFE Administration fee. Courses commence July, 2012.

Information session at 11:00am Thursday 28th June at Block L, Ground Level, Room 11 - L.G.11

Please contact Jennie on 4229 0149.



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Saturday
16 June
2012

\$3 single
\$10 family



DAY

Open between 11am and 3pm



Our canteen will be open selling hotdogs and a limited range of snack food and drinks.
For program and competition details, go to <http://www.farmborough-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/parents-citizens/brick-fun-day>



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