It was lovely to see all those Laguna students in Wollombi over the weekend for the Small Farms Fair. Thank you to those students who performed on the marimbas for the audience - it was a hit! Our plant stall ended making over $160 - most plants were raised from seeds by the students, thank you also to plant donations from several families. This money will go towards re-establishing our vegetable gardens in 2015. Congratulations to the Supple family and Harley for success in the bake off! And well done Mrs Shaunessy and Jeanette whose Laguna PS Space Scarecrow won fourth prize!

The unstable weather on Saturday resulted in the postponement of the Lantern Parade. This will be rescheduled and the likely date is November 22nd - come along for a sausage sizzle, kids games and of course, the wonderful parade.

On Thursday 20th November the Marimba Ensembles will be performing at two retirement homes in Cessnock. All students in Years 3-6 will be involved, and what a great day it will be. A permission note is attached; we will need drivers on the day please. Thanks again to Andy D for his excellent music program.

Ciara from Year 6 and Jaimie from Year 3 are both members of the Cessnock Girl Guides and have found it to be an excellent group. The Guides are currently running a food drive to support Jodie’s Place, a women’s refuge in Cessnock. Donations of non-perishable food items would be very welcome and can be left at the office. Well done girls for organising this.

The Bee Gees certainly had the right sentiment, and nowhere has their sage advice been taken up with more gusto than Laguna PS. Our After School Activities are concentrating on dance this term in preparation for a Presentation Night performance. The ASA are being held in school hours to make sure everyone is included. It already looks terrific! Thank you Simone and Laura for your inspiration.

Please find attached to the newsletter an envelope for a $10 contribution for the end-of-year performance. This will cover shoes and costuming for the students so they will look their best on the night!

You Should Be Dancing!

Liberal News
On Tuesday of next week Mrs Baker will be presenting this year’s chess trophies at assembly and everybody is welcome to join us.
School Matters

P&C Meeting. The next meeting is being held on Tuesday 18th November. Topics for discussion include finalising the school uniform for 2015 and beyond, the 2015-2017 School Plan and playground upgrades. Afternoon tea provided!

Samaritans. Please find attached a flyer for the Samaritans for a family support service for childcare.


Jargon explained

If your child’s teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, they are actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.


Where’s the octopus?

Wow - it’s videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtube

Year 4-5-6 News

“Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life.”
- Confucius -

Look out for the Term 4 Project - ‘What I Want To Grow Up To Be!’ This is a great opportunity for students to have a bit of fun and also talk about something close to their heart. Project is due in Week 7!

Congratulations to the Tag League Team who followed up their success at Carmichael Park with another terrific performance down at Maitland. The team won two and lost two and had a great day out.

This week we have been looking at Cinquain poetry, which has a very particular form. Thank to Max, Ewan, Tilly, Sam and Ciara for their following contributions:

Reading
Fun, exciting
Brings a new adventure
Like you are part of the book.
Stories. — CIARA

Daleks
Deadly, angry
You are going to die
Horrified like a small ant
Ruthless. - MAX

Apples
Juicy, crunchy
Stealing them from the tree
The best fruit in the world, it’s true!
Yummy! - SAM

Buddy
Chatty, kind, smart
Bubbly, smiley, joyful
Gentle, supportive, company
Best friend. - TILLY

Brainstorm
Thinking, dreaming
As we think in a group
Feels like my whole brain is alive
Mind Blank! - EWAN
Welcome to Week 5, I have sent homework home for this week - maths and spelling. In maths this week, Kinder are working on informal units of measurement and Year 1 are working on graphs and three digit numbers. We have also been looking at the surface tension of water. Ask your child what we did to test how this works, they may even show you the experiment at home. The K-1 reading has continued to blow me away. Congratulations to every single student in the K-1 room - your hard work towards improving your reading is outstanding. Keep it up! The last 4 weeks of our Kinder Orientation starts next week and we are looking to round it up on December 5th with a morning tea to welcome next years parents. I will send home more information closer to the date. Have a great week!

The 2/3 classroom have been loving their maths lately and we have flown through a variety of topics – multiplication, area, direction and addition strategies. We are currently learning about money so now is a good time to bust open the piggy banks and let the kids tally up the money! What coins could you swap with notes so it isn’t so heavy?

BFG Updates:

**BFG 2 – Tully Karuso**

The nine furious giants were fed up with eating snozzcumbers. “Let’s dig a tunnel far, far away” growled the Bloodbottler “in the night while the human beans are sleeping” added the Manhugger.

Then, suddenly the BFG emerged from the shadows. “Dinnertime” he said.

“Never! We’re sick of revolting snozzcumbers” shouted the giants.

“We vow revenge on you” said the Fleshlumpeater “I will eat you one day!”.

To be continued...

**Dream Catching by Rudi Howe**

The BFG was galloping to dream country, he slowed his pace then stopped. He got his net and swish!

“Sophie! Get a jar!” he shouted.

Sophie got a jar for the BFG and he put the dream into the jar. The BFG put the jar on the ground so Sophie could have a look. It looked like some kind of black cloud in there with a little jelly. Then the BFG quickly picked up the jar and Sophie and galloped back home.

Miss Sewell
Weekly Achievement Awards!

K-2 Playground Award - Harry, for being a great friend in the playground.

4-5-6 Classroom Award - Bronte, for being a polite, helpful student!

2-3 Classroom Award - Rudi, for wonderful creative writing!

K-1 Classroom Award - Jesse, for improvement and achievement in Reading!

2-3 Playground Award - Sally, for including people in team games.

4-5-6 Playground Award - Zac, for enthusiasm and sportsmanship in the playground.