On a pleasantly cool Monday morning all Laguna students met at Undercliff on Yango Creek Road to spend a couple of hours amongst the sculptures installed there. Students had a go making their own sculpture and also went on a tour to inspect the many and varied pieces that were on display in the beautiful surrounds. Thank you to all the parents who helped get our students down and back.

A feature of our sculpture visit was the excellent behavior of our students - well mannered, respectful, attentive and appreciative. Respect is one of our school values and recently our classes have paid a visit to the GNTP to talk about the importance of the services provided to the local community. We had a tour and talked about respectful behavior. When in school uniform, we expect all students to be great ambassadors for our school.

Please come along to the P&C meeting next Tuesday 18th November, 3.45 in the Senior Room. Items for discussion include the School Plan, Uniform and schoolyard upgrades.

We are excited about our upcoming Marimba performances at the Masonic and Calvary aged care facilities in Cessnock. It is a full day out for students and we really need parent help with transport. Thank you!

The Lantern Parade has been rescheduled to Saturday November 22. Things will kick off around 6.00 with a barbeque, kids games and the parade as night falls. See you all there! Gold coin donations will be very welcome! Have a great week! - Mr Howe.

On Tuesday Mrs Baker held a wonderful presentation ceremony for all of our chess competitors in 2014. The trophies looked fantastic, and a special cheer was given up for Harley, the overall Chess Champion for the second year running. Congratulations! A special thanks to Mrs Baker for giving up her own time to make this event happen.
“Sculpture is the art of the hole and the lump” - Auguste Rodin

On Tuesday morning at 11.00am our school gathered together to commemorate Remembrance Day. Thank you to all of the Year 6 students who did a great job running the ceremony and presenting information on the meaning of the day, stories about young Australians at war and poetry.

A reminder about the Presentation Night dance performance. Students will be requiring some costume items. To keep uniformity and make it easier on the parents, we have asked for a $10 contribution per child for shoes and costing. These items will go home with the students after presentation night.

Ready for high school
Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.


Year 4-5-6 News

PROJECTS!

The Senior class project is on ‘What I Want To be When I Grow Up’. The project is due next Tuesday, 18th November.

Remember - have a hook to ‘catch’ the audience, use humour where you can, and remember the Three P’s—pitch, pause and pace.

Good luck! We are all looking forward to hearing some great speeches!

Congratulations Clio on participating in the Maitland Schools Horse Day. Check out the saddlecloth!

This week we have been having a lot of fun work-shopping a senior play. The students have devised the concept, the characters and we have been building scenes and dialogue collaboratively. We are looking for a date to present it to the school community soon!
K-1 News from Mrs Shaunessy

K-1 would like to welcome Miss Jerritt, to our room for the next four weeks. Miss Jerritt is studying Primary School Teaching at Newcastle University and this is her third year Pract. We hope you have a great experience here at Laguna Public School. To follow up with the interest and excitement from our excursion to the sculptures we will be looking at a variety of sculptures around the world and making some of our own. We are also continuing our unit on Diversity and are reading the book Mirror by Jeannie Baker. On the topic of reading we have just about finished ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’ by Roald Dahl and have decided that a Chocolate factory based in Laguna run by the students would be a fabulous idea. One I think we will run with, I just need some sponsorship???? Have a great week.

Year 2-3 News

Happy Recycling Week!
This week Leanne Sanderson from Solo Resource Recovery visited our school to talk about the recycling process. In response to her visit, the students have a short 2 minute speech to prepare as homework assignment due next week about their understanding of recycling and what they can do both at home and at school to contribute.

The students had a fabulous day at Sculpture in the Vineyards on Monday appreciating the work of local artists. We also took away our own clay and wire sculptures to display at home!

Sculpture in the Vineyards by Brody Ablett
Today we went to Sculpture in the Vineyards and the whole school got to see all the sculptures and do some really cool art. The sculpture I liked most was number 19. It was a man doing a handstand, he was made out of tiles. I liked the sculpture because of the pattern, the colour of the tiles and the way they were put on. I didn’t just like this one, I also liked another one too. It was made out of bamboo and coke bottles. I liked how the artist recycled all of the bottles.

Ms Sewell
Weekly Achievement Awards!

K-1 Playground Award AND the 4-5-6 Playground Award—Skye, for being a great friend in the playground!

K-1 Classroom Award, for consistently producing outstanding work in all areas.

2-3 Playground Award—Tilly, for imagination and inclusiveness in the playground.

2-3 Classroom Award - Ardyn for excellent writing and commitment to learning.

Simone’s Classroom award—Bronte, for helpfulness and great manners!

Congratulations to all 2014 Chess Club participants!