**Weekly Achievement Award Winners!**

**Lara** - achieving consistency of effort in all classwork.

**Zara** - Junior Playground Award for being friendly in the playground.

**Jasmin** - Always doing her best and displaying resilience.

**Ardyn** - always having a go, doing the right thing, and great storywriting.

**Poppy** - settling in well at LPS and always doing her best!

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**Shaving for Charity!**

Year 6 student Tilly is shaving all of her hair off as a fundraiser to help families who require treatment for children with leukaemia!

Where? - Great Northern Trading Post

When? - Friday 14th March, after school

Be there to support Tilly in this most excellent fundraising event!

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**New Classroom Underway!**

**Laguna PS Talent Quest!**

Attention all students!

Our Year 6 students are organising a talent quest! If you can sing, do magic, read a poem, dance, play a musical instrument, tell a joke, perform a skit or work with a talking animal, the Year 6’s want you!

The Quest will be held early in Term 2, and the organising team are collecting acts right now! See Year 6 student to put your hat in the ring!
School Matters

Great books for older readers

Favourite books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!


Many parents would have heard about the tragedy at Pitt Town public school recently. Next week a departmentally-approved arborist will be coming into school to make a full assessment of our trees, with remediation to be carried out if any trees look to be a problem.

Small Screen Recreation. I-Pods, smartphones, laptops, tablets are all classified as small screen recreation. Children spending more than two hours each day watching TV or playing games are more likely to have an unhealthy diet, and are less likely to eat fruit and partake in physical activity. Excessive screen time can also lead to behaviour and sleep problems.

Parents are also asked to monitor the games and sites accessed by their children, to monitor suitability and appropriateness of content.


Science!

What a great topic! In the senior room we are really turning the spotlight onto Science. It is a topic that employs literacy and numeracy skills, it has strong links and connections to our daily lives and there are lots of fun experiments involved! It is also a subject that allows students to extend themselves in researching a particular topic. This term we have been looking at scientific methodology, and will be turning our attention to famous Australian scientists. The K-2 students have been invited to a science morning down at Wollombi PS on Tuesday 18th March.

Look for the permission note attached to this letter.

This Week in Maths!

This week Year 3 students have been revising multiplication facts, particularly the 2, 3 and 10 times tables. Year 4 are going a step further and using their knowledge of 5 and 10 times tables to multiply by 6 and 9. For example, 10 threes are 30; 9 threes are three less, therefore 27. 10 fives are 50, so nine fives are five less, 45. Similarly, 5 threes are 15, so six threes are 18.

Year 5 students have been having fun relating hundreds to fractions of a metre – eg. 23cm = 213m.

Year 6 students are also working on fractions, and are learning how to relate these to percentages. For example, 4/10 = 40/100, = 40% Work this one out: 6/25 = ?/100, = 0.1, = 1%

Junior Room News

from Mrs Shaunessy

We are continuing our reading adventure into Dr Seuss—so many stories and so many morals to learn. What a great author. Ask your child what has been their favourite story read so far. We have even delved into writing some of our own Dr Seuss type writing and thanks to our own inspirational author Stan our book is titled ‘Adventures of Ono Potato’. Just to give you a taste of what is to come Ono Potato just won’t even entertain the idea of TRYING peas and ice cream.

P&C Laguna Dance!

Things are really cracking along for this year’s Laguna Dance (formerly the Autumn Ball). This P&C fundraiser promises to be a night of fun and music!

There will be a meeting at the Great Northern Trading Post at 9.30am, Friday March 7th, for anyone who wants to get involved.

The organisers have asked for donations of gourmet items for a hamper. Can donations please be dropped at the school office before 3rd April please. The dance has been set up as a Facebook event page - invite all your friends to support this great fundraiser!