Congratulations to all Laguna PS students who participated so well in the Small Schools carnival. The focus of the carnival is participation and giving things a go, and I speak for all the teachers when I say how proud we were of everyone’s efforts. There were many stand out performances, and the relays were a thrilling end to the day. I would like to thank the many Laguna parents and community members who helped during the day in organising events - this support was instrumental in making it such a successful day for our kids. Thank you Simone, Steve Sullivan and Karen Jones for your organisation with students and events. Mrs Shaunessy was glowing in her reports of the infants carnival, with all students displaying their very best in effort, participation and manners! Simone will report back in the next couple of days about students who have qualified for the next level, the Cessnock Zone Carnival! Some photos for your perusal!

Small School Athletics Carnival

Library News

The library is a busy place on Tuesday! Students return and borrow books, play percussion, learn musical notation and concepts, play chess, participate in Book Club and complete artworks! Thank you to those Library Monitors who help Mrs Baker to return the books to their proper place.

Next week Mrs Baker will be issuing the Term 2 project for Years 4, 5 and 6. The theme will be Space, and students will research an aspect of space, such as nebulas, space travel, or star life-cycles, and present their findings to the class in a PowerPoint presentation. If any family requires assistance with completing the project, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Baker or Mr Howe!
**School Matters**

Art with Kes has been a real hit with our students. Students have explored several techniques including collage and ‘zines’. The zines, a small book, were a wonderful conduit for the creativity of our students. Next week Kes will demonstrate printing techniques with the kids!

On the subject of ART there will also be an ART SHOW meeting on Friday 30/5, 9.30am at Laguna Hall. Parents & community members are a vital part of this major fundraiser and are all needed to help get the show on the road, so come along, get involved, share your ideas, offer your assistance and have fun along the way. Remember “Many hands make light work” and even the smallest offer of help goes along way. The Art Show this year is 29/30/31 August. Save the dates and let’s make it another one to remember!

Canberra - the trip approaches! We still have quite a few families yet to finalise payments. It is a significant cost, part payments accepted at the office!

We are looking forward to hosting Music Viva on Monday 2nd June, from 10.00 at Laguna Hall. Tigramuna will be playing for us, exploring South American music styles and traditions. Wollombi and Congewai students will join us for the performance. Please see attached permission notes for students - parents and community members are very welcome to come along and join us at no cost.

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"Where words fail, music speaks." – Hans Christian Andersen

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**4-5-6 Classroom Happenings**

This week in maths, the class has been looking at the properties of triangles. As we all know, triangles are polygons with the least possible sides—three. There are many types of triangles - right-angled, equilateral, scalene, isosceles, obtuse and acute. One thing that they all have in common is that the sum of the internal angles will always equal 180 degrees. It’s true! Year 4 students have also been studying measurement, and are moving onto fraction and decimals, while Year 5 students are using their knowledge of factors and times tables to calculates double-digit multiplication problems.

Year 6 students are studying division strategies.

**Polygon What-Am-I:**

* I have three sides, only two of which are equal. One of my angles is greater than 90 degrees. What polygon am I? 

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Thank you to those parents and community members who completed the surveys regarding the provision of education in the Wollombi Valley. Further information will be provided as the review process continues.
K-1 News from Mrs Shanessy

Once again Laguna you have done yourselves proud! It was a wonderful day at the Junior School Athletics Carnival.

Congratulations on the participation, great sportsmanship and wonderful behaviour. We had 100% attendance by all students in all races. The day would not have been possible without our parent support, not just in transportation but also assisting me across all aspects of the day. Thankyou very much. Next weeks Show and Tell continues on our shelter theme but is about the students own shelters- their homes. Draw the class a picture of your home and share with us what it is made of, what colour is it, what is your favourite room and why?

Lastly on a personal note, I was reminded last week how lucky I am to be surrounded by the staff that I am. Your caring, kind, quick thinking and calmness will never be forgotten. Thankyou!

Year 2-3 News

Congratulations to all our fabulous athletes at the carnival on Tuesday! It was fantastic to see so many red shirts doing their absolute best and having so much fun!

It’s been another busy week for the 2/3 class. We seem to have a class of spelling superstars as our spelling results just get better every week! In science this week we learned that despite appearances, tarantulas do not have 10 legs. They have eight legs with two ‘pedipalps’ or feelers at the front (that look exactly like legs). We have been busy classifying arthropods and have had quite a few visitors from the playground including a shovel nosed beetle, a selection of slaters and a couple of Monarch caterpillars. Did you know that slaters aren’t insects but in fact crustaceans that have adapted to live on land?

Thank you to everyone who has been returning their homework each week! Don’t forget you can swap over your home readers as often as you like, just grab them from the tubs! Ms Sewell

Mt View High School mini-lessons!

A reminder that Mt View High School is offering a series of mini-lessons for year 6 students on Wednesday 28th May. Students arrive at the grassed area in front of the office at 8.50am, and are to be collected by 11.00. Transport will be need to be provided by parents. These lessons are open to ALL students, irrespective of the high school at which they intend to enrol.
Weekly Achievement Award Winners!

2-3 Classroom Award - Harry, for his inquisitive mind and keen interest in science!

2-3 Playground Award - Sam, for fair play in the new playground sensation, Snatch!

K-1 Classroom Award – Jasmin, for her excellent manners and contribution to class discussions!

4-5-6 Playground Award - Ardyn, for his friendliness!

4-5-6 Classroom Award - Ciara, for excellence in school leadership!

4-5-6 Classroom Award - Dhani, for excellence in school leadership!

Congratulations Clio!

We often talk about how important it is for students to pursue extra-curricular activities. Last week Clio represented Laguna PS at the Singleton Horse Sports event, and brought in some beautiful prize ribbons to show her classmates this week. Enjoy these lovely photos!