Congratulations to Harry Supple, Trevor, Jade, Brody and Lucy for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. So far 20 children have completed the challenge. Well done everybody! – Mrs Baker.

Please note that our final newsletter for the term will be issued on Friday of next week. Reports will be sent home this Friday.

Much excitement as students, staff and parents prepare for our trip to the colder climes of the Australian Capital Territory. We have a very full program as there is a lot to see and do. A final reminder for all parents to check the equipment list to ensure students have everything they need! Warm clothes are a must, as well as good shoes as we will do plenty of walking. The bus will leave at 5.45 sharp - please be at school by 5.30 am. To avoid any travel illness students are advised not to eat a milky breakfast on the morning. Students and parents will also need to bring morning tea and a packed lunch for when we arrive at the National Gallery of Australia. Thank you to the P&C who are supplying fruit, drinks and snacks to get us through those between meal times.

Parents, the office will not be staffed during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week as Jeanette will be travelling to Canberra.

The P&C are looking to expand the school uniform items that are available from the school to include shorts and skorts. This will add to the uniformity of our uniforms and also save parents time and money. We have a uniform that is eye-catching and smart! It consists of a red school shirt, with navy blue shorts and pants for boys and royal blue skorts and pants for girls. White socks are to be worn with black shoes, and sports shoes on Thursdays. Warm clothes are a must, as well as good shoes as we will do plenty of walking.

After School Activities at Wollombi Tennis Club wraps up this week, and Simone would like to thank the club members, as well as community and parent helpers in making the tennis program a success. There will be no After School Activities next week due to the Canberra excursion.

Zone Athletics will be held on Friday 1st of August at Turner park in Cessnock. Laguna has quite a contingent of athletes who have qualified, and they will be honing their skills on return to school in term 3!

The dates for the Intensive Swimming Program have been booked. They dates are October 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. The cost is to be confirmed but is generally in the region of $50 per student.
School Matters

Parents, please ensure dogs are not brought into school grounds. This a safety issue as well as a hygiene issue with dog droppings. If students would like to bring a new puppy to school, or any other animal for show and tell, please check with the teacher first. Thank you for your understanding.

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken?
Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Firewood - great quality seasoned hardwood, 1 or 2 cubic metre loads @ $150 per cubic metre. Call Joni or Kris on 4998 8269 to order.

We have had some great PowerPoint presentations on the Space theme this week. The Sun, Saturn, the Cosmic Calendar, NASA and constellations have been just a few of the topics explored. The presentations have all been well prepared and of great interest to the other students. What a great way to learn!

This week students have begun working on public speaking in preparation for our entry in the inter-school public speaking competition. Students are being asked to select a topic upon which to create a 2-3 minute speech. In Week 1 of Term 3 students will be able to present their speech and we will select 2 students from each stage to represent Laguna at the competition, which will be held at Nulkaba PS. All students will have the opportunity to present their speeches during Education Week in Week 3 of Term 3.

As we will be away for most of next week, there will be no maths homework handed out for Week 9. Thank you to all those students who have shown great organizational skills in getting their homework completed and in to class on a regular basis.
Please find attached information about our K-1-2 Pyjama day next Wednesday - 25th June.

Well, our K-1 menagerie is expanding with tadpoles arriving, thanks to the Hamilton family. We hope to see some frogs very soon. Our nature table is looking great with sharks teeth, nests, snake skins and beautiful rocks. I look forward to the rest of the weeks contributions.

We are hosting Kindergarten Orientation on Friday with the theme of 'Dinosaurs'. We look forward to meeting the Pre-schoolers and welcome any existing parents to join our visiting parents for morning tea.

Term 2 seems to have flown by and I'm so proud of the 2/3 Laguna Monsters for all the hard work they have put in.

Congratulations to everyone who read their minibeast reports at assembly, you did a fantastic job! Everyone’s reports were to a very high standard and they were so popular that we may have to do another next term. Thank you to the students that have handed their homework in every single week this term. I know that we all lead very busy lives so I’m very impressed with the extra effort you put in. Feel free to take the marked homework out of your folder so it’s not as much to carry around. Some students were concerned that they hadn’t filled in their green Home Reading Log, I don’t mind at all if that isn’t completed so long as everyone is reading lots at home! Ms Sewell.
Weekly Achievement Award Winners!

4-5-6 Playground Award - James, for being fair and friendly in the playground.

4-5-6 Classroom Award - Sam, for always completing his work to a high standard.

K-1 Playground Award - Finley for being a good friend.

K-1 Classroom Award - Bela, for improvement in reading.

2-3 Playground Award - Sally, for being friendly and helpful.

2-3 Classroom Award - Tully, for improvement in reading.

Music News!

A reminder that Guitar Groups start up again next term. All members of the group should have a folder with information and music—please see Mr Howe if you do not have one!

Singing!

Juliette Jackson is coordinating a community singing group, meeting every Friday, in the school library at 11.30. It is open for students and adults alike, and sounds like a lot of fun.

TERM 3 SOCCER COMP!

Please find attached to the newsletter information about our proposed soccer comp for Term 3. For further information please call Robyn 0410 543 084.