Riders on the Tour De Cure, cycling on a round trip from Sydney through the Wollombi Valley, Pokolbin and Newcastle, are stopping for lunch at Laguna Hall this Sunday. All they need from us is a place to stop and eat, toilets and some locals! Courtesy of their sponsors, they will also be presenting our school with a $2,000 donation, and have souvenir packs for the attendant children. If you are able to make it along, please arrive by 1.45pm for a 2.00pm presentation. I know it is a difficult time of day, but it is a wonderful opportunity for the school and the more people we can have out in support the better. Hope you can make it!

A message from the Laguna RFS Captain, Charlie Kessler:

“In order to further build our Pre Incident Plan (PIP) data base I invite you to do a PIP of your residence. This has the benefit of having your brigade knowing about your property so that if there was a call there, we have info on hand to plan our activity before arriving at the event.” A form is attached, and completed forms may be dropped in to the school office to be passed on to the Laguna RFS, or you can scan and send directly to Charlie at charliekessler22@gmail.com.

Our Intensive Swimming Program has been a great success! All of the teachers have been very impressed with the organization, enthusiasm and responsibility of our students, and of the respect that they have shown the instructors, who are also doing an excellent job. Thank you also parents for having your children well prepared for each day of swimming. The value of the confidence gained and the skills learned cannot be over-estimated!

Farewell Julie! A real treat to have Julie spend a few days at Laguna with us on her trip from Paris to attend her cousin Siobhan’s wedding. Lovely to see you again Julie, we’ll see if we can bring Laguna to you next time!

Bushfire Readiness. On Monday night I attended an excellent briefing on the readiness of the Wollombi Valley community for the current bushfire season. Laguna Public School has a Bushfire Response Plan that is available from the school website. The Laguna RFS also have a copy, and the plan is also available on the ICE (In Case of Emergency) website that is accessed by emergency services. I strongly recommend all parents to read the plan and please let me know if you have any questions. Essentially, our school will not operate on days upon which a catastrophic fire rating has been issued. We are in the process of updating our phone tree which in the case of an emergency will be a major communication channel, along with our Facebook page and website.

Enjoy the week! - Mr Howe
Positive Behaviour for Learning Awards

Congratulations to all of our PBL Award Winners. You make a difference!

Cook-up with Cisca

Using the Thermomix both TM31 and TMS

Hi all a few Thermomix owners are getting together to do a cook-up this Sunday 1st November at 11am, Wollombi School

Suggested menu:

- Berry Fruity Dream
- Pumpkin Bread
- Lentil Mousaka
- Masterstock Steamed Chicken
- Lemon Coconut Puddings

I am open to any suggestions of other dishes you might like to do. I will lead most of the cooking – just join in when you want to. Bring along something yum you made in the Thermomix – if you want. Non-owners welcome to see what the Thermomix does. Cost $20 per person.

This month, for November 5th, Micaela Elphick will be hosting play readings. We’ll be reading Wyrd sisters by Terry Pratchett, adapted by Stephen Briggs. In the imaginary realm of Discworld, three witches unexpectedly find themselves having to sort out a right royal problem. Luckily they have a Fool to help them. What could possibly go wrong?