

# Newsletter

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## **Laurieton Public School**

**Responsibility And Respect** 

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#### **Dear Parents**

Welcome to Week 3, seriously, how fast is the term moving and I know it's not going to slow down. Check your child's bag for notes, read the newsletter and check the calendar on the App and school website regularly. You don't want to miss something important! With assessment occurring this week and next, we've avoided disrupting classroom learning as much as possible.

#### **DEBATING**

Today our debating team faced a Sydney school in Normanhurst West PS. Being in the 3rd round of the finals is an excellent achievement and I congratulate Mrs Strong and the children on their dedication to the task at hand. What happened? See report.



#### **MINECRAFT**

Our team will submit their entry this Friday and shall then await the decision of the judges. Congratulations Mrs Wallace and the team for your dedication to the task.

#### **BANDANA DAY**

This Friday, children may proudly wear their bandanas in support of a very worthy cause. Thank you to the SRC for organising the event and the families who donated to the fundraiser!



#### **INTENSIVE SWIMMING**

The program gets underway on Monday 16 November for all of our Year 2 and Year 3 students. Heavily subsidised by the Dept of Education and our P&C, children will be involved in 10 consecutive 1 hour lessons from Austswim trained teachers for a total of \$30. That's less than the pool entry alone. Please return your permission note and money ASAP so you don't miss out on this opportunity to develop your child's swimming and water safety skills. I have noticed a little bit of water here in the Camden Haven where these skills could be utilised.

#### **CAR DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS**

A reminder that the front of the school is a bus zone (8am-9:30am & 2:30pm-4pm) and if you use this area as your drop off point you may find a very unpleasant surprise in your mailbox as parking inspectors are in the area. I think the drop zone in Laurie St would be a wise decision.

#### **ENTERING THE SCHOOL SITE**

A reminder that if you need to enter the school site, for whatever reason, for whatever timeframe and at whatever time, you must go to the office and be registered as on site. This is a DoE COVID 19 directive that we must comply with. Obviously directly related to contact tracing procedures, if ever required.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

All students are currently completing assessment tasks in their classes and obviously being present at school is extremely important. Assessment is pivotal in the determination of a child's achievement levels and their future directions.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Assessment
Environmental Education for Stage 2 & 3
Lego League Competition Via Zoom

#### **Minor But Major**

- · Pay outstanding fees.
- Wear school uniform.
- Hat and water bottle at school every day.
- Return intensive swimming notes.

Grant Timmins Principal

## **Debating News**

Today our Laurieton Lorikeets debated against Normanhurst West Public School in the 2nd round of the knockout finals in the Premier's Debating Challenge.

The topic for the debate was that "Every school should put the smartest kids into a separate class."

It was a very close debate with lots of fantastic arguments and counter arguments taking place throughout. The Lorikeets were on the affirmative side and had the tough job convincing the adjudicator that separate classes would be a good idea.

Normanhurst West PS were decided as the most convincing today so our team will be bowing out of the competition.

What a fantastic achievement our Lorikeets have accomplished. Just 12 weeks ago, the competition opened with 666 schools participating. The team, Phoebe, Anneque, Hailey and Grace made it through to the second round of the finals which only consisted of 126 schools. I am very proud of how far they have come, not only in the competition but also in their own individual development.

Well done Lorikeets – you were awesome!

Melanie Strong









## **Canteen Roster**

Thurs 29/10 CLOSED

Fri 30/10 Lisa Murie, Renee Toby

Mon 02/11 Melanie Sullivan

Tues 03/11 CLOSED

Wed 04/11 Pieta Hynes

Thurs 05/11 CLOSED

Fri 06/11 Lisa Murie, Judith Leek

**HELP NEEDED** - Contact Cassie

(0402 090 767) or Lisa (0437 947 305).

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### Term 4

12 OCT - 16 DEC

Fri 30 Oct Primary Swimming \$6

Fri 30 Oct Bandana Day \$5

Mon 2 Nov Environmental Education

## **Student Welfare Rewards**

1/2S 15 Merits Annie

# Minecraft Competition - Think 2050

Congratulations Sienna, Bronx, Caleb and Bailey on the creation of their future city on Minecraft Education. The group has worked hard and have won the opportunity to submit their project to the *Minecraft Competition - Think2020*, run by Port Macquarie Hastings Council. The winning school will receive a \$1000 prize to be spent on STEM resources. We wish them the best of luck.

**Shelley Wallace** 











### **Book Fair**

Book Fair came to an end last Friday afternoon and we sold \$3001.50 worth of books and stationery! Our school library is now able to purchase up to \$900 worth of new books. We couldn't have done it without the great support from family and friends at Laurieton Public School. Thank you!

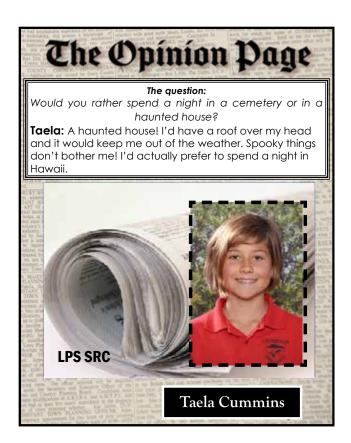
**Shelley Wallace** 











# **Support Jo Cummins This Saturday**



if we reach \$6k

Bacon + Egg Rolls

Raffles + Prizes



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