



Lane Cove West Public School

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Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011

## Principal's Report

### TOYS 'N' TUCKER

Thanks to all the families who have donated food and gifts for families in need. These donations were collected by Anglicare this morning for distribution before Christmas.



### YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The school hall was transformed on Monday night by the Year 5 parents into a colourful wonderland to say farewell to Year 6, 2011. Special thanks must go to the enthusiastic band of mothers who provided a delicious meal, beautiful cake and fantastic decorations. The children enjoyed the dancing and were joined by the Year 6 parents and later the Year 5 parents for some dancing. Thanks to Mrs Neal, Mrs Davis, Miss Midená and Mrs Lamb for doing such a great job of organising the dancing and those colourful placemats. All the Year 6 children went away with a showbag containing the Year 6 Yearbook, bound book of their own stories, commemorative Grade photo and a signature bear with school pen. We wish these students well as they leave us for 14 different high schools but we know they will be back to visit us in the years to come.



*Service with a smile*

### PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLIES

**3-6 Presentation:** We welcomed many special guests to the Year 3-6 presentation held in our school hall. The school band entertained the parents and visitors prior to the assembly. So many of our students were honoured on this Presentation Day. The winning House was announced – PENROSE. The School Captains for 2012 were also announced. They are Amy Marwedel and Emlyn Evans.



*2012 Captains Amy Marwedel and Emlyn Evans with newly appointed teacher, Sian Midená*

**K-2 Presentation:** This was a spectacular presentation of student achievement and talent. All students were dressed in Christmas colours and sang songs, sometimes in other languages, celebrating Christmas around the world. Thanks to all the teachers and parents who dressed the students so beautifully in their costumes and special thanks to Alix Highland who wrote and produced the K-2 concert. What a wonderful way to end the school year.

A list of major award recipients can be found as an insert.



*K-2 students performing*

### **END OF YEAR MOVIE DAY**

Students in Years K-5 will be off to the movies tomorrow to enjoy *Arthur Christmas*, while the Year 6 students rest and recuperate at school following a very long day of fun and rides at Jamberoo on Tuesday. The buses will be leaving at 9.45am. If your child is not coming to school tomorrow for any reason would you please phone the school and let us know. After the movies the children will have the opportunity to share party food with their classmates.

### **STOP WORK MEETING**

Although our teachers support the 2 hour Stop Work action called by the Teachers' Federation for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, our **staff have voted not to take part on this occasion**, as it would spoil the end of year movie outing for our students. Mrs Miley will represent our school at the Stop Work meeting and report back to staff.

### **STAFF CHANGES FOR 2012**

Congratulations to Sian Midena and Nikki Adams who were both successful at interview and have gained permanent teaching positions at Lane Cove West, to commence in 2012. Another new teacher, Stephanie Farmer, from Mosman P.S. was also appointed to Lane Cove West last Friday and Alexandra Montgomery from Ashtonfield P.S. will also commence a permanent teaching position next year. We will also have a number of temporary teachers including Caitlin McLean, Michelle Fogarty, Nisha

Brooks, Jared Rastall, Sunny McVeigh and Lindsay Chalmers who will all be taking various leave positions for 2012.

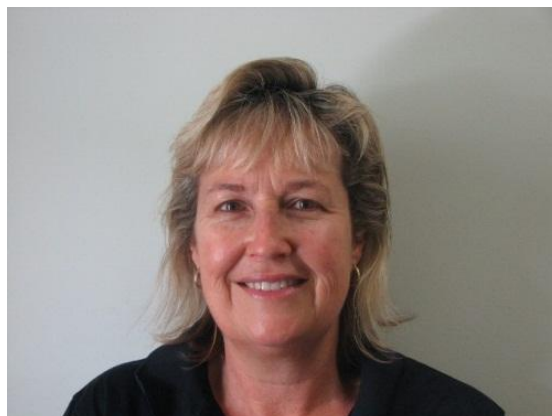
Lorraine Blake will be taking leave for 12 months and moving to Melbourne with her husband. Matt Muller will relieve as Assistant Principal on Stage 2 for 2012. Tim Glanville will also be taking leave for 12 months and travelling with his partner, as she works as a Doctor in northern NSW.

As the school has grown it is now classed as a P2 school and will be eligible to advertise for a non-teaching Deputy Principal in 2012 for 2013. In the interim I have appointed Bronwyn Neal as non-teaching Executive for 2012. Bronwyn will not have a class next year but will work as Leader of Curriculum, still supervising Stage 3 but being available to support me in the running of the school.

A full list of teachers and classes will be published during the first school week, but at this stage classes are not definite, as many classes are full and we are unsure how many extra students will arrive during the school holidays. This means that what we have already organised could change dramatically and we will need to go to Plan B. Watch this space!

### **FAREWELL ANN STANLEY**

Congratulations to our Teachers' Aide (SLSO) Anne Stanley, who has been working at Lane Cove West, supporting students with a disability, for the past 12 years. Ann has been a casual during this entire time, but last week she gained a 5 day permanent position as SLSO at Epping Boys' High School, in the Autism Support Unit. We thank Ann for the many years of dedicated service she has given to our students with a disability and we wish her well at Epping BHS. Ann will be replaced at Lane Cove West by Tracey Harrison, who has worked here during the year and is well liked by students, staff and parents.



*Ann Stanley*

### **YEAR 6 CLAPOUT**

This Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, is the final day for our Year 6 students. It is traditional for all Year 6 students and any teachers or students who are leaving Lane Cove West, to run through an archway formed by all students at the school, ending under the COLA at the Cullen Street single gate. Bring your tissues with you!



### **DANIEL ZHENG MEMORIAL SEAT**

In memory of a little boy named Daniel Zheng, who passed away when he was in Year 1 at this school in November 2005, we have purchased a lovely jarrah bench seat. Daniel's dad, Bob Zheng, works at Cochlear and walks through our school each day. He attends all of our Presentation Days and presents the Daniel Zheng Memorial Award for Harmony each year. This year the awards were won by Kora Villa and Rebecca Cowley. The seat will be placed outside the admin building and has a plaque dedicated to Daniel.



*Mrs Doherty with Mr Bob Zheng on Daniel's seat*

### **CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE TEACHERS NEEDED**

If you are interested in teaching Catholic Scripture to Years 2 and 3 next year, please contact Suzy Russell on 9427 2034 or send an email to [suzyrussell@hotmail.com](mailto:suzyrussell@hotmail.com).

### **WATER POLO ACHIEVEMENT**

Benjamin Murray, Amy Marwedel, Chloe Marwedel and Erika Thomson competed for Sydney North in the Water Polo Regional Primary Schools Tournament held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Sutherland Pool. Both the Sydney North boys and girls teams won most of their matches. Congratulations on this fine achievement.

### **FIRST DAY PROCEDURE FOR YEARS 1-6**

On day one, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January (Week 2), we will assemble under the Hall Cola and give the students instructions for the first day. Classes will not be formed on this day, as we need to count the students in attendance and check any new enrolments and any students who have not returned. Your child's teacher on this day will not necessarily be the teacher for the rest of the year. We hope to have the children in their classes by the end of Week 2.

### **SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURE**

The School will be closed from Friday evening 16<sup>th</sup> December and will not officially re-open until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January (Week 1). The school email will be checked regularly during the holidays if you need to inform us of any unforeseen changes to your child's enrolment, or any other matter. The school answer machine will also be monitored regularly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Luisa, Lauraine and Jessie-Leah in the office for the wonderful job they all do, taking care of students, new enrolments, parent enquiries and dealing with administrative matters. We are very grateful to have such caring staff in our office.

BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL  
NEW YEAR



*Judy Doherty*

*2012 – Years 1-6 start Monday 30<sup>th</sup>  
January - Kindergarten students start  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.*





## Band News

Thanks senior band for your fine performance at the Presentation assembly – you sounded fantastic.

School hire instruments will be handed out during the week the children return to school in 2012. An email will be sent next year confirming the day.

Please contact your tutor to find out when your child's first lesson is. Junior Band 2012 please contact Katrina if you're having trouble getting a tutor. Remember to purchase an Essentials Element book for the instrument your child is playing.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2012 and have a relaxing holiday.

### HOMEWORK

Over the holidays, remember to get out your instrument and play whatever music you like.

### IMPORTANT DATES – PLEASE PUT THEM IN YOUR DIARIES

#### TERM 1 2012

**First Senior Band rehearsal in 2012:**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 7:45-9:00am**

**First Junior band rehearsal in 2012:**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 7:45-9:00am**

The Band Committee



## Banking Report

**It has been a very successful year for school banking!** School banking 2011 has grown at a speedy rate. Your constant deposits (with an average of 66 deposits per week) and new accounts have increased the 2011 commissions earned for the school by 52%. Those commissions will be used by the school to acquire new resources.

For the last this year, congratulations to this student who has received a School Banking Gold certificate for her incredible efforts in making 30 deposits through the School Banking program: **Mia Kuhn**.

In addition we would like to congratulate the following students who have received a School Banking Silver certificate for their fantastic efforts in making 20 deposits: **Nathan GAZZANA, Jake GAZZANA, Marco GAZZANA and Gordon DURIE**.

A big thank you to Adrian and Kate for their help and support throughout the year.

**2012 Rewards:** An exciting new range of rewards for young and older students will be introduced from Term 1 2012. Keep your tokens and stay tune for more info at the beginning of next year!

Information Student banking info can be found at the CBA's new web site [www.commbank.com.au/dollarmites](http://www.commbank.com.au/dollarmites).

School Banking will start from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 (Term1 Week1)

Have a Merry Christmas and see you all in 2012 for another great year of school banking!

**Banking is every Tuesday morning 9AM until 9:20AM at one of the canteen windows under the Hall COLA**

School Banking Co-ordinator: Delphine DAVIES  
Phone 0430 107 778 or email [delph70@iprimus.com.au](mailto:delph70@iprimus.com.au)



**Thanks for the memories!**



## 2011 Presentation Day Assembly Award Recipients

Early Stage 1 Daniel Zheng Memorial Harmony Award	<i>Rebecca Cowley</i>
State 1 Daniel Zheng Memorial Harmony Award	<i>Kora Villa</i>
Stage 2 Peter Hummerston Goodwill Award	<i>William Byrne</i>
Stage 3 Anthony Roberts Citizenship Award	<i>Ben Martin</i>
Library Award	<i>Royce Cernelutti</i>
Jeni Zuber Fair Play Award	<i>Ben Warburton</i>
Junior Band Award	<i>Mairead Nash</i>
Senior Band Award	<i>Caitlin Nash</i>
Ben George Memorial English Award	<i>Lucy Aspinall</i>
Mathematics Award	<i>Caitlin Nash</i>
Science & Human Society and Its Environment Award	<i>Jack McCreanor</i>
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Award	<i>Sophie Travers</i>
Creative Arts Award	<i>Taylor Campbell</i>
Hunters Hill High School Technology Awards	<i>Laura Strassberg</i> <i>Nick Leventis</i>
Leadership Awards	<i>Chloe Marwedel</i> <i>Ben Martin</i>
Winning House Shield	<i>Penrose</i>



# LANE COVE JUNIOR RUGBY

**REGO DAYS** SAT 11TH + 18TH FEB 2012  
9AM-12PM LANE COVE PLAZA

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JUNIOR RUGBY

AT LANE COVE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

# “SMUDGE ART CLASSES”

## STARTING TERM 1 2012



WHERE: LANE COVE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

WHEN: MONDAYS 3.30PM-4.30PM

SUITABLE FOR: YEARS 3-6

FEES PER TERM: \$200 (INCLUDING MATERIALS)

TO BRING: OLD SHIRT TO PROTECT CLOTHES

INTRODUCING CHILDREN TO THE VARIOUS ART  
MEDIUMS:

CHARCOAL/CHALK, PEN/INK, PASTELS, ACRYLIC  
PAINT, COLLAGE

CONTACT PETRA FOR A REGISTRATION FORM

[petraanddavid@optusnet.com.au](mailto:petraanddavid@optusnet.com.au)

TEL: 9418 8045

NUMBERS LIMITED MAX 12 STUDENTS PER CLASS

# From Lane Cove Council

Lane Cove Council would like to extend the invitation to students from Lane Cove West to attend free bike workshops in the Summer school holidays.

The following information is for parents of children who need assistance in learning how to ride or increasing confidence and road rule knowledge for those who already ride.

## **Bicycles for Beginners**

With some basic training by AustCycle-accredited teachers, you can ensure your children have the skills and confidence to ride for leisure or for transport to and from local activities.

### *Learn to Ride workshop (5-7 years)*

Learn to Ride sessions run for half an hour during the following times:

Monday 23 January, 9:30am to 12:30pm

Tuesday 24 January, 9:30am to 12:30pm

### *Advanced workshop (8-12 years)*

3 hour workshop for those who already know how to ride but need to brush up on skills, road rules and confidence.

Monday 23 January, 2pm to 5pm

All workshops held at Mowbray Public School, 635 Mowbray Road.

Children must have a road worthy bike and an Australian Standards Approved helmet to attend these courses. Limited places available, bookings essential

Bookings can be made by phoning Council's Environmental Education Officer on 9911 3616 or emailing [cdickinson@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cdickinson@lanecove.nsw.gov.au).