

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 3



Hot Dog Dancers in action.

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 3 at Pre-school. It was lovely to see so many happy smiling faces on the first days back (and that was just the parents!). We have a fun and action packed term ahead. Some of the highlights include a visit from Kindy Farm in September, and the Dog Awareness visit in August. We also have a puppet show visiting this month, which will be a wonderful experience for the children.

This term, Mrs Sumpton's groups will be discovering "All about me and my body" and "The five senses". Mrs Holmes' class will be learning about Dinosaurs, The Farm, and discussing colours, shapes and Fathers Day. Mrs Brookes' and Mrs Healey's groups will be continuing work on the alphabet, then a focus on numbers, shapes and the sea.

*Don't forget to take a look at your teacher's daily diary on display each afternoon to hear about your child's exciting day at Pre-school.

Over the holidays our Management Committee organised the installation of new teacher hand-washing basins in each of the classrooms. These were a much needed addition, and look fantastic. Thanks to Amanda Kingham for co-ordinating this. As you know our fees cover the operation of our Pre-school but enhancements such as the sinks are paid for by our fundraising.

As you would have noticed, we had another very successful working bee at Pre-school on Saturday 4th July. A number of major projects were completed on the day. A big thank you to all the parents involved, particularly Jody and Frank from Garden Granite, who co-ordinated our beautiful garden make-over. Thanks also to Simon Valencia and his assistants, who replaced and re-wired our smoke alarm system. Without the support of all you committed parents, our Pre-school would not be the wonderful place it is today.

Term invoices have been placed in your child's pocket, and a bond fee of \$200 has been charged to all families who have children returning in 2010. It would greatly assist our future planning if these bonds could be paid by Friday 14th August. If you have any concerns, please advise me as soon as possible.

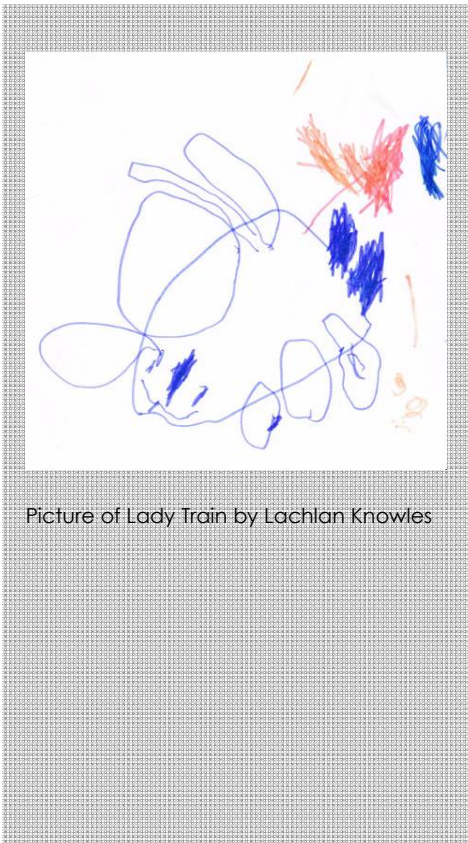
My best wishes to all families for a fun filled term. Michelle

PS For a colour version of this newsletter, download a copy from our website.

Larool Laugh
Why did the jellybean jump in the water?
Because it wanted to be a life saver.

What's on at Larool

- Monday 27th July- Term 3 starts
- 3rd – 9th August
Dental Health Week
- Wednesday 12th August
Dog Awareness visit
- Fri 14th & Tue 18th August
Statewide Eyesight
Preschooler Screening
- Friday 21st August
Lamington orders due
- Monday 24th August
The Jeral Puppets
- Friday 28th August
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Father's Day stalls
- Wednesday 2nd September
Lamingtons delivered
- Wednesday 2nd September
National Reading Day
- Sunday 6th September
Father's Day
- Wednesday 9th September
School Readiness Evening for
Parents
- Monday 14th September
Tea Towel orders
- Saturday 19th September
International Talk like a Pirate
Day
- Friday 25th September
4pm Pre-school Disco
- Friday 2nd October
Term 3 ends
- Monday 19th October
Term 4 starts



Picture of Lady Train by Lachlan Knowles

From SPLAT

To match the Pre-school, SPLAT is planning an action packed term. - lots of variety to appeal to everyone.

Orders for lamingtons close on 21st August and will be delivered on 2nd September -in time for Father's Day.

Father's Day stalls will be run in the week of 31st August. Each child will select & wrap a present for their Dad. You will be asked for \$5 to cover this.

The Pre-school disco is on 25th September at the Thornleigh Community Baptist Church hall from 4pm. A great fun afternoon including dancing, games, balloons, a roaming asparagus, tattoos, glow bands and dinner box.

The children have already started drawing themselves in readiness for the tea-towel project. This is a great memento of your child's time at Larool. There will be a choice of tea-towels,

aprons or bags sporting a design of self-portraits of all children and staff.

We hope the inaugural Larool Cookbook will include a recipe from every child. Of course we need your help to achieve this. Please email your recipes to splat@laroolpreschool.com.au

There are still plenty of great left-over Trivia Night gifts available for purchase, including books, vouchers, car care, entertainment and consumables. All the money raised goes towards the preschool fundraising effort.

In term 4 there is a shopping night booked (12/11) at Ryans. Larool has 20 tickets available. A percentage of sales on the night go towards Larool fundraising. For information on both the Trivia Night sale and Ryans, please contact Kath Knowles on 0419420395 or geoffkn@optusnet.com.au Have a great term.

Top Dog Dancers

Some Larool children had a treat during the holidays. Playhouse Disney visited 30 pre-schools and day-care centres around Australia to shoot short clips, which will be aired on Fridays in September on Playhouse Disney Australia and New Zealand.

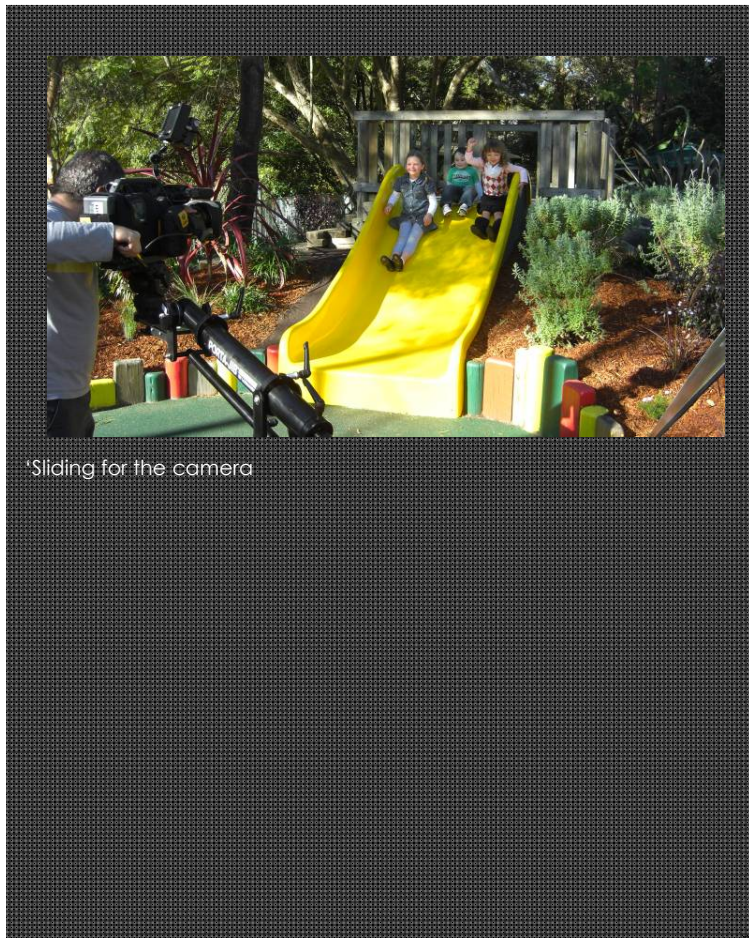
Larool was one of only four Pre-schools in Sydney to be selected. The 20 participating children danced to the Mickey Mouse Hot Dog Song! at the Pre-school during the three-hour recording session. They had a wow of a time demonstrating their unique and groovy dance moves to the Playhouse Disney Film Crew. The kids are now all getting very excited about being on television.

We will let you know which Friday in September our bit will be aired, but don't blink - from the shooting at 30 centres, the crew will be producing 4 x 1½ minute pieces, so our slot should be about 10 seconds.

Clare Gerber, from Playhouse Disney, said they wanted to see kids expressing themselves, and to bring little Aussies from around the country together on screen. And I think they got what they wanted - "Thanks so much for having us! Your kids and preschool were beautiful!" she said.

Check out more at: <http://hornsby-advocate.whereilive.com.au/news/story/disney-comes-to-thornleiah-and-the-kids-love-it/>

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'Sliding for the camera'



From the Management Committee

The Management Committee met again in June and is happy to report the Pre-school is running well. Traci Watson has joined Larool as a teachers' assistant, replacing Wendy Moore who has resigned after making a wonderful contribution to Larool. Thanks Wendy and welcome Traci!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the working bee and the fantastic new garden. We've also recently serviced the plumbing and added new classroom sinks.

Finally, the Committee would like to recognise the efforts and commitment

of all parents and friends of Larool. Whether the contribution is through volunteer work, prompt payment of fees or fundraising, they all result in the smooth, efficient and successful running of the Pre-school. As Larool currently finds itself in a strong position we have decided to cover the cost of the term 3 Kindy Farm and Dog Awareness activities without adding these costs to your term 3 fees invoice, as would usually be the case.

We hope you have a super term.

This space is available!

If you would like your child's artwork to appear in our newsletter, put it in the Fundraising box with your child's full name on the back.

Their masterpiece will be returned to you.



Topp Boutique *Express With Colours*

Topp Boutique in Beecroft donated vouchers to the Trivia Night this year. They primarily stock Indian clothing but also carry a beautiful selection of felted bags, jewelry, knitted hats and gloves, shawls, ponchos and even Indian-dressed Barbies. Wonderful gift ideas - give it a go. Beecroft Village Arcade, Hannah St.



Swaying to the Mickey Mouse Hot Dog Song

Larool Library Wrap

This term we have been able to enlist enough volunteers to open the Library on Wednesdays too. This is a great step forward as it offers the benefits of book borrowing to all children at Larool.

We have also changed the library time to 9:30 (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). We are always keen for more helpers, so if this change-in-time means you are now able to help out, please put your name on the list on the noticeboard.

There are over 400 books available, but we always accept more. Books deteriorate over time (happily due to much page-turning) and we love to increase the variety of books. So if you would like to donate books, new or second hand, please bring them in to the Pre-school. Adhesive book plates are available to identify your donated book for years to come.

We hope you and your child enjoy the library. Celebrate National Reading Day on 2nd September by reading to your child - start with their library book.





Mermaid drawn by Harriet Ziegler

Dental Health Week

We only get one set of adult teeth to last us our whole lives. With Dental Health Week in August and some kids in the 4 year old classes losing baby teeth recently, it is a good time to do the 7-day Dental Boot Camp with your kids.

Basic Training: Brushing

It takes two to three minutes to properly brush your teeth but most people only spend 30 seconds or less.

Advanced Training: Flossing

Once any two of your child's teeth touch each other, it's time to start flossing.

Special Operations: Tongue Cleaning

As much as 50% of the bacteria in the mouth live on the surface of our tongue.

Basic Rations: Tooth-friendly foods

Tooth decay and bacteria can use any food that contains sugars and other carbohydrates to grow.

Survival Techniques : Drink smart

Drinking tap water not only rinses out your mouth, but doesn't contain any acid and, in many parts of Australia, has the added benefit of containing fluoride.

Maintaining Your Kit: Toothbrushes

Your toothbrush is the main weapon against tooth-decay-causing bacteria and it should be kept in good working order at all times.

Graduation : Visit your dentist

If your child hasn't seen a dentist in over twelve months - book them in for a check up, clean and polish.

Taken from the Australian Dental Association.

For more information, visit

<http://www.dentalhealthweek.com.au/bootcamp.htm>

International Talk like a Pirate Day

Saturday 19th September 2009

Pirate lingo is rich and complicated. If you just want a quick fix, a surface gloss, a "pirate patina," if you will, here are the five basic words that you cannot live without. Master them, and you can face Talk Like a Pirate Day with a smile on your face and a parrot on your shoulder, if that's your thing.

Ahoy! - "Hello!"

Avast! - Stop and give attention. It can be used in a sense of surprise, "Whoa! Get a load of that!" which today makes it more of a "Check it out" or "No way!"

Aye! - "Why yes, I agree most heartily with everything you just said or did."

Aye aye! - "I'll get right on that sir, as soon as my break is over."

Arrr! - This one is often confused with *arrrgh*, which is of course the sound you make when you sit on a belying pin. "Arrr!" can mean, variously, "yes," "I agree," "I'm happy," "I'm enjoying this beer," "My team is going to win it all," "I saw that television show, it sucked!" and "That was a clever remark you or I just made." And those are just a few of the myriad possibilities of *Arrr!*

Dad's - check out Pirate Pick up lines at:

<http://www.talklikeapirate.com/piratehome.html>

....or maybe not.



Lights! Camera! Action!

