

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8



Special guests at the Family BBQ!

Dear Parents

What a wonderful start we have had to our new pre-school year. Our Annual General Meeting enjoyed record attendance, and we now have a full complement of committee members for both the Management Committee and SPLAT. Special thanks to our outgoing committees, lead by Chris Fitzpatrick and Lesley Ziegler who made a great contribution to our pre-school.

Staff and parents now extend a warm welcome to Sam Williamson, who takes up the helm as Management Committee President, and Kath Knowles who will lead SPLAT for 2010. Thank you for your dedication to our community pre-school. It is only with a full complement of caring and motivated members that our committees can function, and fulfill the obligations required to continue to run.

Classrooms are busy and productive, and children settled and enjoying a happy day in our pre-school environment. Mrs. Sumpton's class is enjoying learning about the Farm and will soon commence Easter activities. Mrs. Brookes and Mrs. Healey's groups are talking about Pets and Easter, and Mrs. Holmes group, currently lead by

Mrs. Moore, are talking about Easter and completing rhyme books to take home. Mrs. Holmes, who has been on leave this term is making a full recovery, and will be back from the beginning of Term 2 to teach her Thursday/ Friday class. Mrs. Holmes intends to pop in to visit and get to know the children in her class over the remaining weeks left of this term.

In recent weeks both the front and back offices of the pre-school have enjoyed a much needed furniture and IT make-over which was a priority of last year's Management Committee. Thank you for your patience with waiting for replies to emails and fee receipts. We are now up and running, so business as usual.

If you have any concerns regarding your term one invoice, please contact me as soon as possible. Medicare receipts will be available once the term has concluded, so if you meet the criteria to claim, please let us know and we will provide you with the appropriate receipt.

Our last day for term 1 is Thursday 1st April. Pre-School will re-open on Monday 17th April for Term 2. We hope you enjoy a safe holiday and that the Easter Bunny finds your house.

Warm wishes
Michelle

What's on at Larool

- Saturday 20th March
Car seat information day
- Thursday 25th March
2009 Reunion
- Thursday 1st April
Term 1 ends
- Friday 2nd April
Good Friday
- Monday 2nd April
Easter Monday
- Monday 19th April
First day of Term 2
- Monday 26th April
ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Saturday 1st May
Bunnings BBQ
- Week of 3rd - 7th May
Mother's Day Stall
- Monday 14th June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- Friday 2nd July
Last day of Term 2
- Saturday 14th August
Trivia Night



Larool Preschool Profiles

Name: Sam Williamson
What do I do at LPS: President
 Management Committee
 Larool Preschool

A little about yourself:

I am a returning parent this year as my youngest daughter Paige started in the Wednesday class with Mrs. Sumpton and Mrs. Hamilton.

I first started at Larool with my eldest daughter Abbey in 2007 and during her time at Larool I was a member of the Management Committee and also Treasurer of SPLAT. Abbey is now in Year 1 at Warrawee Public School.

What do you do when you aren't at Larool?:

I work full-time as the Co-ordinator of Warrawee Care Centre which is an OOSH service for school age children offering recreational activities before and after school.

Sounds like you are very busy, what do you do in your spare time?

We spend most weekends catching up on family time as our week is usually quite busy and love going bike riding together as a family. We also love the beach and go all year round even if it is too cold to swim we just enjoy being outside, building sandcastles and collecting shells.

From the Management Committee

I would like to welcome all the families to Larool Preschool and take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Sam Williamson and I have taken over as the President of the management committee from Chris Fitzpatrick. I am excited to be a part of this parent based management committee and be involved in all the operations of our preschool. I am looking forward to working with our wonderful Director Michelle and a new and enthusiastic management committee and I am sure I will learn so much over the months ahead.

In addition I would like to introduce to you our new committee for 2010:

Executive

President	Sam Williamson
Vice President	Chris Fitzpatrick
Secretary	Amanda Kingham
Treasurer	Matt Treatt

Members:

Nick Blackwell	Lisa Curry
Anne Frith	Sarah Goddard
Jason Kelly	Sean McGettigan
Cathy Garrett	Geoff Knowles

The Committee has had two meetings during Term 1 where we looked at many arising items and have worked closely with Michelle to ensure correct procedures are followed. It is great to see changes already – with Michelle's office having a makeover of new carpet and furniture and the back office refitted with new furniture also.

Please feel free to contact the Management Committee if you have any concerns or queries, we are always available and can be contacted through Michelle.



Picture Plate by Maeve McAllister



SPLAT Update - Social Parents of Larool Activities Team

What a great first term we have had, the time seems to have flown by. This year Splat has decided to focus on 'community' both in the preschool and the community we all live in. Our activities and fundraisers this year are geared towards involving and giving back to our communities.

We have set a low fundraising target this year of \$5000. This amount will cover our costs for hosting the "non-profit" events such as Family BBQ, Easter eggs, Christmas books for the children and of course the parents Christmas party at the end of the year.

There will be a wide variety of events this year, **please remember you do not have to participate in everything**, only the events that you choose to. That may be by volunteering your time to help at a fundraiser, such as the Bunning's BBQ, by ordering a tea towel or picture plate, coming to trivia night, or having a great time at the Family BBQ or Christmas party.

Still to come this term:

Child car restraint information day. This will be Saturday 20th March, at 1pm.

We are hosting a ***Reunion afternoon tea*** for the children who left Larool and started 'big school' this year on Thursday 25th March.

Usborne book catalogues have been distributed, all orders due back by the 31st March.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent ***family photo day***. Your proof sheets are available for pick up in Michelle's office. The photo day orders are due back by **26th March**

Please check your ***mail pockets*** in the locker room and read the ***notice board*** outside the locker room each week for information from SPLAT about Larool events.

Have a safe and happy Easter

Kath Knowles -SPLAT President 2010.



SPLAT would like to thank the following local businesses that helped make our Family BBQ a fantastic day for everyone:

- * Delstine's Exclusive Meats, Westleigh
- * Rampant Entertainment
- * Julie's Fruit Supplies
- * Brumby's Bakery, Thornleigh Market



Thanks Splat for a great family BBQ 2010.





What's on these school holidays?

There is a lot happening this school holidays. But if you are still looking for some great ideas check out below or even the Larool Preschool website (www.laroolpreschool.com.au)

The parks, cycle parks and playgrounds around our area are terrific for burning off a little energy and finding adventure. Check out the Hornsby or Ku-Ring-Gai Council websites for contacts or further information.

Another resource is to visit the Playground Finder site (www.playgroundfinder.com). This site helps to find parks across Australia (especially useful if you are heading away from home this holiday). Here you can read and leave reviews of the parks that you can or have visited.

Some other great activities available include the Royal Easter Show, a trip to the Zoo, a ride on a train. Attached is a flyer for Bush Kids at the Ku-Ring-Gai Wildflower Garden.

For those mums & dads who are looking for some fun responses to the "I'm bored" statements why not try some of this fun ideas:

- through a Frisbee
- learn to skip with or without a rope
- grab some tennis balls and try your hand at juggling
- make a fairy craft wand (instructions on the Preschool website)

New Developments @ Larool

Congratulations to our Management Committee for accessing a Grant from NSW Environment Climate Change and Water.

The grant submission was put together by our President Chris Fitzpatrick, with assistance from Mark Dodds, a Thursday/Friday parent.

The pre-school requested funds to change our old original toilet cisterns to a dual flush model, enabling a significant saving in water. The work was undertaken over the Christmas holidays by Plumbwise, a local plumbing firm.

Our children are learning about the importance of saving water, and have already begun to contribute to saving our environment by choosing the small button!



Shiny new toilets

