

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8



Happy 35th birthday Larool Pre-school

Happy 35th Birthday Larool! Thank you to those who came to our party. We were honoured to be joined by Mayor Nick Berman, who officially opened our playground, and ex-staff Mrs Dot Malik (Director for 28 years), and Mrs Ruth Couch.

The mood was light, and the weather on our side, as Mayor Berman complimented our parents on the fine job they are doing with our community Pre-school. We also had some lovely compliments about our children's beautiful behaviour, and their lovely singing. Thank you to Mrs Brookes and Mrs Sumpton for preparing the musical entertainment.

There is a lot of excitement at Pre-school at the moment, as children and staff prepare

From the Management Committee

It is time to say a BIG THANKYOU to everyone who has made Larool's 35th year such a success. The generous contribution of time, opinions and skills enables Larool to function, and ensures it is a great place for all our children.

Particularly, thanks go to 3 parents for updating our image. Chris Fitzpatrick and colleagues have designed our fabulous website. Check it out as it will become an important means of communication.

Cathy Garrett has refreshed the logo and stationary, created a beautiful brochure and lovely fridge magnets for new

for our end of year Christmas Concerts (see What's On). **Please see page 2 for full details of Christmas concerts including early collection of children.**

Thank you to all families, for your involvement in your child's Pre-school education. In particular, to Juliet Kelly and the wonderful Management Committee, plus the amazing Social Committee, who have worked so hard on a number of key projects this year.

Farewell & best wishes to those families leaving us this year. Thank you for your friendship. I wish all families a safe and happy festive season and holiday.
Michelle

enrolments. Lesley Ziegler designed, edits and produces our new newsletter.

Farewell, special thanks & good luck to Ruby Lane & Craig Mitchell, both ex-students who have served on the Management Committee throughout their years as parents. Their expertise, commitment and energy have been crucial.

Most importantly thanks to Michelle and all the staff for the care and education they have given our children.

Finally a plea.....Get involved next year - many hands make light work!

What's on at Larool

- Tuesday 16th December
Mon/Tue class
Christmas concert
- Wednesday 17th December
Party Day (Mrs Sumpton
Wednesday class only)

- Thursday 18th December
Thur/Fri class
Christmas concert

- Friday 19th December
Pupil Free Day/term ends

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- Monday 26th January
Australia Day Public Holiday

- Tuesday 27th January
Pupil Free Day

- ☺ Wednesday 28th January
First Day of Term 1

- Thursday 9th April
Term 1 ends

- Friday 10th April
Good Friday





Picture drawn by Nicola Hartman

From the Social/Fundraising Committee

As the last newsletter for the year and my last President of the Committee I would like to thank the committee for being a wonderful team this year: Lesley, Kath, Sam, Kate, Veryan, Michelle, Will, Susan, Cindy, Kelly and recently Jackie and Anne. All contributed in so many ways this year, with great enthusiasm and gusto.

This year we raised almost \$20,000. In all the time I have been associated with the Pre-school we have never raised so much money, and it is fabulous to see the children benefiting from it. Our Pre-school can not offer the educational experience we all want our children to receive without this extra income.

Community spirit is the foundation of this Pre-school. If you and your kids have enjoyed your time at Larool I encourage you to join a committee next year or chip-in where you can. It could be an hour at the Bunnings BBQ, a

morning at the Library or attending the AGM; none require a great deal of effort but all contribute. It is a worthwhile contribution to your children's education, and a wonderful way to make new friends.

The Meet'n'Greet/Christmas party was a lovely night - it was magical to see the playground lit up with candle light and fabulous to road test the new bbq!

Thank you those who helped at the Bunnings BBQ, which raised \$790. Not bad for a days work 'eh? Special thanks to Sam and those who did more than a 1 hour shift on the day.

Finally, we would like to give a great, big thank you to the teachers, for being such happy, patient and supportive staff. It is often their involvement that makes our fundraisers so successful and the children's artwork so memorable.

Christmas Concerts

Procedure for Concert Day

The Christmas Concerts are on Tuesday 16th December (for children who attend Monday/Tuesday), and Thursday 18th December (for children who attend Thur/Fri). Concerts will begin at 11:15am in Room 1.

Staff arrange an early party lunch for the children to eat before the concerts on these days, so there is no need to bring food to pre-school.

At the conclusion of the concert all children receive a gift from staff in their respective classrooms, and collect their present for their parents.

Children then go home with their parents. As space is limited, we request that each child only bring two guests to the concert, but toddlers are welcome

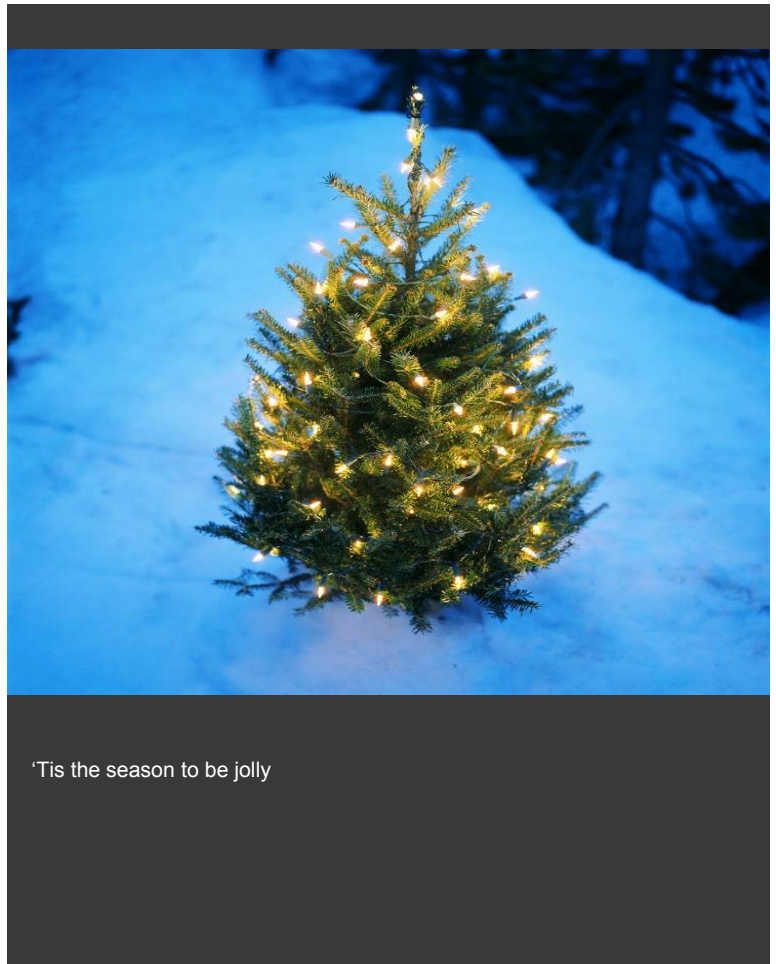
Procedure for Wednesday 17th December

Room 1 Mrs Brookes

This is a normal Pre-school day for Mrs Brookes' class.

Room 2 Mrs Sumpton

A special Christmas party is held for children who attend on Wed 17th December in Mrs Sumpton's class. Party food is provided by the staff and children finish at 12 noon.



'Tis the season to be jolly



Larool Library Wrap

The library has come together beautifully and is a great success. Thank you to everyone. The volunteers; Jo Bridgewood, Vervan McAllister, Dianna Trezona, Sarah Williams, Christine Taouk, Lisa Balian, Sandra Campbell; to Scott Coonan for putting the library box together and to anyone who donated one of the 350 books now available for loan.

All the children have enjoyed the introduction of the library; each session gaining more confidence in choosing their books to take home. Some doing a grab and run, others spotting books that their friends had returned and taking them out. While others took their time, making that choice a little more special for them to be read to at home.

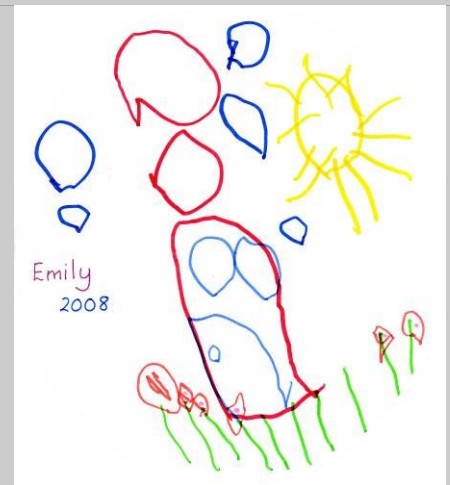
With pre-school almost at the end for 2008, so to has the library. Could you please make sure that you return any of

the books that you have borrowed. If you think that you have misplaced your books, we have a list of who borrowed what, so please just ask. If you are moving onto big school next year your library bag and card is yours to keep. If you are returning to Pre-school please keep your bag and card in a safe place for next year.

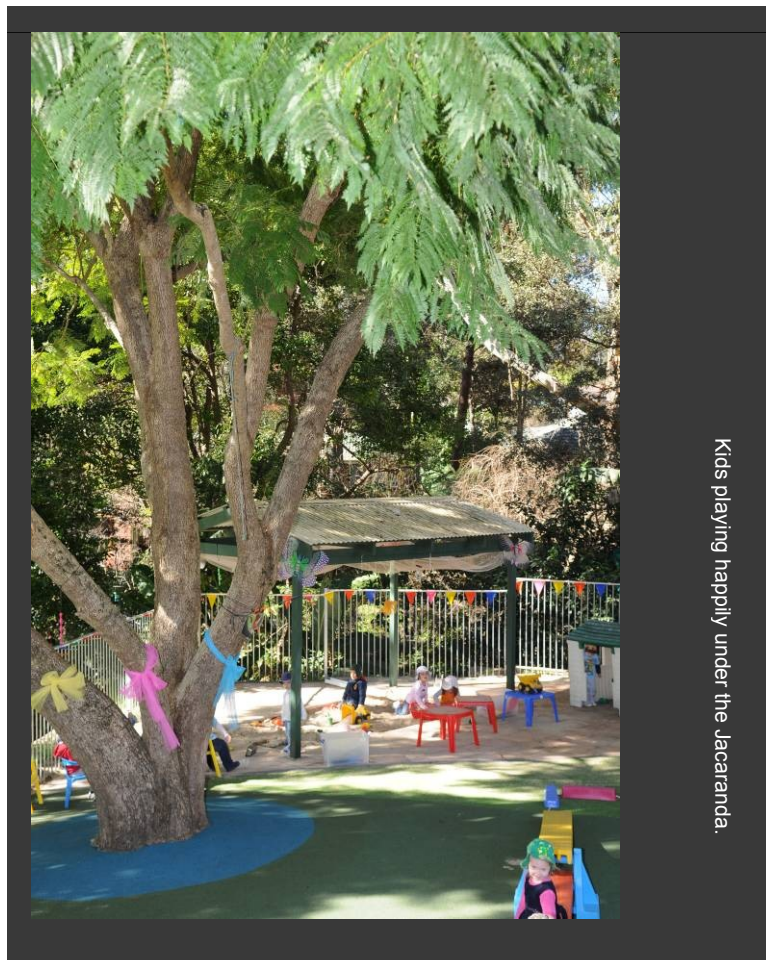
One last thing, if you think that you can spare sometime during 2009 to help with the library please see Michelle or myself with your details. I will make contact with you towards the end of the Christmas holiday.

Have a safe holiday break, happy reading.

Caroline Nicholson
Library coordinator



Picture Plate by Emily Griffiths



Scholastic Book Fair

This year sales of books during the Scholastic Book Fair earned just over \$300 for the Pre-school.

Thank you very much to the following children, who donated books to Larool.

Sienna Bailey

Noel Foster

Keira Gower

Michaela Haigh

Cerys & Euan Howells

Georgina & Lachlan Knowles

Imogen Mitchell

Paul Rettkowitz

Maddy Schyvens

Adele Williams

Julia Colley

Eva Frith

Emily Griffiths

Nicola Hartman

Angus Leavey

Sean McAllister

Troy Mitchell

Joel Robinson

Angus Stewart

Harriet Ziegler

I.C.E.

Have you heard about an I.C.E. campaign? This encourages people to store a contact in their mobile phone, listed as ICE (In Case of Emergency). This helps emergency services identify who to contact in a time of need.

This is not a campaign officially supported by the Ambulance Service; however Ambulance "supports any method of contacting family in a critical medical emergency."





Drawing by Ethan Clarke

Christmas shopping with friends

While you are buying the many Christmas presents for friends and family, please consider patronizing the businesses that supported us through the year, and particularly by their donations for our Trivia Night.

A full list of these businesses can be found at the new Larool Pre-school website www.laroolpreschool.com.au, but here are a few suggestions.

- www.toybarn.com.au (shop from home for the kids)
- [Cyclesport](#), Thornleigh - a new bike for the kids from Santa
- [Everything Christmas](#) - the name says it all
- [Uber Photography](#) - perfect Christmas greeting is a family portrait

- [Hair We Go](#) - for all those parties
- [Holidays with kids](#) - getaway over the summer break
- [Delstines Exclusive Meats](#), Westleigh - plenty of eating to be done over the festive season
- [Cantucci's Pizzeria & Restaurant](#) - save yourself the trouble - eat out
- [Dan Murphy's](#) Thornleigh - goes without saying
- Thornleigh Chemmart Pharmacy - for a Berocca or Paracetamol

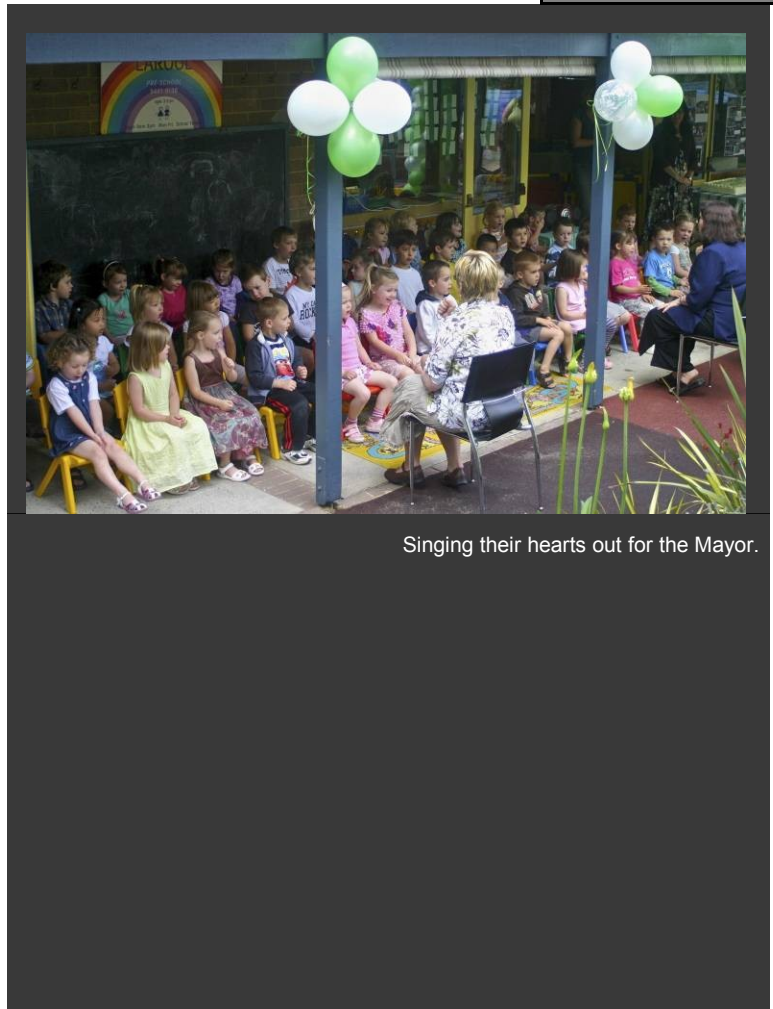
Mention that you are from Larool, as it will make our job of begging again in 2009 a lot easier.

Larool Laugh
What do cows do for entertainment?

They go to the mooovies.

6 weeks with the kids - help me!

- Buy home-made playdough from us - \$3 a ball
- Try a new park: McKell Park Dangar Rd Brooklyn, Fagan Park Galston, Bicentennial Park West Pymble, Taylor Place Pennant Hills, Flying Fox Café and playground Mona Vale
- Check out the free (or cheap) school holiday activities at most shopping centres eg Macquarie Centre, Carlingford Court, Winston Hills, Hornsby Westfield, Castle Towers
- Visit some National Parks, some have organized activities for a fee but bookings essential - Cumberla
- State Forest (walks and café), Kuringai Wildflower Garden (no café), Lane Cove, Bobbin Head
- Ring a Larool class mate and have a play-date
- Visit a public pool - both Hornsby and West Pymble pools have nice ankle-deep pools for frolicking in, or for a day out try Homebush Aquatic Centre
- Teach your kids how to play 'Pooh Sticks' - find the sealed walking track with bridge and creek at the end of De Saxe Close, Thornleigh
- Try a Museum - Powerhouse, Australia, Maritime, Discovery



Singing their hearts out for the Mayor.

