

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2



Our wonderful slide

Welcome back everyone; all the staff had a great break, and we hope you all enjoyed a good holiday too. Now we have been plunged head-long into the cold weather, please remember to make sure that your child is prepared with changes of clothing that are appropriate to the season. We still require a hat for outdoor play, as well as a water bottle each day. Children, regardless of their age, still need spare clothes in case of accidents, and please include a warm jacket/jumper for unexpected cool changes.

With the cooler weather, there will be the usual viral and bacterial diseases. Please remind your child to wash their hands regularly, particularly after toileting, before eating, and after blowing their nose. Tissues are readily available in the classrooms, and it is helpful if you can encourage your child to learn to blow their nose, and to dispose of tissues in the bin. Naturally, staff are on hand to assist where needed, but encouraging self help skills early is of benefit.

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and advise the pre-school. A busy pre-school classroom is not the place for your child if they are feeling under the weather. So if your child is lethargic, is coughing excessively, or has a persistent runny nose or temperature, please keep them at home for their comfort, and to limit the risk of infection to others.

This term we are celebrating Mothers' Day with handmade craft and a stall - thank you to the SPLAT helpers, who will be arranging this. Please give your teacher your child's money, and we will make sure they have it to spend.

Our Four/Five Year Old Groups will be talking about the Alphabet and having fun with various themes focused around their weekly letters. We will also be enjoying our student teacher Rachael Ong.

Mrs Sumpton's groups are learning about Transport, and Colours & Shapes, and Mrs Holmes' class are focusing on Insects & Frogs, Music and Health & Safety.

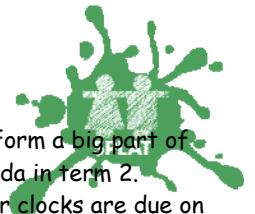
The Lizard Man, who brings along to Pre-School a great array of interesting reptiles will visit Pre-School in week 6.

Class groups will be hosting open mornings later in the term. → These are a wonderful opportunity to share in your child's Pre-School experience, and we look forward to welcoming you and anyone special you would like to bring.

Thank you for your co-operation with the relocation of our Sign In/Out sheets. These are a legal document, and must be kept up to date, so please ensure that you sign your child in and out each day. *Enjoy the weeks ahead. Michelle*

What's on at Larool

- Tuesday 28th April
Term 2 starts
- Thursday 7th May
Family Photos due back
- 4th - 8th May
Mothers' Day stalls
- Sunday 10th May
Mothers' Day
- Friday 22nd May
Picture Plate orders due
- Saturday 23rd May
Trivia and Games night
- 26th & 29th May
Lizard Man
- Monday 8th June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 9th June
Johnny Depp's birthday
- 16th & 18th June
A Swag Full of Instruments
- Friday 3rd July
Open mornings (Thu/fri groups)
- Friday 10th July
Term 2 ends
- Monday 27th July
Term 3 starts



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.

From SPLAT

Term 1 seems to have gone past in a blur. SPLAT kicked off the year with a very successful term:

- Chocolate Drive \$2,700
- Family Portraits \$690
- Bunnings BBQ \$882.82
- Popular Family BBQ
- Carnival Book catalogue

Term 2 promises to be very exciting with the headline event being the Trivia Night on 23rd May. Tickets are now available for \$20 each. **This event will sell out so please hurry to buy your tickets.** It is a great night packed full of trivia, games and wonderful prizes. Nearly 200 businesses have donated goods, services or vouchers with a prize pool of almost \$16,000.

Picture Plates also form a big part of the pre-school agenda in term 2. Orders for plates or clocks are due on 22nd May and they prove to be a treasured memento of your child's time at pre-school and Larool. Our wonderful teachers take so much care and devote so much time to encouraging each plate drawing. I know you will be happy with the result.

Mother's Day stalls are the week of 4th May. Children have the opportunity to visit a stylized shop and to purchase a special present for their mum. Please put your child's \$5 in the fundraising box for this event.

What do these have in common?

Julian, Scamper, Noddy, Fanny and the Saucepan Man

New from activities at Larool

This year SPLAT has introduced new activities to the fundraising calendar. This is to try new fundraising ideas, to give the pre-school community a variety of ways of getting together and also to raise more money.

Market Night - to be held in late October with approximately 6-10 stall holders, giving parents a chance to have a relaxing shop away from the kids, whilst raising money for pre-school. Each stall will be charged a small fee and percentage of profit. Already we have 3 stalls confirmed - Tupperware, StampinUp and Usborne Books. If anyone in the Larool community would like to have a stall or knows anyone who is interested please contact Judy Reilly t:9484 4978 or judyreilly@iprimus.com.au.

First aid courses - if you or a friend would like to improve your first aid skills, please contact Lesley Ziegler t:9484 7806 or Lesley@ziegler.id.au. SPLAT are considering running 3 levels of first aid courses, but they will only go ahead if there is enough interest.

From the Management Committee

The Management Committee is very happy with the way 2009 has started for the preschool. Our teachers have done a wonderful job settling in the new children (first term is always the hardest!), SPLAT has kicked off the year well and generally things are running smoothly. Thanks to everyone for your contribution, whether it be cooking sausages at Bunnings, paying your fees on time, or spreading the word to your friends who are looking for a preschool for next year. We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd at the Trivia and Games Night!

Donating businesses – please give them your business if you can.

- Auto One - Waitara
- Aquabliss, Thornleigh
- Ava Party Hire, Normanhurst
- Betts Kids shoe shop, Hornsby
- Blush by Chloe, Thornleigh
- Ceramic Fashions, Thornleigh
- Christmas Barn, Dural
- Dancing with Maree
- Greenlight Car Care, Thornleigh
- Jobson's Tyre, Waitara
- Judy Hopwood, MP
- Kennards Hire, Hornsby
- Kuringai Cycles, Hornsby
- Lego Australia
- Logged On Pty Ltd
- Mowbray Park Farm Holidays, Pictou
- Normanhurst Pizza Café
- Optus
- Panel Haus, Thornleigh
- Penrith Whitewater Stadium
- Reece Plumbing, Thornleigh
- Toybarn.com.au, Thornleigh
- Tunz of Fun, Castlehill
- Uber Photography, Wahroonga
- Video Ezy head office
- Your Accounts Department, Gordon



Management Committee for 2009

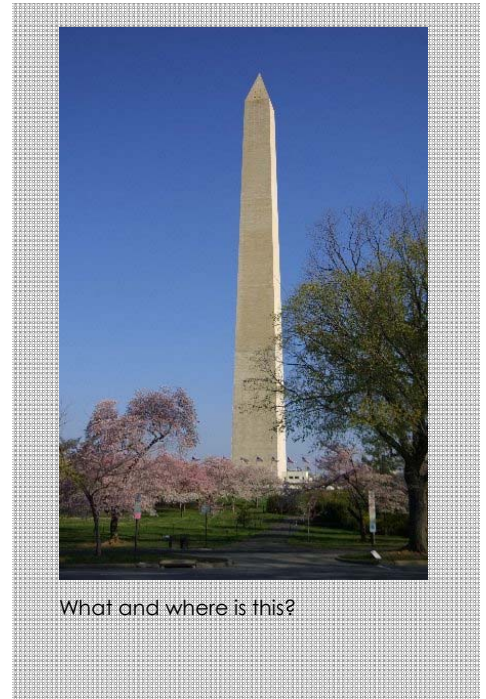
At the Larool Pre-school Annual General Meeting, held on 16th February, the new Management Committee for 2009 was elected. The Management Committee is responsible for the pre-school and decides how the pre-school will operate.. However, it acts on behalf of the members of the pre-school and should reflect the views of all users of the pre-school. It will meet regularly, at least twice per term. The members of the Management Committee are:

- President - Chris Fitzpatrick
- Vice President - Darren Robertson
- Treasurer - James Wragg
- Secretary - Amanda Kingham
- Michelle Healey Esther Cox
- Elizabeth Firmager Cathy Garrett
- Juliet Kelly Geoff Knowles
- Anne McNulty Sarah Schott
- Lesley Ziegler

Story Time

If you are looking for something to do with the kids, The next chapter books (5 Railway Ave Wahroonga Tel: 94893128) has a book reading and puppets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30 am (next one is 6th May).

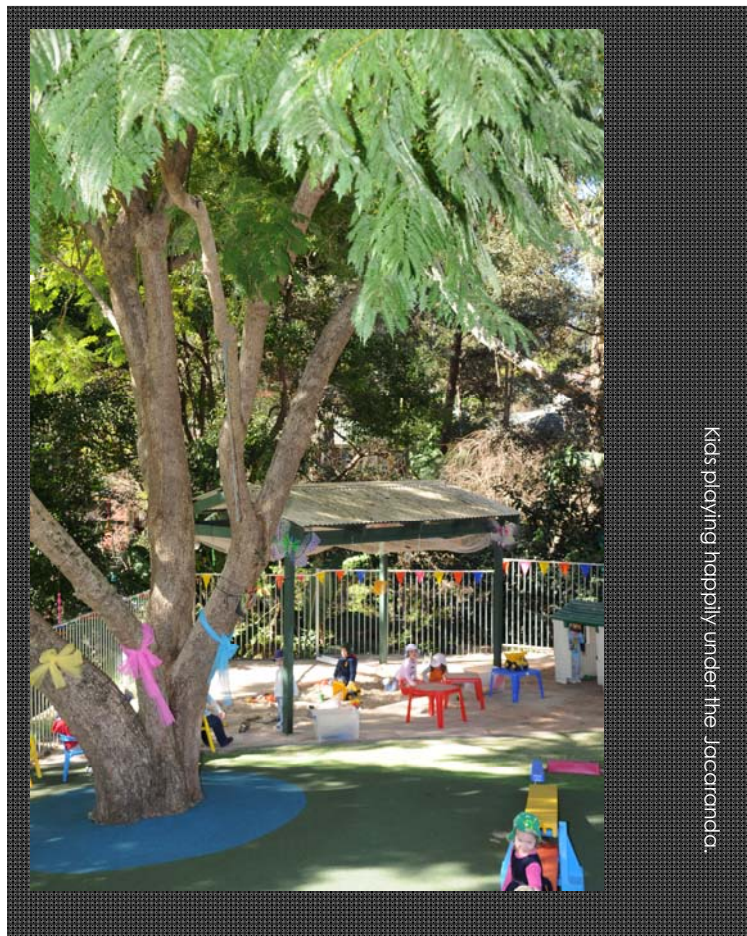
Every one is welcome. Have a look at their great range of books and gifts while you are there. They have kindly donated a huge atlas for us to use at the Trivia Night.



What and where is this?

Larool Laugh
What do you call
two robbers?

A pair of knickers



Kids playing happily under the Jacaranda.

SPLAT 2009

The new Social Committee for 2009 was also elected. This year, the Social Committee has changed its name to SPLAT (Social Parents of Larool Activities Team). This more accurately describes how the team organises activities for the pre-school, both social and fundraising.

SPLAT's aim is to raise funds to enable the pre-school to purchase additional resource and fund major projects. It also provides an opportunity for parents with common interest to become acquainted and maintain a family/community atmosphere.

- President - Lesley Ziegler
- Vice President - Kristina Treatt
- Treasurer - Jackie Griffiths
- Secretary - Kath Knowles
- Jo Bridgewood Susan Colley
- Andrew Eggers Michelle Goulding
- Penny Hunter Jody Johnston
- Lainie Kalnins Ian Kingham
- Susan Matthews Veryan McAllister
- Barbara McDermott Anne McNulty
- Caroline Nicholson Judy Reilly
- Jenny Robertson Natalie Sones





Do you know who this is?

Protecting our little ones

With whooping cough and swine flu making headlines, many parents may be scrambling to make sure their children's immunisation records are up to date.

With a tenfold increase in the incidence of whooping cough, or pertussis, in NSW this year, the state health department is offering free vaccinations for parents/carers of children younger than 12 months to reduce the impact of this potentially deadly disease.

Most children receive their first pertussis vaccine at age 2 months, then again at 4 and 6 months before getting a booster at 4 years. Immunisation officers stress it is important babies receive those first three vaccines on time as they are not covered until the course has been completed.

The current flu vaccine may not offer protection from the swine flu, as it is a

mutant strain, but recommend children are up to date with their flu jabs to maximise the immune system function.

Free NSW child immunisations:

Birth - Hepatitis B

2 months - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Flu (type B), Hep B, Polio, Pneumococcol, Rotavirus

4 months - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Flu (type B), Hep B, Polio, Pneumococcol, Rotavirus

6 months - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Flu (type B), Hep B, Polio, Pneumococcol

12 months - Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Flu (type B), Meningococcal C

18 months - Chicken pox

4 years - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella
Next vaccines at 12 years.

The following website is an excellent source of more information:

www.ncirs.usyd.edu.au/

Take another look at Fagan Park.

Fagan Park is an area of about 55 hectares on Arcadia Road at Galston (38-48 Arcadia Road). The site was donated by the Fagan family to the Department of Lands with Hornsby Shire Council appointed as sole trustee for the park.

A fabulous new playground at the Arcadia Road entrance to the park was opened on 9 August 2008. It includes climbing equipment, 2 slides, a flying fox, very large sandpit with water supply, 5 swings + a liberty swing. There are also plenty of paths for riding bikes.

The park also includes 10ha of gardens, picnic areas, shelters and barbecues, Netherby Cottage, Rural museums, bushland with short bushwalking trail, large open areas for informal games and kite flying, unsealed paths for bicycle riding and an Eco Garden (an educational, productive and sustainable garden).

Fagan Park is open 7.00am until sunset in winter and 6.30pm in summer, 7 days a week (except Christmas Day). Parking costs \$4 (soon to be \$5). Take correct change for the automatic boom gate, a towel and spare change of clothes for the kids.

Shelters can be booked for birthday parties etc. For more information call 9847 6791 or visit www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/recreation



Flying like a fox.

Climbing like a monkey

