



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at Larool

Dear Parents

All the Larool staff are in disbelief that the end of the year is almost upon us. We have greatly enjoyed teaching your children this year and getting to know you and your family. It was wonderful to see so many new and old parents at our Christmas party hosted by SPLAT last Friday night. A very special thank you to parents who contributed to the night. A great time was had by all.

There is a lot of excitement about at Pre-school at the moment, as children and staff prepare for our end of year Christmas Concerts. The dates are Tuesday 15th December (for children who attend on Monday and Tuesday), and Thursday 17th December (for children who attend on Thursday and Friday).

Procedure for Christmas Concerts and the final week

The concerts are held in Room 1 and will begin at 11.45am and finish around 12.15pm. Staff arrange an early party lunch for the children on the concert day, so there is no need to bring food to pre-school. Your child's teacher can outline the menu for you.

Following the concert, children will return to their own classroom with staff to receive a gift, and collect their present for parents. Children then go home with their parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and happy festive season and holiday. Thank you for being a part of your child's pre-school education this year, and our very special pre-school community. In particular, a very big thank you to Chris Fitzpatrick our Management Committee president, and his wonderful team, and Lesley Ziegler and all the amazing members of SPLAT who have worked so tirelessly on a number of key projects this year, which have been of great benefit to our Pre-school.

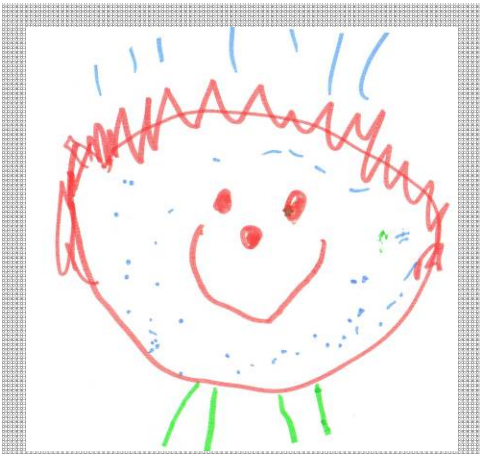
Farewell and best wishes to all those families leaving Pre-school this year. Thank you for your contribution to Larool and your support. Pre-school will resume next year on Thursday 28th January.
Michelle

As space is limited, we request that each child only have 2 guests on the day. School is breaking up earlier this year, so if you bring older children to the concert on Thursday, please ask them to sit on the mats provided at the front of the room so seats are available for family & guests.

Monday 14th is a regular Pre-school day, details for Wednesday 16th can be found over, and Friday 18th is a pupil free day.

What's on at Larool

- 15th and 17th December
Christmas Concerts
- Wednesday 16th December
Christmas party (Wed Rm 2 class only)
- Friday 18th December
Pupil free day & term 4 ends
- Tuesday 26th January
Australia Day
- Wednesday 27th January
Pupil Free Day
- Thursday 28th January
Term 1 starts
- Tuesday 2nd February
Ground Hog Day
- Sunday 21st February
Pre-school Family BBQ
- Monday 22nd February
Pre-school AGM
- Sunday 28th March
Kayak for Kids
- Thursday 1st April
Term 1 ends
- Friday 2nd April
Good Friday
- Monday 5th April
Easter Monday
- Monday 26th April
ANZAC Day Holiday for Teachers



Picture plate drawn by Beth Simmons

From the Management Committee

Thanks to everyone who attended the open meeting on 23rd November. It's great to see people willing to take the time to see how their pre-school operates. At the meeting we were reminded that the opportunity to serve on the management committee will arise again at the annual general meeting in February. A number of committee

members are leaving the pre-school next year so we need parents to step into their positions on the management committee. Larool can't legally operate without a management committee.

Please contact Chris Fitzpatrick (chris.fitzpatrick@studylink.com) if you would like to join the committee.

LAROL PRE-SCHOOL INCORPORATED 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Date: Monday 22 February 2010

Time: 7:45pm for 8:00pm start

Location: Larool Pre-School,
12 Larool Crescent, Thornleigh

The AGM will include reports on the activities undertaken by the Management and Social Committees in 2009. The Association's audited financial statement will also be presented. The Committees for 2010 will be elected on the night.

This is a very important night and we ask that at least one parent attend to show your support and interest in our pre-school.

Procedure for Wednesday 16th Dec.

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 Wednesday 16th December in Mrs Sumpton's class, as those children who only attend on a Wednesday don't participate in a concert. Party food is provided by the staff and children finish at 12 noon.

Lifestart Kayak for Kids - 28th March 2010

Kayak for Kids is an exciting and special event on Sydney harbour that raises funds for Lifestart, an Early Childhood Intervention Service that helps kid with intellectual disabilities or developmental delays from birth to school age achieve the best possible start in life.

It is a paddle challenge from Blues Point to Clontarf - a distance of 17.5 km. The course is split into 4 stages, and teams of up to 12 can enter.

Entry fee includes hire of a 3 person kayak, so as long as you are reasonably fit you can join in. For more information see our noticeboard or visit www.kayakforkids.com.au.

Larool Laugh
How does a farmer
mend his overalls?

With a cabbage
patch



Picture plate drawn by Julia Colley



Larool Library Wrap

With the library year having come to an end last week, I would like to say what a great borrowing year it has been. This year, with the donation of books from many parents, we have increased the book catalogue to almost 400. All the children have enjoyed the routine of borrowing books from the library, and even more so if mum has been the librarian. There are still a few books outstanding in their returns this term. If you could get these back to your teacher before the end of term that would be wonderful.

This year, once again, would not have been possible without the amazing team of parents that volunteers each term to keep the library running. I would like to say thank you to Jo Bridgewood, Michelle Fitzpatrick, Jackie Griffiths, Stephanie Brown, Nari Barends, Penny Hunter, Veryan McAllister, Tracey Hewitt, Natalie Sones, Amanda Kingham, Ainslie Jennings, Jodie Imrie, Kathryn Skinner-Hanley, Erica Sawtell, Lesley

Ziegler, Allison Yerbury, Elizabeth Firmoger, Traci Watson, Katrina Wallis, Julie Morris, Annie Dwyer, Grace Lee, Tania Simmons, Emma Tippett, Dianna Terzona, Kris Treatt and Sally Stewart.

Helping out at the library is a lot of fun, and is one of the least time-consuming ways that you can contribute to the preschool. It takes no more than 1 hour of your time once, maybe twice a term. If you think you would like to help out next year please catch me at preschool or email me over the holidays at

Jaffapies@yahoo.com.au. Many hands make quick book borrowing.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break. For those who are going to school have a wonderful time and those who are coming back next year, I look forward to seeing you again.

Caroline Nicholson
Library coordinator



Haven't been to a park lately?

With the summer holidays fast approaching you are probably wondering what you can do with the kids that maybe you haven't done before. Over the last 12 months Hornsby Council has made improvements to our parks. See how many you can visit over the holidays.

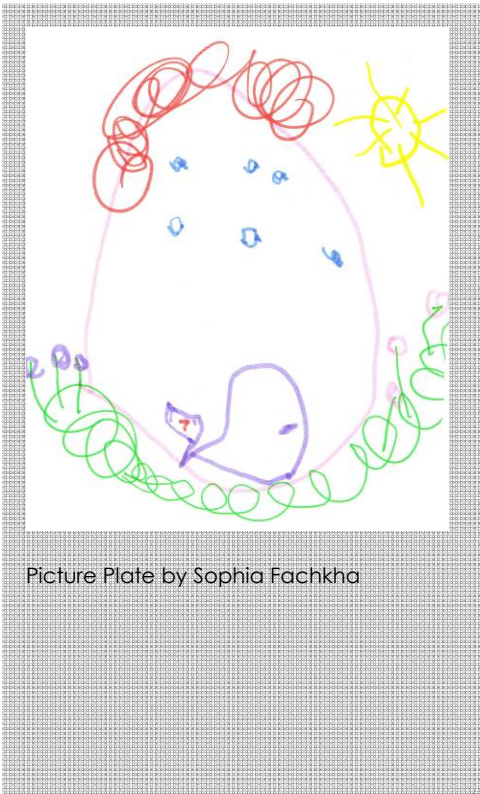
- **Rofe Park**, Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights (castle theme) Toilets & BBQ on site.
- **Robert Rd Park**, Cherrybrook
- **Westminster Dr**, Castle Hill (playground and junior tricycle path)
- **Montview Pde**, Hornsby Heights (playground and junior tricycle path) Toilets on site.
- **Beatrice Thomson Park**, Water St, Hornsby. BBQ on site.
- **Davidson Park**, Denman Pde, Normanhurst (swing set)
- **Dawson Ave**, Thornleigh (playground, junior tricycle path & off leash dog run)
- **Samuel Oxley Park**, Cardinal Ave, West Pennant Hills (playground and junior tricycle path)
- **Orara St**, Waitara (playground and junior tricycle path)

Regards,
Julia Morton
Parks Asset Officer | Hornsby Shire Council



Graduating students of 2010

Good luck and farewell to the following Larool children who are leaving us this year. We have loved having you as part of our Pre-school and wish you lots of happy times on your next big adventure.



Picture Plate by Sophia Fachkha

Noah Akhigbe	Sofie Hewitt	Joel Robinson
Joseph Anderson	Cerys Howells	Luke Roelands
Lara Anderson	Chelsea Imrie	Payton Saunders
Sienna Bailey	Lilli Jennings	Vidar Schou
Tyson Bridgewood	Emilija Kalnins	Elizabeth Simmons
Ethan Clarke	Avril Kirk	Louis Sones
Julia Colley	Georgina Knowles	Angus Stewart
Claudia Coonan	Nicholas Lazzaro	Sienna Taouk
Zachariah Cox	Lavane Mahajan	Olivia Toson
Zachary Dunlop	Luke Matthews	Chloe Treatt
Lachlan Edwards	Lisa McDermott	Arwen Trezona
Jonathan Eggers	Charlie Mouhayet	Molly Vine
Max Firmager	Troy Nicholson	Hannah Williams
Cate Fitzpatrick	Eva Ossowski	James Woodbury
Eva Frith	Tenisia Payne	Harriet Ziegler
Emily Griffiths	Jackson Pollock	
Jacob Haarsma	Luca Pogainis	

Our favourite Christmas shops

Whether it is food for Christmas entertaining, gifts, decorations or getting the car ready for the holiday, consider patronizing the businesses that supported us through the year.

A full list businesses can be found on the website.

Toys:

Hobbyland
www.Jigzoos.com.au
Kuringai Cycles
Learn 4 Fun
Reef Aquariums
Toy Barn.com.au
Toys & Tales Beecroft

Food:

Bella Gelati
Brumby's - Thornleigh
Cookie Man
Danes Gourmet Coffee
Food on the Move
Gelattissimo
Gloria Jeans Hornsby
Michel's
The Tea Centre
A Cut Above Fine Foods
Tender Value Meats
Woodside Meat Service

Gifts:

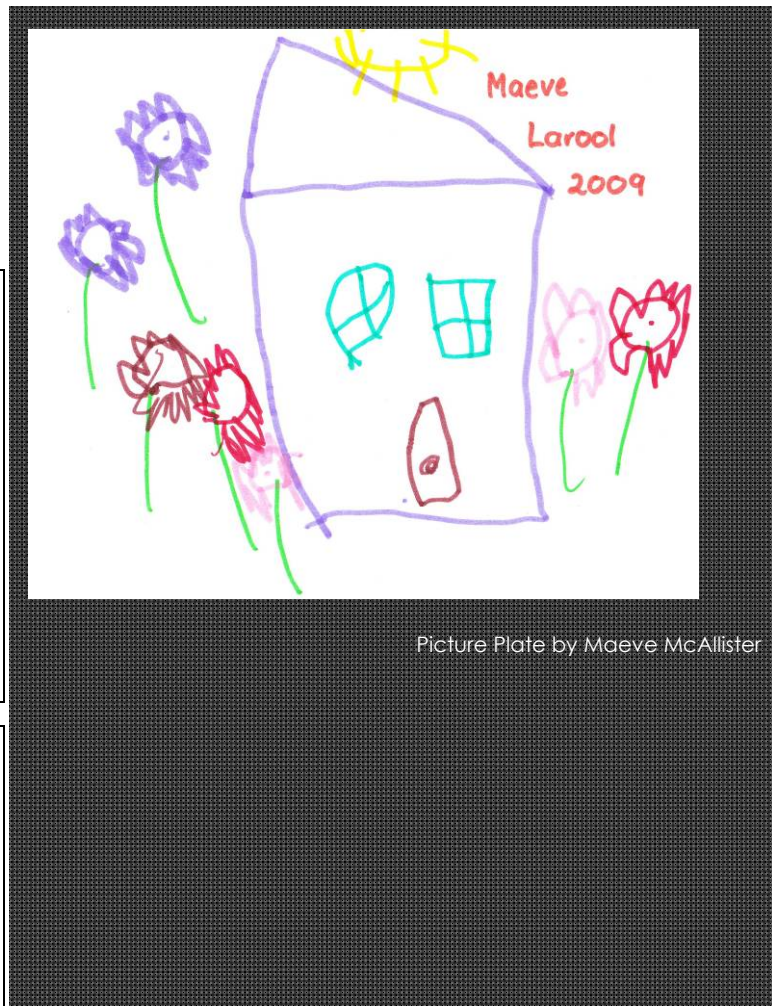
Australian Geographic
Australian Room Quality Gifts
Culinary Delight
DFO Homebush Pty Ltd
Kopycut Engraving
Our Place
The Bees Knees

Mechanic:

AAA Mechanical
Auto One - Waitara
Billy's Automotive Service
Greenlight Car Care
John Lynn Smash Repairs
Lexus of Chatswood
Pacific Auto Electrics
Panel Haus
Thornleigh Motor Repairs

Decorations:

Christmas Barn
Everything Christmas



Picture Plate by Maeve McAllister

