



## LUGARNO PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 10 2022

**President's Message ....** Thank you to all the parents who came along to our recent P & C meeting along with Mrs Williams and Mr Walker. It was great to see some new faces and hear new ideas. There has also been a suggestion of purchasing a stingless beehive to install at school, please see the information below and reach out with any comments or concerns.

What a fantastic turnout of around 200 students at our Neon Disco on Friday. A huge thank you to the Prisuda family who transformed the hall into a world of neon with awesome lighting and a photo wall. Thank you also to all the parents who helped out. Stay tuned for the professional photographs taken by Cyndee Macchia.

An application has also been submitted on before of the P & C in the 2022 NSW Community Building Partnership Grant. Unfortunately, we are unable to proceed with the shade/all-weather structure over the basketball court due to cost (around \$350,000 to receive structural engineer compliance!) however we have applied for two shade sails to go over the nature playspace and 3 new seating huts. Fingers crossed!

Regards,

Mel Porter  
president@lugarnopandc.org.au

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### Dates for the diary ...

- P & C meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 7pm with special guest Mr David Coleman MP  
via zoom only:  
Meeting ID: 644 7659 1565  
Passcode: 447827
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – National Tree Day Event at school – *if you are interested in helping out please sign up via:*  
[volunteersignup.org/E9MP4](https://volunteersignup.org/E9MP4)
- 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – P & C Trivia Night at Penshurst RSL (adults only) – tables of 8 – tickets via Qkr!
- Father's Day Breakfast and gift stall: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August
- 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Colour Run

## SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

### **FUNDRAISING/EVENTS NEWS**

Committee convenor: Natasha Jankulovski

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### **Trivia Night – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

Our trivia night will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August at Penshurst RSL. This is an adult only event. There will be lots of fun and prizes, including auctioning of classroom artwork. Tickets are now available on Qkr! \$220 for a table of 8 or \$30 for individual tickets and we will place you on a table. Tickets include a dessert (alternate serve). Dress theme is come dressed as something starting with L, P or S so get thinking! If you would like to donate a prize please email: [fundraising@lugarnopandc.org.au](mailto:fundraising@lugarnopandc.org.au)



## CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Manager: Sharon Steed

Committee convenor: Janette Allardyce-Walker

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The canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for lunch orders.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL this Wednesday.** The canteen will be open to serve pre-ordered lunches with chips, grain waves and water available to purchase all day. We should even have a small number of extra sausage sandwiches available. For parents, a Coffee Van is going to be stationed inside the grounds, so make sure you drop in and say hi to Sandor.

Don't forget about the Friday Ice Block competition. Place an order on Fridays to be in the running, these will be drawn randomly throughout the term.

Unfortunately, we are still unable to offer counter service, however lunch orders can be placed online using QKR!

We can't provide this service without our volunteers, if you have a couple of hours you can spare during the day, we'd love to talk to you. It is easy and great fun. Contact Sharon Steed on 0430 290 077 for more information.



# WISE BEANS

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## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Committee convenor: Janette Allardyce-Walker

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Uniform Shop opening hours are Monday and Thursday mornings 8:30 to 9:30 in the School Hall. QKR! is still the best way to order if you know exactly what you want, and orders will be filled and delivered to your child's classroom.

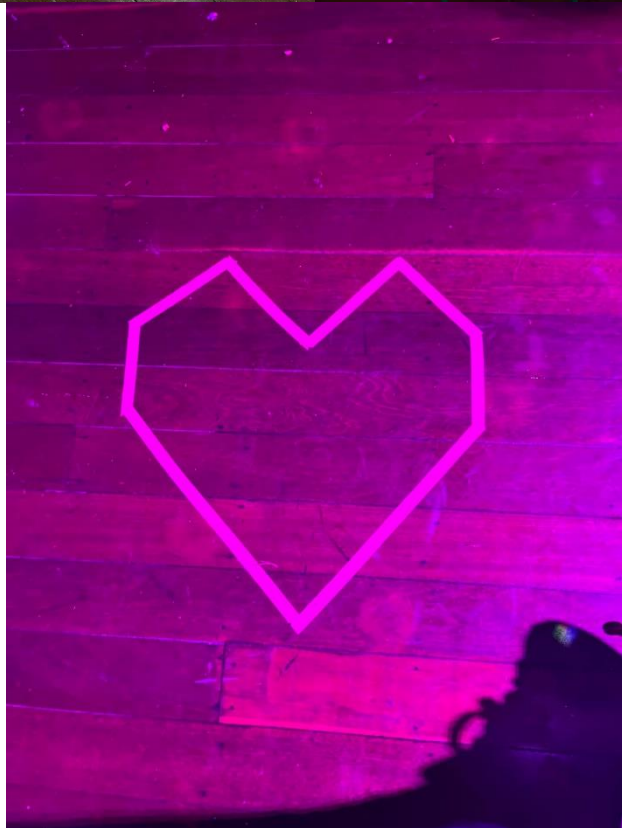
Most winter uniform is in stock, with the rest is on its way. Qkr! will be updated as new items arrive.

If you have any unwanted coat hangers, we would love to have them.

Don't forget to join the private LPS P&C Facebook group.

## Disco 2022







**Thank you Prisuda family for all the lighting.**



**Thank you Cyndee Macchia for giving up your time to take professional photos of our disco – stay tuned for these.**

# BEEHIVE BRIEF

## Beehive installation opportunity | Stingless Bees | Billion Bees

### Billion Bees

There are a few different suppliers of beehives for schools. The LPS P&C are considering to partner with a charity called "**Billion Bees**". The founder, Saverio Russo, is a Blakehurst local whose family owns *Roma Pizza* restaurant in South Hurstville.

Billion Bees Foundation attempts to re-introduce native bees to the community and bushfire ravaged areas of NSW and southern Queensland. They work actively with arborists to rescue hives to help propagate and breed Australian stingless bees.

But they also work with the school community with education programs and also have successfully installed stingless bee hives into many Sydney schools, childcare centres, community gardens and organic farms.

The programs unite multiple community groups. All hives are hand-made by the Brighton Men's Shed, and Georges River Council have approved the Blakehurst Reserve to be used to store hives that need a temporary home before relocation.

### Overview of Stingless Bees

From the more than 2,500 types of native bees found in Australia, the "*Tetragonula carbonaria*" are the only species in Sydney that live in a colony and make honey. They are one of just 12 species that are **stingless**. While Australia's bees are often called stingless, they do have stingers but they cannot sting. Many bees may bite as a defensive mechanism.

Our native social stingless bees (*Tetragonula*) produce a unique type of tangy honey called 'sugarbag'. It has been shown to have substantial germ-killing medicinal properties. But each hive can only produce up to one kg of honey per year (i.e. it is less commercially productive than other bee species).

The rise in feral European honeybees creates competition for native Australian wildlife, including black cockatoos and other nectar collectors. Australian native bees are delicate and little, and don't come out of the hive unless its over 18 degrees.

Bees can be a great pet because there is literally no maintenance (the less interference they get, the better).

Native social stingless bees are already being successfully used for pollination of crops such as: macadamias, mangoes, watermelons, lychees.



Brood comb of a native Australian stingless bee (*Tetragonula carbonaria*) colony © Anne Döllin





### Media stories

Want to learn more about Billion Bees Foundation? Below is some media coverage of the purpose of the Billion Bees Foundation and their mission "to give nature the upper hand":

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-12-24/billion-bees-foundations-aims-to-save-native-bee-species/100723264>

[www.billionbees.com.au](http://www.billionbees.com.au)

<https://www.theleader.com.au/story/6503320/a-hive-of-industry-to-save-our-native-bees/>



## Consultation period

If Lugarno Public School & the P&C Association move forward with installing a stingless bee hive, then the Billion Bees charity would be responsible for sourcing a suitable location on school grounds for any bee hive that is purchased. It would preferably be situated away from the main classrooms and COLA, and general traffic area. The hive needs sunlight and some protection from wind.

**If you are a parent with any concerns about a stingless bee hive being installed at LPS, please contact either the P&C or the teaching staff in the next month or attend our next P&C meeting on July 20th at 7pm.**







# Lugarno Public School Tree Planting Day

*Connect with Nature*



Join our school community as we plant trees to celebrate National Tree Day

**Friday, 29 July 2022**

Get involved - just like our special guests: Oatley Flora & Fauna Conservation Society, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Fergusons Toyota, Rotary Padstow and MP's David Coleman & Mark Couré.

RSVP required due to catering. Contact Jasmine.

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