



Lynwood Times

A newsletter for the community of Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School

15th Oct 2021

T4 W2 **Dates for** **Your Diary**

Oct 18
*Kinder and
Year 1 students
return*

Oct 25
*Years 2, 3, 4, 5
& 6 students
return*

Oct 19–Nov 17
*Selective High
School 2023
website open*

Nov 17
*Opportunity
Class
placement test*

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

All of us at Lynwood Park PS are very much looking forward to the return of our students beginning next Monday. It feels like such a long time since we have been able to see all their smiling faces and hear their excited voices. A very difficult and trying time for all members of our community! Thank you to our students for their hard work during learning from home and thank you especially to our parents and carers for their patience, understanding and cooperation. You all deserve medals 😊

School Covid Safety Arrangements

Despite the fact that Covid restrictions have eased throughout NSW, we are still “not out of the woods”. The people of NSW have done an heroic job of pushing vaccination rates from one of the lowest to one of the highest in Australia. However, there is a significant proportion of our population who are not vaccinated (through no fault of their own) – and that is our children under the age of 12 years. For this reason, the restrictions covering schools in NSW are different to those in other areas of the community. We have to keep our children safe. The Delta variant has shown that it doesn't discriminate between age groups. Young children are just as vulnerable to the virus as older people, and until a vaccine is approved for this age group, we have to do everything we can to keep them safe. For this reason, the Departments of Education and Health have brought in many guidelines and have issued Public Health Orders that determine what schools (particularly primary) can and can't do until further notice. Rather than attaching pages and pages of these guidelines, I have tried to summarise them for our community here:

Vaccinations: All adults who are authorised to be on site must be double vaccinated.

Parents and Visitors: Parents and visitors are not permitted on site without a specific reason (such as an appointment with a teacher or the Principal, or to complete urgent repairs). Parents must drop off students at either the Frederick Street gate or the Turner Street gate. Both gates will be staffed by an executive or teaching member of staff plus SLSOs in the morning and afternoon. The SLSOs will be on hand to help with separation anxiety. Please talk to your children about what will happen before arriving on your allotted day. If the children know what to expect, they will be somewhat calmer.

Covid Safe Hygiene:

Masks: Parents are asked to stay in cars where possible when dropping off and picking up. If it is necessary to wait at the gates, social distancing must apply and it is recommended that you wear a mask. All adults on site, including teaching staff and approved visitors, must wear a mask indoors. It is strongly recommended that students also wear a mask but this is not mandatory. If you would like your child to wear a mask, we will support your wishes. If this is the case please send a note to your child's teacher stating your wishes and send your child to school with a clean mask every day.

Hand Washing: We will be continuing our handwashing routines with the children. Hands will be washed at least 6 times a day especially around eating and toilet visit times.

Social Distancing: The Department has instructed all schools to separate cohorts wherever possible. This means that students in certain groups will be kept separate, wherever possible, from other groups. The reason for this is to minimise the risk of spreading the disease to all students in the school should the virus be inadvertently introduced to the site. For instance, if a child in Year 3 unknowingly comes to school while infectious, since that child will have been socialising and learning in Bubble C, the chances of the virus being transmitted throughout the school will be minimised. It is for this reason that we are asking parents to deliver children to specific gates wherever possible. We are asking that children who are in years K-2 be dropped off and picked up at the Turner Street gate and students in years 3-6 at the Frederick Street gate. If this becomes impossible for parents to adhere to, the department has recommended staggered start and finish times for the school day.

Our learning bubbles will be:

Bubble A: KR, KB, K/1Y

Bubble B: 1/2G, 1/2O, 2P

Bubble C: 3/4R, 3/4C, 3/4M

Bubble D: 5/5A, 5/5T

Throughout the day, recess, lunch, play and toilet visit times will be staggered in order to allow for separation of the cohorts. For shared spaces such as the library, playground equipment and computer lab, no more than one bubble per day will be allowed to access the space in order to allow for cleaning in between.

Canteen: The school canteen will commence operations from Monday 25th October. Students will not be permitted to visit the canteen for over the counter purchases, and all recess and lunch orders must be made online via the Flexischools app.

Special End of Year Celebrations: At this point, end of year celebrations such as presentation assemblies and farewells are not permitted. The department has indicated that this may change once the Higher School Certificate examination has finished in early December.

Uniform Purchases: The purchase of new uniform items can be made online from our supplier, Excel (www.exceluniforms.com.au). A price list and online ordering details are available later in this newsletter. Preloved items for purchase from our P&C Shop are not available at the moment. We will let you know as soon as this facility becomes available.

Sick Students: Students who are exhibiting even the **mildest of flu symptoms, must** be kept at home. Notify the office that they are ill and we will record the absence as Sick Leave. If a child comes to school with even the mildest of symptoms, **you will be called to come to the school to collect them immediately**. A list of symptoms to watch out for is attached to this newsletter.

Camp Australia OOSHC: Our OOSHC will be continuing as usual but with their own COVID safe guidelines as recommended by NSW Health. Obviously it is impossible for Mary and her team to keep the children in bubbles. However, management of the risk will be achieved through strict following of hygiene practices. See Mary's letter to parent and carers later in this newsletter.

There is a lot of conflicting and confusing information flitting throughout the community and on social media. Please don't hesitate to contact us for clarification or further explanation on any issue, and be assured that everything we are putting in place is to ensure the safety of your children.

Finally, attached to this newsletter is very important information from the Department of Education with regard to how your child's Attendance will be recorded during the learning from home period. We have provided a lot of information on this over the last few months and this is just a final reminder.

Have a lovely fortnight and if you are double vaxxed, enjoy your new freedoms!

Leigh Bade - Principal

Quote of the Week

"Be safe, be smart, be kind."

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus – WHO Director General – In the first months of the pandemic



Kindergarten Enrolments for 2022



We are currently taking kindergarten enrolments for next year. Children who turn 5 before 31st July 2022 are eligible to enrol for the school year commencing on February 1st 2022.

All enrolments – whether in or out of area – can now be made online. Just go to our website: lynwoodpk-p.schools.nsw.gov.au and click on the tab at the top of the page called ENROLMENT.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to complete a paper copy for enrolment, please call the office on 9622 2659 to arrange a time to pick one up. If you have friends, family or neighbours who have little ones of Kindergarten age, please let them know that we are taking enrolments. The sooner they enrol, the better we can plan for their child.

Our usual Kindergarten Orientation activities will be disrupted this term for obvious reasons. We are in the final stages of planning and will have more information for you soon. Briefly however, what you can expect is that our new Kindergarten students will likely be allowed to come on site for at least one visit to "Big School" and our parent information sessions will probably be run via Zoom.

If you have any questions or concerns at all in the meantime, please don't hesitate to call the office on the number above. If our lovely office staff are unable to answer your questions, they will pass your details onto myself or one of our fantastic 2021 Kindergarten Team:

Mrs Krystle MacLaren (Assistant Principal K-2)
Miss Jodie Cowan Mrs Sarah Herring Mrs Elly Deiri

Mrs Leigh Bade

Exciting News from Book Club!!!

New - Minecraft, Roblox, Geronimo Stilton, Rick Riordan and picture books.

I have included a link to the **digital Book club brochure**. It has many bargains as well as other new and interesting books. There are a few books which are only \$3 and \$4. There is so much to choose from. Have a look!

Purchases can be made online. Home delivery is available.

Once everyone returns to school, Scholastic are making their catalogues available online. If you search on **Scholastic Book Club Australia**, it will take you to the website so you can explore what's available.

Many thanks.

Mrs Lynne Gould



Attendance During Learning from Home

We are very grateful to our parents and carers for supporting their children to engage in the Learning from Home activities that have been provided by their teachers.

As a school, it has been a legal requirement to keep accurate attendance rolls during the Learning from Home period. Students have been marked as attending school (**Flexible Attendance**) if they have been providing reasonable evidence of participation in the Learning from Home program of activities. The following is taken directly from the Department of Education's guidelines for schools regarding the marking of attendance during the Learning from Home period.

The minimum standard for attendance has been evidence of:

- **student completion of specific work during a set time period allocated by the school e.g. worksheets, activities and online tasks that are submitted to the teacher by a specified date. Schools should take account of students whose work is delivered and collected in hard copy**
- **student engagement with online lessons e.g. the teacher keeps a roll of student attendance during online lessons or students' participation in online lessons**

Throughout the Learning from Home period, the need to provide evidence of learning has been continuously communicated to our community. We understand that many families have been unable to provide regular evidence of learning throughout the period of Learning from Home. We request that families who have been working on paper packs, ensure that you return your students' learning when they return to school to enable us to determine whether they have participated in the learning sufficiently to be marked as **Flexible Attendance**.

For students who cannot provide evidence of Learning from Home, we are required to mark them as an **Unjustified Absence** from school.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on the Department's Attendance policy, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 9622 2659 and ask to speak with Mrs Leigh Bade or Mrs Tracy Stewart.



SIGN UP TODAY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BAND

Simply go online at
www.schoolbands.com.au
and fill in the form to receive more info.

Four great reasons to be in Band:

- ♪ To learn an instrument
- ♪ To understand music
- ♪ To have fun
- ♪ To learn how to learn

LIMITED
SPACES
AVAILABLE



Take the next step to a musical future here!

We will be back to your school soon to assess students and guide them to the best choice of instrument. Go online to choose your favourite three to try!

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| ■ Flute | ■ Trumpet | ■ Bass Guitar |
| ■ Clarinet | ■ Trombone | ■ Percussion/Drums |
| ■ Saxophone | ■ Low Brass | ■ Glockenspiel |

Please note: Bass Guitar & Percussion/Drums are limited in numbers. Whilst every attempt will be made to allocate first preferences, it may not be possible in every case.



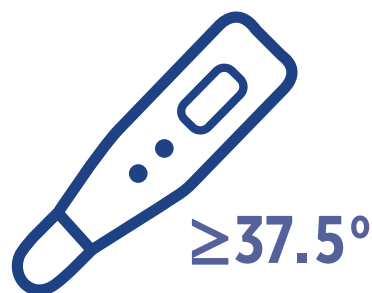
For more information:
Go to www.schoolbands.com.au
or Email: principal@schoolbands.com.au
or Call: 1300 1 BANDS (1300 122 637)



Got symptoms? Get tested.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.

Symptoms include:



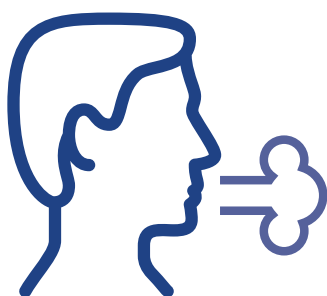
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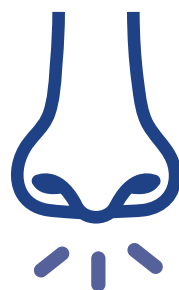
cough



sore throat



difficulty breathing



loss of smell



loss of taste

Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include:

fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomiting,
diarrhoea, loss of appetite or other flu symptoms.

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UNIFORM ORDER FORM

ORDERED BY:	ORDER METHOD	DELIVER VIA:
Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Date: _____	FREE FAX: 1800 739 832 Email: <u>lpps@exceluniforms.com.au</u> Online: <u>www.exceluniforms.com.au</u>	Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Pick Up At Uniform Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Sent To Class <input type="checkbox"/>

	Item	Price (Size 4-14)	Price (Size 16 up)	Size	Quantity	Total
GIRLS	Royal Tartan Dress	\$37.00	\$40.00			
	Royal Blue Skorts	\$19.00	\$22.00			
	Multi Polo Shirts	\$26.00	\$29.00			
	Royal Blue Shorts	\$19.00	\$22.00			
	Royal Blue Long Dress Pants	\$23.00	\$26.00			
	Royal Tartan Hair Scrunchies	\$5.00	\$5.00			
	Dance Pants	\$19.00	\$21.00			
BOYS	Multi Polo Shirts	\$26.00	\$29.00			
	Royal Blue Cargo Shorts	\$20.00	\$23.00			
	Royal Blue Trousers	\$23.00	\$26.00			
	Sports Polo - Unisex	\$25.00	\$27.00			
	Sports Shorts	\$18.00	\$20.00			
WINTER	Royal Microfibre Jacket	\$36.00	\$39.00			
	Royal Microfibre Pants	\$25.00	\$26.00			
	Fleecy Jumper	\$20.00	\$23.00			
	Fleecy Track Pants	\$19.00	\$21.00			
HAT	Slouch Hat	S, M, L	\$15.00			
	Legionnaire Hat	One size only	\$11.00			
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<p>1. CREDIT CARD DETAILS:</p> <p>(Minimum Spending \$20.00)</p> <p>CARDNUMBER: ____:____:____:____:____:____:____:____:____:____:____:____:____:____:____:____:_____</p> <p>EXPIRY DATE: ____:____/____:____ CCV:_____ AMOUNT: \$_____</p> <p>CARDHOLDER NAME(PleasePrint): _____</p> <p>SIGNATURE: _____</p>	<p>2.Internet Banking or Bank Deposit</p> <p>ANZ Bank Account: Excel Uniforms</p> <p>Account No.:4960 98813 BSB: 012 294</p> <p>(Please State LPPS and Your Family Name)</p> <p>3. Cheque: Not Accepted</p>
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Dear Parents & Carers,

Bookings are now open, and we encourage you to make your bookings in advance to secure your child's spot in Before or After School Care. It is easy to make and manage your bookings through our Parent Portal.

As a service governed by education and childcare laws and regulations, we can only operate our service within the required educator to child ratio and our licensed capacity. The more notice we have on bookings, the better able we are to staff our service to meet your needs.

Under the government's revised Covid Safety requirements, we have made some amendments on our pick-up and drop-off policy.

Currently, only children and Camp Australia staff will be allowed on site, hence you must wait in your car for pick up and drop off.

Call the service number (0450 273 651) and a Camp Australia staff member will walk your child to your car during pickup.

If it is necessary for you to leave your car (for example, to speak with a staff member), please ensure you do the following:

- Scan QR Code
- Wear a mask
- Maintain social distancing

We thank you for your patience and understanding on the matter.

Regards,

Mary Dasan
Coordinator

15th October 2021