



Lynwood Times

A newsletter for the community of Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School

12th Nov 2021

T4 W6 Dates for Your Diary

Nov 1 – Dec 10
Check In
Asses'ts Y3-6

Week of Nov 15
School Band
loan
instruments due
for return for
check and
service

Oct 19–Nov 17
Selective High
School 2023
website open

Nov 16
School Band –
Parent Info
Night – via
Zoom 5.30pm

Nov 17
Opportunity
Class test

Nov 23
High School
Orientation Day
-TBC

Nov 24
Student
Leadership
Speeches

Nov 25
School Band –
Parent Info
Night – via
Zoom 6.30pm

Nov 26
Book Week:
"Bigger, Better,
Brighter"

Dec 9
Year 6 Farewell

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

The staff and students have certainly hit the ground running since returning in Weeks 3 and 4! The children in particular need to be commended on their behaviour and adherence to the COVID safety protocols we have put in place across the school. I am so proud of them!

As we advised via social media, all NSW schools are now operating under Level 3 restrictions. Briefly, what this means for our community is as follows:

Vaccinations No adults are allowed on site unless they are fully vaccinated with two doses. Only those adults who are directly involved in delivering the curriculum or assisting in the operational running of the school are allowed on site. This includes: visiting allied health providers, uniform shop personnel, canteen personnel, incursion performers where the incursion is related to the curriculum, music instructors etc. Parents and all other adults may only come on site with the approval of the Principal. OOSH parents may come on site to drop off and pick up children. They must not approach the facility without approval from the supervisor.

Masks All adults are to wear masks indoors at all times except when eating and drinking. It is not mandatory for children to wear masks, however they are encouraged to do so for their own and others' protection.

Cohorts Our bubble protocols and split recess and lunch times will continue in order to minimise contact between children. For this reason, student lunch and recess orders must be made on-line. There are no over the counter sales.

Orientation Sessions Will be allowed provided mingling/contact between cohorts is minimised. High schools may offer alternatives to usual orientation sessions due to the delayed start to the Higher School Certificate. We will be going ahead with a pared down orientation for our 2022 Kindergarten students (see details later in the newsletter).

Graduations and Presentation Assemblies These can go ahead provided cohorts/bubbles are maintained. Parents will have very limited access – usually limited to them attending only if they have a specific role to fill in the actual presentation. Formals held at external venues must follow the venue's Covid Safety Plan and protocols.

Covid Negative Testing Students and staff cannot attend school if they are exhibiting flu-like symptoms, even if the symptoms are mild. Students with symptoms will be isolated in sick bay and parents will be called to come and collect their child. Children cannot return to school unless:

- They have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available **OR**
- They have received a negative Covid-19 test result **AND** are symptom free

Where a student has other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from the family GP is sufficient to cancel the need for a negative test. A Rapid Antigen Test result is not acceptable proof that a child does not have Covid -19 because the test result (which must be sighted by the school) does not have the child's name printed officially.

Have a lovely fortnight!
Leigh Bade - Principal

Other News ...

Kindergarten 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.

Kindergarten Orientation

While orientations can go ahead, we are restricted in what we can and can't do. At this stage we are planning the following:

- New Kindergarten students will have two orientation sessions – 2 x Thursday afternoons on 2nd and 9th December. One fully vaccinated parent can escort child on site and pick up upon finishing.
- Kindergarten 2022 Parent Zoom with school personnel – 6pm on Thursday 2nd December.
- Information packs containing school specific and Department of Education material

2023 Selective High School Applications

Applications for Selective High School entry for current Year 5 students who will be entering high school in 2023 are open at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications must be completed **online**.

Applications **close on 17th November 2021**

If you have questions regarding completing the online application, contact the school immediately – however, we cannot complete the application for you.

Parents Tell Them From Me Survey

Parents have the opportunity to provide valuable feedback to the school and to the Department of Education via the parent version of the Tell Them From Me Survey. An email with the survey login details was sent home two weeks ago to all our families. Sadly, to date, only 12 parents/families have responded. Please check your emails and help our school improve by responding to the survey questions. Answers are completely anonymous and only aggregate data is fed back to the school and used in DoE survey results. If you can't find the email, the survey can be accessed here (no password is required):

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/s3782>

School Hours Reminder

The school learning day starts at 9.00am sharp in the morning and ends at 3.00pm in the afternoon. PLEASE be on time dropping your child off at school in the morning. Late arrivals tie up personnel at the gates and are a disruption to class routines. Similarly, being late for pick up in the afternoon or leaving it till after 3.00pm to notify the school that a child needs to go to after school care, also ties up personnel at the gates as well as using up their valuable time supervising uncollected children. Teachers have families too.



Opportunity Class Placement Test for 2022

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held at our school on the morning of **Wednesday 17 November, 2021**. Students must arrive at school by 9 am. Parents should have received by email a 'Test authority' letter which students are required to bring as a printed copy on the day of the test. The Opportunity Class Placement test will be run in the school's computer room and will be supervised by Lynwood Park PS staff. Please contact the school office if you require further information.

Quote of the Week

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Barack Obama – 44th President of the USA



Silver Awards (from T2)

Gabrielle R - 34R
Armani G KR
Shania M – K1Y
Tyler S – K1Y

Aradhya A – KR
Creswell P – KR
Savreen K – K1Y
Jaxon K – K1Y

Logan P – KR
Thea S – KR
Elleni B – K1Y
Wania A – 34C

Gold Awards

Theas S – KR

Jayden C – KR
Creswell P – KR
Janella G – KB
Vasudha S – KB
Ezra C-J - KB

Aaidah A – KB
Hoorain S – K1Y
Matt C – K1Y
Georgia B – K1Y
Tyler S – K1Y
Ariana B – 12G
Alexis G – 12G

Sophia P – 12G
Banitdeep K – 12G
Sophie M – 12G
Iris D – 12O
Brody L – 12O
Hunter W – 12O

Book Week – Live Stream Performance - BIGGER, BETTER, BRIGHTER! Whole School Incursion – Friday 26th November

One day a girl named Marley woke up to discover that 'Something' was missing...

And so begins a quest that will lead Marley through destinations that are strange and challenging but often oddly familiar. However, first she must determine what it is that has disappeared from her life that is causing such a sense of emptiness.

This is the storyline behind the livestream incursion planned for Friday 26th November. **The whole school incursion has been heavily subsidised by the school so that we are able to offer the performance for just \$5 per student or \$10 per family.**

If you haven't already, give permission for your child(ren) to attend this live stream incursion based on this year's **CBCA (Childrens Book Council of Australia) 2021 Shortlisted Books**. A permission note is attached to this newsletter.

In a year that has been full of disappointments and missed opportunities, this is a chance for our children to have a bit of fun and to escape into the magical world of books!





News from Miss Cathy in the Canteen

Please note that "Pizzas" (both sizes) will only be available on Mondays through Thursdays for the rest of this year. (In other words, neither sized pizza will be available on Fridays).

Thank you to students and parents for your ongoing support. It is greatly appreciated.
Miss Cathy – Canteen Manager

2022 Kindy Orientation!

We are still taking enrolments for 2022 and will do so throughout Term 4. However, the earlier you get your enrolments in, the more chance of a smooth transition into the new year, so please enrol as soon as possible or remind your neighbours to do so.

We are very pleased that, with approval from the Department of Education and ensuring we follow COVID safe plans, we are able to hold on-site Kindy Orientation sessions closer to the end of the term. These sessions will provide the opportunity for next year's Kindy students to visit "Big School" and spend some time in the classroom. It will also allow students to meet some other students as well as some of the Lynwood Park teachers.

Orientation sessions will take place on:

Thursday 2nd December from 1:45pm to 2:45pm and

Thursday 9th December from 1:45pm to 2:45pm.

A parent information session will also take place on the evening of Thursday 2nd December.

More information will be provided to our 2022 families in the coming weeks.



Special Visit from the Drivers of Shell-V Power Racing Team – Supercars Championship!

The Shell-V Power Supercars Racing Team have made a commitment to work towards becoming carbon neutral over the coming years. They heard about the fabulous work our Stage 3 students have been doing for the last two years as part of the Science curriculum in trying to make our school more sustainable and building up the biodiversity contained in our school grounds. As a result, they have asked if they can plant some trees in our grounds to offset their carbon footprint!

The drivers and other members of the Shell-V Team will be visiting us on Thursday 18th November to chat with our Stage 3 students and to plant some more trees! How exciting and fabulous is that!!!!!!

Naturally, the team will be fully vaccinated and will be wearing masks. Social distancing protocols will be enforced as per the school's Covid Safety Plan 😊.

Check-in Assessments Online

Our students in Years 3-6 have been participating in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment with their classes this week.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments supplement existing school practices and provide teachers with prompt information that assist them to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Some classes will complete both assessments this week and others will complete the 2nd assessment next week.

Students may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.



Selective High School Applications for Year 7 2023

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2023, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 10 March 2022.

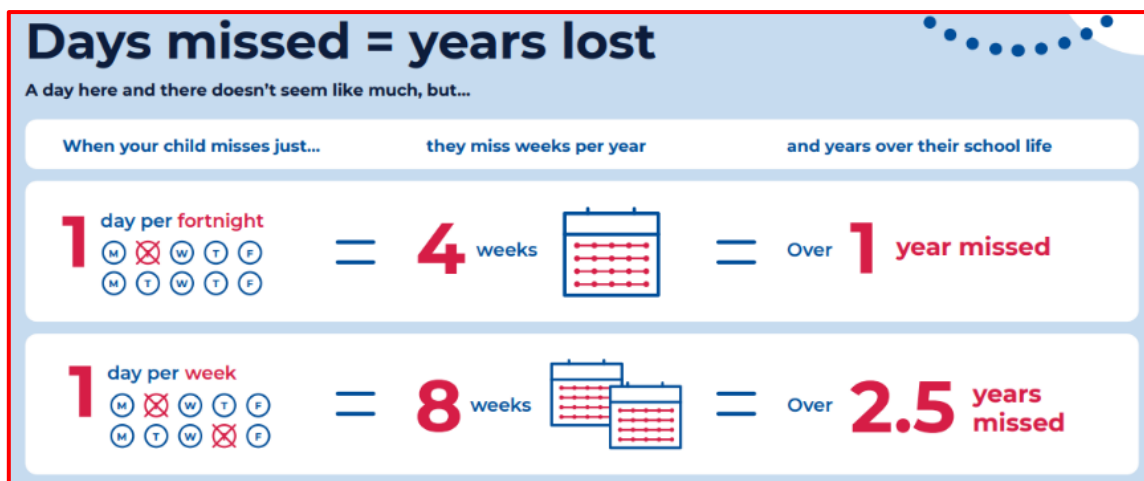
Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications open on 19 October 2021 and close on **17 November 2021**. **You must apply before the closing date as no late applications are accepted.**

You must submit only ONE application for each student. Please also return the Intention to Apply note, which students received this week, to school.

If you have any queries, please speak with Mrs Stewart.





Band News

Lynwood Park PS Training Band (2022)

Registrations are now open for next year's training band program,



We are excited to provide the students of Lynwood Park with the opportunity to join the school's training band in 2022. Despite the interruptions of COVID and the limitations around band rehearsals and performances over the last two years, we are proud to witness the continued growth of our school band program.

Students in Years 2-5 (2021) are invited to register for training band in 2022.



Parents are encouraged to visit the SBA Web page: <https://www.schoolbands.com.au/choosing-the-rightinstrument/> to watch videos about each of the instruments in the band.

School Bands Australia will be hosting two parent information sessions to give families more information about the SBA program they offer students as well as the benefits of music education. Parents who have questions or want to know more about band are asked to log on to either of these zoom information sessions (see links below). Further questions can be directed to Mrs Thompson via the school office.

SBA Parent information sessions will be held on:

Tuesday, 16 November (5:30pm) via ZOOM link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86932162354>

OR

Thursday, 25 November (6:30pm) via ZOOM link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87497485910>

We look forward to seeing student registrations coming in over the next few weeks.



2021 School band program

While current Level 3 restrictions limit the playing of musical instruments to those which can be played while wearing masks, our band program remains on hold. We will soon be issuing information regarding the return of instruments for cleaning and stocktake. We will also be asking for an indication from families around their student's involvement in the band program in 2022 and if you wish to renew your instrument hire.

Please note that students who are currently part of the band program do not need to re-register (via the SBA website mentioned above) for participation in the 2022 band program.



Mrs Thompson
Band Co-ordinator

Stage 3 Term 4

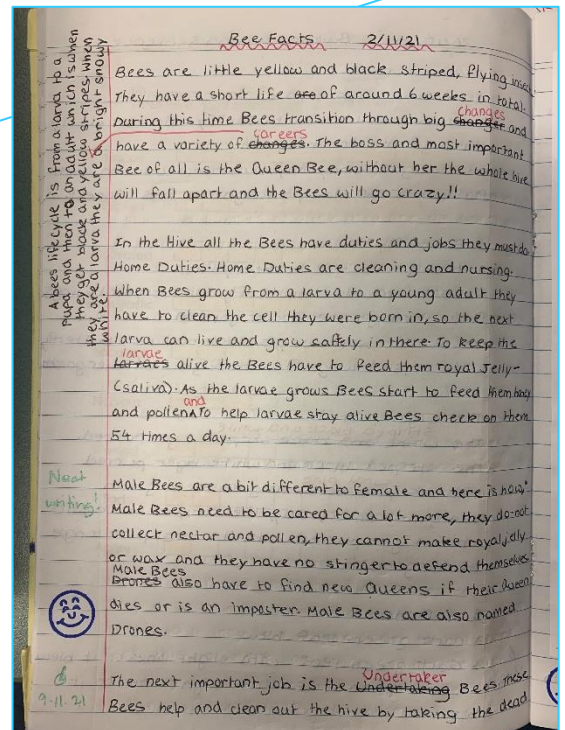
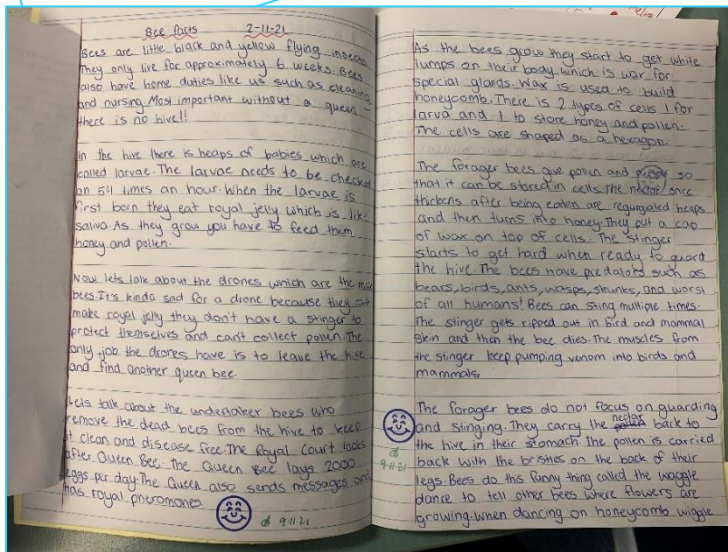
Stage 3 students (and teachers) have been enjoying being back in the classroom together! It's hard to believe that we only have weeks left to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Term 4 Stage 3 is always packed full of fun, although we are still focused on our doing our best learning, at the moment. We hope you enjoy this snapshot into our learning since returning to school.



Writing – Bee Your Best!

We read a 'handbook for bees', written by their Queen Bee to discover lots of facts about bees. We highlighted and collated the most important information so that students could write their own information reports. The end results were impressive! Here is just a couple of examples.



Together again

Students are enjoying lots of time to socialise and reconnect with their peers. They have also been working really hard in the classroom and engaged with the lessons being provided to by the teachers.

Keep up the great work Stage 3, we are really proud of all of you!



Stage 3 Term 4

Creative Arts – Some Birds

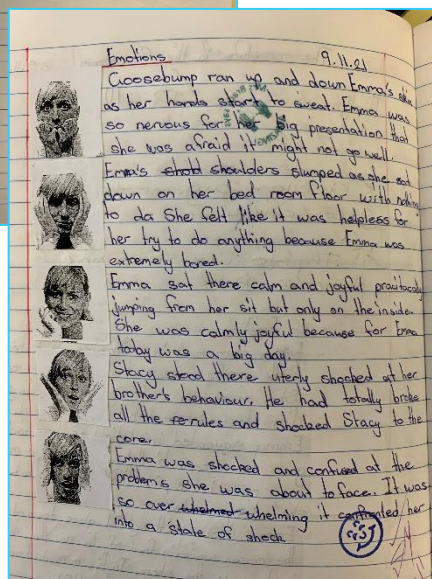
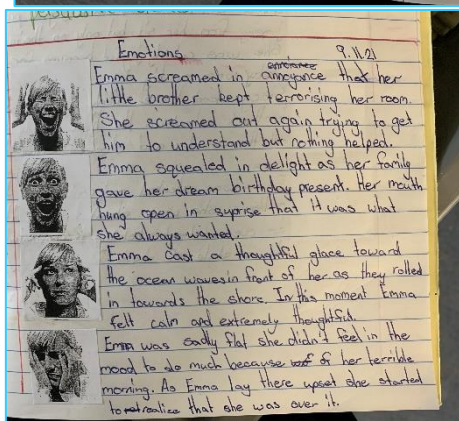
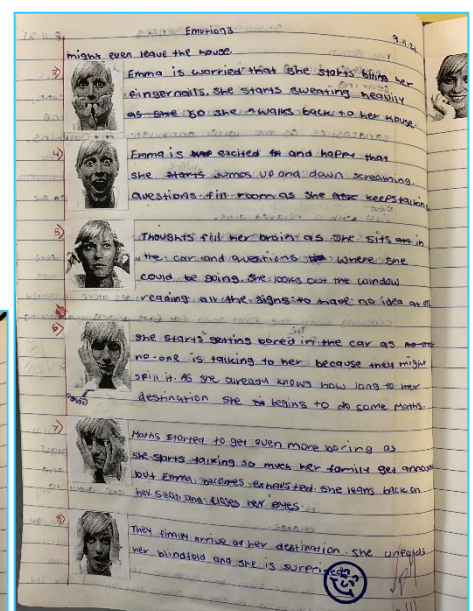
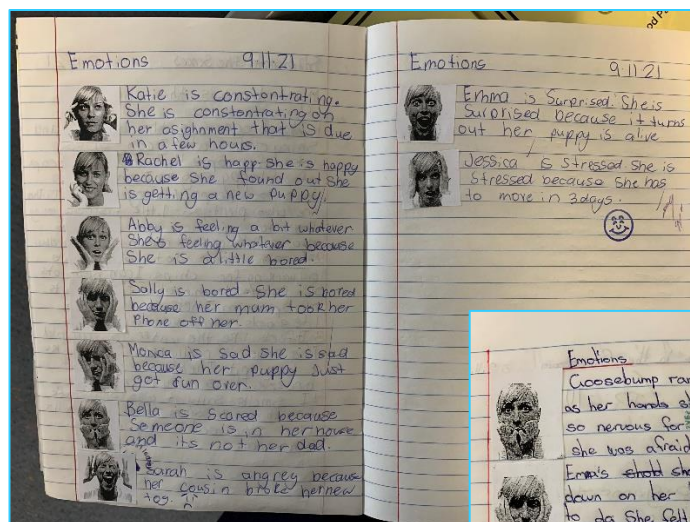
We read a story by Matt Spink which was our inspiration to do some bright and colourful bird art work.

They are all still a work in progress as Stage 3 love to use art time as a chance to communicate with their peers!



Writing – Emotions

To help the students use words to describe feelings rather than just labelling the feeling, we have used pictures of people's faces and discussed what might be happening to cause them to have a set expression on their face. There has been lots of great discussion as a class that has led to students using engaging descriptive language to describe how people are feeling. We look forward to reading more of these descriptions throughout their writing in the coming weeks.



We look forward to continuing to work hard and have fun making memories with all the Stage 3 Students.

Mrs Osborne on behalf of Mrs Brady and Mrs Stewart

Remembrance Day Thursday November 11th 2021

On Thursday 11th November 2021, we held a service to commemorate the many service men and women who have battled in wars for Australia. Thank you to our school leaders, Ebony and Musa, who read a script that was broadcast into classrooms for staff and students to hear.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. Lest we forget.





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Book Week Performance



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are pleased to announce that our students are invited to attend our virtual Book Week Performance on Friday 26th November 2021. "Bigger, Better, Brighter" is an interactive and educational musical adventure that brings together all the elements of great storytelling - a hero, a mystery, a quest, and an exploration! The storyline follows Marley who is seeking to discover why life feels so empty and what is it that has gone missing? During the quest, Marley is joined by a selection of characters from the **CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) 2021 Shortlisted Books** to help solve the mystery.

The cost of the performance is being heavily subsidised by the school **so that we are able to offer the performance for just \$5 per student or \$10 per family**. In a year that has been full of disappointments and missed opportunities, this is a chance for our children to have a bit of fun and to escape into the magical world of books.

If you would like your child(ren) to attend this incursion, please complete the permission note below and return it to their class teacher by Friday 19th November. If you are paying \$10 as a family, please complete a permission note for each child and send the money with your oldest child to hand to their teacher.

Mrs Lynne Gould

Librarian

Mrs Leigh Bade

Principal

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Book Week Performance 2021

I give permission for of class..... to attend the Book Week Performance on Friday 26th November 2021.

☐ If paying online go to the '\$Make a Payment' link on our school webpage. Please enter "Book Week Performance" in the payment description under Excursions.

My receipt number is Date of Payment Amount Paid

☐ I have enclosed \$5.00 for the Book Week Performance incursion for my child.

☐ I have enclosed \$10.00 for the Book Week Performance incursion as a Family payment for my children. My oldest child's name is in class

Name of Parent /Caregiver..... Signed..... Date