



Lynwood Times

A newsletter for the community of Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School

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T1 W8 Dates for Your Diary

Mar 22-25

Parent /
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Interviews

Mar 25

Young Leaders
Conference

NAPLAN Online
Practice Tests

Mar 31

Longneck
Lagoon
Leadership Day

PBL Reward
Day

Apr 1

Easter Hat
Parade

Last Day of
Term

Apr 19

School Staff
Development
Day

Apr 20

Students return
for Term 2

Apr 21

P&C Meeting

May 7

P&C Mothers
Day Stall

May 10 - 21

NAPLAN

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Only two more weeks to go to the end of term and Easter holidays. As usual, the weeks are flying by.

Harmony Week and Mufti Day Yesterday, despite the rain, the children got into the spirit of things and turned up to school wearing national dress or the colour orange to celebrate Harmony Week. It was such a joy to see them enjoying themselves and recognising what a multicultural little United Nations our school is! Of our 250 students, just under 50% come from families with a language background other than English. Across our school 34 languages, from Arabic to Yoruba, are represented. We have such a deep and wide cultural heritage within our school - it is wonderful on special days to celebrate this diversity.

Children With Serious Allergies Just a reminder to parents that some of our students have serious allergies, and some of these allergies are so serious they are life threatening. Under no circumstances are nuts to be brought to school or products that contain nuts. If you are sending in cakes for birthdays, please ensure that they are store bought and still have the ingredient list attached to the packaging. Some of the other serious allergies relate to insect bites and stings and allergies to animal fur, perfumes, types of plastic etc. Please ensure that your children are aware that allergies are serious and we all must be protective of each other by doing our best to avoid bringing things to school that might be harmful. Your child's teacher will let their class know of things to watch out for.

Drop Off and Pick Up Time Road Safety Also a reminder to parents to **slow down** and be **ultra-aware** of what is going on around you during drop off and pick up times. Please don't pull up in the middle of the street to pick up a child or drop them off - at all times pull in and park appropriately and insist that children get into and out of the car from the kerb side of the vehicle. Also, please refrain from doing u-turns near the pedestrian crossing in Frederick Street. Little children have limited road safety knowledge and are very hard to see if they run out from behind a parked car. The Turner Street entrance is a Kiss and Drop zone, but it is also a very small cul-de-sac with a very small turning circle. I know it is inconvenient, but it is much safer, particularly for larger vehicles, to park down the street a little and for parents to walk up to the gate to collect children at pick up time.

Tell Them From Me – Student Survey The student survey for children in Years 4 to 6 will open soon. An information note will go home to parents shortly.

NAPLAN Practice tests will commence from March 25th, with actual testing due to occur in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 2. NAPLAN tests are conducted for students in Years 3 and 5.

COVID ILSP As explained in an earlier newsletter, each school in NSW has received funding to help negate the adverse effects on learning experienced by many children in 2020. We have now established intervention programs in phonics, phonemic awareness, comprehension, number sense and additive/multiplicative strategies for students assessed at most risk. These interventions will continue throughout the year, with the aim of assisting 100 of our students.

Have a great fortnight – Mrs Leigh Bade – Principal

The importance of setting rules and why your children need them

From the Fathering Project - an Australian not-for-profit working to inspire and equip fathers and father-figures (thefatheringproject.org).

Setting rules with your children isn't always easy, especially as they get older. However, doing your best to establish and stick to them is important! It helps children develop self-discipline, abide by and set their own boundaries, and it also shows you care.

Rules also teach children how to manage their emotions and behaviours and to get along with others and prepare for the real world.

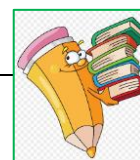
Top Tips for Setting Rules

- Set simple rules together as a family
- Establish rules that create routines
- Provide positive reinforcement when they do the right thing

Dad Joke

"What did the ocean say to the shore?
Nothing. It just waved."

Mrs Gould's Library Awards for Week 8



Kaylee FH (KR)

Amaziah P (1/2G)

Taha S (3/4M)

Ethan W (5/6A)

Olivia F (KB)

Adam V (1/2O)

Pooja NK (3/4R)

Mikayla L (5/6T)

Shania M (K/1Y)

Micah M (2P)

Austin S (3/4C)

Values Focus at Lynwood Park

In addition to the three Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations of **Be a Learner, Be Respectful and Be Safe**, we also teach the students about the values that make a person stand out from the crowd to be a "great" person.

For the first half of this term we taught the children about being a **Caring** person. The remaining half of the term has been devoted to investigating what it means to be a **POSITIVE PERSON** ...

Positive People ...

* **Are Confident, Optimistic and Enthusiastic**

* **Feel good about themselves**

* **Look for solutions – not just problems**

* **Help others to see the positive side of things**

In Week 8, we recognised those students who have been actively displaying the value of being **Positive**.
The next value we will be looking at in Term 2 is being **Fair**.

Brian the Lion is really happy to announce the Week 8 award recipients!

Citizenship: Madison M (KR), Katlyn S (3/4M)

Fair Play and Sportsmanship: Tarek S (1/2O), Oscar D (3/4C)

Values – Positive K-2: Aaidah A (KB), Matt C (K/1Y)

Values – Positive 3-6: Poppy M (5/6T), Cyrus M (3/4R)

Principal's Award: Charlotte W (1/2G)



Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week's message from Brian the Lion:

All students at Lynwood Park attended the whole school assembly this week and Brian was really happy to see students who were following the expectations for being respectful at assembly.

When being respectful at assembly we:

- * Look at and listen to each presenter
- * Celebrate the efforts of others
- * Use appropriate applause

Well done to all students!

Mrs Sarah Herring - PBL Team Member



Clean up Australia Day 2021

Students did a fantastic job supporting Clean Up Australia Day by cleaning up around our school grounds on Thursday 4th March. Our students learned the importance of rubbish disposal to keep our school playgrounds safe and clean. Thank you to all the teachers for supervising their class collecting rubbish safely in their designated area and thank you to all the students for keeping our school and Australia beautiful.

Great effort everyone!

Mrs Davis - Coordinator



What's Happening in 2 Purple?

Mathematics

In Mathematics, Students from 2 Purple are learning how to measure the length of various objects. Students are estimating the length of things found in the classroom such as books, markers etc. They are then checking their estimations using uniform informal units such as Unifix cubes.



Geography

Students in 2 Purple are learning to care for our environment. Students are displaying posters that they made to raise awareness about the importance of keeping our planet green by planting trees and taking care not to waste water.

NRL "Inspire" Program

**TOGETHER
EVERYONE
ACHIEVES
MORE**

Stage 2 and 3 enjoyed learning outside of the classroom, taking part in the NRL "Inspire" program last week. The program focused on teamwork and inclusion. We learnt that our class teams are made of people with different skills and abilities that can work together to achieve a goal and that everyone should feel that they belong. Students put their teamwork and communication skills to the test with footy pass relay races providing some healthy competition.



Great Work 3/4 Ruby!

Students across the school enjoyed participating in Clean Up Australia Day earlier this month. 3/4 Ruby took a closer look at the rubbish that was collected, holding a mini 'scientific investigation'. Here are some of the student's findings:

3/4 Ruby were asked to collect rubbish in the 3-6 Quad area. As a class we decided to tidy these areas after recess and lunch to see if the amount of rubbish improved across the day. What we discovered as part of our investigation surprised many of us:

- We collected 228 small items of rubbish, which we observed were mostly sections of plastic wrappers from snack foods after recess. ***That's almost 1 piece of rubbish for every student at Lynwood Park!***
- An extra 60 pieces of rubbish were collected after lunch.
- Most items were found near the edge of the quad, meaning they may have been picked up by the wind.
- We noticed that there were not many full-sized food packets found which means that most students put the majority of their rubbish in the bin.
- Despite our prediction that more rubbish would be found after lunch, it was significantly lower than our hypothesis. We are keen to compare the rubbish left after lunch on another day when we have not done a clean up after recess.

We will let the community know what we find!



Kindergarten Vision Screening

22 of our Kindergarten students participated in the STePS vision screening held on the 3rd of March. The students bravely had their eyes checked one at a time and parents should have received a copy of the vision screening report on the day of the test. Thank you for supporting this program.

Did you know?

- If a child has a vision problem, the earlier the problem is detected and treated the better the vision outcome
- If parents wear glasses or had vision problems as a child, their children are more likely to have vision problems too
- After a certain age, some childhood vision problems cannot be treated and the child will have poor vision for the rest of their life

If you have concerns regarding your child's vision, parents are encouraged to speak with their child's classroom teacher to see if there are concerns within the classroom setting too.



Meagan Thompson - Rel. Assistant Principal

News Bites

School Band program

Our students in our band program have made great progress this term and are looking forward to their first performance opportunity at the Easter Hat Parade in two weeks' time.

Easter Hat Parade

We are excited that our Annual Easter Hat Parade can go ahead on Thursday 1st April at 12:30pm. Parents of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend but we do require an RSVP to confirm your attendance and to ensure we can monitor our compliance with COVID guidelines. All students are asked to make a hat or basket at home and bring it to school on the morning of the parade.

Our Easter raffle is a popular annual fundraiser and this year the school will be purchasing some delicious major prizes to win. Raffle tickets will come home early in Week 9. These can be sold at 50 cents for each ticket or a book of tickets can be purchased for \$5.00. Additional tickets are available from the school office. We thank you for your continued support of this annual event.

K-2 Homework

Just a friendly reminder for K to 2 families that homework has started. The format of this homework has changed in 2021 and should parents have any questions or comments they are asked to speak with their child's teacher or Mrs MacLaren.

All students need a homework bag and students in Stage 1 should have provided their own homework book. There are a limited number of homework bags available for purchase for a cost of \$5. Please speak with your child's class teacher should you wish to purchase one. All homework is due to the class teachers on Thursdays and then new homework is issued on Fridays.

Thank you for working with your students at home.

Krystle MacLaren - Assistant Principal

The Children's Hospital at Westmead Emergency Department

On Tuesday 9th March, The Children's Hospital at Westmead Emergency Department moved to the Westmead Health Precinct's newest building on Hawkesbury Road.

Don't worry though, it's still accessible via the main Hospital building, or you can park underneath. The Hospital has created some FAQs (provided below) in case you want to know more.

Where is the new building located?

- Block K is located between The Children's Hospital at Westmead and Westmead Hospital. The main entrance is off Hawkesbury Road - look for the 'Westmead Health Precinct' sign on the side of the building.
- The building is just a few minutes' walk from our existing main entry, back up Hawkesbury Road, in the direction of Westmead Station.

Which Children's departments are moving into Block K?

- Emergency Department
- Children's Short Stay Unit
- Additional Medical Imaging service
- Additional Pharmacy service
- Additional digital operating theatres – operating theatres are part of the staged approach to opening services and will not open on day one

Are the Children's services open in the new building?

- The Children's services in Block K, including our Emergency Department, Children's Short Stay Unit, Medical imaging and Pharmacy services, is now open to patients.

How do visitors access Block K?

- Stay indoors: From the Hospital main entrance, follow the red signs to our two main lifts. Take the lift to level three and travel left along the link way. Once you reach the multi-coloured windows, continue on until you reach the Children's Emergency on your right.
- Get some fresh air: Exit the existing hospital building and turn right down Hawkesbury Road. Block K's green plaza and main entry is on your right - look for the 'Entrance 10' sign.

Where can visitors accessing Block K park?

- Additional parking can be found directly underneath the new Children's Emergency Department, in P5. Enter via the new building's main entry driveway and take the ramp down. P5 has 250 parking spaces for visitors.

Is there a dedicated drop-off zone at the Children's Emergency entrance for parents and visitors?

- There is a 15-minute drop-off and pick-up zone outside the Children's Emergency Department entrance.
- There is also a dedicated drop-off and pick-up zone for patients with Mobility Parking Scheme permits in the same location.



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OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED

The Children's Hospital at Westmead's Emergency Department has moved to the Westmead Health Precinct's newest building.

When travelling down Hawkesbury Road, turn left when you see the Children's Emergency sign. It is also just a 250m walk up Hawkesbury Road from our main entry. You can also access the Emergency Department from inside the Hospital.

Parking is available underneath the building, as well as a 15 minute drop-off and pick-up zone, located outside the front doors.



Walking route from our current Hospital to the new building.

