



Lynwood Times

A newsletter for the community of Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School

1st Apr 2021

T1 W10 Dates for Your Diary

Apr 19
School Staff
Development
Day

Apr 20
Students return
Uniform Shop
open

Apr 20 - 30
Student TTFM
Survey window

Apr 21
School Cross
Country
Carnival

P&C Meeting

Apr 26
ANZAC Day
Assembly

Apr 26 – May 7
Y4-6 Check In
Assessments

Apr 30
Zone Cross
Country

May 7
P&C Mothers
Day Stall

May 10 - 21
NAPLAN

May 12
School Photo
Day

May 17
P&C Meeting

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow! Term 1 has flown by and there has been lots of learning happening at Lynwood Park PS. The staff and I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and hope that you will be able to spend some quality time with your children over the break.

Tell Them From Me – Student Survey The student survey for children in Years 4 to 6 will be held across Week 1 of next term. This is a valuable source of information for the department and our school, and gives the children of Years 4 to 6 a chance to have a voice in the planning of future directions and improvements to the way we deliver the curriculum to our students.

NAPLAN and Check In Assessments Check In Assessments (which are a small sub-set of NAPLAN type questions, and were first introduced last year) will be held across Weeks 2 and 3 of next term. Check In Assessments are conducted for students in Years 4 and 6. NAPLAN testing will be held across Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 2 and is conducted for students in Years 3 and 5.

Uniform Shop Term 2 Excel Uniforms has asked permission to open the uniform shop at the beginning of next term on Tuesday 20th April (first day students are back) from 8.30 to 9.30am instead of Monday 19th April. The school has given permission, so please be aware that the **Excel Uniform Shop** will NOT be open on Monday 19th. The **P&C Second Hand Uniform Shop** will also be open on the Tuesday of Week 1 (normally Mondays).

Autism Awareness Month Tomorrow, April 2nd 2021, is World Autism Awareness Day and is also the start of Autism Awareness Month in Australia. We have many students at Lynwood Park PS who have a diagnosis of autism and related conditions. Along with the rich ethnic backgrounds of our community, we celebrate diversity in all its forms. The world would be a very boring place if we were all the same! More information on Autism Awareness Day is contained in this newsletter.

Intention to apply Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022 Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6. Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2022, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **Friday 7 May 2021**. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

You must **not** use the child's school email address. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. For further information or any questions please contact Mrs Thompson.

Have a safe and relaxing break – Mrs Leigh Bade – Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week's message from Brian the Lion ...

All students at Lynwood Park have been studying the expectations of being a Learner when in the Library. We are very lucky at Lynwood Park to have a lovely big Library full of books and computers to use for our research. When we are in the Library we not only need to be Safe and Respectful, we need to be Learners!

We:

- * Learn library information skills
- * Borrow books to read
- * Return books promptly

Well done to all students!
Mrs Sarah Herring - PBL Team Member



PBL Reward Day

Each term, a reward time is set aside to celebrate the students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who have continued to demonstrate our school expectations throughout the term. Students in all grades enjoyed 30 minutes of extra play on Wednesday, making the most of the sunshine and our playground spaces.

Access to this reward time is reset in Term 2, so students who have had negative incidents or reflection rooms during Term 1 can start afresh to demonstrate the school's expectations in order to earn this privilege at the end of term 2.

We hope students enjoy a safe holiday and return after the break with positive recharged behaviour batteries for Term 2!

Mrs Thompson
PBL Coordinator



More Reward Day Pics



School Cross Country Carnival Reminder

On **Wednesday 21st April** our school cross country carnival will be held in our school grounds. Students may wear their sports uniform or a t-shirt / jumper in the colour of their sports house.

The K-2 students will have a fun run at **10am – 11am**. The 3-6 students, as well as Year 2 students who are 8 years old this year, will commence their Cross Country carnival at **11.30 am**. There will be a lunch break at 1.15pm.

Parents are invited to come and watch their children participate on the day. They are required to use the QR Code, available on the school gate, to register their attendance when they arrive. Parents will be able to view their children's participation from the start/finish area on the top field.

The planned order of events and distances are as follows. Each lap is 500m. (Note that the age group is the age that a student has turned or is turning during the current calendar year):

Race			
K-2	Fun Run	1000m	2 laps
1	Junior Girls (8 & 9 year olds)	2000m	4 laps
2	Junior Boys (8 & 9 year olds)	2000m	4 laps
3	10 year old Girls	2000m	4 laps
4	10 year old Boys	2000m	4 laps
5	11 year old Girls	3000m	6 laps
	11 year old Boys	3000m	6 laps
6	Senior Girls (12 & 13 year olds)	3000m	6 laps
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Autism Awareness Month

Though autism did not become the mainstream diagnosis it is today until well into the 20th century, it is certainly not anything new. Indeed, history is full of people who many consider to be or have been somewhere on the autism spectrum. Like the famous people on this list.

Dan Aykroyd – Comedic Actor

Hans Christian Andersen – Children's Author

Lewis Carroll – Author of "Alice in Wonderland"

Charles Darwin – Naturalist, Geologist, and Biologist

Albert Einstein – Scientist & Mathematician

Bobby Fischer – Chess Grandmaster

Bill Gates – Co-founder of the Microsoft Corporation

Steve Jobs – Former CEO of Apple

Michelangelo – Sculptor, Painter, Architect, Poet

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Classical Composer

Sir Isaac Newton – Mathematician, Astronomer, & Physicist

Jerry Seinfeld – Comedian

AUTISM CARERS SUPPORT IN BLACKTOWN



The Autism Community Network provides support for families living with autism conditions. If you would like to meet other carers who understand you or find social opportunities for your autistic child and their siblings, please contact us or come along to our free support group meetings.

BLACKTOWN SUPPORT GROUP

When: First Wednesday 10 am to Noon
 Venue: Blacktown Workers Club - 55 Campbell St, Blacktown - in the cafe
 For more information :
www.autismcommunity.org.au | info@autismcommunity.org.au | 9543 9036



Despite the challenges associated with the identification of autism, this list is meant to be helpful and inspiring to those who themselves fall somewhere on the spectrum.

<https://www.appliedbehavioranalysisprograms.com/>

Quote of the Week

"Stupidity is also a gift of God, but one musn't misuse it."
- Pope John Paul II



National Young Leaders Day

On Thursday 25th March our School Captains and Vice Captains participated in the Halogen National Young Leaders Day at Darling Harbour Convention Centre along with over 4,000 other primary school leaders from around NSW. They were very fortunate to be inspired by influential speakers who shared their stories about leading themselves and others, well. Here are some of the messages our school leaders gained from the day.

Ebony - *On National Young Leaders Day there were 4 wonderful speakers who told us about their journey. One of my favourites was Lachie Smart. He is the youngest person to fly solo around the world. One of my personal favourite quotes he shared was 'set backs are the key to success' he said that failures are not a bad thing if you learn from them. He also spoke about the power of persistence, That you should never give up on achieving your goals.*

Musa - *Our second speaker was Anastasia Woolmer. She is the Australian memory champion and she has a great memory. She showed us how she can memorise a ton of numbers and everyone was very shocked. She then told us all the numbers backwards. She was not the smartest kid growing up so she first became a ballet dancer. But then she became a great memoriser, by teaching herself to remember lots of information using different memory techniques including mnemonics and using images. Anastasia also featured on Australian survivor. She told us that life is not about working harder, but it is about working smarter!*

Ruhan - *At the Young Leaders Conference we heard from Jimmy Rees. He was the star of kids show Giggle and Hoot which has been on TV for more than 10years. Jimmy talked about being a leader and as a leader, you are a role model to others. He talked about being responsible when others look up to you. His talk was very inspiring and he told us to 'Be who you are, not someone else and people will respect you for being yourself'.*

Poppy - *One word to describe the Young Leaders Day is AMAZING!! It was energetic, bright and inspiring! Each speaker talked to us about different things to do with leadership. Our final speaker was David Campbell. He spoke about following your dreams and being yourself. David said, 'don't let the fear of what others think about you, change you or overshadow what you do'. He said we should 'know who you are and what you want to be' and never stop following your dreams.*



Kindergarten Capers

Wow! What a wonderful term 1 Kindergarten have had. We have been learning our sounds. We regularly practiced writing our names, letters, numbers and even some sight words. We are learning how to count forwards and backwards to 10 and even to 20. We are now settled into classroom routines including reading and maths groups.



In Science this term we have been learning about living things including animals, plants and even ourselves. We discussed what they need to thrive and survive. We planted some seeds and have been looking after them by watering them and making sure they get enough sunlight.



Our year 5 and 6 buddies have visited our classroom to help us with creative arts. This week our buddies helped us decorate, cut and glue our Easter baskets together.




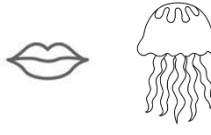
Library News

Kindergarten Have been learning how to borrow and return their books. We have also been learning that the author is the person who writes the story and the illustrator is the person who draws the pictures. One of their favourite books is a book with absolutely no pictures!!! This book is called 'The Book With No Pictures' By B.J. Novak.



Stage 1 have been researching jellyfish and they have found out some amazing facts.

The students have found out that jellyfish:-

Have NO eyes Have NO brain Have NO spine Have NO blood		They do have a mouth They do have nerves They do have a body They do have tentacles	
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- Jellyfish are not fish, they are invertebrates.
- Jellyfish are made up of 95% water.
- The box jellyfish is an extremely dangerous jellyfish that is in the Australian oceans.

Stage 2 have been studying seahorses and completing a diagram of their life cycle. The students have discovered that it is the male seahorse which gives birth to the baby seahorses which are called 'fry'. Their scientific name is *Hippocampus* and they have a top speed of about 1150cms per hour.

Stage 3 have been studying our Indigenous people and their 'Connection to Country'. This has led to completing some research on Indigenous weather calendars. The students have discovered that Australian Indigenous calendars are based on observations of the weather, the habits of the local animal and bird life as well as the plants in their area. Stage 3 discovered that some Indigenous calendars have 3 seasons, whilst others have 6.



The **Premier's Reading Challenge** is underway and many students have been enjoying the many books which are included in the reading challenge.

Remember to relax and enjoy some good books over the holiday time.

Mrs Gould - Librarian

