



Lynwood Times

A newsletter for the community of Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School

25th June 2021

T2 W10 Dates for Your Diary

July 12
School
Development
Day – Teachers
Return

July 13
First day of
Term 3 for
students

July 15, 16
NAIDOC Week
VR Incursion for
all students

July 20
Peer Support

July 21
2022 OC Class
Placement Test

P&C Meeting

July 23
Athletics Field
Events Carnival
Years 3-6

July 26
Education
Week –
“Lifelong
Learners”

July 27
Athletics Track
Events Carnival
Years K-6

Peer Support

July 29
Education Week
– Open Day

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe that another term has flown by. As usual, it has been very busy, with lots of extra-curricular activities and lots of teaching and learning going on. On behalf of the staff I'd like to thank you for your support this semester. The best education a child can receive is based on a true partnership between the school and a child's parents. We are lucky to have such a supportive community.

Semester 1 Reports I hope you enjoy reading your child's report during the break. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child and to celebrate what they have done well and to encourage them and show your faith in their ability to improve in those areas that need it. Also take the time to look at your child's overall absences – both whole day and partial – and ask yourself if these were really necessary and could they have been avoided. Unnecessary absences are the biggest single avoidable reason for a child not doing well in school. Partial absences, particularly in the morning, are the single biggest avoidable reason for a child not progressing in a timely manner with their literacy – both reading and writing – as these critical subjects are taught in the morning when children are bright, fresh and ready to learn.

Collecting Other People's Children From School This term we have had a small number of scary situations where a parent has in good faith tried to do a favour for a friend by taking their child from school in the afternoon without letting the child's parent know they have done so. This has resulted in some very scared grandparents and concerned teachers. By all means help each other out, but please let people know what you are doing first ☺

Prohibited Items In Schools The department has asked all schools to let their community know about the policy of prohibited items in schools – particularly knives. Attached to this newsletter is a parent fact sheet covering knife laws in schools in NSW. Please read the fact sheet and make yourself aware of its contents. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me for an appointment when we return after the break.

COVID Restrictions The department will be monitoring NSW Health's advice and recommendations for schools and students over the coming weeks. As and when we become aware of any guidelines that will affect our community, we will share that information on our Schoolstream App and Facebook. Please make sure you check one or the other closer to the time of returning to school.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2022 We will be taking enrolments for 2022 from the beginning of next term. 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.

Have a lovely break with your children! – Mrs Leigh Bade



Quote of the Week

“From kindergarten to graduation, I went to public schools, and I know that they are a key to being sure that every child has a chance to succeed and to rise in the world.”

- Dick Cheney (46th Vice President of the US)

Excel Uniform Shop

Due to the holidays, the Excel Uniform Shop will be opening on Tuesday 13th July from 8.30am – 9.30am for those parents wishing to purchase new uniform items.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week's message from Brian the Lion

Toilets are a must have anywhere, but it is a shared space. Therefore, when going to the toilets, we have to remember to be respectful to the other members of our school who are also going to or are in the toilets. We can do this by:

Respecting the privacy of others

Waiting your turn

Keeping the toilet tidy



Be Respectful
when in the
toilets



Thank you for being respectful in the toilets!

Miss Nicole Chuang - PBL Team Member

Stage 3 Canberra Camp 2021

Congratulations to all Stage 3 students who attended camp last week enjoying a wonderful, busy, tiring and chilly, 3 days away. You did our school and your teachers proud with your level of enthusiasm and participation.

We had a very busy 3 days visiting a total of **10** venues. On Day 1 we visited the Australian War Memorial and Parliament House. Unfortunately, due to wet weather, we were unable to go to the Mt Ainslie Lookout on Day 1. On Day 2 we visited the Royal Australian Mint, the Australian National Botanical Gardens, National Museum of Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport and Old Parliament House. On Day 3 we visited Questacon Science Museum, CSIRO and we finished our time in Canberra by having lunch at Mt Ainslie Lookout.

At each venue we participated in a lot of interesting learning and had loads of fun!! These activities allowed our students to participate in a variety of educational programs that focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. At Parliament House we were lucky enough to have a visit from our local MP for Greenway, Michelle Rowland.

Thank you to all the students who represented Lynwood Park PS with pride. Thank you to Mrs Stewart for all her organisation and for making camp fun for all students. Thank you to Mrs Osborne and Mr Keenan for attending camp and ensuring all the kids had fun.

Thank you to the parents who brought their kids to school early on Wednesday and picked them up late on Friday and helped ensure they had everything they needed to have a fun-filled camp.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of our civics and citizenship education. To assist our families in meeting the cost of such excursions, the Australian Government contributed \$30 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme towards the travel expenses incurred. We deducted this amount per student from the total cost of the camp which was \$395, resulting in your cost of \$365.

This money will now be reimbursed directly to the school. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program and the assistance it provided to our families.

We have attached some comments from the students and some photos so you can share some of our fun!







Student Memories of Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Maci 5/6T – I liked when we went to Questacon and I went into the earthquake room. Sportex was also fun when we did wheelchair racing.

Tilakk 5/6T – My personal favourite things were our cabins, going to Questacon, Sportex and even visiting Parliament.

Talia P 5/6T – I enjoyed the venues we visited and spending time with my friends in our cabin. I appreciate everything that the teachers did for us.

Michelle 5/6T – My favourite parts of camp were Sportex and Questacon. Sportex was my favourite because we could see different Olympic sports. Questacon was my 2nd favourite because we saw scientific things.

Lily 5/6T – My favourite thing about camp was spending 3 whole days with my friends.

Ella 5/6T – The best part of camp was seeing Phar Lap at the National Museum of Australia. I also enjoyed going to Parliament House. Sportex was also fun!

Caleb 5/6T – My favourite part was Questacon and the earthquake lab was fun. The other favourite part was Leumeah Lodge because we could just chill after a long day.

Tahlia R 5/6A – The best part of camp was spending time with the people in my cabin. I really appreciate Mrs Osborne, Mr Keenan and Mrs Stewart for supervising us.



Stage 3 Longneck Lagoon Leadership Day 2021

Congratulations to our school leaders and Sports House Captains who attended the Leadership Day at Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre on Thursday 24th June. You represented our school with pride while developing your own teamwork and leadership skills. We were lucky to have beautiful weather.

This day provided our school Leaders, Ministers and Sports Captains opportunities to develop their leadership and team skills in a fun, challenging and supportive environment. The students participated in a number of adventure games and low rope activities.

Thank you very much to parents and grandparents who transported students to the venue, especially the parents and grandparents who transported multiple students, we really appreciate your assistance.



Jade 5/6A – My favourite thing was helping friends and learning that you have to trust people to work together.

Thrishaa 5/6T – I learnt different ways to communicate and I loved the game called Brain Drain where we used parts of a pipe to try and get a golf ball into a bucket.

Kanandeep 5/6A – We got to do different activities that involved skills that we had to learn so we could be a good leader for the school. One of the activities that we did was moving tyres a certain way that was irritating. I learnt to not give up, listen to others and try new things. It was a wonderful experience.

Poppy 5/6T – I learnt how important it is to take turns talking and listening as well as how it is important to let others share their ideas. I loved the blindfolded ropes course where we had to follow the leader through the course.



***“The Wheelchair Sports NSW / ACT Roadshow” is coming to
Lynwood Park Public School On the 5th and 6th of August, 2021.***

Presenters will be sharing their experience of life with a disability and educating students about disability awareness, as well as the importance of road safety. Students will have the opportunity to sit in a chair to play Wheelchair Basketball.

We are looking forward to this wonderful learning opportunity!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- **Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.**
If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.
- **It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.**
It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!
- **Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip.**
Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.
- **Talk to your child about being a safe road user.**
Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.
- **Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.**
This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.



The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.

Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out and about.

No knives at school

Parent factsheet

There is no good reason to bring a knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. As a parent, you need to be aware of these laws, as you can also be charged if you allow your child to carry a knife.

No knives allowed at school under any circumstances

If a student has a knife at school the principal may call the police.

The student may be expelled or suspended immediately. Possessing a knife includes your child simply having one in their bag or locker. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing or safety, contact the principal.

Tough penalties apply for children convicted of knife offences, including gaol sentences of up to 25 years if someone is injured with a knife during an assault.

Every child has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for a child to ever have a knife at school.

If you want to talk about children and knives at school, please contact the principal.

What kind of knives are prohibited?

As school policy is designed to keep all students safe, no type of knife is allowed at school. That means no butter knives or fruit knives in lunchboxes, or knife tools for craft purposes.

Flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives and star knives are all prohibited.

Your child cannot bring any item to school that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).

In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or trades, your child's teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.

There are some senior subjects, such as hospitality, where children may be required to have their own knives.

Your child's school will advise you about these courses and the procedures for carrying knives legally to and from school.

The law makes parents responsible

You need to make certain your child is aware of the school's rules and the State laws about knives.

If you allow your child to carry or possess a knife at school or in a public place, you can be charged.

The police can search any child they suspect of having a knife. They can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search.

Your child must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.

It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 16 years old.

Telephone interpreter service

If you would like more information please call the school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist with your enquiry, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language.

Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Would you like to join

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Keyboard, Guitar & Drum Tuition

Available for students in years 1-6



Perfect for beginners



Instrument provided for lesson



30 minute lessons, once a week



Maximum 8 students per class



From \$13.50 per lesson prepaid
at the beginning of the term



\$20.00 once off book fee

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now!**



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school with friends!



Weekly homework charts and
Semester Reports provided



Prizes for remembering
your book!



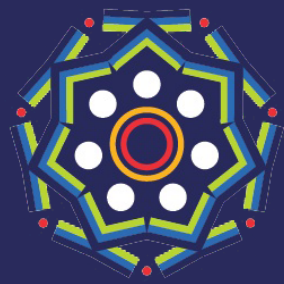
If you wish to enrol please visit
www.coolkidsmusic.com.au

For more information please call or email our friendly staff on:
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Room usage fee may apply at some schools*
Information and website are subject to change*



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School Holiday Program

Kimberwalli is hosting a range of activities for **young Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander** people in **Western Sydney** for the **Term 2 Holidays**.

Monday 28 June,

11:00am - 1:00pm

Football Clinic

NRL South Sydney Rabbitohs (Women & Men NRL Players)

Ages: All Ages



Tuesday 29 June,

11:00am - 1:00pm

Team Gala Day

Teams will compete in a number of competitions to win a major prize

Ages: 12+

Wednesday 30 June,

11:00am - 12:00pm

Meet & Greet: Rapper Sesk

Come along and meet Western Sydney's hottest rapper, brother Sesk. Hang out and hear his inspirational story.

Ages: 13+



Thursday 1 July,

11:00am - 1:00pm

'Chase The Energy' with Owen Craigie

Mental Health + Fitness Program

Ages: All Ages

Lunch is provided for all activities. To register your interest contact the team at Kimberwalli on 8610 6800 or kimberwalli@det.nsw.edu.au