



Lynwood Times

A newsletter for the community of Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School

4th Nov 2022

T4 W4 Dates for Your Diary

Nov 7

Whole school
assembly

Nov 8

K-2 Zoo
Excursion
(No K-2
Scripture)

Nov 11

Remembrance
Day assembly

Nov 14

P&C Meeting
5-6pm

Nov 16

Kindy 2023
Parent Info
Session 5.30pm

Nov 17

School Band
2023 Student
Interest
Assembly

Nov 18-22

Book Fair

Nov 22

Kindy
Orientation #1
9.30-11am

Nov 23

NRMA Science
and Road
Safety Day

Fortnightly Attendance

Percentage of
students
attending school
90% of the time
or more in the
last fortnight:

85%

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

We are nearly halfway through Term 4. Frightening!

2023 Enrolments *If you have a child who is eligible to start Kindergarten next year, or if you have a friend, relative or neighbour with a suitably aged child, please start the enrolment process now.*

Kindergarten Orientation Our Kindergarten 2023 parent information session has been confirmed for the evening of Wednesday 16th November, from 5.30 – 6.30pm in the library.

This will be followed by three orientation sessions for the children from 9.30-11am on Tuesday 22nd November, Thursday 1st December and Wednesday 7th December.

Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell Our Year 6 Farewell will be held on Thursday 8th December from 6 to 9pm at Fox Hills Golf Club. Our 2022 Presentation Day Assembly will be held from 9.15 to 11am on Tuesday 13th December. More information and details will be sent home closer to the dates of these important school events.

Department of Education Menstrual Hygiene Program The Department is introducing a menstrual hygiene program in every NSW public school. Every school will receive at least one dispenser that provides free pads and tampons (or just pads) for students to access during school hours. More information for parents will be sent home soon.

Vandalism of Toilets In order to mitigate the vandalism in the senior girls' toilets we have had to introduce some measures to restrict unsupervised access. The girls have access whenever they need it, the difference being that we can no longer trust them to access the toilets freely as before and the toilets are locked when not supervised. This is very sad as the measures we have taken are due to a few girls behaving disrespectfully towards their school, their peers, their teachers and the school's cleaning staff.

Dental Checks and Hearing Checks We have completed our very successful free dental checks across the school. Thanks to the NSW Mobile Dental Service for their time and expertise. I hope those families who participated found it useful.

In Week 8 we have organised for Sound Scouts to visit our school to check the hearing of all our K-2 students. This service is free for Australian school children thanks to Hearing Australia and funding from the Australian Federal Government. More information and permission notes will be sent home to parents shortly.

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2024

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 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

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

Applications **opened on 18 October 2022** and will **close on 16 November 2022**.

Have a great fortnight! – Mrs Leigh Bade

Quote of the Week

“Blessed are those who can hold lively conversations with the helplessly mute, for they shall be called dentists.”

- Ann Landers (pen name created by Chicago Sun-Times advice columnist **Ruth Crowley** in 1943)

Silver Awards		
Willow F-H 34R		
Gold Awards		
Ayden C 56T Owen M 56T Lily O 56T Jordan H 56T Levi M 56T		Mere S 56T Charli T 56T Ash O 34R Macie D 34C Katlyn S 34R

Changes to the Selection Process for Opportunity Classes and Selective High Schools – Equity Placement Model

More gifted students from disadvantaged backgrounds will be able to reach their potential thanks to changes to the selection process for opportunity classes and selective high schools.

The change follows the NSW Government's 2018 review of access to opportunity classes and selective high schools. The review found that certain groups of high potential students were missing out on places because of their low socio-economic background, Aboriginal background, because they had a disability, or because they lived in a rural or remote area.

Minister for Education and Early Learning Sarah Mitchell said the new process will reserve up to 20 per cent of places for students from these four equity groups.

“A student’s academic potential should not be determined by where they live, their background, or their disability,” Ms Mitchell said.

“We are helping to address the unintended barriers that prevent gifted students from having fair and equitable access to opportunity classes and selective high schools.

“Every student who gains placement in an opportunity class or selective high school will deserve their place and have the academic talent to fulfil their potential.”

The combination of current acceptance rates of students from identified equity groups and the new reserved places will ensure selective schools are more reflective of the proportions of equity groups enrolled in NSW public schools.

If there are not enough applications to a particular school from students from under-represented groups or if these students do not meet the minimum performance requirements, the held places will be offered to general applicants based on their highest performance on the placement test.

The changes will be implemented this year for 2023 enrolments.

NSW Department of Education

Opportunity classes & selective high schools

Making access fairer

We've made improvements to the way we place students in opportunity classes and selective high schools.

The Equity Placement Model helps to make access fairer by holding a percentage of places for students from the following under-represented groups:

- **low socio-educational advantage students**
- **Aboriginal students**
- **rural and remote students**
- **students with disability**

We know that students from these groups are missing out due to experiencing unintended barriers, such as educational disadvantage.

Our new placement processes will help ensure more students have fair and equitable opportunities to reach their full potential.

Watch the video below to learn more.

Or visit: bit.ly/equitymodel



video QR code

education.nsw.gov.au



High potential and gifted students come from all backgrounds and social groups within our community



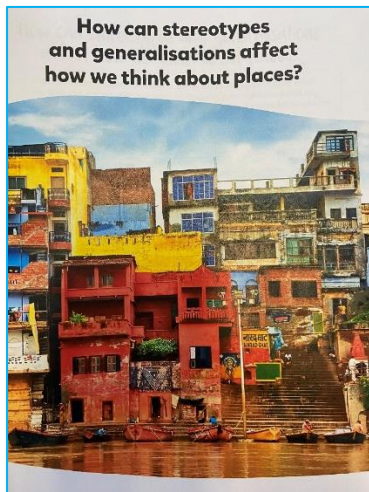
Welcome to some library news! Year 5 and 6 Geography lessons

This term students are learning about The Diverse and Connected World. We are learning about different countries around the world and exploring perceptions, stereotypes and generalisations about places.

The lessons involve learning about interactions and connections between people, and environments. We are curious, mindful and respectful when learning about the diverse features and characteristics of places and environments we explore in each country.

Some questions we focus on at the beginning of the lessons are:

What do you see? What do you think? and What do you wonder?

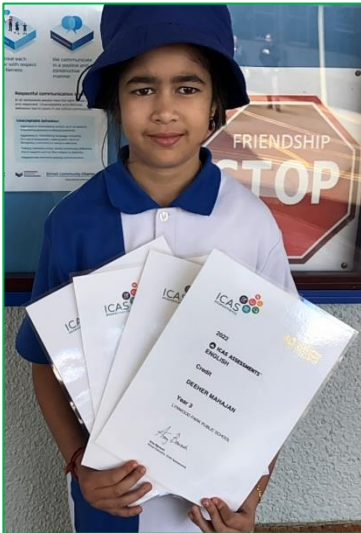


Enjoying
some relaxing
reading!



ICAS ASSESSMENTS – WRITING

Last term some of our students participated in the external ICAS Writing Assessment. We are very proud of these students who participated and celebrate their hard work. Congratulations to you all!



Deeher was on extended leave and has now received all her certificates. An excellent effort!!

Snail Trail Fundraiser



Stage 3 is running a Snail Trail fundraiser this term to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell. The idea is for each class to collect silver coins and put them in the class box. Please ensure that the coins donated are Australian coins only.

The fundraiser will take place over 3 weeks. It will begin in Week 4, Monday the 31st of October and will conclude on Friday the 18th of November, Week 6.

On Fridays, classes will lay out the collected coins to see which class has made the longest Snail Trail. A record will be kept, and lengths will be accumulated to determine the classes that have made the longest Snail Trail across the 3 weeks. There will be a special pizza lunch prize for the classes with the longest Snail Trail in K-2 and 3-6.

Thank you for your Support.

Stage 3 teachers.





Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from **Friday, 18th November to Tuesday, 22nd November**. You will be able to explore and purchase items in the School Library at these times:

Before School: 8:30-8:50am

Lunch 1:30-1:50pm

After School: 3:10-3:45pm

You and your child will have the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books featuring characters and subjects kids love and want to read about. From newly released books and bestsellers to award-winning titles and perennial favourites.

This is also a great way for you to learn about and discuss your child's interests and every book sold benefits our school, adding resources to our library and classrooms.

Scholastic Book Fairs help us show students the wonder of reading. After all, when kids choose their own books, they will be more excited to read, and they will naturally read more!



Term 4, 2022 Book Club

Dear Parents,

The last issue of Book Club for the year (Issue 8) will be due soon. **Issue 8 online payments are due by the 28th November 2022.**

There is a wonderful website you can go to for more information: [scholastics.com.au](https://www.scholastic.com.au). You can also search in Google the phrase '**Book Club Parent's Guide**' or copy the following link in the search engine- <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>.

Purchasing the books is super easy, payments are made via LOOP, but you will need to register to be able to make a purchase.

