

# LynwoodTimes

A newsletter for the community of Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School

#### 18th Nov 2022

#### T4 W6 Dates for Your Diary

**Nov 21 – 22** Scholastic Book Fair

Nov 22

Kindy Orientation #1 9.30-11am

Nov 23

NRMA Science and Road Safety Day

Nov 24

2023 Student Leader Speeches

Nov 25 PSSA Last Day

> Nov 28-30 K-2 Hearing Screener

> > Nov 29

Last Day of Scripture

High School Orientation Day

Nov 30

Y6 Girls STEM Event (TBC)

Concert Band Christmas Performance

# Fortnightly Attendance

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

**75%** 

#### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers
Only four weeks to go to the end of the term and school year!

**Book Fair** Our annual Scholastic Book Fair has got off to a great start! Remember that it will continue next Monday and Tuesday. Purchase times for parents and students are: 8.30 -9am, lunchtime (for the children) and 3 -3.30pm. The Fair is held in the library.

**Our First Kindy Orientation** is coming up this Tuesday from 9.30-11am. When you arrive, make your way to the Kindergarten Verandah. So exciting!!!!!

**NRMA Science and Road Safety Day** will be held this coming Wednesday (Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>). All students will participate in this free event (kindly paid for and arranged by NRMA), where they will watch science demonstrations so they can understand the forces they experience in a crash and why safety equipment, seatbelts and bike helmets, are essential to their safety. More information will be sent home early next week.

**K-2 Hearing Screener** We have arranged for all students in K-2 to have a free hearing screener completed at school. The screenings will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 8 (Nov 28, 29, 30) by Sound Scouts Australia – approved by both the Federal and NSW government. Parents will receive a report on their child's results after the screen (which is conducted using an iPad and headphones). If you would like your child to be screened, free of charge, please complete and return the Consent Form as soon as possible. Remember that hearing is as essential to your child's learning as eyesight.

**P&C Fundraiser** Attached to this newsletter are details of the latest P&C fundraiser for our school. It is an opportunity to have a professional photo shoot of your family, and at the same time our school benefits. Please see the P&C flyer attached to this newsletter.

**School Drinking Bubblers** We have had our drinking bubblers deep cleaned professionally this week, along with the drainage troughs and surrounding areas. The bubblers have been closed during the pandemic but we feel that the time is right to re-open them – particularly with the warmer weather. Before using the bubblers, all classroom teachers will be conducting lessons with their classes on their correct use and how to minimise germ transmission. If you don't want your child to use the bubblers, please continue to send them to school with their water bottles.

Concert Band Combined Christmas Performance On Wednesday Week 8 (Nov 30), our concert band will be combining with our partner bands from Seven Hills North, Vardys Road, and Shelley to form our BLC Ngaramang Concert Band in order to perform a Christmas concert at Seven Hills High School at 6pm for the band members' parents. More information will go home soon. Very exciting!!!!

**Enrolments for 2023** We still need more kindergarten enrolments to maintain classes for next year. Please spread the word. Also, we need to know of those students who either won't be returning to our school in 2023 (other than this year's Year 6) and those students who will be returning late. Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return asap.

Have a lovely fortnight – Mrs Leigh Bade

#### 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

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Gold Awards		
Tiana M 12O Michelle D 56A	Mehreen T 120	Kaylee G 56A Renee S 56A



#### 2022 Mini-Fete Day for Lynwood Park Students

On Wednesday  $14^{th}$  December, Stage 3 students at Lynwood Park will be running a mini-fete for all the students in K – 4, and of course Stage 3 students will also be having lots of fun.

There will be a cake stall at recess, with cookies and cakes available to purchase, starting from 20c each. A variety of activities will be available from 11.30am – 1pm.

So that students only bring a small amount of money in on the day (for the cake stall) we will be sending home a pre-order form for students to pre-order the following:

- \$4 sausage sizzle
- \$2 soft-drink spiders
- \$8 wristbands that will allow students to participate in the following activities:

- sponge throwing - coin toss - bead making - knock 'em down

- netball / soccer goals - face paint - nail polish - photo booth

- donut eating - minute to win it - robotics room

#### If students do not purchase a wristband they will be able to participate in these activities:

- disco - obstacle course - art - games room

There will be no opportunity to purchase sausage sizzles, soft-drink spiders or wrist bands on the day, they all MUST be pre ordered.

Please note that this is a student only event.

#### More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Mrs Osborne – on behalf of the Stage 3 team.

#### **Saving Lil and Archie**

On **Monday 31**st **October**, Brainstorm Productions performed 'Saving Lil & Archie'. There was pandemonium on Arkon when a robot, Lil, is accidently built with all the kindness and Zig is fitted with a double dose of anger. Through a malfunction of circuitry, Lil is zapped to earth and into the lives of two 12 year olds, Bella and Archie. Bella is being bullied and Archie has no friends. To restore the balance, Archie had to learn how to control his impulses, listen and use empathy so that Lil and Zig can return to Arkon.

Students from K-6 were a wonderful audience and learned about the benefits of limiting their screen time as well as how to make positive connections online and at school.











#### ICAS ASSESSMENTS - MATHEMATICS

Last term some of our students participated in the external ICAS Mathematics Assessment. Two of our amazing students achieved a Credit for their work – an outstanding accomplishment. We are very proud of these students who participated and celebrate their hard work. Congratulations to you all!





# Thankyou P&C



The P&C have recently donated funds to help us purchase new activities for our school's lunch-time Passive Play Program. The new games and resources are being greatly enjoyed by our students and will help to promote positive friendships and social interactions.

We now have Giant Connect 4, Giant Jenga, Target Throwing games, Finska, Marble run, new mats, storage tubs and creative activities to enjoy with large tubs of Play-Doh, chalk and markers.

Thankyou P&C for your support.











#### K Blue and K/1 Yellow

These past two weeks have been extremely busy for Kindy Blue.

In mathematics, we have been using our analogue clocks to make different times.

We joined K/1 Yellow to make some Chinese New Year dragons.

We were also lucky enough to spend a day at Sydney Zoo. There were some amazing animals and we even got to pat a snake and a lizard.















#### Stage 3 – Term 4

Term 4 is proving to be a very busy time for Stage 3, as it is for everyone, every year!

We have some very nervous and courageous Year 5's who are preparing for their 2023 Leadership Nomination Speech next week. We wish all of them the best of luck as we know that they all have the capacity to be great leaders at Lynwood Park.

Year 6 students have been typing up their student profiles to go into the Yearbook and some have also started having their high school orientation visits. Lots of exciting times lie ahead!

In 5/6 Aqua and 5/6 Teal we are currently reading 'Wonder' by R.J.Palacio. The students are enjoying getting to know Auggie (August) and his sister Via (Olivia). One of Auggie's teachers has taught the class about precepts, "anything that helps guide us when making decisions about really important things."

SEPTEMBER - "When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind." - Dr. Wayne Dyer

OCTOBER - "Your deeds are your monuments." - Inscription on an Egyptian tomb

NOVEMBER - "Have no friends not equal to yourself." - Confucious

DECEMBER - "Fortune favours the bold." - Virgil

JANUARY - "No man is an island, entire of itself." - John Donne

FEBRUARY - "It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers." - James Thurber

MARCH - "Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much." - Blaise Pascal

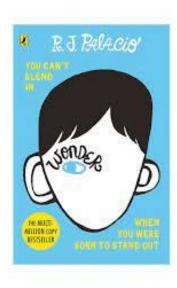
APRIL - "What is beautiful is good, and who is good will soon be beautiful." - Sappho

MAY - "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." - John Wesley's Rule

JUNE - "Just follow the day and reach for the sun!" - The Polyphonic Spree

'Wonder' is teaching us all that we have a lot to learn.

#### How Auggie's parents see him and how other's see him, as drawn by 5/6 Aqua.







#### Remembrance Day 2022

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, for the first time since 2019, we were able to hold a Remembrance Day ceremony in the hall. It was lovely to have everyone together as we remembered the service men and women that were part of the war effort that allows us to live in Australia as we do today.

Chase and Lily were amazing presenters as they ran the assembly for us.

Thank you to all the classes who decorated our new wreaths and to the representatives from each class who laid the wreaths on the stairs during our assembly.

We will remember them. Lest We Forget.















# LYNWOOD PARK P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS

Your P&C will be hosting a



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#### K-2 Student Hearing Screeners – November 28th, 29th, 30th 2022 Parent/Carer Consent Form

Dear Parents and Carers

Our school will be conducting hearing screeners for our K-2 students in Week 8 of this term. The screening will be conducted by Sound Scouts, a company that has developed a game-based application to screen student hearing using iPads and headphones. The approach was developed in collaboration with Australia's National Acoustic Laboratories, Hearing Australia, and is supported by the NSW Department of Health. Note that the assessment is a screener only, not a diagnosis. Any problems raised by the screener should be followed up by a qualified hearing specialist.

Your child will play a game on an iPad using a set of headphones under the supervision of a trained test administrator. A report will be generated following the test and sent home a few days later by the school. We encourage all students to participate in this assessment due to the importance of early intervention in the treatment of hearing issues. Optimal educational outcomes are dependent on good hearing.

ne test results and information on this form are retained by the school and in electronic form by Sound Scouts, for the purpose of conducting the test, generating a report, and current and future test administration. De-identified data may also be used for research.

If you consent to your child participating in the screener and agree to the provided disclaimer information on the reverse of this letter, please complete the information below and <u>return to your child's teacher no later than Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.</u>

Mrs Leigh Bade – Principal K-2 Student Hearing Screener – Parent/Carer Consent Form – November 2022 Name of Child: Class: 1. Child's month and year of birth? (mm/yyyy) \_\_\_ 2. Is more than one language spoken at home? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_ Is your child of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? Choose from the following (please circle): Yes Aboriginal / Yes Torres Strait Islander / Yes both Aboriginal and TSI / No / Prefer not to say 4. Has your child had any history of hearing problems? For example, has he or she ever been fitted with grommets? Please circle Yes / No If yes, please provide details: 5. Has your child had any history of learning or attention disorders? Please circle: Yes / No If yes, please provide details: I have read the above information and agree to my child having their hearing checked using Sound Scouts. Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_ Parent/Carer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ School Office Use Only: First Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_ First Test Result \_\_\_\_\_

Re-Test Date (if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_\_ Re-Test Result \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Sound Scouts Disclaimer Information**

The Sound Scouts App is a screening test only and should only be used as an indication of your child's hearing. It is not a replacement for a hearing test carried out by a qualified clinician. It should not be taken as medical advice.

You should not rely upon the results of the Sound Scouts App screening test as a basis for determining the child's hearing status. Any reliance placed on the results of the Sound Scouts App hearing screening is entirely at your own risk.

We will collect, store, use and disclose personal information obtained through use of the Sound Scouts App in accordance with our privacy policy at <a href="http://soundscouts.com.au/privacypolicy.html">http://soundscouts.com.au/privacypolicy.html</a>.

## Why are hearing checks important for students?





An estimated **1** in **10** children suffer from hearing loss which left undetected can lead to speech, learning and behavioural problems.

The World Health Organisation recommends that all children should have their hearing screened around the time they start school.

- Every child starting school should have their hearing tested and ideally again in Year 3 & Year 5 in line with NAPLAN.
- Any child identified with learning or behavioural problems should have their hearing tested.

# Types of hearing loss

Conductive hearing loss (middle ear) occurs when something interferes with sound travelling to the inner ear. Usually temporary, it's often caused by fluid from middle ear infections but can also result from ear wax build-up or a foreign object lodged in the ear canal.

It's estimated that around four out of five children will experience a middle ear infection at least once. Hearing loss can occur even after symptoms resolve because fluid can remain in the ear.

**Sensorineural hearing loss (inner ear)** results from damage to the inner ear and is permanent. It's often present from birth but can also be acquired through exposure to loud noise, some medicines, some viral infections, and head injuries. It exists on a spectrum, ranging from mild to profound. Hearing aids, or for those with profound loss, Cochlear implants, can reduce the impact of a hearing loss.

**Difficulty Hearing in Noise** is a hearing issue that can occur despite a person receiving normal results in an audiogram. While hearing in quiet may be normal, hearing in noisy environments, such as the classroom or a restaurant, may be extremely difficult.

Difficulty hearing in noise can be caused by a number of things including (but not limited to): auditory processing disorder, a developmental delay, a language issue, attention deficit and english as a second language (or bi-lingual/multilingual capabilities).





Sound Scouts<sup>™</sup>
Hear for your future.

Sound Scouts hearing checks taking place at our school!

Hearing check dates:

**Monday November 28th** 

**Tuesday November 29th** 

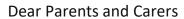
Wednesday November 30th

Don't forget to hand in your permission note for your child to receive the free hearing check, supported by the Department of Health.

Learn more: www.soundscouts.com.au



### **CLASS PLANNING for 2023**





We are currently planning for 2023 and would like your assistance with information regarding:

- 1. Will your child/ren be enrolling in another school in 2023 or

2. Will your child/ren be returning to school later than the	scrieduled start date in 2023
School will commence for students <b>Years 1-6</b> on Tuesday, 3 commence on Friday, <b>3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023</b> .	31st January, 2023. Kindergarten will
Please complete one of the slips below if applicable, and return	·
STUDENTS LEAVING LYNWOOD PARK FOR ANOTHER S	
My child/ren will be <b>MOVING TO ANOTHER SCHOOL</b> in 20	23.
Name of school:	
Child's Name:	Class 2022:
Child's Name:	Class 2022:
Child's Name:	Class 2022:
Parent / Carer Name:	
Signature: Date _	/
STUDENTS RETURNING AFTER THE SCHEDULED START	DATE IN 2023
My child/ren will <u>not be back at the commencement of the <b>RETURNING</b></u> to Lynwood Park PS at a later date.	e 2023 school year, but WILL BE
Expected date of return://	
Reason for delayed return:	
Child's Name:	Class 2022:
Child's Name:	Class 2022:
Child's Name:	Class 2022:
Parent / Carer Name:	
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