



Lynwood Times

A newsletter for the community of Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School

20th May 2022

T2 W4 Dates for Your Diary

May 23

*BFoPA Zoom
Choir
Rehearsal*

Zone X Country

May 26

*National Sorry
Day*

May 27–June 3

*National
Reconciliation
Week*

June 6

P&C Meeting

June 8

*Regional X
Country*

June 9

*Gymnastics
Program begins*

June 13

Public Holiday

June 15

*K-2
Responsible
Pet Visit*

June 20

K-6 Assembly

June 21

*Netball Gala
Day*

June 22

*Pyjama Mufti
Day*

June 23 & 24

*Wheelchair
Roadshow*

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

NAPLAN Today we completed our NAPLAN testing for 2022. As usual, it was fraught with many technical problems which added to the stress. However, we managed to get through it thanks to the superb efforts of our NAPLAN administration team led by Mrs Stewart. Also, thanks to the patience and understanding of our Year 3 and Year 5 students. Well done everyone!

Walk Safely to School Today was the annual "Walk Safely to School Day". Admittedly it wasn't a very nice day for walking outside, however I urge parents to try and make walking to school (or anywhere really) a regular occurrence whenever they can. This little activity has many benefits:

- assists in the physical and mental health of both children and parents
- better for the environment
- excellent opportunity to teach children how to behave safely around roads and traffic

School Photo Day Wednesday was our annual school photo day. As usual the children were very well behaved and the whole process went very smoothly. Sport and extra-curricular group photos will be held later in the year. AdvancedLife (our photographers) have asked the school to let parents know that orders for class and individual photos can still be made online up to 28th May. For details and codes, see the previous issues of this newsletter.

Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts (BFoPA) After having to cancel for the last two years due to the pandemic, the staff and I are thrilled with the news that BFoPA 2022 will be going ahead. For those families who are unfamiliar with the festival, it is (usually) an annual event that takes place across two nights in early September. Schools from all over Blacktown take part to showcase the talent our schools possess in the Performing Arts. Our school will be part of the massed choir and we will be performing in our combined concert band with Shelley, Vardys Road and Seven Hills North public schools. Thanks to Miss Gross for her dedication to both the choir and concert band. Rehearsals are already underway! ☺

STEM – Robotics and Coding Project Our school has been successful in applying for and receiving a grant for \$20,000 from Australian Schools Plus. The project will commence later in the term and will cover all grades K-6. The project is designed to lay the foundations for excellence in the teaching of digital technologies beginning with the purchase of age-appropriate programmable robots combined with in-class professional learning for our classroom and support teachers. Thanks to Mr Keenan for his leadership in this project.

Garden Bed Upgrade Project Our very own garden guru, Ms Bartolo, has been successful in co-ordinating the donation of time and equipment from Bunnings Seven Hills in order to upgrade our raised garden beds. Hopefully we will soon be growing some lovely flowers for our insects and bees and also some yummy veggies! There will be one garden bed for each stage. The project will start in June – weather permitting!

Have a great fortnight! – Mrs Leigh Bade

Quote of the Week

"The ballot is stronger than the bullet."
- Abraham Lincoln (former president of the US) 1809 - 1865

Silver Awards

Sophie M 12P
Charlotte W 12P
Salome L 12P
Haylee F 56A


Josua S 12G
Kyara C 12G
Icia V 12G

Week 4 K-6 Assembly Awards

Citizenship – Paul T 12G
Sportsmanship – Musa J 12P
Value of the Month: Fair –
Evie P K1Y and Shalia L KB
Principal's Award – Dominic S 12O

Citizenship – Callum A 34C
Sportsmanship – Preston B 34R
Value of the Month: Fair –
Jillian G 45M and Steven S 56A





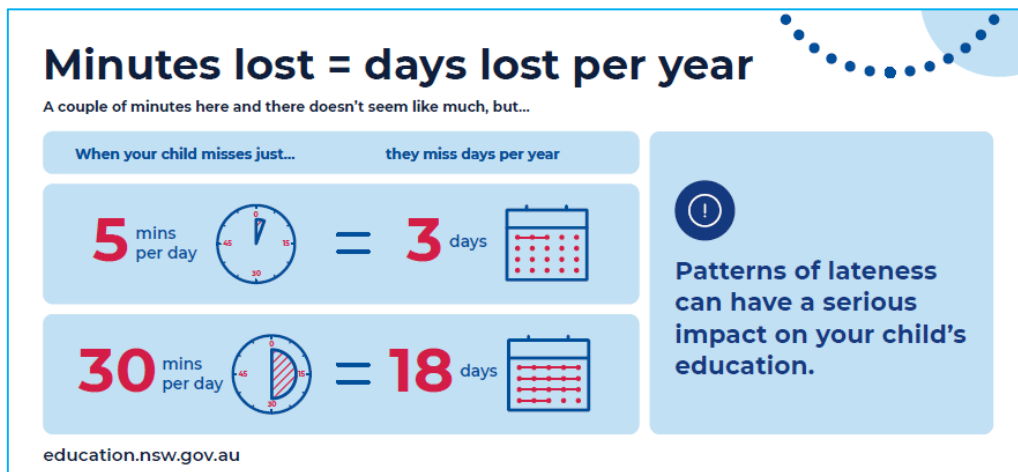
Blanket + Beanie

**BLANKET AND BEANIE
APPEAL 2022**

Lynwood Park Public School is Collecting
Blankets and Beanies to support the homeless
this winter.

Between May 20th and June 20th,
We are seeking donations of beanies,
blankets, scarves and men's clothing to
support the wider community. All
donations go to the homeless in the
Sydney and Parramatta area.

Drop donations off at the Front Office!!



Longneck Leadership Day

On Wednesday 11th May 2022, school and sports leaders attended Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre to participate in activities that required a variety of leadership skills. It was a cold and wet day, though we did manage to mostly stay dry. The students had opportunities to reflect on their own leadership skills as well as participate in activities.

Chase 5/6T – I learned that team work is better than no work.

Angel 5/6T – My favourite activity was when we had to use a tube to...

Amelia 5/6T – My favourite activity was when we used square mats like islands and had to get the whole team across the swamp but if we let go of our island it was lost forever.

Levi 5/6T – My favourite activity was the helicopter rescue because everyone worked as a team to get the rope and then swing across to the platform.

Clara 5/6A – I learned that anything is possible when doing it as a team.

Renee 5/6A – Leadership is not about leading, it is about working as a team.

Rami 5/6T – I enjoyed an activity called Brain Drain where we had to get a golf ball into a bucket using parts of a pipe and a few other rules to make it more challenging.

Thank you to all the parents who drove the students out to Maraylya and picked them up. A special thanks to Mrs Meyers who spent the day with us at Longneck Lagoon.



Graffiti Prevention Workshop

On Thursday 12th May 2022, Stage 3 students attended a Graffiti Prevention workshop in the school hall by Life Skills Education. The enthusiastic presenter, Xavier, engaged students through theatrical performance exploring the issues of graffiti in an educational presentation. The program informs young people about the legal, social and personal consequences of graffiti. Students were encouraged to be part of the solution by promoting respect for our community and a sense of civic pride.

Tully 5/6T – Graffiti can be okay in certain places, only if you have approval.

Mahdi 5/6T – Graffiti is illegal if it is on businesses or people's houses. You can get into big trouble with the owners, your parents and even the police.

Mara 5/6A – I liked that the presenter made learning fun by making us laugh.

Haylee 5/6A – I like how he told us stories to teach us.

Steven 5/6A – I liked the demonstrations he did of graffiti.

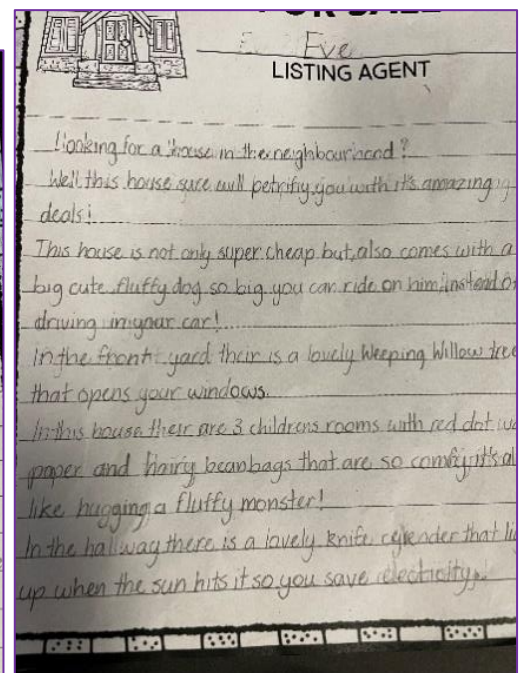
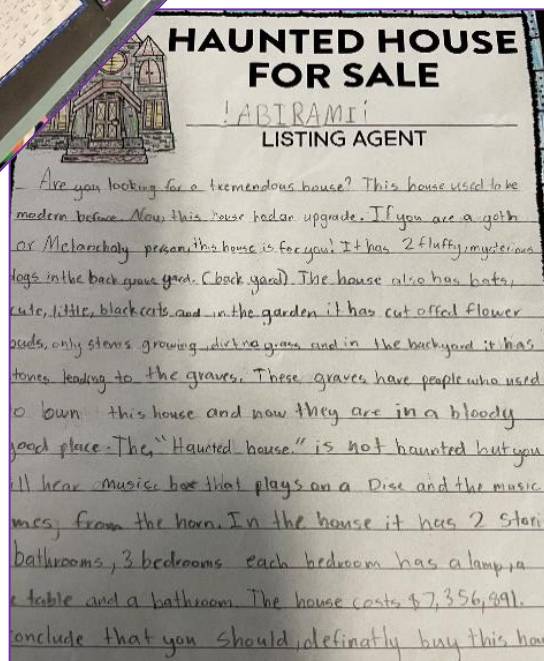
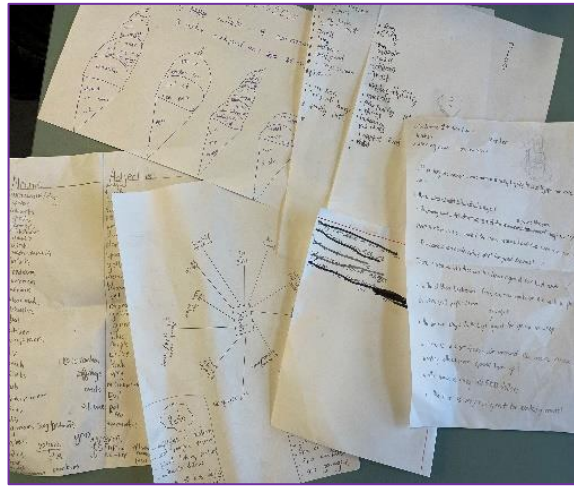
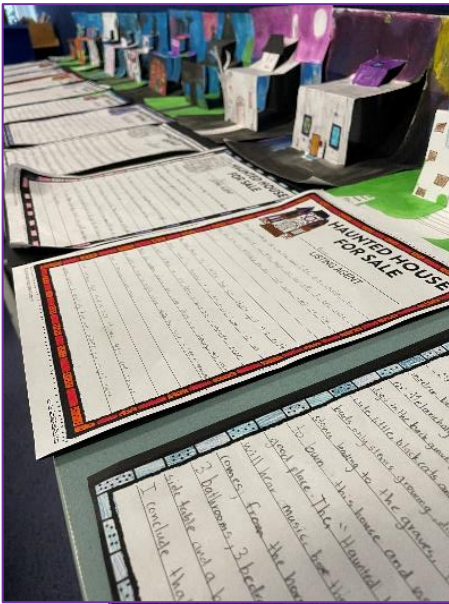


Learning with 4/5Magenta

4/5Magenta have been busy learning how to write persuasive pieces.

We acknowledged Friday the 13th with a combined writing and craft activity.

The focus was to sell a haunted house by convincing the reader its worth (turning the negatives into positives). Students planned their work using a variety of strategies, created word banks to help them construct convincing sentences and used high modality words to make their sell more convincing.



Got It! Newsletter Items for Parents

Got It! is a school-based program to help children to manage their feelings and behaviour.

Lynwood Park PS is lucky to be able to access this program again this year. Our Got It! Team has commenced our 2022 program and each fortnight, the team will provide some tips in our school newsletter to support parents, carers and teachers to help children to develop some useful skills for managing their feelings and behaviour.

Alongside each tip they have included some resources that you may find useful.

The team is made up of NSW Health professionals specialising in early childhood and adolescent health in partnership with our school team led by Miss Cowan and Mrs MacLaren.



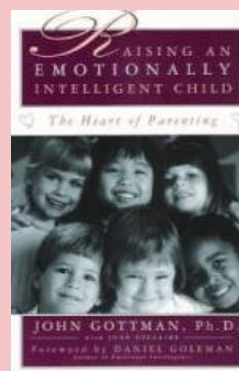
Got It! Tip of the Week

Many parents find their child's challenging behaviours hard to understand and frustrating to manage.

It is important to remember that children's difficult behaviour is a way of expressing their emotional and physical needs.

It can sometimes be tricky to know what your child is trying to communicate with their behaviour, however thinking about the emotions behind the behaviour is a great place to start.

Emotions guide our actions, and being aware of our feelings and the feelings of others helps us to handle our moods better, bounce back from emotional events faster, be healthier, get along better with people, and manage our behaviour better.



BOOK *Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child : The Heart of Parenting* by John Gottman

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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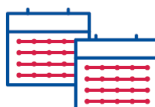
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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