

Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Attitudes - Great Achievements - Great School

21st Aug 2023

T3 W6 Dates for Your Diary

Aug 21

Book Fair Week

ICAS Science

Aug 22

School Finance Freeze

BFOPA

Performance

Aug 23

ICAS Spelling

Aug 24

Smooth Walking - Y5

Aug 25

Y1 Phonics Screener Closes

Aug 29

ICAS Maths

School Bytes - Live

Aug 30

Zone Athletics

Sep 1

P&C Fathers Day Stall

P&C Meeting - 2pm

Sep 4

K-6 Assembly

Attendance

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

79%

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

We are half way through the term and what a busy term it has been!

Education Week For those of you who were able to join us for our Education Week celebrations by visiting classrooms and attending our Performance Assembly, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. I know the children loved having you as guests in our school.

Change to School's Finance Platform Earlier this year, the Department made the decision to "retire" its old platform that dealt with school finance, and allowed schools to select a replacement platform that met with Department standards. Along with many other schools, we have decided to go with a platform called School Bytes. Our initial conversion to the Finance module will "go live" from Tuesday 29th August. From Tuesday 22nd August we will be **unable to process any financial transactions including online payments**. See later in this newsletter for more details. Once the Finance module has been settled in, we will be progressively adopting all other modules available in the School Bytes package such as Excursion Management, Forms, Attendance, Student Wellbeing and Academic Reporting. Naturally we will keep you informed as these modules are adopted.

Kindergarten 2024 We are **currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten in 2024**. If you, or one of your neighbours, have a child who will turn 5 before 31st July 2024, that child is eligible to enrol in their local school on January 30th 2024. Enrolling is easy and can be done online.

Just go to our website: lynwoodpk-p.schools.nsw.gov.au and click on the tab 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 let us know, the better we can plan for their child.

Multicultural Mural Last week we had Jeff Taylor (better known as Joffa) visit our school to conduct workshop sessions with all of our children on resilience, with the added bonus of teaching them the art of cartoon drawing. The school also engaged him to design and paint a multicultural mural that represented the students and families of our wonderful school. Several students from each class were allowed to help in the process. The result is fabulous! Please have a look at the photos later in this newsletter, or better still, come and visit the school to have a close up look!

Parent Information Sessions So far we have successfully run two Parent Information Sessions. The first was on our updated **Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures** and the next was on our updated **Digital Devices and Mobile Phones Policy and Procedures**. Many thanks to all those parents who came along to these sessions.

Both these policies will shortly be available on our school website for you to refer to when necessary. With regard to the Digital Devices and Mobile Phones Policy, we will shortly be requiring all parents and students to read the relevant policy and sign a confirmation that their child has read the policy details (or listened to someone read it to them) in order for them to be permitted to have a mobile phone on site (it will still have to be handed in to their teacher) or to wear a smart watch (it will have to comply with several setting requirements). This signed confirmation will be required by the end of this term, ready for implementation at the start of Term 4. More information will be sent home over the coming weeks.

Our next information session will be held on Tuesday 5th September (5-5.45pm) in the library and will cover Child Protection including Cyber Safety.

Have a lovely remainder of the term. Our next newsletter is scheduled for Week 10.

Mrs Leigh Bade, Principal

A quote to make you think...

"We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country."

- Uluru Statement from the Heart 2017

Positive Behaviour for Learning - This week's message from Brian the Lion

All students at Lynwood Park attended the whole school assembly last week and for Open Day the week before. Students were observed following the expectations for being respectful at assembly.

When being respectful at assembly we:

Look at and listen to each presenter

Celebrate the efforts of others

Use appropriate applause



Silver Awards

Nathan C 45Q
Micah M 45Q
Rafael M 45Q
Mason P 45Q
Sophia P 45Q
Jude T-M 45Q
Gemma B 45Q
Addison B 45Q
Parvathi N K 45Q
Renee N 45Q
Eimaan S 45Q
Annabelle P 45Q
Taha S 45Q
Austin S 45Q

Elias A 34G
Ethan C 34G
Olivia H 34G
Harang K 56B
Abirami R 56B
Anmol B 56B
Herby P 56B
Mathilde G 56B
Pooja N K 56B
Madison S 56B
Breana D 56B
Gabriela D 56B
Daniel E 56B

Alexis G 34B
Heeva D 34B
Mason K 34B
Asaad M 34B
Piper W 34B
Macie D 34B
Rawk T 34B
Joshua C 34B
Ethan B KK
Finn V KK
Matteo C K1C
Eleanor K K1C
Alysha T 56B
Salma N 56B

Aussie of the Month
July - Akshara M - K1C

For being kind, caring, safe and respectful and for looking after the little people around her.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Values Focus at Lynwood Park

In addition to the three Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations of Be a Learner, Be Respectful and Be Safe, we also teach the students about the values that make a person stand out from the crowd to be a “great” person. In the first half of Term 3, we taught the children about being **Hardworking** people. For the second half of Term 3 we will be teaching the children about being **Team Players**.

People who are **Team Players** ...

- * Cooperate and work well with others
- * Appreciate other points of view
- * Get along with different people
- * Value all contributions

In Week 8, we will recognise those students who have been actively displaying the value of being a **Team Player**.

Please talk to your children about these attributes and what they mean to being successful in life – both career and relationships.

Book Fair 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students;

Our Book Fair will be next week on Monday the 21st and Tuesday the 22nd of August in the library.

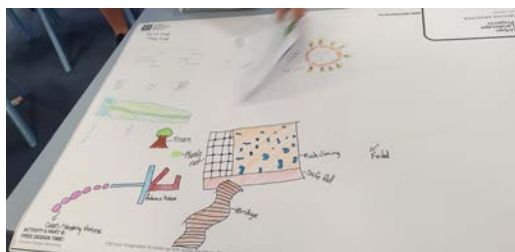


The opening times are:
Before school 8.30-8.50am
Lunch time: 1.30- 1.50pm
After school: 3pm-3.30pm



Mornings and afternoons are our busy times and we would like to remind you that we will have eftpos machines available to help avoid long purchasing lines. Students are encouraged to bring cash.

Our Wonderful Student Team Working on Our School Landscape Plan



Athletics Carnivals - Track and Field Events

In week 4, students aged 8 and above participated in the track and field athletics carnivals. On Wednesday, we held the track events which included 100m, 200m and 800m races. On Friday, we held the field events which included discus, high jump, shot put, hurdle races and nerf javelin. All students should be commended on the positive attitudes and 'give it a go' attitudes throughout the carnivals. The teachers were extremely impressed by the sportsmanship demonstrated by our students. Well done to everyone who participated.

Our zone athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday the 30th of August, at the Blacktown International Sportspark in Rooty Hill. Good luck to all our students who are attending!



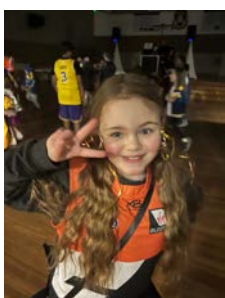
K-2 Athletics Carnivals

Our K-2 students had a fabulous day at their athletics fun day. Our activities included an obstacle course, the playground, parachute and soccer shoot outs. The highlight of the day was the sprint races.



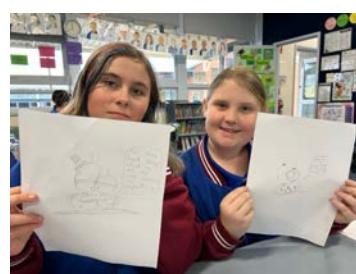
P&C Disco

On Friday the 11th of August, the Lynwood Park disco was on from 6.30pm to 8pm in the school hall. There were some very cool dance moves, lots of jumping, amazing music and very happy children. Thank you to our amazing P&C for all their hard work and dedication in preparing for the night and ensuring everyone was safe and happy throughout the disco. It was a fabulous night for everyone!



Joffa - Cartooning Workshop

Lynwood Park celebrated book week in week 5 with a visit from professional author, illustrator and cartoonist Jeff Taylor, also known as Joffa to our students. Joffa ran a cartooning workshop for our students and encouraged students to have a positive mindset about their artistic skills. It is safe to say that we had some future illustrators and cartoonists in our school.



Our New School Mural

This week, students from each class have been helping Joffa paint a custom designed mural for our school. The mural represents the multicultural nature of our school and has been completed in a fun, cartoon kind of way - which is Joffa's specialty. Our students and teachers think it looks great. We hope you do too!

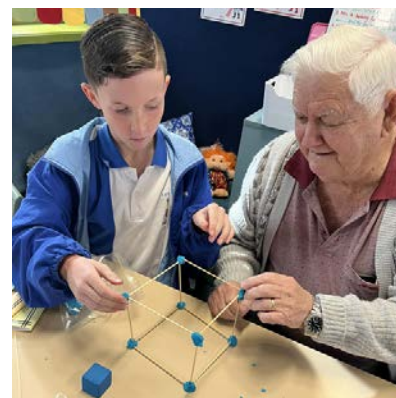


Education Week - Open Day

This year we celebrated 175 years of public education in NSW. We celebrated with an Open Day on Wednesday 2nd August, where we opened our classrooms to share our learning, presented a performance assembly and then shared a picnic recess.

Thank you to all of the mums, dads, nans, pops, aunts, uncles, siblings and cousins who joined us on the day.

Also thank you to all of our staff who organised our performance groups ready to perform for us on the day - this included junior dance group, senior dance group, Bollywood dance group, choir, recorder, pantomime and our school band.



Kindergarten 2024 Enrolments

All children who turn 5 before the 31st July 2024 are eligible to enrol now, ready for next year.

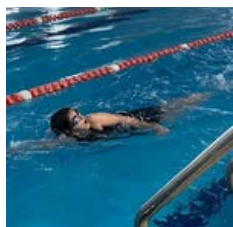
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Alternatively, contact our school on 9622 2659 and our office staff will arrange for you to pick up a paper copy of the enrolment form.



Swim School

During weeks 2 & 3 of Term 3 a group of 20 students from Years 2-6 participated in a learn to swim program at Royal Lifesaving Aquatic Academy, Seven Hills. The students should be very proud of the progress that they achieved during the program, both in their confidence in the water and their swimming skills.



100 Days of Kindergarten

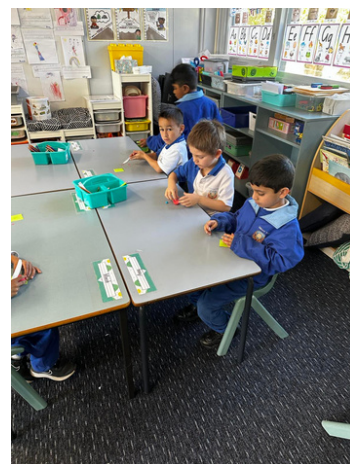
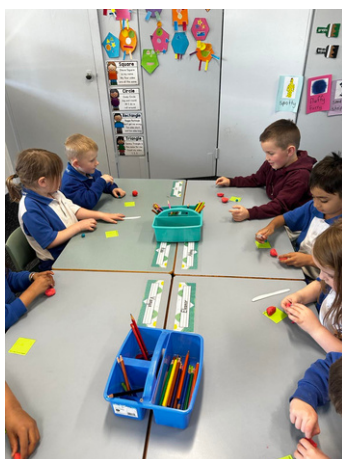
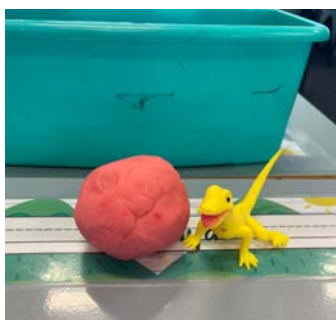
The beginning of Term 3 saw Kindergarten celebrate a huge learning milestone. They had a wonderful day filled with lots of activities including making bracelets using 100 beads, attempting to stack 100 cups and seeing if they could pop 100 balloons!

Everyone at LPPS couldn't be more proud of your achievements!



Anxiety Project

This term students from K-6 have been participating in lessons focusing on building resilience, learning self-calming techniques, reducing anxious behaviours and 'Having a Go' when things challenge them. These lessons have involved learning about parts of our brain including the location and job of the 'amygdala', our protective alarm system or guard dog, and our 'pre-frontal cortex', otherwise known by students as our air-traffic controller or wise owl. The students have made models of their brains, and practiced various breathing techniques to calm our bodies and help us to be the boss of our emotions. Parents are encouraged to chat with their children about what they have been learning in these lessons.



Anxiety Project - Parent Workshops

In term 4 we will be running a series of workshops for parents which will assist them to develop a greater understanding of the problem of increasing levels of anxiety in children and some strategies for its treatment.

More information about these sessions and registration will be available very soon.

If parents are interested in finding out more about 'The Anxiety Project', please speak with your child's class teacher, or our Anxiety Project Implementation Coach, Mrs Tracy Stewart.



ICAS ASSESSMENTS

Some of our students in 3-6 have undertaken their ICAS Assessments for which their parents signed them up. Last week they completed the Digital Technologies and Writing assessments and this week the English assessment. Next week will be the Science (Monday) and Spelling Bee (Wednesday). The following week – Week 7 – will be the Mathematics assessment.

PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

On Friday, 18th August, Rafael M and Ayden C represented our school at the Regional Finals for the Premier's Spelling Bee. This was conducted by zoom at the school.

During a very competitive Junior Regional Final, Rafael made it through to Round 5. It was an excellent effort on his part. The Senior Regional Final was also very competitive with Ayden reaching Round 7.

We are very proud of both students for their hard work and participation to be part of such an impressive competition.



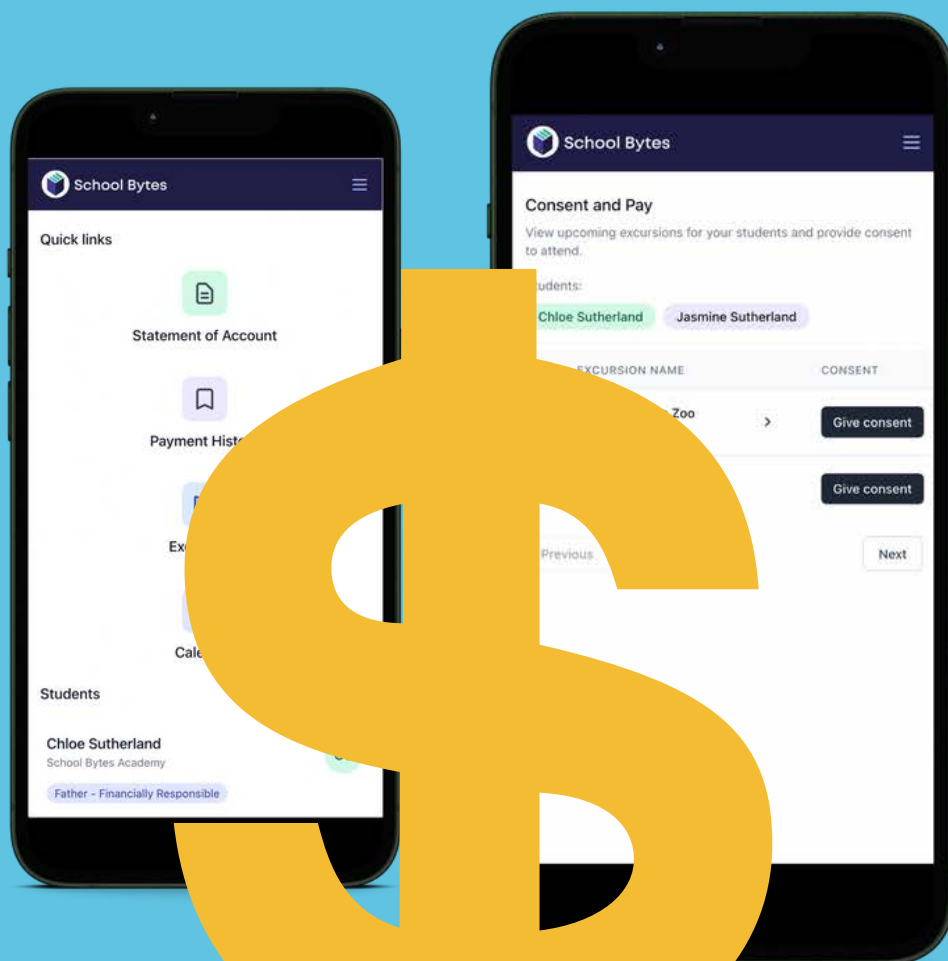
Change to School Finance Procedures

We will be transitioning to School Bytes for school finance on Tuesday the 29th August 2023. This means from Tuesday 22nd August there will be a finance FREEZE. No banking or finance tasks will be actioned or completed from the 22/8 - 29/8 inclusive.

We will be reminding our parents of the change on all our social platforms from Monday.

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 3

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>





What We Do

LPPS P&C Association are an important part of the school community. We are a voluntary group of parents and carers who raise vital funds for school programs, equipment and events that directly benefit our children's school experience. We have fun, socialise and make new friends along the way!

What's your thing?

Attend P&C meetings & have your say

Help at fundraising events and stalls

Help promote events

Volunteer in the P&C store

Become a member & join the team

If you can do just one thing many hands make light work. Get involved. Bring your skills, knowledge and enthusiasm, and offer to volunteer or join us today!



General meetings are held each month. Days and times can be found on the Facebook page. If you can't make a meeting but would like to get involved please email us for further information.  Lynwoodparkpandc@gmail.com



Lynwood Park Public School - P&C
Association

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AUGUST DISCO

The school community gathered on Friday 11/8/23 for our first school disco in 3.5 years! The students dressed up and danced the night away!

The P&C thanks the community for supporting the event and for making it a great success!
Thank you to the volunteers and those who donated items for the cake stall

THANK YOU TO THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT HAVE SUPPORTED OUR RECENT EVENTS

Bakers Delight Kings Langley
Coles Kings Langley
Coles Blacktown
Woolworths Kings Langley
Woolworths Seven Hills
Wesfresh Blacktown

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN MONDAYS

Morning 8.30-9.15am
Afternoon 2.30-3.15pm

We sell 2nd hand uniforms
and new school bags

Payment method: Direct
Transfer and cash

Donate your preloved
uniforms!

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 1 September

Fathers Day Stall

Volunteers welcome!
11am - 1pm
RSVP via facebook

P&C Meeting

Everyone welcome!
2pm - 3pm
Meet in the teacher's
staffroom