

# Lynwood Times

A newsletter for the community of Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Achievements - Great Attitudes - Great School

#### 8th November 2018

#### **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

Date	Event
9th Nov 12th Nov	Summer PSSA Remembrance Day Assembly
13th Nov	P&C Meeting 6-7pm
14thNov	Student Leadership speeches
15th Nov	Kinder 2019 Transition 2 -2.45pm
16th Nov	Book Fair 16th - 22nd Nov Summer PSSA
22nd Nov	Last Day of Book Fair
	Kinder 2019 Kinder Transition 2-2.45pm
23rd Nov	Summer PSSA
27th Nov	Volunteers Breakfast <b>8.15-8.45am</b> Last day of Scripture
29th Nov	What's in the Bin Program
3rd Dec	K-6 Assembly 2pm
4th Dec	Yr 6 – 7 Orientation Day
7th Dec	P & C Christmas Stall 11.30am - 2pm
11th Dec	Presentation Day 9.15am –11am P& C Meeting 6 -7pm
12th Dec	Year 6 Farewell - Fox Hills Golf Club 6pm-9pm
13th Dec	End of year reports home Kinder Christmas Assembly 2-3pm
14th Dec	K-6 Fun day
18th Dec	Lynwood Idol 11.30-1.15pm
19th Dec	End of Term 4 for students
20th Dec	School Development Day — Staff

NB: Check the calendar regularly in our Newsletter, on our website and on our school app—updates/changes are made as required.

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wow! What a fantastic day the students had on Friday Week 2 with the Obstarrcool circuit! Even our teachers managed to sneak on to the circuit for some well -deserved fun.

Thank you so much to our wonderful P&C and all the parent volunteers who made the day so successful and enjoyable. Also, a huge thank you to Starr Partners Real Estate at Seven Hills who were the major sponsor for the event, and contributed not only money, but hats, prizes and their valuable time to help out on the day.

Our entire staff are busy with end of year organisation and necessary tasks and activities – Kindergarten Orientation, the Year 6 Farewell, report writing and Presentation Day awards to name a few. I'd like to remind parents that our award system changed this year, and there will not be the same number of Platinum Awards handed out as in previous years. This change was necessary to reflect the hard work and effort that goes into achieving platinum level, and to ensure that the platinum award did not become undervalued.

I would like to draw your attention to the information flyer included later in this newsletter from the Nirimba Collegiate of high schools (Seven Hills HS, Riverstone HS, Quakers Hill HS and Wyndham College). The principals of these high schools are proposing a change to the model of the collegiate and are running a series of information sessions this month. If your child is/will be enrolling in one of these high schools, I recommend that you attend one of these information sessions.

A reminder to parents and students that Lynwood Park's high expectations for behaviour and effort do not change or lessen during Term 4. This is a very busy term and has the potential to become distracting for the students. Our staff understand this, but will still expect the highest standards of behaviour and respect. Students who fail to meet expectations on a regular basis will unfortunately put themselves in a position of missing out on all the fun and interesting things planned for this term.

Our teachers and support staff have been busy undertaking professional learning over the last two weeks:

- Mrs Stewart and Mrs MacLaren attended a full day seminar on best practice conducted by Shell Cove Public School.
- Mr Gonzalez attended a two day conference for delegates from all over NSW on current research into anti-bullying strategies and prevention.
- The entire staff has received further training in valueadded school improvement strategies.
- Mrs Stewart and Mr McMasters have commenced their visits to other schools in Blacktown and Penrith to investigate learning support best practices.



• Mrs Mariani has attended training in end of year processes and procedures under the new financial reporting system implemented by the department this year.

Have a wonderful fortnight! Mrs Leigh Bade Principal

Quote of the week

"Strong people don't put others down, they lift them up." - Michael P. Watson

# SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - 2020

Online applications will be open between **9th October 2018 and 12th November 2018** for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2020.

Applications **WILL NOT** be accepted after this date.

All applications must be completed online. You can find the application form at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/ selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7.

Parents will be receiving a note with further information.

They are required to indicate their 'Intention to Apply for Selective High School' and return it to the school office.

If you have any questions about the selective high school placement process see Mrs Stewart, call the DoE High Performance Students unit on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Stewart

#### HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED ?

Has your mobile or home phone number changed?

Do you have a different address? Have the emergency contacts for your child changed? Please let us know! We need to have current details should we need to contact you about your child. Send updated details to the office.

#### K- 6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS TERM 4 WEEK 4

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at this weeks assembly.

#### Principal's Award: Kgaon -2 Orange





K - 2 Citizenship - Amira 2 Orange

3 - 6 Citizenship - Japleen - 3/4Crimson

K - 2 Fairplay - Lachlan - K Blue

#### 3 -6 Sportsmanship -Ebony -3/4 Magenta







VALUE AWARDS

#### Were given to the following students :

Laylah - K Red Joziah -1/2Purple Jessica -3/4 Ruby Liam - 5/6 Aqua Teleah -5/6 Teal



# Congratulations to the following students receiving their Silver, Gold Awards AND Library Awards:

#### Silver Awards:

2 Orange - Tilaak, Kaya

3/4Ruby -Talia

3/4Crimson - Izabelle, Japleen

5/6 Aqua - Blayke, Brock, Carlie, Sienna, Jada , Serena

#### Gold Awards:

K-1Green - Katelyn,

1/2 Yellow – Annabella , Jagjeet, Shan

2 Orange - Lily

3/4 Ruby - Beeon, Kabir

3/4Crimson - Jacob, Thrishaa

5/6 Teal -Teleah, Izabellla, Curtis

5/6 Sapphire - Emanuella, Phillip, Jayden

#### Library Awards:

K Blue-Sofia,

K Red - Dylan

K1/Green -Layla

1/2 Yellow - Annabella ,

1/2Purple - Gabby

5/6 Aqua - Serena

5/6Sapphire - Eva

5/6 Teal - Nathan

#### **EXCEL UNIFORM SHOP**

The Excel Uniform shop hours will change on the following dates due to the Kindergarten 2019 Orientation program.

The uniform shop will be open on Monday 5th, 12th and 19th November from 2.30-3.30pm as usual. It will be closed on Wednesday 7th, 14th and 21st of November in the morning. It will open on Thursday 8th, 15th and 22nd November for the Kindergarten Orientation afternoons from

**2.00-3.30pm.** The last opening day of the year is Wednesday 5th December. The shop will re-open in 2019 on Wednesday, 30th January.

#### **KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION 2019**

Kindergarten Transition Sessions for Kinder 2019 will be held on:

- Thursday 15th November
- Thursday 22nd November at 2.00-3.00pm.

We look forward to having the children attending the

Transition sessions .





#### PARENT/ COMMUNITY HELPERS

#### THANK YOU BREAKFAST

We would like to thank all parent and community members who have assisted us throughout the year by holding a Thank You breakfast on **Tuesday 27th November 2017** from 8.15 am to 8.45 am at the verandah area of our school hall.

If you have helped at the school in any way this year please come along and have breakfast with the staff of Lynwood Park Public School.

This is just a small way the staff at Lynwood Park would like to show their appreciation for the valuable contribution you have made to the school.

We appreciate all you do for us. If you intend coming or have any questions, please contact the school's office.



#### **BIONIC HAND WORKSHOP**

At the Invictus Games, our stage 3 students attended a presentation run by engineering students from the University of New South Wales. Students were then asked to create their own bionic hands in small groups. They were allowed to use materials such as plastic forks, straws, elastic bands, tape, string, pom poms, paper clips, clips, skewers, balloons and paddle pop sticks. They could also use someone's hand as a model for their bionic hand. With the completed bionic hand, groups had to be able to pick up items such as duct tape, a balloon, Lego pieces, a stapler, a gem and a small rubber ball. The students could not use their other hand or their fingers to grab any of the items. Here is the group that was successful in winning the prize for the best bionic hand design and the most items lifted! All stage 3 students had a great experience learning about prosthetics and engineering.

#### Izabella and Haleigh - 5/6Teal



#### **SMOOTH WALKING**

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Sinclair & Mrs Rositano went to Seven Hills High School with Year 5 students to participate in their High School transition program called *Smooth Walking*. The Year 5 students participated in food technology, ancient history, robotics and a science lesson. They got to meet some of the high school teachers and experience moving around the school to change classes. Some student's favourite part of the day was purchasing food from the canteen at lunchtime! Thank you very much to the parents who helped us to transport the students and to Mrs Stewart for organising this wonderful experience. All students and teachers had a great day!



#### YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS AND JACKETS

If your child will be a Year 6 student in 2019 you can now order a Year 6 polo shirt and / or Year 6 jacket for next year. We're ordering in 2018 so your child will receive his / her shirt as early as possible in the new year. The shirts are blue and white with a 'mesh' polyester fabric. The names of the Year 6 students will be screen-printed on the back in white and the front of the T- shirt will have the school crest positioned on the upper right hand corner. The fleecy bomber jackets will be the same as this year's jackets, in the school colours of blue, white and maroon with school crest on the front and 'Graduating class of 2019' on the back. The cost of the polo shirts is \$32 and the jackets are \$40. When you place an order a minimum deposit of \$16 per polo shirt and \$20 per jacket must accompany the order. The full balance must be paid in 2019 prior to receiving vour order.

To check for correct sizing of shirts you are welcome to see Mrs Stewart. We encourage you to purchase a Year 6 shirt as it provides your child with a visible reminder of their last year in primary school.

Mrs Stewart

#### ANGLICARE TOYS AND TUCKER



Each year thousands of families struggle around Christmas time. Luxuries like Christmas lunch and children's gifts are simply out of the question. ANGLICARE works to ensure that these families do not go without a Christmas. ANGLICARE are once again running their 'TOYS n TUCKER' program during November and Lynwood Park would like to support this program. If you are able to help by donating toys (new only), outdoor games, sports equipment, toiletry packs for teenagers and Christmas food such as, Christmas pudding, long life custard and tinned ham/ tuna / salmon, small packs of biscuits / lollies, please send these to the school. Mrs Killen will then organise for your donations to be collected and distributed to needy families. All donations should be taken to the office and will be collected on the 14TH DECEMBER. Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Mrs Killen



At the end of last term Mrs Bade attended a Principals meeting, where Mr Paul Cole spoke to the Principals at the meeting about issues impacting our rural schools as a result of the current drought. Mr Cole proposed that the schools in or local community offer assistance and support to the rural community schools. Lynwood Park was pleased to offer assistance to Trundle Central School such as stationery, exercise books paper and other consumables.

Below is a message of appreciation from the school thanking us for our support .

"A true Australian is not defined by geography, race or income: they are defined by the quality of the human spirit.

Your generosity through reaching out to our school during this difficult time of drought has shown our students that Australia, whilst a diverse society geographically and culturally, is still a community where the spirit of giving and compassion to those in need is strong.

From the school community of Trundle, we thank you for your generosity.

Mr John Southon

Principal of Trundle Central School

#### **CLASS PLANNING 2019**

We want to hear from you, if you know your child will be attending another school in 2019, or if your child will be delayed in returning to school at the commencement of 2019. School will commence for students **Years 1-6** on Wednesday, **30th January, 2019.** Please complete the slip below, if applicable and return it to the office asap.

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#### LPPS – STUDENTS LEAVING LYNWOOD PARK AT END OF 2018

□ My child / children will be moving to another school in 2019.

Name of school:

Name/s of children:
Class 2018
Class 2018
Class 2018
Parent / Carer Name:
Date / /
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#### LPPS – STUDENTS RETURNING AFTER 30 JANUARY IN 2019

My child / children will not be back at the commencement of the 2019 school year, but WILL BE RETURNING to

Lynwood Park PS.

Expected date of return: ..... / ..... / ......

Reason for delayed return:

Name/s of children:	
Class	2018
Class	2018
Parent / Carer Name:	
Signed:	
Date / /	

#### **ICAS TEST RESULTS**

Mathematics: Credit: Thrishaa, Gurshaan, Auspal, Mark, Henry, Malakai.

Merit / Participation: Naomi, Natasha, Kabir, Kaelan, Joanne, Abyudh, Madison, Danijela, Emma, Emanuella, Izabella,Jasmine, Blayke, Matilda, Phillip, Kayla, Simonedeep, Angus, Liam.

English : Credit : Gurshaan

Merit / Participation:: Poppy, Thrishaa, Sanawbar, Natasha, Logan, Auspal, Mark, Joanne, Abyudh, Henry, Madison, Emma, Emanuella, Izabella, Blayke, Phillip, Kayla, Amina.

#### PBL Positive Behaviour for Learning

This term our school wide expectation focus is Be a Learner.

During weeks 1 to 4 we were focussing on being a learner inside the classroom as this is the place that most of our explicit teaching and learning takes place. Over the next two weeks we will be looking at being a learner in the library and the computer room.

Some examples of being a learner in the library include following the specialised library rules, researching areas of interest, reading for enjoyment and taking an active part in library lessons.

Some examples of being a learner in the computer room include using the technology appropriately, researching, using digital media responsibly and being an active participant in lessons.

You can assist your child to be a learner at home by reading the books that they borrow from the library and ensuring they use your home technology appropriately.

#### BULLYING

Last week I was fortunate to attend an Anti-bullying conference held over two days in Sydney. There were over 300 professionals from the education sector in attendance. As part of our community efforts to ensure Lynwood Park Public School is a non-bullying school, I would like to share some information and resources which will assist our teachers, students and community to support each other.

Research shows:

The most common age students experience bullying is 10 years of age.

Bullying peaks during the transition from preschool to kindergarten and primary to high school.

Enhancing social status with peers is the most commonly reported motivator for bullying.

32% of Year 5 students and 29% of Year 8 students reported frequent school bullying.

What can we do to prevent bullying?

Have an understanding of the definition for bullying.

Proactive support and teaching of practical strategies. Proactive discussions at home about bullying.

A focus on lasting, positive outcomes.

I encourage you to learn more by visiting the website below and sharing the commitment to keep our school safe.

#### www.antibullying.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/





When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once.

# That's RUDE



When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once. That's MEAN



When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they

keep doing it even when you tell them to stop or show them that

you're upset.

That's BULLYING



"Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!"

- Dr. Seuss



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Amina, Gwen, Joseph, Murat, Aydin, Rami, Terry, Kaylee, Gemma, Hudson.



#### LEARNING SNAPSHOT

#### Focus on Creative Arts

Students have been learning a range of new skills and information during Creative Arts lessons. Creative Arts gives students learning experiences in the visual arts, music, drama and dance. They have opportunities to explore their creativity in each of these areas as well as learning to appreciate the meaning and value of each art form. Our school offers an arange of performance groups that target areas of creative arts including three dance groups, debating, choir and recorder performance.

Kindergarten	Kindergarten students love making and creating artworks. They have recently created Elmer the Elephant artworks to tie in with their current literacy text. Students have used the techniques of weaving and collage to create their colour characters.
Stage 1	In Stage 1 student artworks have been based on the books we read during Literacy, with a focus on visual and digital imagery. Students have been creating artworks through modelled drawing using mixed medias including paint, pastels, pencils and paper collage. Our most recent art is based on the book, Magritte's Marvellous Hat and the students were encouraged to think outside the box of imagination and drawing beyond what we see in a physical space.
Stage 2	This term Stage 2 students have been reading Roald Dahl's "The BFG". Students have been participating in craft and drama activities that relate to the novel. The craft activities encourage develop- ment of fine motor skills such as cutting and weaving and have involved learning about colour and light. The drama activities include role-playing different characters and working together to solve problems.

Stage 3	Stage 3 are participating in music and dance lessons. During music, students are learning about musical concepts through improvisa- tion and by selecting and combining sounds. Students have been actively participating in their dance lessons, during three dance groups, debating, choir and recorder perfor-
	groups, debating, choir and recorder perfor- mance which they have been experimenting using techniques such as mirroring, con- trasting and complementing to create short dance sequences in small groups. Lessons in the creative arts strand follow the se-
	quence of appreciating, creating and per- forming and students are enjoying sharing their finished pieces with their peers

Stage 3 Art Club has been working with clay this term to create little creatures and curiosities! The club meets every Wednesday at lunchtime to work on something different every few weeks. Next week we begin making a school mural!

#### Web wonders- Creative Arts

#### Try these games and activities online!

Videos relating to colour and light in art. These are "optical illusions".

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvm6tOtLsOA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP9SxmCgQSY





#### GARDEN CLUB



The garden beds are looking very healthy with a variety of fruit and vegetables flowering. The Gardeners were excited to harvest their first lettuce to take home, they are looking forward to digging up the carrots next week.

Mrs Davis

#### CARES PROGRAM

On Thursday in Week 2 an enthusiastic group of 30 Year 4 students travelled with Mr Blume to the CARES bicycle safety education centre at Prospect.

This fantastic facility is run by the NSW Police and is set up with a mini street system complete with a roundabout and a fully functional set of traffic lights. Our students first joined in a classroom session on how to ride bikes safely on streets. Then they were issued with bike licences and completed a practical safe bike skills session before being let loose on the mini road network.

At this point the police officer asked Mr Blume and Mrs Rositano to become honorary police officers to help him in catching any riders who did not follow the road rules.

All offenders were penalised with points lost from their licences. The policeman was very impressed that nobody in our group lost their licence and in fact quite a few did not lose any points.

Thank you to all of the parents who helped with transport so that we were able to offer this size excursion as a completely free activity.

#### Mr Blume





#### OBSTARRCOOL



Last Friday the 26th October the students of Lynwood Park had a great day participating in an ObSTARRcool course run by our fantastic P&C.

The obstacle course was made up of a great mix of inflatables together with tunnels, commando nets, stepping stones and a rock wall. Each stage was allocated 45 minutes to try their best on the course

The students had a lot of fun and especially enjoyed watching the teachers have a go at lunchtime!

It was the first time the school has had this event and we hope it can return in the future.

Thank you to the P&C and all our parent helpers for all your hard work and organisation in making the event such a great success!

Thank you to Starr Partners Blacktown for supporting this great event at our school.











#### **BOOK FAIR**



The annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

Amazing books, posters, fancy pens, rulers, rubbers and other fun items will arrive on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The books will be here until Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> November and everyone is invited to come to the library to have a look. Every student in the school will have their name placed into a box and 6 lucky students will have their name drawn to win a \$10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. Novelty items will range from \$1:00 up to \$10. Large posters will be \$4 and small posters will be \$2. The wide range of books will start from around \$5. Many of our favourite Scholastic books will be available for purchase.

There will be some fabulous gift ideas for Christmas.

#### **Opening times:-**

Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am to 9:00am. Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 to 3:45pm Wednesday afternoon 3:00 – 3:30pm. Get hooked on reading at the Book Fair!



#### **PSSA - CRICKET**

Lynwood Park played against Kings Langley on the 23rd October and our juniors had a win with our Seniors experiencing an unusual draw 50-50.

On the 30th of October we played against Seven Hills North with Juniors winning 80-61 and the Seniors playing a great game in the wind, winning 106-58.

Mr Taylor

#### **PSSA - SOFTBALL**

Last Friday Lynwood Park played Vardy's Road in the

latest round of PSSA Softball. Our girls team were

defeated but showed excellent sportsmanship during the game, cheering and supporting the other team.

The boys team was gracious in their defeat, they demonstrated great respect for their opponents, shaking their hands and congratulating them on their win. A special mention goes to Teylor, who in his second game ever, hit home runs. Well done Teylor!

Mrs Cook



Widening Horizons through Innovative Education"

**Proposed Future Education Provision – Nirimba Collegiate** 

## **Community Q & A Nights**

#### The four Principals of the Nirimba Collegiate invite you to a Community Q & A Night.

In order to meet the needs of a growing number of students studying Years 11 and 12 in the North West region, the Collegiate Management Group, consisting of the Principals of Seven Hills High School, Riverstone High School, Quakers Hill High School and Wyndham College, are currently formulating a proposal that significantly expands our Collegiate.

In the proposed model Quakers Hill, Riverstone and Seven Hills High Schools would become 7-12 campuses and Wyndham College would retain its status as a Years 11 and 12 campus.

All interested parents, carers and students from any of the Nirimba Collegiate schools and their local primary schools are welcome to attend ANY of the following Q & A Nights:

7th November 6pm at Riverstone High School

12th November 6pm at Quakers Hill High School

14th November 6.30pm at Seven Hills High School

29th November 4.00pm at Wyndham College

Your opinions, comments and feedback will be considered as we continue to develop the proposed model.

Yours sincerely,

**Greg Johnstone** *Principal* Seven Hills HS Karen Downie Principal Riverstone HS Andrew Skehan Principal Quakers Hill HS Karen Smith Principal Wyndham College



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# Lynwood Park P&C News

A <u>MASSIVE</u> shout out to all our volunteers for helping make this event SUPER fun!! Without our volunteers we would not be able to put on such events for the children at Lynwood Park.















## Drawing COMPETITION !!!

Each student was given the opportunity to create their ideal obstacle course! Congratulations to our WINNERS chosen by our A-MAZING Sponsor Daniel. They were such a HUGE support on the day also. Thank You!

# **starr**partners



Next meeting is on Tuesday 13 November, 6pm in the staffroom.



### LYNWOOD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL <u>ABSENTEE NOTE</u>

(To be returned to class teacher first day back after absence)

STUDENT'S NAME:	CLASS:
Date of Absence/s:	
Reason for Absence/s	
Signature of Parent / Caregiver	



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