



Lynwood Times

A newsletter for the community of Lynwood Park Public School

Great Expectations - Great Achievements - Great Attitudes - Great School

22nd November 2018

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
22nd Nov	Last Day of Book Fair Kinder 2019 Kinder Transition 2-2.45pm
23rd Nov	Summer PSSA
27th Nov	Volunteers Breakfast 8.15-8.45am 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
29th Jan 2019	School Development Day - Staff Return
30th Jan 2019	Students -Years 1-6 return 2019
5th Feb	Kindergarten start school 9.30am

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,

We are half way through the term and as busy as ever! Christmas activity planning is underway, year 6 students are becoming even more nervous about moving to high school next year and teachers are busily assessing progress and writing end of year reports.

One of the difficult tasks that has to be performed at the end of each year is class planning and staffing for the following twelve months. Our student numbers have changed since the beginning of the year, and in order to plan as accurately as possible, we need to know of any families who will be leaving the area during the holidays and therefore not enrolling their children with us in 2019. If you will not be returning to Lynwood Park Public School in 2019, please let the office ladies know. Similarly, if you are aware of any families who have kindergarten aged children, and have not yet enrolled for 2019, please urge them to enrol their child as soon as possible.

Last week it was my privilege to listen to our nominated student leaders for 2019 give their speeches. What an amazing group of young people! Each and every one of them spoke clearly and delivered a well-prepared and rehearsed speech. Voting was extremely difficult, as every one of them gave a very polished delivery. Best of luck to all of the students who presented their speeches, I am proud of all of you.

The school app we have been using at Lynwood Park will no longer be supported by the provider at the end of this month (November). We have selected a replacement app that has the same functionality as the old one, plus lots more features. It will run on both Apple and Android phones, as well as being accessible from your laptop, desktop or tablet. We will keep you posted on how to access the app and provide you with further user information, as and when the staff are trained in its use. It is unlikely however, given that we are in such a busy time of year, that the app will be available before the beginning of the school year in 2019.

Included at the end of this newsletter is a flyer outlining some tips on child-based cybersafety. Setting parent controls on your children's devices is only part of the answer to addressing potential online dangers. Agreed upon daily screen times and setting tech free zones are two of the many suggested ways to protect children. The flyer was downloaded from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner (esafety.gov.au) which is a very useful site, full of information and tips for children, parents and families on how to stay safe online.

Our teachers, parents and support staff are lifelong learners and have been busy undertaking professional learning over the last two weeks:

- Mrs Stewart and Mr McMasters continued their visits to other schools in Blacktown and Penrith - Vardys Road PS and Werrington PS.
- Mrs Mariani attended training and a network meeting for School Administration and Business Managers.
- Mrs Mulukin completed training in Department of Education Merit Selection Procedures at Seven Hills North

- Mrs Stewart and Mr McMasters attended professional development on managing challenging behaviours in young people.

Have a great fortnight!

Mrs Leigh Bade

Principal

Quote Of The Week

“Believe you can and you’re half way there.”

Theodore Roosevelt

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

NOTES SENT HOME

Year 6 Polo Shirts and Jacket orders

Year 6 Farewell /Graduation invitation

NOTES TO BE RETURNED

Year 6 Polo shirts /Jackets order – return by 26th November

Year 6 Farewell /Graduation RSVP 3rd December

VALUE OF THE MONTH

Great People are Problem Solvers

Problem Solvers

- Use a range of thinking skills
- Plan and carry out investigations
- Consider different strategies
- Find things out before making decisions
- Solve a variety of problems



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gwen, Blayke, Rami, Terry, Gabriela, Gabriel,
Doyel, Martya, Owen, Mark, Austin.

SILVER AWARDS

3/4 Ruby—Talía

3/4Crimson—Izabelle , Japleen

3/4Magenta– Damon, Ishan, Katija, Liam, Mark, Mathew, Micah, Natasha.

GOLD AWARDS

K Blue – Aren

1/2 Purple - Chloe, Brody

3/4 Magenta—Brittany, Kaelan , Khushi

5/6 Aqua– Chloe, Henry

5/6 Sapphire – Jack, Simone, Shareen

5/6 Teal—Caylan, Gwen

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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.

The purpose of this event is to thank parents and community members. Student supervision will be provided from **8.30am** on the school quads.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018

Between 2014 and 2018, Australia has remembered all those who have served in our military over the last 100 years, since the First World War. This special period of commemoration is known as the ANZAC Centenary. Sunday 11th of November was Remembrance Day, so on Monday 12th November we held a Remembrance Day Assembly. This is a special time for students and staff of Lynwood Park Public School to pause and remember those who served our country in times of war and conflict. We honour the sacrifices they made in our country's name and students and staff wore a poppy or sprig of rosemary, as a symbol of remembrance. Thank you to Matilda and Calum for running the assembly.



KINDERGARTEN 2019

Students commencing Kindergarten in 2019 have enjoyed three afternoon orientation visits over the last few weeks. The children have experienced activities in the kindergarten classrooms including stories, craft, play time and hearing about learning at 'big school'.

Parents and caregivers have attended three information sessions during this time covering school preparation, the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment, healthy eating and the crunch and sip program.

Families are reminded that Best Start assessments will be carried out for the students over **Wednesday 30th** and **Thursday 31st January** at the time listed in their Best Start assessment letter. This assessment appointment will take approximately 1 hour.

Please contact the school office on 9622 2659 with any questions regarding your Best Start appointment.

Kindergarten students will then commence school on **Tuesday 5th February from 9:30am**. The school P&C will host a morning tea for families following this.



Welcome to
Kindergarten!

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 your 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

LEADERSHIP SPEECHES 2019



Year 5 students who nominated as school leaders for 2019 have presented their speeches to the students and staff. These speeches allowed the students to talk about the qualities they have that would make them a good school leader and what being a school leader at Lynwood Park means to them. Following the speeches, all students and staff cast their votes for the selection of our 2018 school leaders. Results of the voting will be announced at our annual presentation day. Well done to all the students!

Mrs Stewart



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 / /

STEAM TEAM



On 8th November 33 teams from 21 schools in the Blacktown Learning Community gathered at Vardy's Road Public School to share the culmination of months of hard work. It was amazing to see the diverse range of STEAM projects that were on display. As the coordinator this year, I was very proud of our students who confidently explained our process and findings to students, teachers, parents and visitors. The students chose to deliver an overview of their work and recommendations through the development of a video and website. Anyone with a Department of Education login can view their work at: tinyurl.com/LPPSLitter

We are grateful for the support of Blacktown Council, with Matthew and Brendan making themselves available to us for face-to-face sessions throughout the year. Brendan was able to make it to the expo to support our final product.

Apart from the celebration of work throughout the year, our students competed in a robot wars competition on the day. Our designers came up with an amazing robot that remained undefeated through the challenges, losing out in the semi-final only as it became wedged under the arena wall (too fast and too strong)!!

Well done to the team and a big thankyou to those who contributed along the way. It was a very successful STEAM experience!

Mr Taylor



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AND LEARNING

This term our school wide expectation focus is **Be a Learner**. Over the last two weeks we have been looking at being a learner in the library and the computer room. This has been very timely due to the Book Fair that has been taking place. It has been wonderful to see the way students are being learners as they carefully choose books that interest and inspire them. For Week 7 and 8 the school wide PBL focus is **Be a Learner in assemblies**. At our school assemblies take on a few different formats including our morning K-2 and 3-6 assemblies, where students are welcomed for the day, daily messages are communicated and in K-2 some brain warm up stretching occurs.

Students can **Be a Learner** during these morning assemblies by arriving to school on time and being with their class before the 9:00am bell rings. Being a Learner also requires students to use their 6Ls (*Legs* crossed, hands in *Laps*, ears *Listening*, *Lips* closed, eyes *Looking* and brains *Learning*) while someone else is talking to ensure they are not distracted and are also not stopping others from learning.

Week 8 will be the Lynwood Park Annual Topic Talk assembly. It will be the perfect opportunity for students to **Be a Learner** and find out some interesting facts, on a range of topics, from their peers who are given the opportunity to present in front of the school.

At home you could assist your child to Be a Learner at assemblies by ensuring that they are looking at you and paying attention when you speak and then also model these behaviours when they are talking to you.

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



LEARNING SNAPSHOT

Focus on History and Geography

Students have been learning a range of new skills and information during History and Geography lessons.

Students from K to 6 investigate their personal, family and community history and the people, places and environments around them. They develop understanding of Australia's Indigenous and colonial history and how Australia became a nation, viewing historical events from different points of view. Students also explore geographical concepts, such as place and sustainability, through real world examples and issues.

Kinder-garten	Kindergarten students have been learning about the people who help us in our community and their roles and responsibilities. They have particularly noted the links between caring for our community and caring for the places they are familiar with, including our school, classrooms and homes. This has linked into one of our literacy texts as we explore how environments change over time because of our actions.
Stage 1	This term Stage 1 has been studying History and learning about 'The Past in the Present'. Students have discussed and compared how school has changed over time by looking at the land and teaching and learning environment in the classroom. One book they enjoyed viewing was 'Window' by Jeanie Baker. We learnt how the land has changed into suburbia and cities and discussed the effects it can have on animals, people and the air.
Stage 2	Stage 2 are learning about how Australia compares to other nearby countries. We have researched some facts about Australia and are now collecting facts about other countries to compare the similarities and differences. Many students are enjoying researching countries that they have visited such as New Zealand, Fiji and New Caledonia.
Stage 3	Stage 3 have been exploring Australia's connections to Asia. In doing this, they have been exploring their own culture and traditions to better understand how we are connected to the people of Asia. Students have communicated their understanding exploring festivals, religion, economic activities and tourism.

Web wonders- History

Try these games and activities online!

Stage 1 are really interested in school life and how it has changed. They are keen to explore an 'old school' that still exists in Rouse Hill. <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s2953658.htm>

A range of activities using geography skills including map, graph and chart reading on a range of topics. <https://kidsgeo.com/geography-for-kids/>

PEER SUPPORT

During terms 3 and 4, all students at Lynwood Park Public School participated in a Peer Support program. This year's program was titled *Taking Opportunities*, which had a particular focus on building resilience. The experiences presented in the program helped students develop skills to identify their strengths, celebrate their achievements and seek assistance when faced with challenges. Peer Support was thoroughly enjoyed by all students as it allowed students to form friendships across different year levels. At the end of the program students celebrated by eating their lunch together in their groups.

Mrs Sinclair



LPPS PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS

Our Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday, 11th December at 9.15am in the school hall. Parents of award winners will be invited to attend on the day. Our school will present the following awards to students.

CLASS AWARDS

Five medals will be presented to each class. One each for:

- * Achievement in literacy
- * Achievement in numeracy
- * Citizenship
- * Improvement
- * Effort

SUPPORT PROGRAMS AWARDS

Library / Computers - one award per grade

EAL/D – 2 awards: one for K-2 and one for 3-6

Learning and Support – 2 awards: one for K-2 and one for 3-6

CULTURAL AWARDS One award to be presented each for: debating, S3 dance; S2 dance; S1 dance; gardening club; choir; and recorder.

SPORTS AWARDS: Six medals to be presented for each sport (if applicable):

Swimming – junior boy, junior girl, 11 yrs boy, 11 yrs girl, senior boy & senior girl champions

Athletics – junior boy, junior girl, 11 yrs boy, 11 yrs girl, senior boy & senior girl champions

Swimming House Shield winner

Athletics House Shield winner

SPECIAL AWARDS

An individual trophy/plaque for the recipient plus engraving on the relevant shield in the school.

* School Sports Champion x 2 – girl and boy who have exhibited elite performance in sport

* NSW Premier's Sport Challenge medal

* Joan Smiley Award – to a Kindergarten child for achievement in reading and maths

* Simeon Hawkins Award – for a Stage 2 student who displays consistent effort in all areas of school life

* Yr 6 Rotary Award – for outstanding citizenship

• Yr 6 Community Spirit Award – provided by Michelle Rowland for outstanding leadership and citizenship

Year 6 Proficiency Award - for outstanding consistent effort and achievement across all key learning areas.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL / GRADUATION 2018

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Wednesday 12th December, 2018 from 6.00pm-9.00 pm at Fox Hills Golf Course.

The dress for this occasion is smart casual.

Students in Year 5 are requested to arrive at 7.30pm after dinner to join in the celebrations with the Year 6 Students.

Parents are invited to attend the function from 8.30pm when the formal part of the evening will begin.

All students are to be collected from the function room at 9pm by a parent or an authorised adult.

All students must RSVP by 3rd December, 2018.

Mrs Stewart

KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY



We would like to invite our Kindergarten parents and caregivers to our annual Kindergarten Christmas Assembly on **Thursday 13th December at 2pm** in the school hall.

Please come and share this wonderful finale to the student's first year.

Mrs Thompson, Mrs MacLaren & Miss Gross.

BOOK FAIR



Thank you to the School Community for supporting the Book Fair this week.

The students were very fortunate to have the opportunity to have this event at our school.

Thank you to Mrs Gould, Ms Killen and Mrs Pandos for all your hard work.

Happy Reading everyone!

Lynwood Park P&C News



A DATE TO REMEMBER

We will be holding a **Christmas Stall** on **Friday 7 December 2018**. There will be a great selection of gifts available for students to purchase.

Watch this space for more information in the next newsletter.

DON'T FORGET to MENTION LYNWOOD PARK PS!



Remember to mention Lynwood Park Public School the next time you dine at Lalor Thai or pick up your take away order.



Why not grab a couple of extra items while at the shops this week and donate them to the “Share The Joy” campaign.

Non-perishable food, toiletries and new toys are greatly appreciated.

**Please deliver all donations
to the office.**

**Next
meeting
is on
Tuesday
11 December,
6pm
in the
staffroom.**

CONNECT WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY



To keep informed about what the P & C are up to **Like** us on Facebook or visit our website.

lynwoodparkpandc.org.au Or www.facebook.com/lynwoodparkpandc

7 WAYS

parents can manage web connected devices in the home



ALMOST
1 in 3

teens are accessing the internet between 10pm and midnight

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39%
of teens use a tablet to go online

2



47%

of teens play games online

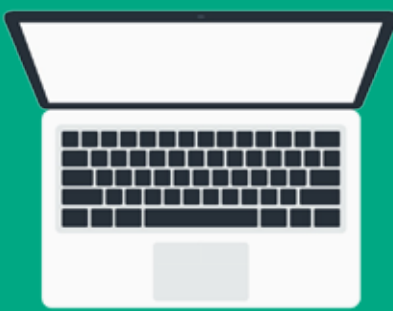
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64%

of teens stream video on YouTube & TV

4



74%

of teens use a computer to go online

5



78%

of teens research and browse on the internet

6



80%

use a smart phone

7



86%

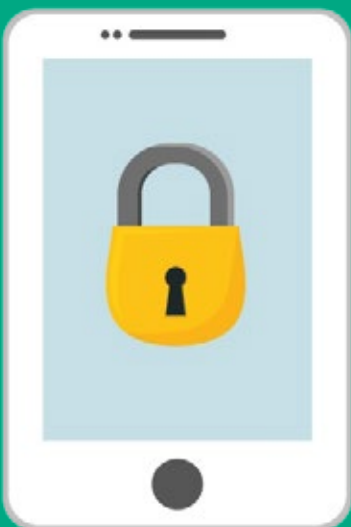
have home broadband access

Telstra provides **parental control tools** and homework time blackouts; Optus and Vodafone provide guidance on tools.

Parental controls can keep kids safe on many screens

THEY CAN

- ✓ Block sexually explicit sites
- ✓ Set screen time limits
- ✓ Block in-app purchases
- ✓ Block numbers and SMS
- ✓ Allow or block websites
- ✓ Restrict chat features
- ✓ Allow parental monitoring



REMEMBER

No parental control is 100% failsafe. Keep children's trust by using these tools openly at home

esafety.gov.au/iparent



Come and Try Camp Australia's Outside School Hours Care for FREE!

We are excited to announce that the children at your school can now come and try their first day of Outside School Hours Care for FREE! This is a great chance for parents to see what Camp Australia is like before signing their children up to our services.

It's also free to register. You can register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-first-day-free. Once you have completed the registration, you can activate your session whenever you like. This free trial is only for parents who register between the 5th November and the End of Term 4. Make sure you use your session as First Day Free will expire at the end of Term 4 2018.

Our Outside School Hours Care programs provide fun and engaging experiences every single day, and includes elements of:

- **Outdoor play time** – sport, skills development, general play and inclusive games
- **Construction and Manipulative play** – art and craft, cooking, construction and indoor games
- **Creative time** – includes activities like drama and music
- **Life skills** – community involvement, role playing, communication and social skills development
- **Homework and quiet time** – so children can relax with their family when they go home
- **Unique and new experiences** – trying new sports and artistic pursuits like circus skills, yoga, skate boarding, martial arts, golf and calisthenics just to name a few.

For further information please contact our Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except National Public Holidays).

Kind Regards,
Camp Australia