



# Lake Illawarra South Public School

## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10: Monday 16 DECEMBER 2019

### CALENDAR

#### DEC 2019

16 Talent Quest

18 Year 6 DOSH Day

Year 6 Arch 2.30pm

Last day of term

#### JAN 2020

28 Staff Development Day

29 Students return (Years 1 to 6)

30 Kindergarten commence

#### FEB 2020

07 Welcome Back BBQ

12 Swimming Carnival

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is the final newsletter for 2019 and I would like to thank the Lake Illawarra South Learning Community for another great year. Your support is greatly appreciated across so many aspects of our school.

Presentation Day was a lovely celebration of student achievement in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits. It was wonderful to see so many

parents, grandparents and family friends attend the assembly to support our students.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Miss Hutchison on her new position at Warrawong Public School and to thank her for her commitment and dedication to Lake Illawarra South PS over the last three years. Miss Hutchison will be missed by students, staff and the community as she has been involved in so many areas across the school, particularly in the creative arts. We wish her all the very best for the next steps in her career.

I would also like to wish the Class of 2019 all the best as their primary school days come to an end and they begin high school. They have grown physically and matured socially and emotionally over the last twelve months and we will miss them all.

This term, the last day for students and teachers is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Both Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December are allocated as Staff Development Days; however, staff have attended multiple three-hour Professional Learning sessions throughout the year so teachers are able to finish the term with the students.

Year 1 to 6 will return in 2020 on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January and Kindergarten will commence on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. On the Wednesday, students should go to the Eastern Playground if arriving prior to the school bell. Students will then assemble under the COLA in their 2019 classes. Students will be in their 2019 classes until enrolment numbers can be confirmed and class structures finalised. We anticipate that classes should be able to be announced by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. Please contact the school via the school email account if your child is not returning on the first day

so they are able to be included in the numbers. This allows us to form classes as soon as possible.

I would like to wish all our families at Lake South a wonderful Christmas and hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Karen Simula  
**Principal**

## THANK YOU

Our thank you morning tea was held to thank our volunteers and Scripture and Ethics teachers. So many people contribute to our school and students in so many ways and it is impossible to thank them all individually. Please know that each and every moment of time and effort that you contribute to our students makes a difference and is truly appreciated.

## REPORTS

Semester Two reports were sent home last week. Parents are welcome to make an appointment to speak with their child's class teacher at any time to discuss their progress. Should you wish to discuss your child's Semester Two progress, please do not hesitate in contacting the office to make an appointment. Teachers are very happy to conduct phone interviews if that is more convenient.

## YEAR 6 LAST DAY

We kindly ask parents, carers, family friends and community members to join us in farewelling Year Six on their last day of primary school. Please assemble in the front area of the school near the bike track at 2.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## 2020 RESOURCES

A list of items that your child will require for the beginning of the 2020 school year was included with the Semester 2 reports. If you did not receive this information, you are able to collect a copy from the school office or alternatively, download a copy from the school website.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Lake Illawarra South Public School Summer Reading Challenge is about to start. Information will be given to students before the vacation period starts. Students who complete the challenge over the holidays will receive a special

treat in the early weeks of Term 1 2020. Completed Summer Reading Challenge cards need to be returned to Mrs Simula by the end of Week 2, Term 1 2020.

## SCHOOL LEADERS 2020

We would like to thank the outgoing School Leaders, Nate, Mylee, Julian and Molly for their outstanding work as school leaders this year. They were a credit to themselves and our school whilst carrying out their duties.

Congratulations to Finn, Myalee, Danielle and Harry who were announced as the 2020 School Leaders. We look forward to working with you next year.



## ETHICS 2020

Ethics classes were offered for students in Stages 2 and 3 this year as an alternative to SRE classes. The wonderful Ms James is unable to continue in 2020 due to her studies. If you are interested in teaching Ethics in 2020, please contact the school. Training and support is provided.

## HOME READING

Please return any school library books and home readers to school before the end of the school year so staff can complete our annual stocktake.

## TALENT QUEST

There was plenty of talent on show today at the Talent Quest. Students performed a number of high

quality acts including dancers, guitar players, pianists and singers to name a few.



## SHARE OUR SPACE

Lake Illawarra South Public School's grounds will be open to the public during the summer vacation. Access to the school grounds will be via the gate on Pur Pur Avenue. The grounds will be patrolled by security guards each day. So, come along and use the space for a soccer or basketball game – even ride your bike around the bike track out the front.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

The National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) is a Commonwealth-funded initiative to support the emotional wellbeing of students and the broader community through the provision of pastoral care services and strategies. These may include (but are not restricted to) assisting with lunchtime activities, supporting students in classrooms and on excursions and parent workshops.

We have secured a provider and will be interviewing applicants over the summer vacation period.

## PICNIC DAY

Students had a wonderful time last Tuesday with Stage 3 at Jamberoo Recreation Park, Stage 2 at Shellharbour Bowl and Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 at the movies. There were plenty of smiles all round as students enjoyed a day away from the schoolyard with their friends. Teachers reported that our students displayed excellent behaviour throughout the day. Thank you to the staff who organised these fun activities for our students to celebrate the end of the 2019 school year.

## YEAR SIX DOSH DAY

Year Six students will be participating in our annual Day of Silly Hats known as DOSH Day on the last day of term. Students will be participating in a range of activities to develop resilience, team work and cooperative skills in a fun and safe environment. What a great way to end Year Six's primary education.

## YEAR SIX FAREWELL

Our Year Six students enjoyed a wonderful celebration at Warilla Bowling Club last week. They all looked so very grown up in their outfits. A special thank you to Mrs James, Mrs Parker and Mrs Leake for making the evening such a memorable one for our students.

## ROAD SAFETY

Your primary aged child is still developing an understanding of danger and safety. While they are often keen to do things for themselves, an adult must always be responsible for your child in the traffic environment.

Your child is a vulnerable road user. They are still developing the skills that help them to judge the direction of sound and the speed and distance of vehicles. Your child is physically small, making it harder for drivers to see them. They may be easily distracted and tend to only focus on one thing at a time. This means they find it difficult to deal with sudden changes in the traffic environment.

Your child may be able to tell you the rules and how to keep safe near, in and around vehicles but, in reality, will not always be able to apply them. Take some time to explore and talk about the Safety Town activities with your child. [www.safetytown.com.au](http://www.safetytown.com.au)



