



Lake Illawarra South Public School

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NEWSLETTER

You can do it!

The newsletter is available on the school website, go to: www.lakeillaws-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Dates for your calendar

5/12	Learn to swim week
6/12	Lake Illawarra High Orientation Day
7/12	Presentation Day 11.10am—1pm
9/12	Reports home
12/12	Year 6 Farewell
13/12	Class Party Day
14/12	P&C Xmas stall
16/12	Last day of Term 4
19/12	Office open
20/12	Office closed & School closed

More information and notes to follow, closer to the events.



Principal's Message

Industrial Action

A note went home last week to inform families of a stop work meeting this Thursday, 8th December. Minimal supervision will be available. More information is attached to this newsletter.

End of Year and School Opening Times

The last day of the school year for students is on Friday 16th December. The Admin Office will be open on Monday 19th December. The school will be closed from Tuesday 20th December until Friday 27th January. The Admin Office will be open on this day.

Students in Years 1-6 will return to school on Monday 30th January. Kindergarten will have Best Start on Monday and Tuesday and will begin school on Wednesday 1st February.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

A big congratulations to Miss Tiffany Estreich who has gained a temporary teaching engagement at Mount Warrigal for 2017. Miss Estreich is an outstanding teacher and will be missed by everyone at Lake. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank her for all her hard work over the last 18 months.

Whooping Cough

There has been a confirmed case of whooping cough in our K-2 school. Notes went home last week to all families who have children in K-2.

I have attached information regarding whooping cough to this newsletter. If you are concerned your child is unwell or may have whooping cough, please ensure you go to the doctor.

Ethics Survey

Information regarding ethics education has been sent home with your eldest child today. The ethics program can be taught during scripture but needs to be taught by volunteers, not teachers at school. If you are interested in volunteering, please return the requested information to school.

Volunteers' Morning Tea

We like to take time to acknowledge and thank all the wonderful volunteers we get at our school. There will be a thank you morning tea in our school library on Thursday 8th December starting at 10:30am.

Final newsletter 2016

This will be the final newsletter for 2016. I would like to thank all families for their ongoing support of our school. I am truly blessed to work in such a wonderful school. Have a safe and happy break and see you all again in 2017.

Have a wonderful week!!

Mrs Piggott

Uniform Shop News
Open

Mondays & Thursdays
8.15—9am in the hall.



2016 Shellharbour City Council Mayor's Giving Tree Appeal

Some 450 children from our local area will not receive Christmas presents this year. If you are able to donate any gifts to this worthwhile appeal please bring it in to school and hand to the front office.

Your consideration in this important appeal is appreciated.

Mrs Trotter



Lake Illawarra South Public School

is currently taking enrolments for

Kindergarten 2017

Do you have a young person who will start school next year?

*If so, **NOW** is the time to come along to the Office and complete an enrolment form*

We are now enrolling students who are in area.

Enrolments are filling fast.

**For all enquiries contact
the school on 4295 1924**



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ATTENTION!!

All Library books are to be returned ASAP!!

Fines will apply!!

Thank you
Ms Lewis



Uniform Shop News Open

**Mondays & Thursdays
8.15—9am in the hall.**

The Uniform shop will be open on Friday 27th January from 9 - 11am, then from Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February from 8.15 - 9am.

Thankyou and see you in the New Year

A Roberts
Uniform Coordinator



INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Thursday 8 December 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have been notified that the NSW Teachers Federation has announced it will hold a stop work meeting of school teachers and non-school based Teaching Service (OCAA) members on Thursday 8 December 2016 starting at 8.45am. The purpose of the stop work meeting is for Federation members to debate and vote on the proposed Crown Employees (Teachers in Schools and Related Employees) Salaries and Conditions Award 2016.

Please note: This action will not interrupt the swim scheme program. Students who are attending the swimming scheme will still do so and teachers will attend with the students as normal.

For all other students, the teaching staff at Lake Illawarra South Public School will be in attendance at the meeting. To support our parents and families **there will be minimal supervision of students at school.** Classes and the school routines will resume again as normal from 10:00am.

I ask that if parents and families who are able to support the school by sending their child or children to school at **9:45am** consider their circumstances to see whether this is possible. For families and parents who cannot, minimal supervision will be in place.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs Piggott in the office. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Piggott
Principal



Whooping cough affects people of all ages. It can be especially serious for babies. Vaccination reduces the risk of infection.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Last updated: 30 March 2015

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. Whooping cough in babies can lead to apnoea (pauses in normal breathing), pneumonia, feeding problems and weight loss, seizures, brain damage and, in some cases, death. Older children and adults can get whooping cough too and pass it on to babies.

What are the symptoms?

- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?

- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.
- Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you've been immunised.

How is it prevented?

Whooping cough vaccines provide good protection from infection but immunity fades which means that boosters are needed.

Immunisation for babies

- Babies need to be immunised at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age.
- Getting your baby vaccinated on time gives them some protection when they are most at risk of severe illness.
- If your baby's vaccines are overdue, see your GP now to catch up.



Immunisation for older children

- A whooping cough booster is needed at 4 years of age.
- Check if your child has been vaccinated. Look at their Blue Book, speak to your GP or ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.
- A second whooping cough booster is given in high school through the NSW School –based Vaccination Program.

Immunisation for adults

A booster for adults is recommended for:

- Women who are in the third trimester of pregnancy, preferably at 28 weeks. Free vaccine is provided in NSW through Gps and hospital antenatal clinics.
- Other adult household members, grandparents and carers of infants under 12 months of age.
- Adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough:

- If you have been exposed to someone with whooping cough early in their illness while they are infectious, watch out for symptoms and see your doctor if you get a new cough.
- Some babies and some pregnant women need antibiotics to prevent whooping cough infection if they have had significant contact with an infectious person.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor may ask about your symptoms and whether there you've had any contact with whooping cough. If your doctor thinks you have whooping cough, a swab from the back of the nose or throat can confirm the diagnosis.

How is it treated?

- Some babies may need treatment in hospital or in intensive care.
- Antibiotics are used to treat whooping cough in the early stages and can help prevent spreading whooping cough to others. People who are not treated early with the right antibiotics can spread the infection in the first 3 weeks of their illness. After 5 days of antibiotics, you are normally no longer infectious.
- The cough often continues for many weeks, despite antibiotics.

What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local Public Health Unit. Public Health Unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread.

Infectious children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.

Identify - Protect – Prevent

NSW Health whooping cough campaign <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Infectious/whoopingcough/index.asp>

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au



Would you like your kids to attend Ethics classes instead of Scripture or non Scripture?

The law in NSW requires that *'in every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion'*. What this means currently at LISPS is that Scripture is taught every Friday for 30 minutes. Students who have received permission from their parents/ guardians to not attend these classes spend the time in non Scripture. **Students are not allowed by law to learn anything new during this time, except for Ethics.**

The law does allow for ethics classes to be provided instead. The school cannot provide any resources to help this occur, so it's up to parents and other volunteers to make it happen.

I would love to see Ethics classes become an option for kids at LISPS, and I am willing to coordinate the program, but I also need your help.

Are you interested in teaching Ethics at Lake Illawarra South Primary School?

Ethics Teachers don't need a teaching or a philosophy background, just the ability to get on well with children and an interest in learning.

You will be teaching children to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence rather than act according to habit or peer pressure. Teach ethics and you'll be helping children develop important skills for life.

requirements

Minimum 12 month commitment

Availability to teach for 30 – 45 minutes at a set time each week (plus 1 hour preparation)

Reasonable ability on computers

Completion of background checks and a Working with Children Check number for volunteers

Completion of required training

Deliver lessons as specified (you get everything you need to do this)

Print lesson resources as required

Let me know if you are interested in becoming an Ethics teacher by completing the form at the bottom of the page by or contacting me directly on the details below by Dec 12th. If we get enough people willing to be involved, I'll be in contact with you to take you through the process.

Thanks very much.

Kristy Blackburn

For more information check out the website: www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Kristy Blackburn on 0417032757 or Kristy.lee.blackburn@gmail.com

Parent / Carer Name: _____

Child/ren's Name : _____ Class/es: _____

Please tick the appropriate box or boxes.