



# Lake Illawarra South Public School

## Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6: Monday 18 NOVEMBER 2019

### CALENDAR

#### NOV 2019

- 18 Stage 1 Assembly 2pm  
Bike Day  
Book Fair continues
- 19 Bike Day  
Swim Scheme commences
- 20 2020 Kinder Visit  
ATSI Transition Day at LIHS  
Book Fair last day
- 25 Leader Assembly
- 27 2020 Kinder Visit
- 28 AECG Meeting

#### DEC 2019

- 02 Early Stage 1 Assembly 2pm
- 03 P&C Meeting  
Yr 6 High School Orientation Day
- 04 2020 Leader Speeches/Election
- 05 Year 6 Farewell
- 06 Scripture Christmas Assembly
- 10 Picnic Day
- 12 Presentation Day
- 18 Year 6 DOSH Day  
Last Day of term

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of the school year is fast approaching and there are many fun and exciting events planned for the remainder of the year. Please check the newsletter each fortnight for valuable updates and check your child's bag regularly for permission notes and information.

Construction of a new sandpit will commence in the Eastern Playground this week. When complete, it will be an additional activity students will be able to enjoy during the recess and lunch breaks. The sandpit that is located near the Kindergarten rooms will be demolished. New seating has also been purchased for the Western Playground. Metal seating will be placed along the western side of the Stage 3 building and three colourful tables with chairs will be placed under trees to provide students with a quiet place to sit and relax during break times.

The painting works around the school will be completed this week and a new sound system is being installed in the hall in the coming weeks.

New bike and scooter racks will be installed in the coming weeks. This should alleviate the congestion in the Bike Area.

Ms McPhillips is taking leave for the remainder of the school year from next Wednesday. Miss O'Keefe will be undertaking the library role in her absence. As one of the Assistant Principal positions will be abolished in 2020, Ms McPhillips will not be returning next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her excellent work in the library and as an Assistant Principal.

Karen Simula  
**Principal**

## PRESENTATION DAY

Our end of year Presentation Day will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December in our school hall. Parents of students who will be receiving awards will be contacted prior to the day, however; as these awards are very important all parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please add this important date to your calendar.

## BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair concludes this Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup> November). Thank you to the families that have made a purchase. This is one of the school's main fundraisers of the year. The school receives a significant number of resources and books as a result of sales throughout the Book Fair. The Book Fair is open each morning and afternoon until Wednesday. EFTPOS facilities are available.

## RIDE & WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Last Wednesday 45 students walked or rode their bike to school with Lake Illawarra South PS staff as part of the school's Live Life Well initiative. Thanks to Ms Verheyen for organising.



## WARILLA LIBRARY ARTWORK

A small number of Stage 3 students has been involved in creating artwork for Warilla Library. Students designed and created a ceramic plate artwork which will be displayed in the children's area of the library. Staff from Warilla Library were very impressed with the students' commitment, respect and manners throughout the project.

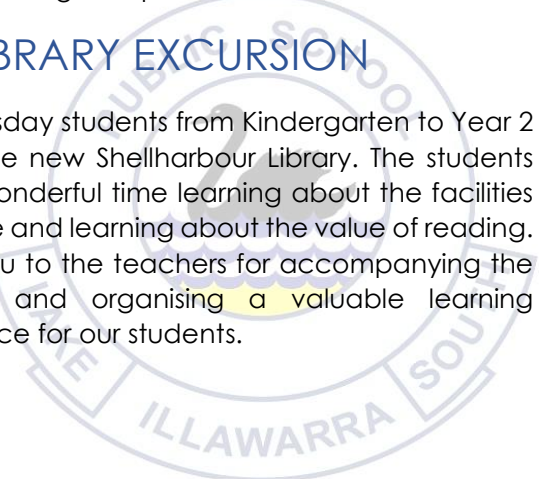


## STUDENT MOVEMENT IN 2020

If you know that your child will not be at Lake Illawarra South PS (excluding current Yr 6) in 2020, please let the office know in writing as soon as possible as this helps our forward planning. We often get queries about how the process works at the beginning of the school year and why we sometimes have to wait a few days to form classes. This is often due to us not knowing student movements, so your early response would be invaluable. If you are going to be away at the beginning of the 2020 school year, we will need to know in writing so a place can be held in a class.

## K-2 LIBRARY EXCURSION

Last Thursday students from Kindergarten to Year 2 visited the new Shellharbour Library. The students had a wonderful time learning about the facilities available and learning about the value of reading. Thank you to the teachers for accompanying the students and organising a valuable learning experience for our students.



## STAGE 3 GOLD RUSH INCURSION

Stage 3 students participated in a valuable learning experience to support their work about the Australian Gold Rush Era. Students learned about the various types of gold, daily life on the goldfields and the differing experiences people had during this period of our history. Students took part in role play activities in various roles such as troopers, miners and tent builders. Elvis Presley also made an appearance! All students had a wonderful time learning through hands on experiences.

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Thank you to the many grandparents and family friends who were able to take time out of their week to visit our school for Grandparents' Day. It was wonderful to see the happy smiles on the students' (and grandparents') faces during the activities. Thank you to Ms McPhillips and Mrs Gibson Dean for organising a wonderful family event for our school. Well done to our school choir which performed beautifully on the day.

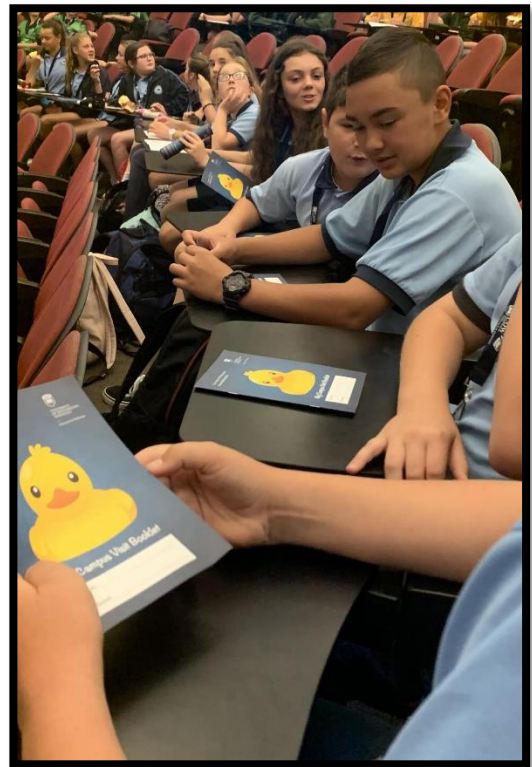


## AECG MEETING

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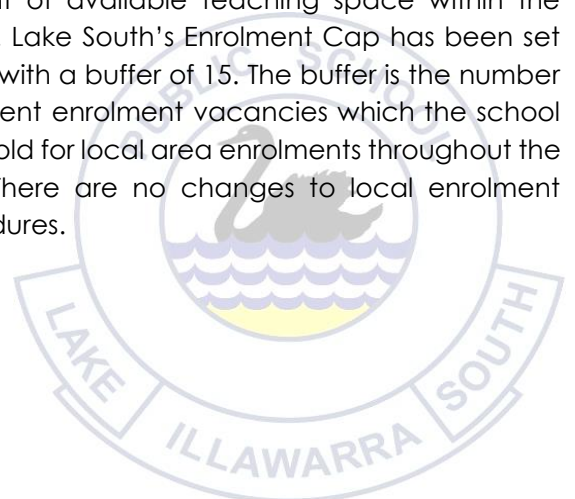
## YEAR 6 IN2UNI

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, our Year 6 students were able to spend a day at the University of Wollongong for the In2Uni Day. The students had a 'taste' of university life by attending a lecture and taking part in different classroom experiences. Our students participated in workshops on robotics and history.



## DoE ENROLMENT POLICY CHANGES

The Department of Education has updated the Enrolment Policy and as such the school is updating the Enrolment Procedures for Lake Illawarra South PS. The main changes for LISPS is the enrolment cap and buffer. The Department of Education sets the enrolment cap based on the amount of available teaching space within the school. Lake South's Enrolment Cap has been set at 320 with a buffer of 15. The buffer is the number of student enrolment vacancies which the school must hold for local area enrolments throughout the year. There are no changes to local enrolment procedures.



## MESSAGE FROM LAKE ILLAWARRA POLICE DISTRICT

Lake Illawarra Police District is aware and investigating numerous fraudulent transactions occurring on Gumtree. Police are urging people to exercise caution when purchasing items online, particularly tickets, mobile phones and animals (especially dogs and birds). Always use PayPal or comply with the site's policies and guidelines. Do not deposit directly into an account or into Western Union. If the seller states PayPal is unavailable, please think twice about your purchase.

### ***If it is too good to be true, it usually is!***

Report all frauds to Lake Illawarra Police District.

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## P&C MEETING

The next meeting of Lake Illawarra South Public School's P&C will be held Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.50pm. This is the final meeting for 2019. All are welcome to attend.

## SOCIAL MEDIA & PRIMARY STUDENTS

Many of you may have read a recent article in the Sydney Morning Herald regarding the declining amount of time children are playing, the increasing time they are spending on electronic devices and the impact this is having on children's physical and mental wellbeing.

Information technology is now used in virtually every home in Australia. Ninety-seven per cent of households with children aged under 15 years have access to the Internet, with an average number of seven devices per household. Ninety-nine per cent of young people aged 15-17 years are online, making this age group the highest users. They spend an average of 18 hours per week online (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016).

Social networking, entertainment and educational activities are the most popular activities online for children and young people, and there can be many positive outcomes of this use. Young people

are increasingly exposed to an open and collaborative online culture, which allows them to access information, maintain friendships and relationships with family, and create and share content.

However, children and young people are at an important stage of development in which risk-taking behaviours and decision-making can significantly impact on them. We are increasingly being made aware of how our children are using social media, and we are becoming increasingly concerned about the activities some children are engaging including: cyberbullying, playing games that include extreme violence; accessing R and X rated movies and websites; and accessing chat forums that focus on creating negative self-worth and even self-harm. I encourage all parents to be aware of your child's internet activities and monitor the websites they are accessing.

### **KEY MESSAGES**

There is no commonly used definition of cyberbullying but the reasons for bullying and intent to harm are similar to "offline" bullying.

Cyberbullying is more likely to occur outside of school hours but the behaviours often carry over from home to school and vice versa.

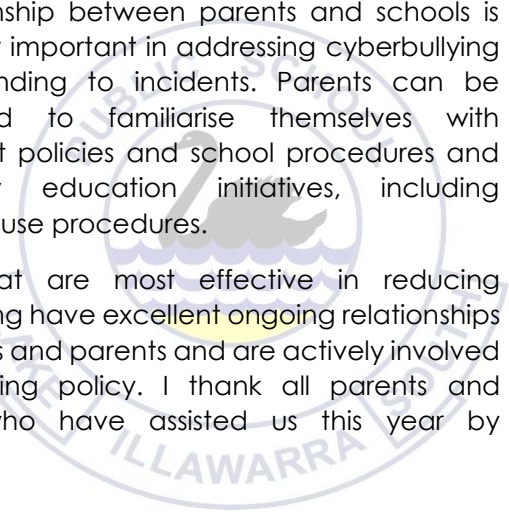
It is unclear whether cyberbullying is more or less harmful than "offline" bullying. The research indicates that some young people may underplay or deny the harm or shrug it off but other experienced increases in mental health concerns.

Parents play a critical role in preventing and responding to cyberbullying. Monitoring Internet use and communicating with children are important strategies.

Efforts to encourage cybersafety need to find a balance between monitoring behaviours and allowing young people to independently and age-appropriately negotiate their own boundaries.

The relationship between parents and schools is increasingly important in addressing cyberbullying and responding to incidents. Parents can be encouraged to familiarise themselves with department policies and school procedures and cybersafety education initiatives, including responsible use procedures.

Schools that are most effective in reducing cyberbullying have excellent ongoing relationships with families and parents and are actively involved in developing policy. I thank all parents and students who have assisted us this year by



contacting either myself or their child's classroom teacher as soon as concerns arose.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Please ensure your child is prepared for their Library session each week with their library bag for borrowing. Class library days are as follows:

**Monday:** 5/6I, 5/6V

**Wednesday:** K/1P, 1/2R, 3/4H

**Thursday:** 1/2S, 2/3P, 3/4O

**Friday:** KL, 5/6G

## PEER SUPPORT AUSTRALIA

Peer Support Australia is presenting a free parent talk – Building Resilient Families – with Andrew Fuller in Shellharbour on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm.

Please find below the Eventbrite link to book this event.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-resilient-children-with-andrew-fuller-tickets-74044798987>

