



Education
Public Schools

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4: Monday 02 NOVEMBER 2020

CALENDAR

NOV 2020

02 Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 3.00pm

Bike Day (Yrs 3 -6)

Book Fair

03 Bike Day (K-2)

Book Fair

09 Uniform Shop open 2.30 – 3.00pm

NAIDOC Week commences

Bike Day (Yrs 3 -6)

10 Bike Day (K-2)

11 Remembrance Day

13 Bush Tucker Tasting

17 LIHS ATSI Transition day (Yr 6)

for students to develop and maintain social relationships. The school has been abuzz with the sounds of happy students reconnecting, learning and growing.

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to complete the *Tell Them From Me Survey*. Your feedback is most appreciated. Results of the survey will be available in the Annual Report.

Staff is continuing to work on the situational analysis for the 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan. Community consultation will begin once the situational analysis is finalised and approved by the Director Educational Leadership.

We are pleased to announce Lake Illawarra South rolled out the new Online Enrolment System last Monday. Further detailed information is later in this newsletter.

Last Friday was World Teachers' Day. The theme this year was 'A bright future'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lake Illawarra South Public School teaching staff for all that they do for the students at our great school. I would like to acknowledge the significant role each of them play in the lives of every student who comes through the gates at Lake South. They are more than educators – they influence, coach and mentor. Their skills and expertise influence and shape student knowledge and help create the adults of the future. They foster creativity and joy in learning. They have drawn on their skills in 2020 like no other year, as NSW faced continuing drought, bushfires and the pandemic. At every turn, they faced challenges and worked collaboratively to adapt quickly to the changing landscape of 2020 with no two days the same. I thank each of them

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a busy and exciting start to Term 4, celebrating Book Week and planning for fun activities for the remainder of the term. It has been wonderful seeing the smiling faces of the students over the last few weeks as they returned to school. Watching the students share their holiday news with their peers and continue to build their friendships with each other was a poignant reminder of how important regular attendance is

for going 'above and beyond' their job description to support, teach and care for our amazing Lake South students. The Lake Illawarra South Public School learning community is very lucky to have such an amazing team of teachers.

Karen Simula
Principal

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is usually held in July each year but this year was postponed until 8-15 November due to COVID-19.

This year's theme is **Always Was. Always Will Be.** The 2020 national NAIDOC Week theme has been developed to shine a focus on the length of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander occupation of Australia. Additionally, the theme seeks to get teachers, students and community to explore and learn about, and appreciate the wealth and breadth of Indigenous Nations, languages and knowledges of this continent.

The Lake Illawarra South Public School Aboriginal Education Team has organised some fabulous events for all students to participate in this year. Students will engage in drama, art and sporting activities throughout the week with a special bush tucker tasting event on Friday 13th November. If your child has not yet returned their permission slip for the bush tucker tasting, please do so at your earliest convenience.

ONLINE ENROLMENT

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits them. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- enrolment into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.
- children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy is available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [Going to a Public School](#) webpage.

CANTEEN UPDATE

A few quick updates regarding the canteen:

- Ice cream buckets are **no longer available**.
- Breakfast items are only available **before school**.
- Ham and cheese rolls are a delicious **homemade** savoury pastry.
- Sausage rolls, chicken sticks and garlic bread are available over the counter at recess and lunch.
- Fresh fruit cups, yoghurt muesli and berries, cheese carrots crackers and dips, brownies and blueberry muffins are all made fresh and available at recess and lunch.
- Look out for amazing **\$1.00 recess deals**.

BOOK WEEK

Students thoroughly enjoyed our annual Book Week parade. It was very different not having parents enjoy the parade with us this year. Thank you to Mrs Koerner for organising this fun event for our students. There are a number of photographs at the end of this newsletter.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

A short service will be held at school for Remembrance Day on 11th November. Students will be in two groups (K-2 and 3-6) to adhere to COVID-19 restrictions. Unfortunately we are unable to invite parents or special guests to this year's service.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2022

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 will be accepted from Tuesday 13 October 2020 to Monday 16 November 2020. All applicants sit the Placement Test on Thursday 11 March 2021.

Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public->

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole-school framework that promotes positive behaviour across a school and helps schools improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children. Throughout the school year, students are explicitly taught the school expectations and values through a series of lessons.

Respect – Accept others' differences and opinions is the focus for this week. Everyone is a product of their own experiences and upbringing, and so it makes sense that each of us will have our own opinions across all kinds of issues. Ideas are exchanged between people and groups during numerous interactions on a daily basis. It is essential for students to be accepting of diversity and being open-minded to the opinions of others. This attribute contributes to our school and wider community being more tolerant of others.

Responsibility – Be honest. Honesty is the bedrock on which relationships stand. It also contributes to a positive mindset and facilitates morally acceptable behaviour. Sometimes telling the truth takes a lot of courage. Being honest means more than 'not telling a lie'. Honesty means your actions are truthful too. *Do the right thing even when no-one is watching.* Developing honesty with students creates a trustful environment within the school and builds positive relationships amongst students.

STUDENT MOVEMENT IN 2021

If you know that your child will not be at Lake Illawarra South PS (Excluding current Yr 6) in 2021, 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 2021 school year, we will need to know in writing so a place can be held in a class.

LEARNING LABS

The University of Wollongong is inviting students (Year 1 to Year 6 2020) who are passionate, self-motivated and curious learners to *Little and Early Learning Labs*, an academic enrichment holiday program. Details of this program were included in the last newsletter. A reminder applications close on 9th November.

COVID-19 ADVICE

If your child is unwell with flu-like symptoms, get them tested and keep them home until a negative result is received. School staff must see a copy of the negative test result before your child is able to return to school. A screenshot of the result may be emailed to the school email account.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed your address or contact phone number recently? Have you notified the school? It is important the school has up-to-date contact details in the event your child becomes unwell at school. Students often become distressed when we are unable to contact their parents. We ask that all parents advise the school of any changes as soon as they occur. This will ensure all information the school holds is current for families in our school. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance with this matter.

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY DAYS

MONDAY – 1/2S, 1/2R, KL & K/1P

TUESDAY – 4/5V, 3/4B & 3/4O

FRIDAY – 5/6I & 5/6G

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Our School Chaplain, Mrs Meija, is available to support students with a range of emotional wellbeing services. She also connects families to services within our community, meets with and supports vulnerable students and is a listening ear. She is also running a number of wellbeing programs and lunchtime activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher if you would like to connect with this service.

Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop is open each Monday 2.30pm to 3.00pm. Orders are also able to be taken at the front office. Correct money is required at the time of collection.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open. A huge thank you to Mrs Schuback who has taken over manning the

Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



Here's what you'll find on the website:

- Interactive lunch box builder that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy recipes and snack ideas.
- Informative blogs about healthy eating for the family.
- Sign up to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

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