

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8: Monday 30 NOVEMBER 2020

CALENDAR

NOV 2020

30 Bike Day (Yrs 3-6) Jamberoo Excursion (Stage 3)

DEC 2020

- 01 Bike Day (K-2) LIHS & ISH Transition Day (Yr 6)
- **03** 2021 Leader Elections P&C Meeting
- 07 Bike Day (Yrs 3-6)
- 08 Presentation Day
- Bike Day (K-2)
- 10 Year 6 Farewell
- 14 Picnic Day (K-4)

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Where has the year gone? There are only thirteen school days until the end of the year and there are many exciting events occurring before the last day. Our annual celebration of student achievement, Presentation Day, will be held next week at Lake Illawarra High School. We are very appreciative of Mr Tony Hicks and the high school supporting our change of venue in order to hold our event in a COVID-19 safe manner. Year 6 are fast approaching their transition to high school with several transition sessions still to be held. Today they are enjoying Jamberoo Recreation Park for their Picnic Day. Our 2021 Kindies have begun their transition sessions. They have been full of eager excitement about starting 'big school'.

As the weekend proved, the weather is becoming increasingly warm. It is important that students bring a hat and water bottle each day. Students are still unable to drink from the bubblers due to COVID-19 but are able to refill their water bottle throughout the day.

Staff spent last Wednesday evening finalising the Situational Analysis in preparation for the new School Improvement Plan (SIP). Much data was collected and analysed to gauge the school's current situation and the steps required to move the school forward. This information will be presented at this week's P&C meeting. I would like to thank the staff for their critical reflection of their current practice and genuine engagement in the process.

Thank you for your understanding with the sudden closure of the canteen last week. Mrs Ruddock took ill suddenly and required surgery. She is currently recovering well and we will advise you when the canteen is able to reopen.

Karen Simula **Principal**

PRESENTATION DAY

This year's Presentation Day will be held at Lake Illawarra High School on Tuesday 8th December. This move has been made to accommodate social distancing rules under current COVID-19 restrictions. Parents of students who will be receiving awards will be contacted prior to the day; however, families will also be restricted to two family members.

The K-2 Presentation Day ceremony will be held at 9.30am, followed by Year 3 to 6 at 10.30am.

PICNIC DAY

Our annual Picnic Day for students in K to Year 4 will be held on Monday 14th December. Information regarding these events was sent home recently.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 – 'The Croods' at Warrawong Movie Theatre.

Stage 2 – Bowling at Shellharbour Bowl.

Please ensure permission notes and payment are received by the due date.

2021 SCHOOL LEADERS

We wish all the 2021 school leader nominees the very best for the upcoming election. Students recorded their speeches last week and the recordings will be played for the student body in their classrooms on Thursday 3rd December. The student body will vote for the 2021 school leaders following the presentation of speeches.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

Trying to find a parking space near the school is often difficult, especially at afternoon pick up. We understand that parents and carers are often in a hurry but we ask all drivers to please be patient and courteous to other road users when parking and driving away. Children's ability to judge speed and distance has not yet fully developed and it is important that drivers are vigilant when in and around school zones.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

A reminder that there is no supervision of students before 8.10am. Students should not be arriving at school prior to this time. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

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 you. 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 <u>Going to a</u> <u>Public School</u> webpage.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a wholeschool 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 – Care for our environment. Our students are very lucky to attend school in such a beautiful environment near the lake. It is important for students to learn to care for our immediate school environment and local ecosystem. Students learn that their small actions can make a difference in our school and the community around them. Learning about the environment demonstrates to students the importance of being responsible human beings as individuals and as collectively as a group.

Responsibility – Care for property. Encouraging students to be responsible for their belongings develops their independence and organisational skills. Using school resources and facilities safely and respectfully ensures these items are kept in optimum condition for all student use.

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.

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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P&C MEETING

The next meeting of Lake Illawarra South Public School's P&C will be held Thursday 3rd December in the school library. Information regarding the Situational Analysis and the School Improvement Plan 2021 – 2024 will be presented. All are welcome to attend.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library borrowing has now finished for the year. Please return books as soon as possible. Please speak with Ms Koerner should you have any queries relating to the library. Our annual stocktake will take place over the next two weeks.

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 has been very lucky to secure Mrs Mejia for 2021 as our school chaplain. She has been an invaluable support to many of our students and families throughout 2020. If you would like your child to speak with the chaplain, please contact your child's classroom teacher for a referral form.

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.

Live Life Well @ School

STAY SAFE ONLINE

Help your children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences.

Stay safe online

For online safety:

- Use an internet filter
- Activate the parental control function on devices
- Supervise internet use
- Let children know that they should tell you if they have any problems online, see something that they know is wrong, or anything that upsets them.

Cyber safety is everyone's business!

For more information: esafety.gov.au/iparent





