



Education
Public Schools

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10: Monday 14 DECEMBER 2020

CALENDAR

DEC 2020

14 Picnic Day K-4

Student Secret Santa

16 Mufti & Pizza Day

Students last day

17 Staff Development Day

18 Staff Development Day

JAN 2021

26 Australia Day Public Holiday

27 Staff Development Day

28 Staff Development Day

29 Students Yrs 1 to 6 return

Kinder Best Start assessments

FEB 2021

01 Kinder Best Start assessments

02 Kinder commences

demonstrating so much resilience and patience during the circumstances we faced together this year. We strived together to achieve the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side throughout. Thank you again.

We wish our Year Six students all the very best as they leave behind their primary schooling and transition to high school next year. They have grown so much over this year and we will miss them all very much.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Ms Koerner and her family the very best with impending (any day now) birth of her second child.

The last school day for students this year is **Wednesday 16th December**. Both Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December are allocated as Staff Development Days; however, staff has attended multiple three-hour Professional learning sessions throughout the year so teachers are able to finish with the students.

Years 1 to 6 return on **Friday 29th January 2021**. Kindergarten students commence **on Tuesday 2nd February**. There will be staggered visits for our Kindergarten students to come to school to complete their Best Start assessments on Friday 29th January and Monday 1st February. Information regarding these sessions has been posted to our new Kindergarten families. Wednesday 27th January and Thursday 28th January are designated Staff Development Days for 2021. Staff will be on site working on the School Improvement Plan (2021 – 2024) and preparing for External Validation. The

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is the final newsletter for 2020 and what a year it was. As we come closer to the end of the school year, I would like to extend, on behalf of the staff, our thanks to our parent community for

school office opens on Wednesday 27th January 2021.

On the first day of 2021, students should proceed to the Eastern Playground if arriving prior to the school bell at 8.40am. Students will then assemble under the COLA in their 2020 classes. Students will be in their 2020 classes until student enrolment numbers can be confirmed and class structures finalised. We anticipate that classes should be able to be announced by Friday 5th February. 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 enrolment numbers. This allows us to form classes as soon as possible.

I would like to wish all families in the Lake Illawarra South Public School Learning Community a very happy and joyous Christmas and summer vacation period.

Karen Simula
Principal

LAST DAY

On Wednesday 16th December, students are able to wear Christmas themed muffi. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing that is sun-safe with enclosed shoes and a hat. We are most grateful to our P&C who is providing students with pizza and Zooper Doopers on the day.

We will also be farewelling our Year Six students for the final time. Parents are invited to join us at 2.30pm at the front of the school. Year Six will assemble in the hall and then walk along the bike track. Year Six parents are asked to assemble under the trees near the administration building. If you are attending, please ensure you adhere to social distancing requirements at all times.

PRESENTATION DAY

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to attend our annual Presentation Day at Lake Illawarra High School. Although, both assemblies were very pared back in formalities, both were a lovely celebration of student achievement.

YEAR SIX FAREWELL

The Class of 2020 enjoyed a wonderful evening of celebration at Port Kembla Golf Club last Thursday. They should be congratulated on the way they

presented themselves and for their exceptional behaviour throughout the night. A very special thank you to Mrs Gibson Dean and Miss Ingram for planning such a memorable evening for the students.

GOLD AWARD MORNING TEA

Students who have earned their Gold Award in 2020 celebrated their achievement at a special morning tea on Friday with Mrs Simula. It was a lovely opportunity for these students to be recognised for their efforts throughout the year. Thank you to Mrs Ruddock who provided the yummy treats for this celebration.



SCHOOL LEADERS 2021

We would like to thank the outgoing 2020 School Leaders, Finn, Myalee, Harry and Danielle for the exceptional work as school leaders this year. They were a credit to themselves and the school whilst carrying out their duties.

Congratulations to Paige, Lewis, Farrah and Jye who were announced as the 2021 School Leaders at Presentation Day. We look forward to working with you next year.



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.

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 or scooter around the bike track at the front of the school.

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 and finalised over the last few days of this term.

HOME READING

Please return any home readers to school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL SECURITY

If over the school holiday period, you see suspicious activity, please contact *School Security* on 1300 880 021

STRANGER DANGER

Coming into the holidays, please remind your children about the importance of staying safe when out in public places. It would be a timely reminder to discuss what to do when your child feels unsafe.

Here are a few tips from 'keeping your kids safe'.

Protective behaviours encourage children to recognise unsafe situations and to take action through:

- **Recognising early warning signs**, like butterflies in the stomach, sweaty hands, goose bumps or a racing heart.
- **Understanding when to take action**. Children need to understand the difference between feeling scared and still having fun, like during a movie; feeling scared but still being in control, like at the dentist; and feeling scared and not being in control, like when they are lost or being harmed by someone. This is a personal emergency and the child needs to seek help.
- **Taking action**. This might mean talking to an adult they can trust, going to a safe place, or even dialling triple zero (000).

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.

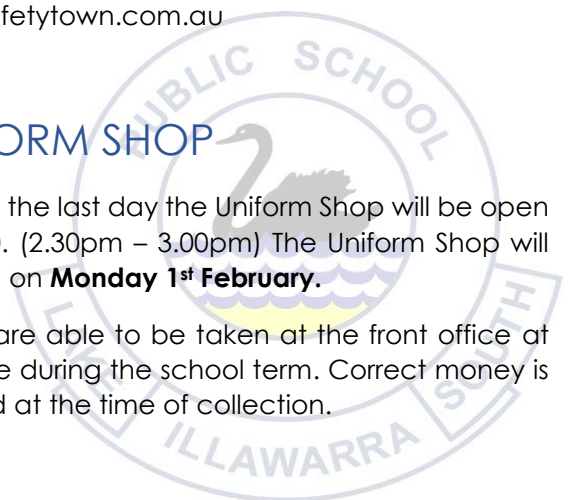
Your child is a vulnerable road user. They are still developing the skills that help them to judge the direction of sound and the speed and distance of vehicles. Your child is physically small, making it harder for drivers to see them. They may be easily distracted and tend to only focus on one thing 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

UNIFORM SHOP

Today is the last day the Uniform Shop will be open for 2020. (2.30pm – 3.00pm) The Uniform Shop will re-open on **Monday 1st February**.

Orders are able to be taken at the front office at any time during the school term. Correct money is required at the time of collection.









Minnamurra Rainforest January Holiday Program

Junior Ranger – things that sting - Monday 4th January 2021

Time: 9:30 -11:00

Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings essential: 42360 469

Junior rangers are born to explore. If you have an interest in nature, animals and the outdoors then this is the activity for you. Discover the secrets of the rainforest on a fun junior ranger activity this school holidays, learning about the plants and animals of the rainforest.

Junior Ranger - birds of the forest - Monday 11th January 2021

Time: 9:30 -11:00

Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings essential: 42360 469

Have you ever wondered why birds' beaks, feet and wings look so different? Come along on this fun activity to learn all about the birds of the forest in their natural habitat.

Summer Nature journalling - Wednesday 13th January 2021

Time: 9:30 - 11:00

Cost: \$12 /child 4 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

BYO nature journal or purchase on arrival for \$5.00

Join our guide on a fun way to document your outdoor adventure at Minnamurra Rainforest. Learn how to observe and draw leaves, patterns, colours and shapes using nature journaling techniques. BYO nature journal or purchase on arrival for \$5.00

Nature in resin - Monday 18th January 2021

Time: 9:30 -11:00

Cost: \$20 / child 7 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings essential: 42360 469

Join us on the great holiday activity to get creative. We will be creating old school paper weights, preserving specimens in resin for eternity.

Kokedama Balls - Wednesday 20th January 2021

Time: 9:30 -11:00

Cost: \$20 / child 7 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings essential: 42360 469

Get your hands dirty joining us to make your own kokedama moss ball. Book in for this fun and engaging workshop where you will make a beautiful hanging creative display to take home and enjoy. All materials will be provided.

Junior Ranger – life in the leaf litter - Monday 25th January 2021

Time: 9:30 -11:00

Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years (adults free)

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings essential: 42360 469

Join us on an activity where we will look closely at the life in the leaf litter. We will use magnifiers and trays to closely investigate our discoveries.



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Note to participants: Bookings are required to ensure places in the activities. Printed finish times are approximate, and activities may be cancelled or altered due to unforeseen circumstances. Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. When attending activities, please bring drinking water, appropriate clothing and footwear, sun protection and snack. COVID safe rules apply.

Bookings required for all activities. Phone 02 4236 0469 or email

minnamurra@environment.nsw.gov.au



AUDITIONS

Shellharbour City Chorale

Shellharbour Children's Choir

Shellharbour Youth Chorus

The Shellharbour City Chorale is a new initiative to enhance the arts in Shellharbour City.

The children's choir will rehearse and perform traditional, age appropriate choral repertoire. All students will learn how to read music, harmonise and blend their voices. The Youth Chorus will expand their repertoire into jazz and contemporary commercial music. The adult vocal ensemble will be challenged with advanced repertoire and is suited for advanced singers.

Performance opportunities will be available throughout the year. Any money made through arts funding, competition winnings and fundraisers will be put back into the choir to pay for materials, outfits, venue hire, tour funding and bursaries for those facing financial hardship.

Audition Details

Dates: Sunday 3rd of January or Saturday 23rd January

Children's choir: 10:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm

Youth Chorus: 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm

Adult Vocal Ensemble: No audition necessary, please send email enquiry.

Auditions will be held in small groups. Please indicate in your booking a 1st and 2nd preference of availability.

Rehearsals

Thursday or Friday afternoons.

Days and times are subject to availability of participants.

3:30 – 4:00pm Introduction to choral singing 5 – 7yrs (non auditioned group)

4:00 – 5:00pm Shellharbour Children's Choir 8 – 12yrs

5:00 – 6:00pm Shellharbour Youth Chorus 13 – 17yrs

7:30 – 8:30pm Adult Vocal Ensemble 18yrs +

Please send enquiries to
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