



# Lake Illawarra South Public School

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2: Monday 01 FEB 2021

### CALENDAR

#### FEB 2021

- 01 Best Start Assessment (Kinder)
- 02 Kinder students commence
- 02 Kinder early finish
- 09 Safer Internet Day
- 10 Swimming Carnival
- 15 District Swimming Carnival
- 19 National Ride2School Day
- 22 Kiss & Drop commences for Kinder
- 26 Scripture commences

#### MAR 2021

- 05 Clean Up Schools Day

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2021 school year. It was lovely to welcome our students in Years 1 to 6 back last Friday. The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time for students, returning from holidays and reconnecting with their teachers and peers. We trust that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer break and hope you are

looking forward to a wonderful year of learning at Lake Illawarra South PS.

We welcome a number of new staff to Lake Illawarra South this year – Mrs Castelli (Stage 3 teacher), Mrs Wilmott (Librarian, Learning Support Teacher) and Mrs Maher (School Learning Support Officer).

Mrs Bowden is currently on leave as she is attending to some personal family matters. We will keep you informed of her return, when we have further information. Mr McKay will be covering her class in her absence.

Ms Lewis officially retired from the Department of Education last week. She is enjoying the slower pace of life and we wish her all the very best. Ms Lewis was an extremely dedicated and knowledgeable educator. She will be missed by parents, students and staff alike. Mrs Verheyen is not returning to Lake South in 2021 as she has accepted a position at Warrawong Public School which supports her work while she completes a Masters Degree in Special Education.

Ms Koerner welcomed a new addition to her family over the Christmas break, Florence May. We wish her all the very best with her growing family. Mrs Trotter is continuing her maternity leave during Term 1. She will return in a part-time capacity in Term 2.

This year commenced slightly differently to previous years with two Staff Development Days. During the two days, staff completed mandatory training in Child Protection and the Code of Conduct. The remaining sessions staff were focused on developing the *School Improvement Plan 2021-2024 (SIP)*. Mrs McCarthy, Director Educational Leadership – Lake Illawarra South Network, also attended one of our sessions on the SIP.

Karen Simula  
**Principal**

## STAFFING 2021

The Department of Education has strict guidelines regarding staffing allocation and the number of classes which can be formed with current student enrolment numbers. The department deems that Lake Illawarra South Public School is able to form 8 classes for 2020 with two Assistant Principals. As a school staff, we have decided to utilise school funds to form a ninth class in order to keep class numbers smaller. School funds are also being used to supplement the Executive team. The class structure for 2021 is as follows:

KR – Ms Roberts

K/1P – Mrs Perceval

1/2S – Mrs Silvey

1/2O – Miss O'Keefe

3/4B – Mrs Bowden

3/4O - Miss Olender (Relieving Assistant Principal)

4/5I – Miss Ingram

5/6C – Mrs Castelli

5/6G – Mrs Gibson Dean (Assistant Principal)

Library/Learning Support – Mrs Wilmott

RFF/Learning Support – Mr Bruce

Mrs Hockey

Mrs Smith (Assistant

Principal)

We also welcome back our administrative staff:

School Administration Manager – Mrs Kampas

School Administration Officer – Ms Mayo

SLSOs – Mrs Willetts, Mrs Humphries, Mrs Mateo & Mrs Maher

School Psychologist – Mr Sloan

School Chaplain – Mrs Meija

General Assistant – Mr Fell

## WELCOME BACK BBQ

At this stage, our annual Welcome Back Barbecue is being postponed until we are able to have parents on site for non-educational purposes. We hope we will be able to hold this event in the very near future.

## LEADERS

Congratulations to our 2021 school leaders: Farrah, Lewis, Paige and Jye. We look forward to working with you this year.



House Leaders will be elected at this week's House Meeting. Year 6 students (excepting School Leaders) are given the opportunity to stand for house leader. If there are insufficient year 6 students, Year 5 students are able to stand for election. Voting is by a show of hands of the student body of each house. Votes are counted by the two House patrons (staff) and remain confidential.

Two student representative Council reps will be elected by the end of this week for each class. School Leaders, House Leaders and students who were representatives in 2020 are ineligible to stand for election.

Library monitors will also be elected this week. Students in Stage 3 are able to nominate for a position as Library Monitor. Students who have another leadership role (school leaders, house leader, SRC) are ineligible for nomination. The librarian will select up to 10 students as Library Monitors who have demonstrated commitment to the Lake Illawarra South Public School's Behaviour Expectations.

## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Lake Illawarra South Public School is a proud uniform wearing school. Wearing full school uniform brings our students together and ensures they take pride in their school. Please assist us in making sure your child is currently wearing full uniform each day. Black shoes are the appropriate footwear but many students are wearing sports shoes. Please ensure that sports shoes, worn as uniform, are predominately black. Socks should be plain white, black or grey (no logos). Please label

all items of clothing. Stud earrings and watches are allowed but rings, bracelets and necklaces are safety issues and should be kept for weekends. Nail polish should be clear or very pale. The school community appreciates your support with ensuring students continue to look well-presented in their uniforms.

## TERM ONE PARENT INTERVIEWS

As in previous years, we will be holding parent-teacher interviews in the next few weeks for Years 1 to 6. This is an opportunity for parents to share information with teachers about their child and their learning needs. A parent questionnaire will be sent home shortly. Please return the questionnaire about your child prior to your interview as this will frame the discussion for the Term 1 interview. It is also important to return the questionnaire if you are unable to meet with your child's teacher as it will provide your child's teacher with valuable information about your child.

These interviews will be held in place of traditional 'Meet the Teacher' information sessions. Kindergarten parents will have an information session on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February** at **5.30pm** in the KR classroom.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our school swimming carnival, for students in Years 3 to 6 and students who are turning 8 in Year 2 (and competent swimmers), is being held at Oak Flats Pool on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am – 12.30pm. This is a compulsory school day and all students are expected to attend. The carnival is planned to provide opportunities for maximum involvement by all students. All students are required to travel to and from the pool by bus. Information regarding this event, along with a permission note, was sent home with students today. The permission note and payment need to be returned to school by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Students should:

- wear suitable swimming attire
- bring a hat
- wear appropriate shoes and school uniform to and from the pool
- bring plenty of water, recess and fresh fruit
- wear sunscreen.

### HOUSE GROUPS

Pelicans – yellow

Gulls – blue

Cranes – green

Swans - red

## BOOK CLUB

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club again this year. Scholastic Book Club provides families with opportunities to purchase affordable books for their home libraries. Brochures will be sent home with students shortly and orders should be completed online.

## NUT AWARE SCHOOL

A reminder that Lake Illawarra South Public School is a Nut Aware School. We do have students who are highly allergic to a range of nut products and contact with products containing nuts can result in a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction for these children.

As one strategy to minimise exposure to nuts, we ask that students not bring nuts or nut products to school or school activities. Some products that contain nuts include Nutella, peanut butter, chocolate bars and muesli/health bars.

We also actively discourage students from sharing food.

Whilst it is never possible to guarantee a school site is nut-free, we do appreciate your support in providing a safer school environment for these students.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

A reminder to return Summer Reading Challenge cards to Mrs Simula by the end of next week.

## ETHICS

Unfortunately this year, we are unable to offer Ethics as an alternative to Scripture as we have not been able to secure tutors. If you are interested in teaching Ethics in 2021, please contact the school. Training and support are available.

We would like to sincerely thank Ms Blackburn for all that she has done in leading the Ethics program at Lake Illawarra South over the last few years.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

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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Currently, parents of Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students are able to be on site for student drop off and collection. All other parents and carers are asked to wait outside the school grounds.

Parents are able to enter the school grounds for **scheduled** meetings with staff, attend the Uniform Shop, collect students from the office for medical appointments and if they are unwell.

It is very important that parents entering school grounds sign in using the QR Code, located at each entrance to the school, at the front office and the Uniform Shop.

## CRUNCH&SIP

At Lake Illawarra South Public School, we proudly acknowledge that we are a certified Crunch&Sip school. Many packaged products claim to be healthy snacks for children but actually contain large amounts of sugar, salt or fats. The Crunch&Sip program is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy. Crunch&Sip is a time during the school day to eat vegetables and fruit and drink water in the classroom. Students bring vegetables or fruit to school each day for the Crunch&Sip break.

Giving students the chance to re-fuel with fruit or vegetables helps to improve physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom, as well as promoting long term health.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Please ensure your child brings their library books on their allocated library day and brings a library bag for borrowing. Class library days for Term One 2021 are as follows:

**Tuesday:** 5/6C & KR

**Wednesday:** 1/2S, K/1P, 4/5I & 1/2O

**Thursday:** 3/4B, 3/4O & 5/6G

Brochures will be sent home with students shortly and orders should be completed online.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open each Monday from 2.30pm to 3.00pm. The Uniform Shop is located in the school hall. Please be aware that all

transactions must be cash. Orders are able to be taken at the front office of the school at any time during the school term.

# LAKE ILLAWARRA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU

## BREAKFAST ITEMS

Only available before school

Slice of Toast + vegemite or jam	50c
Cheese Toastie	\$1.00
Hash Brown	\$1.00
Hot Chocolate	GF \$1.50

## HOT FOOD

Small Homemade Meat Pie	HM	\$3.00
Quiche & side salad	HM	\$4.50
Garlic Bread	HM	\$2.00
Chicken Sticks - 5pcs		\$2.50
Cheesy Pasta	HM	\$2.50
Meat Lovers Pizza Subs	HM	\$2.50
Vegetarian Fried Rice	HM	\$2.50
Bolognese Pasta	HM	\$3.00
Sausage Roll		\$3.00

Beef Nachos	HM	\$4.00
Chicken Burger lettuce & mayo		\$4.00
Tomato/BBQ Sauce		30c

**HM= Homemade, fresh on the premises**

**GF = Gluten free**

## HEALTHY SALADS & FRUITS

Fresh Fruit Cup	GF	\$1.50
Vegetable Sticks + Dip	GF	\$1.50
Yogurt + Muesli + Berry	HM	\$2.00
Garden Salad	GF	\$4.00
Greek Salad	GF	\$4.50
Caesar Salad	GF	\$4.50
Add chicken, ham, tuna or salmon to salad		\$1.00

## SNACKS

Popcorn	GF	50c
Grain Waves Chips		\$1.00
Red Rock Deli Chips – Sea salt		\$1.50
Homemade Brownie	HM	\$1.00
Homemade Blueberry Muffin	HM	\$1.00
Crackers & Cheese	HM	50c
Crackers Carrot Cheese Dip	HM	\$1.50

## FROZEN TREATS

Frozen Juice or Milk Pops	HM	50c
Frozen Juice Cup - ABC	GF	\$1.00
Frozen Juice Cup - Orange	GF	\$1.00
Paddle Pop - Rainbow / Chocolate		\$1.50
Ice Mony		\$1.00
Quelch Fruit Stick		50c

**Lunch orders taken before school**

## SANDWICHES

Add 50c for toasting

Vegemite	\$1.50
Cheese	\$2.00
Egg	\$2.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese	\$2.50
Ham Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00

## WRAPS or ROLLS

Cheese Salad	\$4.00
Chicken Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
Ham & Salad	\$4.50
Chicken & Salad	\$4.50
Egg & Salad	\$4.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken & Salad	\$4.50

## DRINKS

Juice Popper	\$1.50
Plain Milk - 300ml	\$1.50
Water - 600ml	\$1.50
Hot Chocolate	\$1.50
Flavoured Milk – choc, str'berry	\$2.00
Juice – apple, ABC, Orange,	
Orange/Pash	\$2.00
Up n Go - vanilla, choc, str'berry,	
banana	\$2.00

**Prices subject to change**