



Education
Public Schools

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10: Monday 29 MARCH 2021

CALENDAR

MAR 2021

- 29 Easter Hat Parade
- 30 Life Education
- 31 Life Education
Canteen Mexican Wrap Day

APRIL 2021

- 01 Life Education
LIHS Easter Show (Year 6)
GRIP Leadership Conference
Last day of term
- 19 Staff Development Day (pupil free)
- 20 Students return
- 22 Park and Play commences
- 23 Cross Country Carnival

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The school has been very busy the last few weeks and this last week of term is jam packed with events. Today saw the Easter Hat Parade. It was so lovely to have parents and carers on site with students to enjoy the event. The students looked fantastic in their self-made creations. The parade

was fun, colourful and everyone had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to the many families who contributed donations to the P&C raffle and to those who supported our school by purchasing raffle tickets. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you to our wonderful P&C who coordinated the raffle.

From tomorrow, Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van will be visiting Lake South. It has been two years since the van visited as last year's visit had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. The students and staff are looking forward to the activities and lessons planned by the exceptional team at Life Education.

The students looked fantastic in their school uniforms for school photos last Friday. Please contact MSP Photography if you have any questions or late orders.

Miss Olender and I attended Quality Teaching Rounds (QTR) professional learning last week as part of the school's 2021-2024 *Strategic Improvement Plan*. QTR is a high-impact approach to professional learning that involves teachers learning together and having deep conversation about classroom practice. It is focused on the impact of teaching on student learning. We will be training other staff members in QTR later in the year.

Lake Illawarra South Public School is participating in an external validation process in Term 3. Teachers will be heavily involved in preparing our submission during Term 2. External validation provides schools with an opportunity to discuss their judgements about their practice and the evidence that underpins them with a panel of peers. This process provides an assurance to the school and to the system that the progress being made aligns with the expectations articulated in the School Excellence Framework.

Four staff members have been selected to participate in professional learning to support the Mathematics K-10 syllabus. This is an excellent opportunity for teachers to deepen their understanding and knowledge of teaching practices to support student learning outcomes in this Key Learning Area.

Our school grounds will be open again this holiday period for Share Our Space so come along and enjoy the facilities. The grounds will be open each weekday from early in the morning until approximately 5pm.

A reminder that parents and carers are required to maintain physical distancing whilst on school grounds. We can continue to have parents and carers onsite for drop off and pick up arrangements. We are working through the arrangements for the Easter Hat Parade and assemblies with more information to be provided soon. It is also worth noting that the NSW Health advice still states that any children who present with flu like symptoms should remain at home and be tested. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a wonderful Easter break. Students return for Term 2 on Tuesday 20th April. Monday 19th April has been designated a Staff Development Day and is a pupil-free day.

Karen Simula
Principal

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Charlotte and Arlee who successfully trialled for the Mid-South Netball Team. The team is made up of talented netballers from local schools. The girls will be competing in the PSSA competition during Term 2.

AUTOMATIC ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS

To support the school's collection of mandatory attendance data, we will be implementing an automated absence notification service for all students. This follows a successful trial involving Stage 3 families in Term 1.

If a student is recorded as absent on our school roll, an automated SMS will be sent to the parent listed

as the first contact. The SMS will be sent at approximately 10:40am to take into consideration any late arrivals. Parents will be able to reply to the SMS with an explanation of their child's absence or can ring the school office.

In order to ensure the success of this service, it is vital that the school holds up to date contact information for all parents or carers. If your details have recently changed please contact the office.

REGIONAL RENEWAL PROGRAM

It is with great excitement that we are able to announce that our application for funding to upgrade the covered walkways outside the administration and Stage 3 blocks has been successful. This is a NSW Government co-contribution program delivered with the support of school Infrastructure NSW. Mrs Simula will be meeting with our local asset manager in the coming weeks to discuss the details and timeline of the project.

NAPLAN 2021

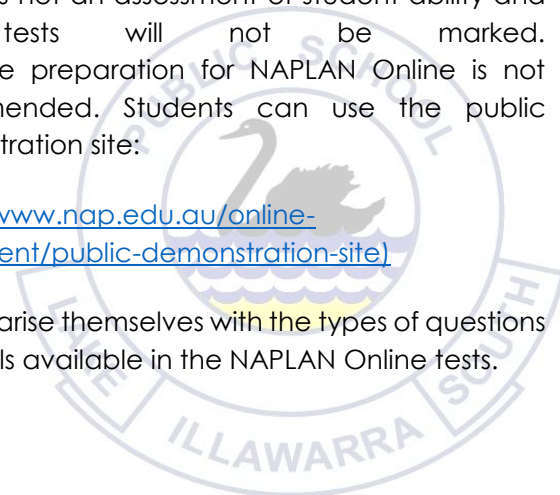
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between **11 and 21 May 2021**.

In preparation for NAPLAN Online, our school will also be participating in practice tests between 22 March and 1 April. The practice test is a trial-run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN Online in May. It is not an assessment of student ability and the tests will not be marked. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the public demonstration site:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site/>

to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.



If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

Last Wednesday students in Years 3 and 5 took part in a coordinated practice NAPLAN test. Schools across the state undertook the practice test at the same time to test the locked-down browser and Internet capabilities. Lake Illawarra South did not experience any technical difficulties during the test.

YR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2022

Applications for placement in a Year 5 Opportunity Class in 2022 open on Tuesday 20th April and close on Friday 7th May. Parents and carers will be able to apply from the website listed below at that time. Please be advised that the closing date is strictly observed and no late applications will be taken except under serious and well-documented extenuating circumstances.

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 21st July 2021.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

CROSS COUNTRY

The school's Cross Country Carnival will be held on the first Friday of next term – Friday 23rd April. If the weather is not favourable the carnival will be postponed to a day the following week.

HARMONY DAY

Students were engaged in a variety of classroom activities last Friday to celebrate Harmony Day. By participating in Harmony Day activities, our students have learned how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place. The students looked great in their uniforms accented with orange accessories.

PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

Year 6 students undertook Peer Support Training

Throughout Term 2 all students will participate in the Peer Support Program.

The Peer Support Program provides a fun and engaging environment for students to develop

positive relationships and proactive strategies for managing social situations while building a sense of belonging and self-worth.

Year 6 students have undertaken Peer Support leader training in Term 1 and will facilitate the program with a mixed group of approximately 8-10 students from Kindergarten to Year 5. A teacher supervises each group and provides assistance as required. Peer support groups will meet once per fortnight on a Tuesday afternoon for approximately 30 minutes.

The theme of this year's program is 'Living Positively'. Students will focus on:

- developing the skills and knowledge to approach life with a positive attitude,
- recognising and using their strengths,
- engaging in enjoyable activities, and
- showing gratitude to others.

PARK AND PLAY

Beginning next term, Park & Play will be held in the school grounds near the hall each Thursday (8:45am to 10:30am) for parents and their pre-school-aged children aged 0 to 5 years. A variety of play activities are provided each week. The program is kindly provided by Shellharbour City Council. Come along and join in the fun.

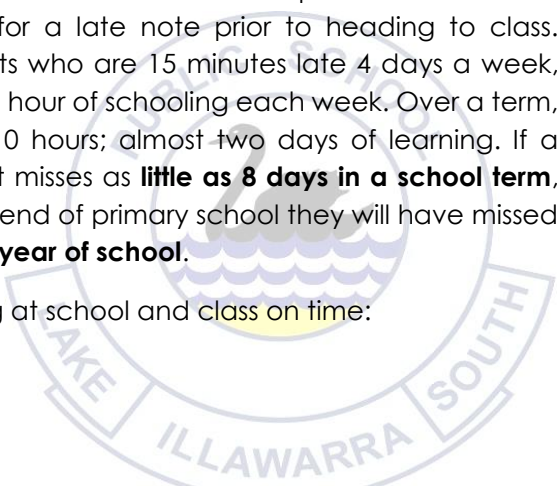
CANTEEN NEWS

A reminder that this Wednesday is Mexican Wrap Day. If your child has not yet placed their order, please contact the school office as a matter of urgency as orders must be finalised today.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

It is very important for students to arrive at school on time. Classes commence at 8:40am and playground supervision is from 8:15am. Students who are late to school must present to the front office for a late note prior to heading to class. Students who are 15 minutes late 4 days a week, miss an hour of schooling each week. Over a term, this is 10 hours; almost two days of learning. If a student misses as **little as 8 days in a school term**, by the end of primary school they will have missed **over a year of school**.

Arriving at school and class on time:



- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

Students who are habitually late are referred to the Home School Liaison Officer.

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory schooling Conferences
- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory schooling Order
- Prosecution in the Local Court

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 develop safe and supportive learning environments. Lake Illawarra South Public School has been a PBL school for a number of years. Students benefit from:

- increased time focused on instruction
- improved social-emotional wellbeing
- positive and respectful relationships
- a predictable learning environment

Throughout the year, students are explicitly taught the school expectations through a series of lessons.

The focus for this week is *Respect – Be a good friend*. Building friendships and positive relationships are important social skills for students. Friendships are often the first relationships young people have outside their core family unit. There are a number of things that make a person a good friend such as remembering important events like birthdays or special memories, spending time with each other, helping out when you have a problem and cheering you up when you are sad. Good

friends are trustworthy and are someone who you can rely on.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The NSW Premier's reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students from Kindergarten to Year 9. See the student website for more information:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience>

KEY DATES

Challenge opens: Monday 1st March

Challenge closes: Friday 20th August

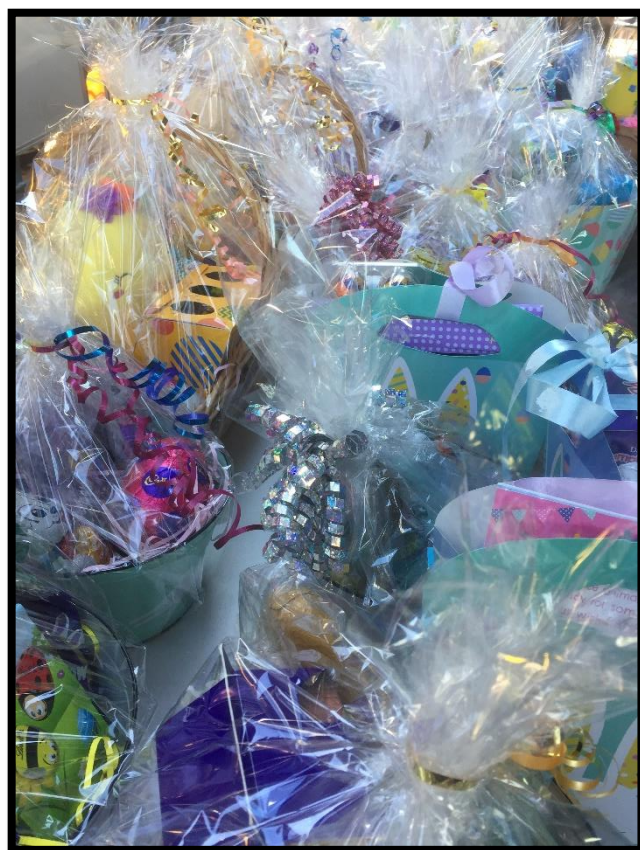
LIBRARY NEWS

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 are as follows:

Tuesday: 5/6C & KR

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

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









PLAY AFL WITH THE SHELLHARBOUR SWANS!

Come join in the excitement of AFL footy

It's a fun, safe and inclusive environment for all boys and girls. AFL is a fast paced sport and a great way to be active. Make new friends at this great community club.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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gav_2012@hotmail.com



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FREE EVENT

Alcohol & Drugs: One Family's Story A Panel Discussion

We can all help families by knowing where to get help. Everyone is welcome to attend, including services.

Different experts will talk about:

- Impact of alcohol and drugs
- Thinking about alcohol and drugs through a cultural lens
- Cultural concerns about getting help
- How to get help
- Hear from one panel member who has overcome their challenges with alcohol and drugs

Date: Wednesday 5 May, 2021

Time: 10.30am - 1.30pm | Lunch included

Location: Wollongong Town Hall

Crown St & Kembla St, Wollongong 2500

This event is FREE and includes morning tea and lunch

Registrations: Scan the QR code or visit <https://adpanel.eventbrite.com.au>



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MONDAY 12 APRIL
9.30AM - 12.30PM

SHELLHARBOUR CIVIC CENTRE
FREE | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Mental Health Movement will inspire and energise kids with activities that make learning about mental health matters fun! Get ready to move with a workout and confidence building session with Lisa Trujillo.
All fitness levels are welcome!

Lisa will have her Active Wear range available for purchase after the event.

Tickets available through Eventbrite

Lisa Trujillo



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A seven-session small group program for kids aged 7 to 10. Helping them understanding their feelings and healthy ways to express them through games and creative activities!

When: Tuesdays 3.30pm-5.30pm
April 27 - 15 June

The Foundry Family Centre
132 Wentworth St, Port Kembla

For more information contact:
First Floor Program
42291079

BRETT & MICHELLE EDWARDS TENNIS COACHING

WARILLA BOWLS & RED CLUB 9.00am -12noon

(Jason Ave, Warilla)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

Tues 6th, Wed 7th & Thurs 8th April 2021
9:00am – 12 noon. All standards welcome.

- Games & prizes
- Fun activities
- Special family rates apply

All enquiries/bookings: Brett & Michelle Edwards
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