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Public Schools

# Lake Illawarra South Public School

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8: Monday 15 MARCH 2021

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Lake Illawarra South Public School staff has been working diligently developing the *School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2021 – 2024*. The SIP will be finalised by the end of this term for approval by the Director Educational Leadership, Lake Illawarra South Network. The SIP is a working document that details the steps the school will take to improve

learning outcomes and the achievement and growth of all students. To ensure continuous improvement, the SIP reflects where the school is at and how it will further improve learning, teaching and leading. The SIP Strategic Directions for the next four years are *Student Growth and Attainment*, *Challenging Learning* and *Connections*.

Mrs Castelli and I attended a breakfast session at Lake Illawarra High School last Thursday to see the great things that Lake High is doing in STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Maths) in collaboration with Blue Scope Steel, as well as the actions the school is taking to have students ready for the workforce. We were both very impressed with the programs that Mr Hicks and his staff have operating at the school.

Congratulations to Mrs Gibson Dean and Mrs Smith who have been selected to participate in *Joining the Dots* which is an initiative created to encourage and support collaborative practices and networks between substantive and aspiring leaders in all schools. It has provided opportunities for leaders to collaborate across all school settings, including primary, high and SSP schools and with corporate personnel. Groups of leaders participate in an Action Research Project around topical educational items.

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.

Karen Simula  
**Principal**

## NAPLAN 2021

This year, students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing the NAPLAN assessments online early in Term 2. For those interested in finding out more, please visit the following public site,

[Public demonstration site \(nap.edu.au\)](http://nap.edu.au)

## CHECK-IN ASSESSMENTS

Lake Illawarra South PS is, again, participating in the DoE's opt-in check-in assessment to supplement existing school practices used to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor teaching to meet student needs. Students in Years 4 and 6 will complete the check-in assessment in early Term 2. Further detailed information will be sent home prior to the assessments.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that school photos will be taken on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**. Photo envelopes and information have been sent home. Envelopes should be brought on Photo Day. Please ensure your child/ren are dressed in full school uniform including black shoes and correct socks. Payments should be made online directly to MSP Photography or on the day in the sealed envelope provided. Additional and family envelopes can be collected from the front office.

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEYS

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research

company, the Learning Bar which specialises in school-based surveys.

Results from this survey will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help Lake Illawarra South staff discuss what works to improve student outcomes at our school.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. An opt-out note was sent home last week with your child. If you do not wish your child to participate, please return the opt-out note urgently.

## HARMONY DAY

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity and is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students are encouraged to wear something orange as an addition to their school uniform this Friday (19<sup>th</sup> March) to show their support. Students will participate in Harmony Day activities throughout the day.



## RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

National Ride2School Day is Australia's biggest celebration of active travel. The day has helped thousands of schools to empower and enable students to get physically active on their journey to school, giving them the opportunity to create healthy habits for their future.

Students who are intending to participate should meet Ms Roberts and Miss Olender at Warilla Surf Club for departure at 8.10am.

## SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY

Our students did an amazing job removing rubbish from the school grounds and the foreshore of Lake Illawarra for Schools Clean Up Day. Our school leaders were also featured in The Illawarra Mercury showing their support of this national event. Thanks to Mr Bruce for organising our school's event.

## REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Three students from Lake Illawarra South Public School represented the Zone at the Regional Swimming carnival last Wednesday. Riley, Koa and Addyson all swam well and represented Lake South with pride. Congratulations to each of you.

## HIGH SCHOOL EOIs

High School Expression of Interest forms were sent home with year 6 students last week. These forms have the student's name, address and designated local high school written on them. Please do not change the name of the designated local high school as this is based on the address you have provided to the school.

If you have moved and need to change your address as it appears on the form, please see the office staff and they will advise you of the documentation required to change the address. Year 7 2022 EOIs are due back to school no later than **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**.

## LIFE EDUCATION

As part of our Personal Development, Health and Physical education (PDHPE) program, the Life Education van will again visit our school in Week 10 of this term. Life Education is a positive approach to teaching students about healthy lifestyles. Students have the opportunity to visit the van with their class teacher for an exciting time to learn about their bodies and health. The visit includes the mobile classroom lesson and student workbooks which provide the necessary activities to further complement PDHPE lessons.

## 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 *Responsibility – Follow instructions*. It is important for students to be able to follow instructions so that they can function effectively across different environments. It enhances their ability to act on requests from others and requires students to attend to detail in spoken language, to sequence the information in the appropriate steps and to seek clarification if needed. Following directions helps students stay safe in emergencies and in everyday situations.

The focus for next 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.

## P&C MEETING

The next meeting of the Lake Illawarra South P&C is tomorrow (Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021) in the school library commencing at 2.45pm. All are welcome.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> March

Challenge closes: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## CANTEEN NEWS

Our school canteen is open each day. Orders are able to be placed for recess and lunch. Counter sales are available before school and during recess and lunch. Mrs Ruddock offers a wide selection of items which are made on the premises and fulfil the requirements of the NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy.



<b>Milk or Juice Pop</b> - 50c	<b>Fresh Fruit Cup</b> - \$1.50
<b>Blueberry Muffin</b> - \$1.00	<b>Brownie</b> - \$1.00
<b>Banana Bread</b> - \$1.00	<b>Yoghurt &amp; Berries</b> - 50c
<b>Pasta Bowl</b> - \$1.00	<b>Fried Rice Bowl</b> - \$1.00

## 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 made in cash. Orders are able to be taken at the front office at any time during the school term.

## OPERATION ART

If your child is interested in attending Operation Art (see below), please see your child's classroom teacher.

Operation Art is holding full day visual arts workshops at the WOLLONGONG ART GALLERY

Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) - Tue 11 May 2021

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) - Wed 12 May 2021

Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) - Thu 13 May 2021



Presented by specialist teachers, workshops cover topic areas including painting, printing, drawing, mixed media and sculpture. Workshops are designed to extend skills and artmaking experiences beyond the classroom. All materials provided.

**Places are limited - Bookings close Friday 23 April 2021**  
**Parents book and pay online now!**

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/visual-arts/operation-art/operation-art-student-workshops>

Cost: \$50.60 (incl GST) per student

For all workshop enquiries contact [opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au)

Partners





ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

# OPEN NIGHT

## Talk and Tour of School Monday March 15th

You must register by calling the front office on 42711099.

Limited spots available. One adult with one child.

session 1 - 4.00pm to 5.00pm

session 2 - 5.00pm to 6.00pm

session 3 - 6.00pm to 7.00pm

## Talented Sport Program Zoom Information Session Monday March 22nd

6.30pm

Link on school Facebook & Website.

Need a registered account to attend.