



Education
Public Schools

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2: Monday 26 APRIL 2021

CALENDAR

APRIL 2021

- 26 Anzac Day Service
- 27 Assembly 2pm
- 28 AECG Meeting 4pm (Oak Flats PS)
- 29 Park and Play

MAY 2021

- 04 Peer Support
- 05 Check-in Assessment (Yrs 4 & 6)
- 06 Mothers' Day Stall
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- 07 District Cross Country
- 07 OC Class Applications close

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term Two. There are many exciting activities planned this term. Please check your child's schoolbag regularly for notes and information regarding upcoming events.

On Staff Development Day last week, staff began the process of preparing the school's External Validation submission. Staff were supported by Principal School Leadership, Suzanne Crouch throughout the day. Staff will continue to work on

the submission throughout Term Two. The school will complete External Validation in Week 6 of Term Three.

The school's Annual Report has been completed and is available for viewing on the school's website on the *Procedures, plans and reports* tab. The annual report outlines the work carried out, including financial information, in 2020 and future steps for the school.

The weather was glorious for our school cross country carnival last Friday. A very big thank you to Miss Olender and Mrs Hockey for organising the event. There was a high level of participation from the students and it was terrific to see so many parents and carers supporting our students. Results from the carnival are listed later in this newsletter.

This term, we welcome Mrs Trotter back from maternity leave. She is returning part-time and will be working each Wednesday.

Karen Simula
Principal

INTERRELATE CORRECTION

The note regarding the *Interrelate Family Evening* contained an error in the date. The correct date for this event is Monday 24th May 2021. All other information was correct. We apologise for any inconvenience or confusion caused.

ASSEMBLIES

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we are returning to K-6 assemblies each fortnight. Assemblies will be held in even weeks commencing tomorrow. Assemblies will be held on

Tuesdays at 2pm in the school hall. It is also very exciting to be able to welcome parents and carers back to our assemblies.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Our annual Mothers' Day Stall will be held on **Thursday 6th May**. Gifts will be available for purchase, ranging in price from \$2.00 to \$6.00. Thank you to our fantastic P&C for organising this event for our students.

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.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Ribbons will be presented to students at tomorrow's assembly. The assembly commences at 2pm in the school hall.

12/13 Years Boys

1st – Riley, 2nd – Talan, 3rd - Jordy

12/13 Years Girls

1st – Teliah, 2nd – Paige, 3rd - Olivia

11 Years Boys

1st – Jarrah, 2nd – Omar, 3rd – Jack C

11 Year Girls

1st – Gemma, 2nd – Maddy, 3rd – Charlize

10 Years Boys

1st – Issack, 2nd – Thor, 3rd - Joey

10 Years Girls

1st – Lexi, 2nd – Addyson, 3rd – Kiarrie

8/9 Years Boys

1st – Bailey, 2nd – Noah, 3rd - Sebastian

8/9 Years Girls

1st – Amalie, 2nd – Indy C, 3rd – Noe



RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Lake Illawarra South Public School has committed to developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Our RAP aims to support our school community in developing an educational environment that fosters higher levels of knowledge and pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and contributions. Through our RAP, we will commit to strengthening relationships, respect and opportunities in the classroom, around the school and with the community. If you are interested in joining our RAP Working Group, please contact either Miss Ingram, Mrs Smith or Mrs Simula.

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NAPLAN 2021

This year, students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing the NAPLAN assessments online in Week 4 of this term. Students will be assessed on their abilities in writing, grammar, punctuation & spelling conventions, reading and numeracy. This

can be a worrying time for some students. At LISPS, we aim to prepare students as thoroughly as possible to the assessment and to provide a supportive and productive environment so that students are able to perform at their best. For those interested in finding out more, please visit the following public site,

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

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>.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Our school held a short service to commemorate Anzac Day this morning. This is an important event on Australia's calendar when we reflect on the thousands of servicemen and women who gave their lives and who have suffered in many ways serving their country.



PEER SUPPORT

Last week saw our Year 6 students lead Peer Support for the first time. The students did a great

job guiding their groups through a range of activities.

Peer Support groups will meet once per fortnight on a Tuesday afternoon for approximately 30 minutes.

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.

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

Park & Play is 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.

SAFETY REMINDER

A reminder to our school community to please be aware of the high traffic in our area. If you are picking up or dropping off a student, please be aware of the parking and speed restrictions around the school. Students who ride scooters or bikes to and from school must wear a bike helmet. Please check that your child's helmet is fitted correctly and discuss road safety and awareness with your child.

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 *Safety – Play safely and fairly*. Playing fairly helps children enjoy the experience of playing together. It allows children to practise and rehearse social norms of cooperating, taking turns, being polite, solving problems and being flexible. Ensuring children use equipment and school grounds appropriately is vital to keep everyone safe.

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.

AECG MEETING

The next Aboriginal Education Consultative Group meeting will be held at Oak Flats Public School on Wednesday 28th April. Koori Time begins at 3.40pm and the main meeting begins at 4.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

Due to changes in the whole school timetable, your child's library day may have changed from last term. Please check below. 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 Two are as follows:

Monday: 4/5I, 3/4B & K/1P

Wednesday: 1/2S, 1/2O & 3/4O

Thursday: 5/6c, 5/6G & KR

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Our school chaplain, Mrs Mejia, works each Monday and Tuesday of the school term. She is available to support students with a range of emotional wellbeing services. She also connects families to services within our community, meets with and supports vulnerable students and is a listening ear. She is also running a number of wellbeing programs and lunchtime activities with students.

If you would like your child to connect with Mrs Mejia, please contact the office for a referral form.

INFORMATION FROM LAKE ILLAWARRA LOCAL AREA COMMAND

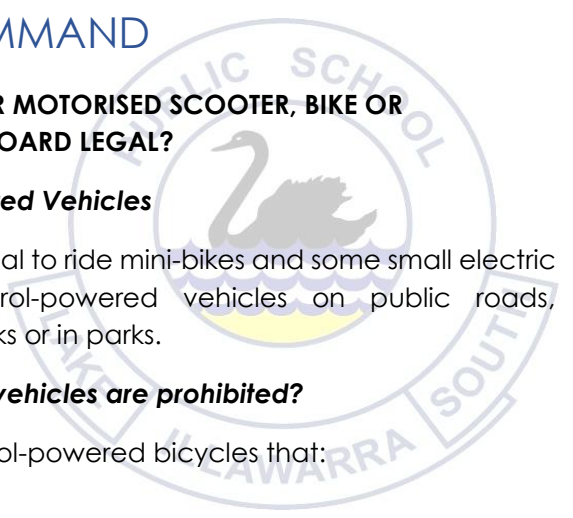
IS YOUR MOTORISED SCOOTER, BIKE OR SKATEBOARD LEGAL?

Prohibited Vehicles

It is illegal to ride mini-bikes and some small electric or petrol-powered vehicles on public roads, carparks or in parks.

Which vehicles are prohibited?

All petrol-powered bicycles that:



- have a petrol-powered engine attached before or after purchase
- are powered by another type of internal combustion engine
- mini-bikes or monkey bikes
- motorised human transporters such as WheelMan or SegWay skateboards with an electric or petrol motor.
- Prohibited vehicles cannot be registered or insured.
- Heavy fines apply

Black Box Parenting



**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**

ANGICARE

This program supports parents expand their existing knowledge of a range of parenting challenges after disruption in family life due to loss, family violence or trauma

Topics include:

- how past experiences affect parenting
- building on your parenting skills with increased confidence
- managing child's behaviour and understanding emotions
- developing a positive relationship with your child
- self care for parents

When

Thursdays (fortnightly)

April 29
May 13, 27
June 10, 24

10:00am - 12:30pm

Where

St Mark's Anglican Church
429 Crown Street,
Wollongong 2500

Bookings and information
Jessica 0439 474 154
Kerry 4254 1600

This is a free course.
Child care is not available.