

Blackbutt reserve. Students do not require a new permission note for the re-scheduled date. Best of luck to all the competitors.

PARENT HELPER BRIEFING

We are able to welcome parents and carers back into classrooms this term. If you would like to assist in the classroom, please speak with your child's classroom teacher.

Parents and carers who intend to assist in the classroom must attend a Parent Helper Briefing before volunteering in classrooms. Briefings will be held tomorrow at 8.20am and 2.45pm. Please speak with classroom teachers if you are unable to attend either session so alternative arrangements can be made.

School volunteers are required to complete a *Working With Children Check* declaration at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au and then present at a Services NSW centre for a 100 point ID check. Once the WWCC has been completed, volunteers must then bring the WWCC and photo identification to the front office. Volunteers are required, by Work Health and Safety laws, to sign in at the office each time they are volunteering.



WONDER RECYCLING REWARDS

Lake Illawarra South Public School has registered for the *Wonder Recycling Program*. We are collecting bread bags and bread tags to recycle through the program so the plastic does not end up in landfill. All the collected bags from the program will be used to create new things like play equipment. Our school has been entered in a draw to win one of five exercise circuits made from recycled plastic.

All brands of bread bags can be recycled. We just ask that the bags are as crumb-free as possible. They do not need to be washed.

We're also collecting bread bag tags.

Bags and tags can be dropped off at the front office. The final day of collection is 25th June.

INTERRELATE CHANGE OF DATE

Due to a scheduling clash, the family Interrelate evening has been changed to Wednesday 26th May. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. A note was sent home last week advising of the new date.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

National Simultaneous Storytime will be held on Wednesday 19th May. Students will be listening to the story, *Give Me Some Space* by Philip Bunting. Students will listen to the story along with thousands of other children from around Australia. It is an event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the NSW curriculum. We are also very excited to be hosting preschoolers from Lake Illawarra Early Learning Academy.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Now in its 22nd year, National Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event when primary school aged students are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.

Students are able to meet staff at 8.10am at the kiosk in Reddall Reserve and start walking to school at 8.15am on Friday 14th May.



CREATING COACHES

Lake Illawarra South has formed a partnership with Lake Illawarra High School through the *Creating Coaches* program. Students from the high school will lead our Stage Three students through sporting activities designed to focus on team building and communication. The program will run each Thursday from 20th May to 24th June, excluding 10th June.

CANTEEN MEAL DEAL

The canteen is holding a Meal Deal Day on Tuesday 18th May. The deal includes beef Italian meatball sub, popcorn and popper or water for \$5.00. Orders must be placed no later than Friday 14th May.

WEARING HELMETS

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades

RIDING SAFELY

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care of driveways where vehicles may be driving in or pulling out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! procedure.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools, visit the parent section of safetyton.com.au

Messages to share with your children K -Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

Messages to share with your children Years 5 & 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads

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.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

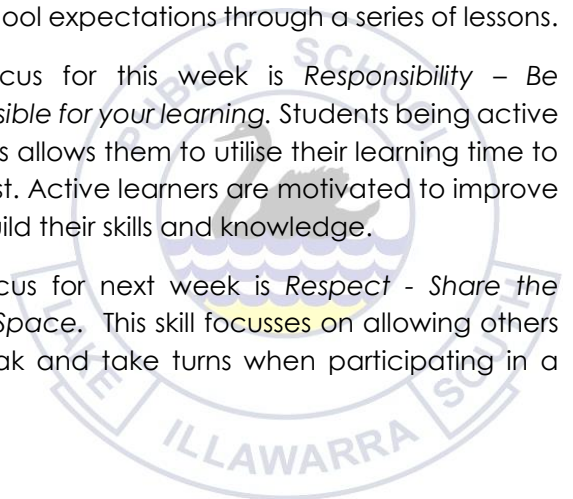
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole-school framework that promotes positive behaviour across a school and helps schools develop safe and supportive learning environments. Lake Illawarra South Public School has been a PBL school for a number of years. Students benefit from:

- 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* – *Be responsible for your learning*. Students being active learners allows them to utilise their learning time to its fullest. Active learners are motivated to improve and build their skills and knowledge.

The focus for next week is *Respect* - *Share the Voice Space*. This skill focusses on allowing others to speak and take turns when participating in a



conversation or class discussion. This ensures everyone's opinions and thoughts are heard.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

A big thank you to the P&C for their organisation of the Mothers' Day Stall last Thursday. Students were able to choose from a wide range of lovely gifts that were sourced by the P&C.

ATTENDANCE

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for students absences may include:

- Being sick or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Families are strongly encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary an Application for Extended Leave will need to be completed. You may obtain this through the school office. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year. Holidays are not considered a justified reason for student absences.

Research has found:

- 'Every day counts' when it comes to attendance. The negative correlation between absence from school and achievement is cumulative and can affect academic outcomes in future years of schooling. There is no 'safe' threshold for absences. Hancock et al., 2013 in Spotlight: Attendance matters (AITSL, 2019).
- 'Teacher quality is the single most important in-school factor influencing student achievement (Hattie, 2009). However, the relationship between teacher quality and student achievement is mediated by the amount of time students spend in classrooms. Irrespective of the reasons for absences, non-attendance affects student outcomes.'

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

Do you have a child turning five years of age before 31st July 2022 who will be ready to start school next year? We are busy at the moment

enrolling students from our local intake area for 2022. Please note that all children who do not live in our school catchment area are required to complete a non-local application. Siblings already attending Lake Illawarra South Public School are given priority for enrolment if possible. If you are interested in enrolling at our school in K-6, now is the time to begin this process. You can do this in the following ways:

- email the school at lakeillawarra.school@det.nsw.edu.au to request an enrolment form
- complete an online enrolment if you live in our school local intake area
- call the office on 4295 1924 to share your details and request an application

You will need to provide the following documents to submit an application to enrol:

- your child's birth certificate or identity documents
- proof of student's address – parents will be asked to complete the 100-point check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area. A list of approved documents for the residential address check is available from the school or the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nswgovernment-schools>
- immunisation history statement based on the Australian Childhood Immunisation register
- family law or other relevant court orders (if applicable)

If you know of friends or neighbours in our area who have children ready to start school next year, please encourage them to contact the school to begin the enrolment process.

LIBRARY NEWS

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

UNIFORMS

The uniform shop is currently closed due to a lack of volunteers. Ms Mayo is filling orders at the front office. School uniform orders are able to be placed at any time at the front office. Order are filled as soon as practicable and sent home with your child. Correct money at the time of ordering is required.

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= **4** weeks

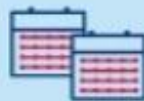


= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

Help Wonder turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**



It's simple...

1

Collect your empty bread bags and tags



2

Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin
(There is a separate box for bread tags).



3

We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!



Our school is in the draw to
WIN 1 of 5 exercise circuits made
from recycled plastic we collect!

LET'S GET RECYCLING!



Tag Wonder on social [#wonderrecycling](#) to share all your recycling champion stories!

