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# Lake Illawarra South Public School

## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6: Monday 24 MAY 2021

### CALENDAR

#### MAY 2021

**24** Stage 2 & 3 Excursion

**25** Assembly 2pm

**26** Touch Football Knockout

Sorry Day Service

Interrelate Family Sessions

**27** Reconciliation Week commences

Park and Play

Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal

Creating Coaches (Stage 3)

**31** Shellharbour Reconciliation Walk

Interrelate Lessons commence

#### JUNE

**01** LISPS Reconciliation Walk

Peer Support 1.45pm

**02** Amazing Mathematics Race

**03** Park and Play

Creating Coaches (Stage 3)

and numeracy. Results will be available to parents and carers in August.

Last week, I attended the *Reconciliation Through Education* conference, along with Mrs Smith and Miss Ingram. A number of presenters gave insightful opinions and perspectives across a range of topics that contribute positively to reconciliation through schools and the education system. Some of the presenters included Dr Chris Sarra (established the Stronger Smarter Institute), Dr Jeff McMullen (journalist, author and film-maker), Dr Anita Heiss (author), Dr Pasi Sahlberg (educator and researcher) and Karen Mundine (CEO Reconciliation Australia). A number of schools from around NSW also presented what was happening in their schools. Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Working Party will look at and discuss the implementation of some of these ideas whilst developing Lake Illawarra South Public School's RAP.

A reminder that if your child is unwell, get them tested for COVID-19 and keep them at home until they receive a negative result. Please email the COVID test result to [lakeillaws-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lakeillaws-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). If your child has an underlying medical condition such as asthma, which presents similarly to COVID, please provide the school with a medical certificate to avoid unnecessary COVID testing.

Karen Simula  
**Principal**

### DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the students that represented Lake Illawarra South Public School at the District Cross Country carnival at Blackbutt

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well done to students in Years 3 and 5 who completed the NAPLAN assessments over the last two weeks. Students were assessed in both literacy

Reserve in Week 4. Teachers reported that your behaviour was outstanding and your individual efforts were impressive. Well done to Teliah and Indy C who qualified to represent Mid-South at the Regional Carnival.

## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Students listened to *Give Me Some Space* by Philip Bunting. It was a little different to previous years as the story was read by NASA astronauts on board the Japanese module of the International Space Station. After the reading, students completed activities based on the book. Children from the Lake Illawarra Early Learning Academy visited our school library to join in the fun of NSS. Thank you to Mrs Wilmott for organising such a fun event for our students.



## INTERRELATE

Interrelate Family Sessions are being held this Wednesday in the school library.

### Session 1: *Where Did I Come From?*

**Time:** 6.00pm – 7.00pm

**Audience:** Year 3 and 4 students and their parents/carers. Older students are welcome to attend at the discretion of their parents/carers.

**Content:** The male and female reproductive systems, foetal development and the birth process. Personal safety and protective behaviours.

### Session 2: *Preparing For Puberty*

**Time:** 7.15pm – 8.15pm

**Audience:** Year 5 and 6 students. Younger students are welcome to attend at the discretion of their parents/carers.

**Content:** The physical changes of puberty, emphasising that it can be different for everyone. The physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys and girls. Personal safety and protective behaviours.

## SORRY DAY

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May is Sorry Day. Sorry Day is held on the anniversary of the then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd's apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on behalf of the Australian people in parliament. Our school will be holding a service on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm. All families and carers are invited to attend this special event.

## EVERYDAY MATHS HUB

The *Everyday Maths Hub* is an engaging and dynamic online platform for parents and carers of children in Kindy through to Year 10. It aims to support and encourage family conversations about the relevance and usefulness of mathematics in everyday life.

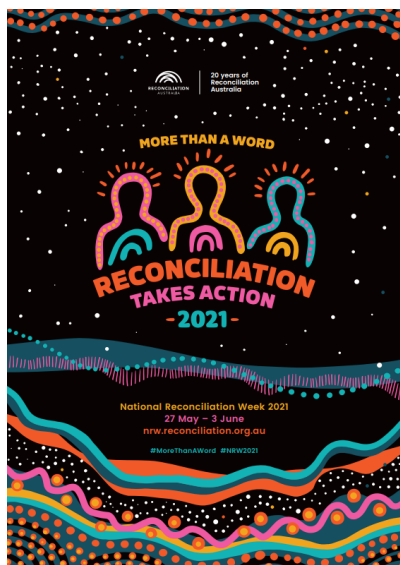
The Everyday Maths Hub is part of the NSW Mathematics Strategy to achieve the Premier's vision, for all NSW students to develop the mathematical skills they need to succeed in life. The hub was designed in consultation with teachers, parents and carers. It supports parents and carers in empowering their children to think critically and creatively, find and solve problems, and notice and wonder about the mathematics in the world around them.



## RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week commences on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The theme for this year is *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.* Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisation and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part, we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and futures. 2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.



The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Our Stage 2 and 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will be taking part in Shellharbour City's Reconciliation Walk on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Lake Illawarra South Public School will be hosting its inaugural reconciliation walk. Information regarding this event will be sent home shortly.

## SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to Amber for her selection into the Mid-South Girls Touch Football Team. The team consists of talented players from local schools. The team will be competing throughout Term 2.

## JEWELLERY AT SCHOOL

The NSW Department of Education requires that jewellery or other items that could cause an injury to themselves or other students are not worn. Given that our students are involved in regular physical activity and play throughout the week, there are important restrictions on what students can wear to school as jewellery or accessory items. As a general rule, only stud earrings, sleeper earrings and watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Nail polish and cosmetics should not be worn to school. Acceptable additional items include watches and sunglasses.

## 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.

## GOLF

Students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will be participating in a series of golf lessons. The lessons are presented by a trained coach from Golf NSW. There is no cost for students to participate in this program as the school has secured funds via the Sporting Schools grants program.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school athletics carnival will be held at John O'Dwyer Oval, Albion Park on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Detailed information about this event will be sent home this week.

## APPROACHING CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

There are times when children experience conflict with others, particularly in the playground. This often arises over arguments about the rules of a game or ownership of toys or other items. Conflict

with others is a normal part of life for children and is not bullying. If your child is experiencing problems with another child, parents must not approach another child in an attempt to resolve the matter. It does, in fact, make the situation worse. Please communicate any concerns you may have to your child's teacher, or to the teacher who is on duty before school.

## 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 – 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, thoughts and ideas are heard.

The focus for next week is *Responsibility – Be your best*. Encouraging and supporting students to be their personal best helps students to overcome stumbling blocks and develop a growth mindset. A growth mindset allows students to try new things and experiences. It also allows them to push through obstacles (perceived or real) to experience success. Being your best also refers to the way students engage with others, sportsmanship and their behaviour.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents and carers are reminded it is a legal requirement that you explain your child's absence in writing on the first day of their return. Some further reminders:

- If your child is absent for two or more consecutive days, please advise the school.

- If your child is absent for three or more consecutive days due to illness, please attach a doctor's certificate to the absentee note.

If you are planning on taking a holiday during the term, you must apply for *Extended Leave – Travel*. The application form is available from the school office and must be completed prior to travel.

If your child is sick and needs to stay at home, please remember to notify the school. Below are the various ways to notify us:

- via the SkoolBag app
- send a note with the student on the day they return
- reply to absentee SMS
- send an email to [lakeillaws-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lakeillaws-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- call the office on 4295 1924

**If a student is sick for three or more days, a doctor's certificate is required for their absence.**

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

Do you have a child turning five years of age before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 who will be ready to start school next year? We are busy 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 [lakeillaws-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lakeillaws-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) to request an enrolment form
- complete an online enrolment form 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.

## WONDER RECYCLING REWARDS

Lake Illawarra South Public School is proudly taking part in 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 such as play equipment. The program continues until the end of this term.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Issue 4 of Scholastic Book Club has been distributed to students. Orders are to be placed online at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Orders are due on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Class library days are as follows:

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

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

**Thursday:** 5/6C, 5/6G & KR



## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop orders are currently being filled by Ms Mayo at the front office. Orders are filled as soon as practicable and sent home with your child. Correct money at the time of ordering is required.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Karen, our lovely canteen lady, has added birthday cupcakes to her service. If you would like to order cupcakes for your child to celebrate and share for their birthday, please speak with Karen in the canteen. Orders should be placed a minimum of three days before they are required. Price \$1.00 per cupcake.



## CUPCAKES

### **Classroom Birthday Fun**

Celebrate your child's birthday with their classroom friends

Order cupcakes from the school canteen to be delivered on the day @ \$1 per cupcake

Place your order and make payment direct to the canteen allowing 3 days' notice

Call into the canteen to discuss *Karen's Cupcakes*



