



Education
Public Schools

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8: Monday 07 JUNE 2021

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 07** Interrelate lessons
- 08** Assembly 2pm
Golf - St 1 students
- 10** Athletics Carnival
Park and Play
- 11** Regional Cross Country
Preschool visit
- 14** Public Holiday
- 15** Interrelate lessons
Golf – St 1 students
Peer Support 1.45pm
- 16** Creating Coaches Excursion
- 17** Park and Play
- 21** NAIDOC Week celebrations begin
- 22** Canteen Meal Deal Day
Assembly 2pm
- 24** Creating Coaches (Stage 3)

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term Two is certainly travelling at a fast pace. There are only three weeks until the next vacation period. In that time, we are looking forward to the athletics

carnival, golf lessons for Stage 1 students, peer support and NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Staff has been working over the last few weeks completing assessments and analysing data in preparation for student reports. The report gives detailed information about student progress and the next steps in the learning. Student reports will be sent home in the last week of this term.

Last week I met with the school's Asset Support Officer to discuss further improvements to our school learning environment. A number of items for updating were discussed and suggestions are now being considered by the Department. Some of the plans include new stairs for the Stage 2 building, additional lighting in the stage 3 building, repair and painting of eastern exterior wall of the Stage 2 building and interior painting of the eastern toilet block.

Generate, our chaplaincy provider, has begun the process of securing a new chaplain for the school. Mrs Perceval, Miss Ingram and I will be conducting the interviews, along with a representative from Generate, next week.

I would like to extend the school's profound gratitude to Lake Illawarra High School's principal, Mr Tony Hicks. He is extremely supportive of the primary schools in the Lake Learning Community. He is generous in sharing his staff's expert knowledge with us, encouraging his students to assist with sporting events and his own personal time. To this end, I am very excited to announce that the Lake Learning Community has recently advertised for a Deputy Principal to commence at the beginning of Term Three. This position will be shared across the schools and will involve solidifying the work that has been done over recent years with students transitioning to high school. A large focus of this position will be

collecting and analysing student data to best support students, as well as identifying and delivering professional learning for staff to ensure the best learning outcomes for middle year students in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

You may have noticed that you've not seen our beautiful front crossing lady, Kerrie, in the mornings over the last few weeks. She sadly, informed the school late last week that this Friday afternoon will be her last shift with us as she has secured other work. She has been someone that parents, carers and the school, alike, have relied upon to keep our children safe over the last ten years. I know the students and many parents will miss her cheery 'see ya'. We wish her all the very best in her career change.

Karen Simula
Principal

DJAMALANG

We are very excited to announce that Lake Illawarra South Public School has been selected by the Department of Education to host *Djamalang* – an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Learning and Engagement Centre. The aim of this initiative is to provide wellbeing, academic and cultural support to enhance outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The program will provide an environment that is culturally appropriate and structured to provide students with opportunities to undertake learning of a cultural nature and also mainstream academic learning.

Jodi Edwards has been appointed as the Djamalang classroom teacher. Jodi, along with school and Department staff are working very closely to develop what the program will look like at Lake Illawarra South. The class will be commencing at the beginning of Term Three.

Our partner high school, Lake Illawarra High, is also hosting a centre and we will be working closely together to support the transition of students into Year 7.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1 – STUDENT GROWTH & ATTAINMENT

Strategic Direction 1 of the School Improvement Plan 2021-2024 aims to maximise student learning

outcomes specifically in Literacy and Numeracy. The growth and attainment of the student outcomes will be measured by the results demonstrated through NAPLAN over the next 4 years, as well as other internal school data. Within this strategic direction, the teaching staff will be focussing on the explicit teaching in literacy and numeracy. They will do this by clearly explaining to the students why they are learning something, how it connects to what they already know, explaining what they are expected to do, how to do it and what it looks like when they have succeeded. Another component of this strategic direction is utilising and analysing student assessment data that will drive the understanding of where students are in their learning, planning what the students need to do next and making adjustments to the teaching and learning practices that will best support student outcome achievement. This whole school approach will ensure the most effective evidence-based teaching methods support the achievement for all students at Lake Illawarra South Public School.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we come into the cooler months we ask that students remember to wear their full school uniform - including a school jumper and socks. We also ask that you label your child's uniforms (including jumpers) clearly so that any lost items can be returned to them promptly. Lost property is kept at the front office. Please note that if you are looking for second-hand uniforms, these can be purchased through the P & C second hand uniform shop. For more information, please contact the front office.

NETBALL GALA DAY

Best of luck to the teams competing in the Netball Gala Day tomorrow. A big thank you to Mrs Hockey for organising the school's involvement and coaching the teams.

AMAZING MATHEMATICAL RACE

Last Wednesday, students Kinder to Year 6 had a fabulous morning session participating in The Great Mathematical Race. Students completed a range of activities that developed their understanding that mathematics is everywhere and we use mathematics throughout the day. Congratulations to Mrs Gibson Dean and Mrs Smith on organising a terrific event for our students.

Mrs Gibson Dean and Mrs Smith will be presenting their innovative idea to the Lake Illawarra South Network of schools through the Joining the Dots program early in term Three.

TOUCH FOOTBALL KNOCKOUT

Well done to the students who participated in the touch football knockout last week. Both the girls and boys teams played Oak Flats Public School. Unfortunately both teams were unsuccessful. Thanks to Mrs Gibson Dean for organising this sporting opportunity for our students. Thank you also to the parents and carers who were able to assist with transporting students to and from the game.

PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

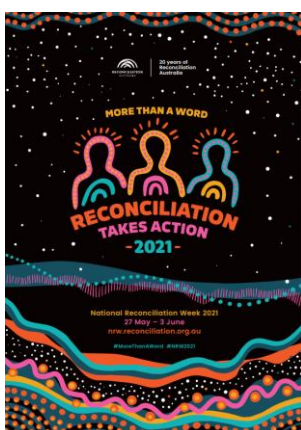
Our school will be participating in the Premier's Spelling Bee this year. Information regarding this year's Spelling Bee will be sent home shortly.

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week will be celebrated by Lake Illawarra South Public School in the last week of this term. The theme for 2021 is Heal Country, heal our nation.

Students will be participating in a range of activities to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Further information regarding specific events will be sent home shortly.

RECONCILIATION WEEK



Reconciliation Week commenced last week and Lake Illawarra South Public School participated in a number of events during the week. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attend our Sorry Day service. Our Stage 2 and 3 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students participated in Shellharbour City Schools Flag Reconciliation Walk, along with other local schools on Tuesday. On

Wednesday, we were very lucky to have glorious weather for our school's inaugural Reconciliation Walk. Students, accompanied by staff, enjoyed a walk to Reddall Reserve. At the park, each Stage group enjoyed a story before returning to school.



ANIMALS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

This is a friendly reminder to all parents and community members that animals are not allowed on school grounds without consent from the school.

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.

PRESCHOOL VISIT

You may see some little unfamiliar faces around the school this Friday when children from Lake Illawarra Early Academy pop into the school. They are having regular visits to our school to get ready for big school. This Friday, they are stopping by to eat their lunch orders and a short play in the playground.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school athletics carnival will be held at John O'Dwyer Oval, Croome Road Sports Complex, Albion

Park this Thursday. Attending the carnival is compulsory for all students and all must travel to and from the carnival by bus. Students who have turned eight or are turning eight this year will participate in a range of athletic activities including long jump, shot put and running events. Younger students will have an opportunity to participate in running and novelty events.

Students are reminded to wear full uniform or house colours, suitable footwear, hat and sunscreen, bring recess, drink, and any required medication. It is advised that students also bring a warm coat.

Thanks to Karen in the canteen for be organising lunch for students, parents and staff. Students and parents who have ordered their lunch will be provided with a bottle of water on the day by the school. A coffee van will also be at the oval for part of the day. Students are not to purchase from the coffee van.

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 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.

The focus for next week is *Safety – Keep your hands and feet to yourself*. This skill demonstrates an understanding of personal space. It also

encourages students to use their words to express their feelings. This skill is a life-long social skill that students need to master to form and maintain appropriate relationships.

KINDERGARTEN 2022 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 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 lakeillawsp.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

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

Keep sending in bread bags and bread tags. We have currently collected approximately 5kg of bags as part of the recycling program. The program has been extended to the end of the first week of Term Three.



LIBRARY NEWS

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

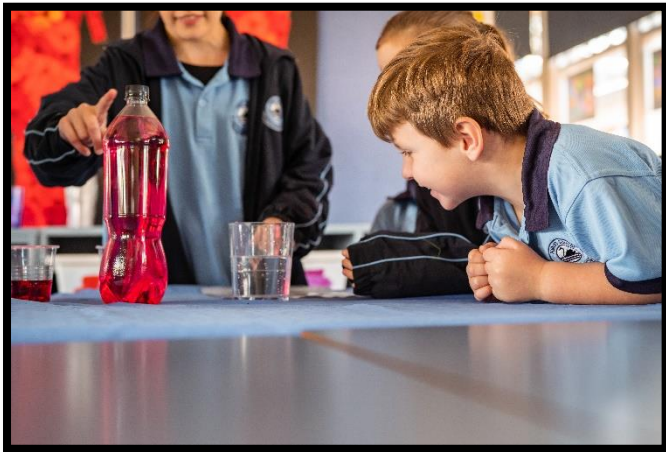
Celebrate your child's birthday with their classroom friends

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*





PSM PUMA PATHWAYS Rugby League Clinics

SOUTH COAST JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Date: Thursday 1st July 2021
Location: Croome Road Sporting Complex - Albion Park

• 6-8 years / \$50 • 9-12 years / \$65 • 13-17 years / \$85

Visit www.signonday.com.au/listing/psm-camps to register now!

****Free PUMA T-Shirt for each participant****

Help us spread the word

Know someone who would make a great champion for a child or young person?

CareSouth is looking for new volunteers to support children in our Aunty's & Uncles program in the Illawarra. Spending some quality time with a positive role model, doing everyday activities with you, can make a very real difference to a child's happiness, self-esteem or well-being. Children in our program are carefully matched with regular people from all walks of life. Contact us to find out more.

1300 554 260 caresouth.org.au **EVERYDAY CareSouth**

JUNE/JULY 2021 VACATION CARE PROGRAM WARILLA

6:30AM - 6:00PM
CCS APPLIES TO FEES

Monday 28th June WINTER WONDERLAND Rug up, winter has well and truly arrived! Step into a Winter Wonderland and celebrate the cooler months with lots of wintry inspired activities! Programmed Activities: Snow Making + Cricket	Tuesday 29th June ART ATTACK Prepare to get a little bit messy today as you participate in all things arts and crafts! You'll even get to tie dye your own bucket hat to take home! Programmed Activities: Tie Dye Hat + Oz Tag Additional Cost: \$4	Wednesday 30th June SCOUTS CLUB Become a scout for the day! Take part in fun, team building activities as we learn important life skills and grow awareness of the world around us! Programmed Activities: Nature Potions + Team Building	Thursday 1st July STAR WARS WORLD May the force be with you! Come along for a day jam packed full of Star Wars fun. We'll put a Star Wars twist on arts and crafts, cooking activities and more! Programmed Activities: Chewbacca Biscuits + Dodgeball	Friday 2nd July CIRCUS CRAZE Have you ever wanted to join the circus? Today is your chance! Our friends from Circus Monoxide are coming to teach us circus skills! Programmed Activities: Trapeze with Ease + Circus Skills Additional Cost: \$10
Monday 5th July BACKYARD BUGS Learn all about the amazing world of mini beasts with Rangers on the Run today. Explore their abilities, where they live, how they grow and lots more! Programmed Activities: Bug Fossils + Minor Games Additional Cost: \$10	Tuesday 6th July CELEBRATING NAIDOC Celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples! Wear yellow as we raise money for Children's Ground. Programmed Activities: Naidoc Pendant + Yulunga Games Gold coin donations accepted on the day	Wednesday 7th July PAINT AND SIP Embrace your inner Picasso! Follow step by step instructions to create your own masterpiece whilst sipping on a special treat! Programmed Activities: Magical Creatures + Volleyball Additional Cost: \$2	Thursday 8th July TUMBLE AND FLIP Jump, tumble and flip! The team from Core Athletics Cheerleading are coming to teach us some fun gymnastics skills today! Programmed Activities: Paper Popsicles + Gymnastics Additional Cost: \$10	Friday 9th July MINDFULNESS Step into Peak's very own Zen Zone! Today is a day full of relaxation, so sit back, relax and enjoy today's mindful activities! Programmed Activities: Courage Jar + Yoga
Monday 12th July JUNIOR OLYMPICS Challenge your friends and the Peak staff in lots of fun relays, games and activities at today's Peak Olympics! Who will win gold? Programmed Activities: Torch + Touch Football				

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