



Education
Public Schools

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8: Monday 27 NOVEMBER 2023

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 27 Assembly 1:45pm
- 28 Year 6 Statewide Transition Day
- 30 AECG Meeting @ Dapto High
I am a Girl basketball Sessions

DECEMBER

- 04 Yr 6 Transition Week @ LIHS
- 05 St 3 Jamberoo Excursion
- 07 2024 Leader Elections
- 08 Scripture Xmas Assembly
- 11 K – 4 Picnic Day
- 12 Gold Award Morning Tea
- 13 Presentation Day
- 14 Year 6 Farewell
- 15 Students' Last Day

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

There is only a couple of weeks to the end of the school year and there are plenty of activities planned for students in that time.

Both students and staff are looking forward to their respective Picnic Days in the coming days and weeks. Kindergarten spent their picnic day with Pevan and Sarah and from all accounts had a wonderful time. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to assist with transporting students to and from the event.

We had some special feathery friends visit the school today – a family of tawny frogmouths. They made themselves comfortable under the COLA during the day and will probably find a new safe haven this evening.



Throughout 2023, Assistant Principals – Curriculum and Instruction from the Lake Learning Community have been working together on various projects and sharing best practice. They meet on a regular basis and ensure curriculum, particularly that staff are well prepared for the implementation of the new English and mathematics syllabus documents. A picture of the wonderful team is at the end of this newsletter.

This year, the last day for student attendance is **Friday 15th December**. Both Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December have been gazetted as Staff Development Days for 2023.

Years 1 to 6 return for 2024 on Thursday 1st February.

Karen Simula
Principal

PICNIC DAY

Our annual Picnic Day for students in K to Year 4 will be held on Monday 11th December. Information regarding these events was sent home recently.

Kinder – Special lunch deal a school

Stage 1 – 'Ready, Set, Play' at Albion Park

Stage 2 – Bowling at Shellharbour Bowl.

Students in Stage 3 are attending Jamberoo Action on Tuesday 5th December.

Please ensure permission notes and payment are received by the due date.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Students and staff are looking forward to their end of primary schooling celebrations at Port Kembla Golf Club on Thursday 14th December. This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate the end of students' primary school learning journey.

PRESENTATION DAY

This year Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 13th December in the school hall. Prize-winners will be notified by mail prior to the event. The K-2 assembly will commence at 9:20am and the 3-6 assembly will commence at 9:50am.

I AM A GIRL BASKETBALL

Coaches from Basketball NSW are coming to Lake South for the "I am a girl" initiative. This is a program to encourage girls to play, coach, referee and officiate basketball. The session will be held on Thursday 30th November and there is no cost involved. Permission notes were sent home last week and should be returned by 28th November.

2024 SCHOOL LEADERS

We wish all the 2024 school leader nominees the very best for the upcoming election. Potential leaders are wearing a badge so younger students know who is standing for election. Potential leaders have also undertaken a range of duties across the school to demonstrate their suitability for the role.

LIBRARY BORROWING

All library books should be returned as soon as possible so that our annual stocktake can be completed before the end of the year. In the

coming weeks Ms Koerner will be sending home overdue notices. These notices are a friendly reminder to return any books that students have at home.

GIVING TREE APPEAL

If you wish to make a donation to the Shellharbour City Council Mayoress' Giving Tree Appeal, they can be left in the box located next to the tree in the foyer on the ground floor at the Shellharbour Civic Centre. Please be advised that if you wish to donate a gift voucher, Kmart or Target vouchers are preferred. Donations of gift vouchers should be asked to the attention of Joanne Frasca and left with customer services.

STUDENT MOVEMENT IN 2024

If you know that your child will not be at Lake Illawarra South PS (excluding current Yr 6) in 2024, please let the office know in writing as soon as possible as this helps our forward planning. We often get queries about how the process works at the beginning of the school year and why we sometimes need to wait a few days to form classes. This is often due to us not knowing student movements, so your early response would be invaluable. If you are going to be away at the beginning of the 2024 school year, we will need to know in writing so a place can be held in a class.

CANTEEN

A reminder that the canteen is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week. Orders can be placed on the School24 app. A copy of the menu has been attached to the end of this newsletter.

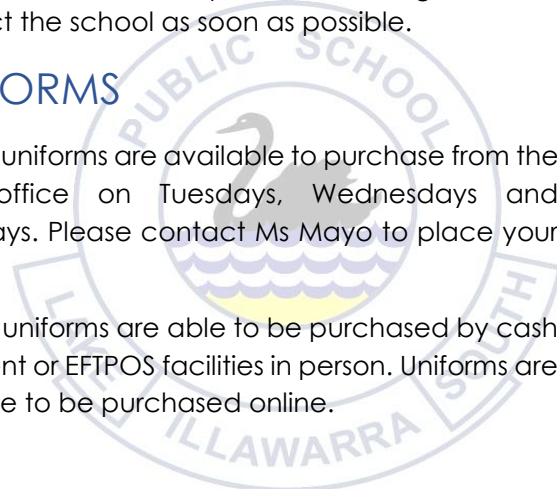
KINDERGARTEN 2024

If you know of a family who is in area and has not yet enrolled their child, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

UNIFORMS

School uniforms are available to purchase from the front office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Ms Mayo to place your order.

School uniforms are able to be purchased by cash payment or EFTPOS facilities in person. Uniforms are not able to be purchased online.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

This week's Positive Behaviour for Learning focus is *Respect – Care for our environment*. Our students are very lucky to attend school in such a beautiful environment near the lake. It is important for students to learn to care for our immediate school environment and local ecosystem. Students learn that their small actions can make a difference in our school and the community around them. Learning about the environment demonstrates to students the importance of being responsible human beings as individuals and as collectively as a group.

Responsibility – Care for property. Encouraging students to be responsible for their belongings develops their independence and organisational skills. Using school resources and facilities safely and respectfully ensures these items are kept in optimum condition for all student use.

ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY MATTERS

Consistent attendance improves student outcomes, increases career options and helps students build relationships and confidence.

Every day counts as regular attendance helps students:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain relationships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time

- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

ROAD SAFETY

Your primary aged child is still developing an understanding of danger and safety. While they are often keen to do things for themselves, an adult must always be responsible for your child in the traffic environment.

Your child is a vulnerable road user. They are still developing the skills that help them to judge the direction of sound and the speed and distance of vehicles. Your child is physically small, making it harder for drivers to see them. They may be easily distracted and tend to only focus on one thing at a time. This means they find it difficult to deal with sudden changes in the traffic environment.

Your child may be able to tell you the rules and how to keep safe near, in and around vehicles but, in reality, will not always be able to apply them. Take some time to explore and talk about the Safety Town activities with your child. www.safetytown.com.au



LAKE ILLAWARRA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEN MENU 2023

Canteen open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

| SANDWICHES, WRAPS & SALADS - lunch only | HOT FOOD | DRINKS (Breakfast, recess & lunch) | MEAL COMBOS |
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| | Homemade Pizza | | Pizza Combo |
| Vegemite (V) | Cheese (V) | Water 600 ml | Pizza – choose flavour |
| Cheese (V) | Ham & cheese | Popper 200 ml apple/blackcurrant | Garlic Bread |
| Salad (V) | Chicken fingers -maximum order is 5 | Milk 300 ml Chocolate/Strawberry | Milk – choose flavour |
| Ham or chicken | 3 pack | | Pasta Combo |
| Chicken, lettuce, mayo | 5 pack | | Pasta Bolognese or Mac & Cheese |
| Ham, cheese | | BITES | Garlic Bread |
| Ham or chicken salad <small>Salad consists of lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot, carrot & cucumber.</small> | | Carrot Sticks | Milk – choose flavour |
| | | Milk Pots (3 max) | |
| Wraps are extra 80c | Homemade Mac & Cheese (V) | | |
| GF bread available extra \$1.00 | Taco Cups | Frozen pineapple pops | Wrap Combo |
| | Homemade Meatball Sub | Seasonal fruit | Chicken, lettuce, mayo wrap |
| | Chicken Burger (lettuce & mayo) | Quelch Ice Block – 5 flavours | Fruit |
| SALAD TUBS (GF) | Deluxe Chicken Burger (salad) | Cheese & Crackers | Milk – choose flavour |
| Salad (V) | Corn Cup (V) | Custard Tub | |
| Ham or chicken salad | Homemade Garlic Bread | Homemade Banana Muffins | |
| | | Juicies – lemonade | PICNIC BOXES |
| | | Rice Crackers – sour cream & chives | Cheese, crackers, veggie sticks, dip, fruit slices (V) |
| RECESS PACKS | JAFFLES (Gluten free bread \$1 extra) | Slurpy | Veggie Rice Paper Roll, fruit, muffin (V) |
| Muffin & carrot sticks (V) | Spaghetti (V) | | |
| Muffin & fruit (V) | Cheese (V) | EXTRAS | BIRTHDAY TREATS |
| Rice cracker, fruit & popper (GF, V) | | Tomato Sauce | Birthday Treats are an alternative for cakes. They can be ordered for the whole class through school24 with 2 days notice required. Treats to be picked up by students at lunch bell. |
| | Ham & Cheese | Forks/spoons (for items not purchased at canteen) | Ice Blocks 80c |
| | Apple Pie (V) | | Muffins \$1.00 |
| The menu is updated daily. Check our whiteboard for daily treats. Keep up to date on our specials & news via Facebook – Kelley's Place Lake South | Online Ordering is preferred Please login to www.school24.net.au or install the School24 mobile app Ordering closes at 9am daily School ID #25465963 | | A feedback letterbox will be placed near the canteen for the children & community to suggest any foods they would like sold, for any competitions they would like and for any feedback. |