



Education
Public Schools

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10: Monday 11 DECEMBER 2023

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 11 K – 4 Picnic Day
- 12 Gold Award Morning Tea
- 13 Presentation Day
- 14 Year 6 Farewell
- 15 Students' Last Day
- 18 Staff Development Day – Pupil free
- 19 Staff Development Day – Pupil free

JANUARY 2024

- 30 Staff Development Day – Pupil free
- 31 Staff Development Day – Pupil free

FEBRUARY

- 01 Students Yrs 1 to 6 return
Best Start Assessments – Kinder
- 02 Kinder commences

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is the final newsletter for 2023 and what a year it has been. Much has happened throughout the

year from teaching and learning, excursions, discos, assemblies, sporting carnivals, Book Week, gala days, Swim Scheme and everything in between. I would like to thank the parents, carers and wider community for your ongoing support of the school.

I would like to thank the teaching, administrative and support staff of Lake Illawarra South Public School for their continued commitment, dedication and contribution to our wonderful school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Sweeney who has worked as the Stage 3 Learning and Support teacher this year. He has shown himself to be a compassionate, caring and dedicated educator. We wish him well on his travelling adventures for 2024.

We wish our Year Six students all the very best as they leave behind their primary schooling and transition to high school next year. They have grown so much over this year and we will miss them all very much.

I am also very excited to announce that six classrooms had air conditioning installed last week – just in time for the hot weather. This initiative was funded by a Commonwealth Government grant.

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.

Wishing everyone in the Lake Illawarra South Public School community a safe and restful Christmas break.

Karen Simula
Principal

LAST DAY

On Friday 15th December, students are able to wear Christmas themed mufti. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing that is sun-safe with enclosed shoes and a hat.

We will also be farewelling our Year Six students for the final time. Parents are invited to join us at 2.30pm at the front of the school. Year Six will assemble in the hall and then walk along the bike track. Year Six parents are asked to assemble under the trees near the administration building.

DATES FOR 2024

Years 1 to 6 return for 2024 on **Thursday 1st February**. Kindergarten students start on Friday 2nd February. There will be staggered visits for our Kindergarten students to complete their Best Start assessments on Thursday 1st February. Information regarding these sessions has been posted to our new Kindergarten families. Tuesday 30th January and Wednesday 31st January are designated Staff Development days for 2024. Staff will be on site working on the School Improvement Plan and completing mandatory training. The school office opens on Tuesday 30th January 2024.

On the first day of 2024, students should proceed to the mid-playground if arriving prior to 8:40am. Students will then assemble under the COLA in their 2023 classes. Students will be in their 2023 classes with their 2023 teacher (where possible) until student enrolment numbers can be confirmed and class structures finalised. This is a temporary arrangement while class structures are considered. During this time, students will participate in lessons that focus on school values, anti-bullying and behaviour expectations.

We are currently reviewing numbers for 2024 and considering our options for class structures. We will make a final decision when we can confirm numbers at the beginning of 2024.

Please contact the school via the school email account if your child is not returning on the first day so they are able to be included in the enrolment numbers. This allows us to form classes as soon as possible.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The class of 2023 will be celebrating the end of their primary school years, later this week, at Port Kembla Golf Club. This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate the end of students' primary school

learning journey. A special thank you to the Stage 3 teachers for planning a wonderful night of celebration and fun for the students.

PRESENTATION DAY

Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 13th December in the school hall. The K-2 assembly will commence at 9:20am and the 3-6 assembly will commence at 9:50am. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

REPORTS

Semester Two reports will be sent home later this week. Parents are welcome to make an appointment to speak with their child's class teacher at any time to discuss their progress. Should you wish to discuss your child's Semester Two progress, please do not hesitate in contacting the office to make an appointment. Teachers are very happy to conduct phone interviews if that is more convenient.

GOLD AWARD MORNING TEA

Students who have earned their Gold Award in 2023 will celebrate their achievement at a special morning tea tomorrow with Mrs Simula. It is a lovely way to recognise these students for their efforts throughout 2023.

SCHOOL LEADERS

We would like to thank the outgoing 2023 School Leaders, Summa, Lexie, Addyson and Ariana for their great work this year. They were a credit to themselves and the school whilst performing their duties and representing the school.



PSSA TRIALS

Information has been sent home with students in Year 5 and 6 2024 regarding PSSA trials. These trials commence early in 2024 and information needs to be collated this year in preparation. Please return the Expression of Interest Form by Friday 15th December to ensure your child is considered for these trials.

ART INTO LITERACY

A group of Stage 3 students have participated in Subtext: Art for Literacy. This program used the artistic process to facilitate conversations, communication skills, language development, reflective practice and literacy. It provided new opportunities for students to use their voice to participate meaningfully at school and within their community.

Students will be exhibiting their work this Thursday afternoon.



SHARE OUR SPACE

Lake Illawarra South Public School's grounds will be open to the public during the summer vacation. Access to the school grounds will be via the gate on Pur Pur Avenue. The grounds will be patrolled by security guards each day. So, come along and use the space for a soccer or basketball game – even ride your bike or scooter around the bike track at the front of the school.

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.

SCHOOL SECURITY

If over the holiday period, you see suspicious activity, please contact *School Security* on 1300 880 021.

TALENT QUEST

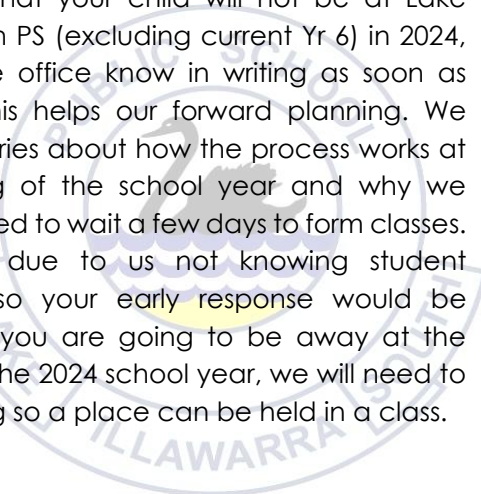
We are holding our annual Talent Quest this Thursday from 11:15am in the school hall. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

HOME READING & LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return any home readers and/or library books to school as soon as possible.

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

Please be advised that tomorrow is the last day of trading for the canteen. The canteen will be closed for cleaning and stocktake this Thursday and Friday.

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 the office staff 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.

The last day for uniform purchases this year is Thursday 14th December. Purchases will be able to be made from 30th January 2024.

Has your child outgrown their school uniform? Please consider donating any quality items to the Uniform Shop as second-hand uniforms are always in demand.

STRANGER DANGER

Coming into the holidays, please remind your children about the importance of staying safe when out in public places. It would be a timely reminder to discuss what to do when your child feels unsafe.

Here are a few tips from 'keeping your kids safe'.

Protective behaviours encourage children to recognise unsafe situations and to take action through:

- **Recognising early warning signs**, like butterflies in the stomach, sweaty hands, goose bumps or a racing heart.
- **Understanding when to take action.** Children need to understand the difference between feeling scared and still having fun, like during a movie; feeling scared but still being in control, like at the dentist; and feeling scared and not being in control, like when they are lost or being

harmed by someone. This is a personal emergency and the child needs to seek help.

Taking action. This might mean talking to an adult they can trust, going to a safe place, or even dialling triple zero (000).



SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

BOOK NOW!



NINJA NERF



MON
Dec 18th
12pm - 3pm
Ages 5+

Back by popular demand, our Ninja Nerf camp will have the children exploring a mixture of Ninja skills combined with Nerf battles & drills!

ELF ON A SHELF



TUES
Dec 19th
9am - 3pm
Ages 5+

Santa is calling all elves to MyFirstGym! Join in one of our high demand holiday camps right before Christmas just in time to get on the nice list. Santa has a list of jobs for us to do, book in your spot fast!

THE FLOOR IS LAVA



WED
Dec 20th
12pm - 3pm
Ages 5+

Children will put their skills to the test as they follow clues and solve puzzles to complete the mission! The perfect mixture of learning & staying active in the holidays.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP



THURS
Dec 21st
9am - 3pm
Ages 5+

A popular little magical companion! Many of you will know it for its sneaky pranks and we are bringing it to MyFirstGym! Come along to this exciting festive camp packed with fun activities before Christmas. Spots fill fast, book now!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

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Jan 10th
12pm - 3pm
Ages 5+

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THURS
Jan 11th
12pm - 3pm
Ages 5+

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PARKOUR ULTIMATE TAG



TUES
Jan 16th
9am - 3pm
Ages 5+

Tag your it! The chase is on in our popular holiday camp inspired by our fun parkour class. Enjoy 3 hours of fun, exhilarating activities and games with our obstacle course at MyFirstGym. Book in fast!

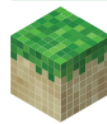
BARBIE PAMPER PARTY



WED
Jan 17th
12pm - 3pm
Ages 5+

Attention Barbies! Join in one of our new holiday camps to get pampered, play games, collect a goodie bag, have fun on our popular obstacle course! Barbie is... what ever you make her!

MINECRAFT SURVIVAL MODE



THURS
Jan 18th
9am - 3pm
Ages 5+

Join us for a day full of challenges, building, team & individual activities. Children will engage in some survivor activities putting their skills to the test followed by creative building in the arenas! Don't miss out on this upgraded camp!

SCHOOL READINESS



MON
Jan 22nd
12pm - 3pm
Ages 5+

First year of school? This holiday camp revolves around getting everyone ready for school. Enjoy fun activities that will equip you with necessary skills for an awesome first year of school. Book in fast! Spots are limited.

SUPER MARIO



TUES
Jan 23rd
9am - 3pm
Ages 5+

Mamma Mia! Super Mario is another one of our new fun holiday camps. Come along to this thrilling camp to try our Mario inspired course. Design your own kart, racing and more! "It's Mario time!"

THE FLOOR IS LAVA



WED
Jan 24th
12pm - 3pm
Ages 5+

Children will put their skills to the test as they follow clues and solve puzzles to complete the mission! The perfect mixture of learning & staying active in the holidays.

TRIPPLE THREAT



THURS
Jan 25th
9am - 3pm
Ages 5+

Dance, Gymnastics and Cheer all in one hybrid camp where children will be engaged in learning a variety of different Gymnastics skills, learn a choreographed dance sequence to music as well as some super cool Cheer stunts and a pom routine!

CAMP SCHEDULE

FULL DAY:

From 8:30am Drop Off - Arena Free Play

9:00am	Sign In + Camp Intro
9:15am	Camp divides into two groups: Bonding Activities - Supervised Coach led Games and Themed Craft
10:30am	Morning Tea break (30 min) Movie (G Rated)
11:00am	Teams Switch Activities
12:00pm	Skill Based Teaching in Arenas + Game Modes
1:00pm	Lunch break (30 min) Movie (G Rated)
1:30pm	Skill Based Teaching in Arenas + Game Modes
2:30pm	Team games
3:00pm	Camp Concludes

HALF DAY CAMPS:

12:00pm	MFGFit arena games
12:30pm	Skill Based Teaching in Arenas + Game Modes
1:15pm	Lunch (15 mins)
1:30pm	Skill Based Teaching in Arenas + Game Modes
2:15pm	Arena games
2:45pm	Team games
3:00pm	Camp Concludes

Please note this is a broad overview of how our school holiday camps run and camps such as Mission Impossible and MFG's Got Talent follow a slightly different structure, still combining skill based teachings and fun!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

ON THE DAY OF CARE

What to pack

- 12-3 pm class - Lunch, water bottle
 - 9am-3pm class - Morning tea, lunch, water bottle
- Please ensure all items are clearly name labelled

What to wear

- Please dress your child in comfortable clothing that is easy to move in
- Shoes and socks are not required to be worn whilst in the arena

BOOKINGS & CANCELLATIONS

Bookings

Bookings can be made on our website:
www.myfirstgym.com.au/shellharbour

Cancellations

Cancellations made within 24 hours of the camp commencing will forfeit the full price of the camp.

PRICES

Half Day:

- \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members

Full Day:

- \$75 for members, \$80 for non-members



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into the
Summer HOLIDAYS

**FREE ENTRY TO SHELLHARBOUR CITY POOLS
FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN**

**FROM SAT 16 DECEMBER
TO FRI 30 DECEMBER 2023**

Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
Children aged 16-18 must show their secondary school identification card for entry.
Excludes the Oak Flats 25m heated pool.

www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au



WINDANG J.R.L. 2024 Registrations
now open!

www.playrugbyleague.com

Registration includes playing shorts, socks,
polo shirt, training shirt, bag & hat

U/6 U/7 U/8 U/11 Mixed
U/14 Girls League Tag
U/18 Girls Tackle

COME ALONG FOR A MEET AND GREET
WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 4.30PM
BORONIA PARK WINDANG



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**SOMETHING
DOESN'T
FEEL RIGHT!**

**Ages
12-22**

FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMS!

LEARN SELF DEFENCE, BUILD CONFIDENCE

KYUP! Project is coming to Nowra, Lake Illawarra, Mittagong and Goulburn.

Award winning martial artist, Mel Thomas will share personal safety tips and simple self-defence techniques any teen can use, no matter their size or skill level. Using relatable examples of real-life scenarios – such as public transport, public places and parties this fun, safe, hands-on workshop focuses on setting boundaries and responding to conflict.

Participants learn to:

- Replace fear with confidence
- Trust their instincts and make smart choices
- Use the power of their voice to defuse dangerous situations
- Get away from a situation that doesn't feel right
- Fight back when needed
- Break the cycle of violence

FREE ALL FEMALE WORKSHOPS SPACES ARE LIMITED. DON'T MISS OUT!

GOULBURN

WED 17 JAN
MORNING
9AM-11:30AM

GOULBURN

WED 17 JAN
AFTERNOON
2PM-4:30PM

MITTAGONG

THURS 18 JAN
MORNING
9AM-11:30AM

MITTAGONG

THURS 18 JAN
AFTERNOON
2PM-4:30PM

LAKE ILLAWARA

FRI 19 JAN
MORNING
9AM-11:30AM

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FRI 19 JAN
AFTERNOON
2PM-4:30PM



MEL THOMAS The Driving Force Behind KYUP! PROJECT

As Australia comes together to try and address our current epidemic of domestic violence, one woman is using her own experience to help empower young people to find their voice and learn about positive relationships.

Mel Thomas is a writer, speaker, media commentator, mother of two girls and black belt with more than 20 years of martial arts experience in Hapkido, the Korean art of self-defence.

In 2013, Mel founded the KYUP! Project in response to a wave of child-on-child assaults and family violence reports in her local area. Pronounced KEY-UP! and named after a martial arts power shout, KYUP! is giving girls a voice.

As featured: [Prime 7](#) and [ABC News](#).



"Mel embodies passion and strength and shares my goal to assist all girls and women to fulfill their potential."

LAYNE BEACHLEY
7 x World Surfing Champion



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