

# Lake Illawarra South Public School

# Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6: Monday 21 AUGUST 2023

# **CALENDAR**

#### **AUGUST**

21 Assembly St 3 Police Cyber Safety Talk

22 Book Week Parade

23 Southern Stars Mass Rehearsals

**24** Southern Stars Mass Rehearsals

**25** Southern Stars Mass Rehearsals & Performances

Woof Day for Story Dogs

**26** Southern Stars Performances

29 St 2 Gala Day @ LIHS

**30** St 1 Killalea Excursion

31 Fathers' Day Stall

Book Week Performance

#### **SEPTEMBER**

01 Regional Athletics Carnival

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Lake Illawarra South was abuzz last week with "all things Matildas". Students rallied behind the team and former student Caitlin Foord with Matildas' Day and a carboard flip video. A number of media outlets attended the school and spread the support far and wide. Photos are at the end of this newsletter.

As the bushfire season approaches, Lake Illawarra South is currently reviewing its Bushfire and Grassfire Response Plan with the assistance of the Work Health and Safety directorate.

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day as the weather has been unseasonably warm.

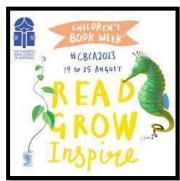
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#### Principal

## **BOOK WEEK**

As part of Book Week celebrations, Lake Illawarra South Public School is holding a book character parade tomorrow (Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August). Students are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book and participate in Book Week related activities. Parents and community members are invited to attend the character parade and to enjoy a picnic lunch with their child in the school playground after the parade. The parade will take place under the COLA and begin at 12.00pm.

Students will be participating in a Book Week Trivia Competition in the afternoon session.



# **WOOF DAY**

Students are encouraged to wear orange this Friday to support the Story Dogs program. Students who have stuffed toy dogs are also able to bring them to school for this day. This program has been operating at Lake Illawarra South Public School for the last two years. Each week, Mrs Cooper and Annie come to the school to read with students in Year 2. A gold coin donation is greatly appreciated.



# POLICE CYBER SAFETY TALK

Two officers from Lake Illawarra Local Area Command visited the school today to speak with Stage 3 students about being safe when online. Students were given tips about safer gaming and where to get help if they need it.

# PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

This week, students will begin to present their public speaking competition speeches to their class. Staff will use criteria to assess the content and presentation of each speech before selecting 2 finalists to compete in the stage finals. Winners from stage finals will compete in a Community of Schools final at Windang Public School in Week 9.

# BUTTERFLY BODY BRIGHT

Butterfly Body Bright's a strength-based, evidence-informed body image program developed by Butterfly Foundation. The program aims to promote healthy attitudes and behaviours towards the body, eating and physical activity in children so they can thrive at school and in life.

Teachers are currently completing professional learning and training in the provision of the program.

Beginning later this term, the program will be delivered in class by our school chaplain, Mrs Promissich and classroom teachers.

If you would like to know more, please visit:

www.butterflybodybright.com.au



## SOUTHERN STARS

Southern Stars Show Week is here. Congratulations to all the students who have worked so tirelessly in their preparations for this amazing event.

# REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Best wishes to Chleo and Skye who are representing Mid South at the Regional Athletics Carnival on 1st September in Canberra.

## SWIM SCHEME

Lake Illawarra South is participating in the School Swimming Scheme in Term 4. It is an intensive learn to swim program for students in Year 2 and students in Years 3 to 6 with limited water competency. Detailed information will be sent home later this week.

# FATHERS' DAY STALL

The P&C is holding our annual Fathers' Day Stall on Thursday 31st August. A range of gifts is available for purchase from \$1 to \$6. Students who are absent on this day will be able to make their purchase the following day.

# **ASSEMBLY**

Please be advised of a <u>slight change</u> to the start time of our whole-school assembly to 1:45pm. Assemblies are held each Monday.

LAWARRA

# STUDENT SAFETY

Safety of our students is a priority at Lake Illawarra South Public School. We need to be aware of any people that are within the school grounds at all times. All parents and carers are reminded that when entering the school grounds during the day they must report to the front office. This includes collecting students early or assisting in classrooms. If you need to come to the school for any reason, please report to the office. We appreciate your support with this matter.

## KINDERGARTEN 2024

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2024 are now being accepted. Applications for siblings of currently enrolled students can be submitted for consideration by the 'out of area' enrolment panel. If you are a local enrolment, you are able to enrol online or call to the school office and collect an Enrolment Pack.

If you are applying to enrol a sibling of a current 'out of area' student, you will need to call the school office to register your child and collect the required enrolment form for completion.

If you do not live within the Lake Illawarra South Public School catchment area, you are welcome to submit a non-local enrolment application for consideration by our 'out of area' enrolment panel.

# **FNGLISH K-2**

Creating written texts in Kindergarten focuses on writing texts using simple sentences. In Years 1 and 2, students create texts that use their knowledge of grammar, vocabulary and punctuation while using paragraphs to structure sentences and ideas.

To support your child to develop creating written texts skills, you can help at home by:

- encouraging them to first draw what they want to write about to gather their ideas.
- asking them to read their writing to you and talk about their thoughts and pictures.
- encouraging them to write about recent experiences. Some opportunities for writing could come from events such as birthday parties, school excursions or family holidays.
- displaying their writing around the house to give them a sense of pride about their work.

 helping them post their letters, labelled pictures or texts to family and friends.

# MATHEMATICS K-2

In Kindergarten, 2D spatial structure focuses on recognising, representing and describing common 2D shapes and describing and comparing area. In Years 1 and 2, students learn to recognise, represent and describe a range of polygons (flat shapes which have 3 or more sides) and quadrilaterals (4-sided shapes). They also measure and compare area.

To support your child to develop 2D spatial structure skills, you can help at home by:

- identifying shapes such as circles, triangles, rectangles and squares around your home
- using pop sticks to make a variety of 2D shapes on flat surfaces
- identifying polygons, quadrilaterals (4-sided shapes), pentagons (5-sided), hexagons (6sided) and octagons (8-sided) around your home or yard
- using grid paper to design a house for your pet or another animal. Areas could include places to eat, store equipment/food, areas to relax or exercise. Use the grid squares to find the area of each room and the total house area

# SKOOLBAG/AUDIRI

Skoolbag is updating to Audiri.

Parents and carers will need to update their Skoolbag app – just open the app store on your device, go to the updates tab and select the update button.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday

 Exception or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's record.

# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The focus for this week is Respect – Use friendly words and actions. This skill enables students to be a good friend and treat their peers and others as they would like to be treated. It is an important skill to enable all students to work and play in a positive environment.

Next week's focus is Responsibility – Be a problem solver. Encouraging students to identify problems and to find creative solutions helps students to build their emotional intelligence, creativity, collaboration and decision-making skills.

# CHAPLAIN NEWS

Our chaplain, Mrs Promissich, is on site each Monday and Tuesday to support students and their families with their wellbeing. If you would like your child to connect with Miss Heidi, please contact your child's class teacher.

# **UNIFORMS**

School uniforms are available from the front office. 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.











Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

# Go4Fun

# A FREE 10-week program for children aged 7-13 and their families.

Come along for some fun and learn about healthy eating and keeping active for the whole family.

#### Go4Fun includes:

- Fun games for the children each week.
- Discussions with parents/carers about healthy eating.
- Lots of goodies including handballs, skipping ropes and recipe books.

Go4Fun is for children above a healthy weight. It is a program for the whole family so a parent or carer is required to attend each week. This can include a grandparent, aunt, or uncle.

# Join in the fun this term!

Dapto Ribbonwood Centre
Thursdays in Term 4
4pm - 6pm
12 October - 14 December





# For any questions or to register:



1800 780 900



go4fun.com.au







