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# Lake Illawarra South Public School

## Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2: Monday 05 MAY 2025

### CALENDAR

#### MAY

**05** Assembly 1:45pm  
**06** Healthy Deadly Kids (3/4L)  
**06** Boys' Touch Football  
**07** Mothers' Day Stall  
**07** Basketball Knockout  
**08** District Cross Country Carnival  
**09** Girls' Touch Football  
**12** Road Safety Week commences  
**12** Assembly 1:45pm  
**13** Healthy Deadly Kids (3/4L)  
**14** Stage 3 Camp  
**15** Stage 3 Camp  
**15** AECG Meeting – Shell Cove PS  
**16** Stage 3 Camp  
**16** Walk Safely to School Day

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Term 2. The school calendar is packed with events and opportunities for students throughout this term such as Peer Support, Stage 3 Camp, Walk Safely to School Day, Family Reading

Month, Southern Stars rehearsals, Story Dogs and many sporting opportunities to name but a few. Please check your child's bag regularly for information and updates regarding these events.

During the vacation period, the basketball court was poured and is currently curing. Painting of the court should take place in the coming weeks. The COLA has also undergone a makeover. Rust has been removed, surfaces painted, Colorbond added to various sections and lighting installed. The bird netting is yet to be replaced. This work is expected to take place sometime this week. We are also looking forward to the upcoming refresh of the ground markings under the COLA.

Staff undertook professional learning on the School Development days around the High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) policy. Staff completed three sessions about strengthening the school's approach to HPGE. Staff is completing the practical component of the mandatory CPR and anaphylaxis training this Wednesday afternoon.

The location of the preschool at Lake South has been approved and project update information was sent home to families last week. The preschool will be located in the Eastern Playground and will have an entrance from Pur Pur Avenue.

I will be taking leave commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May and returning Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Mrs Gibson Dean will be relieving principal during this period.

Karen Simula  
**Principal**

## FAMILY READING MONTH

We are encouraging all families to take part in the 31-day challenge. This initiative encourages families to dedicate at least ten minutes each day of the month of May to reading together. This helps to establish positive reading habits and nurture lifelong readers and learners.

We are very grateful to the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation for their support of our school and this initiative with their generous donation of a literacy pack for each family. If you have not yet received your family's pack, please see Ms Koerner.

## NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) is an annual collection of information about Australian school students with disability. The NCCD enables schools, education authorities and governments to better understand the needs of students with disability and how they can be best supported at school. A detailed fact sheet has been attached to the end of this newsletter.

## ANZAC SERVICE

The school held its annual Anzac service last Wednesday. This is an important event on the Australian calendar when we reflect on the thousands of servicemen and servicewomen who have lost their lives and who have suffered in any way serving their country.

Our school leaders Sebastian, Braxton and Nevaeh proudly represented Lake Illawarra South at the Shellharbour City service on Anzac Day morning. We would like to congratulate them on their conduct throughout the service.



## HPAG CLASS

Congratulations to Hannah who has been successful in gaining placement in the 2025 High Potential and Academically Gifted (HPAG) Class. The aim of this class is to bring together on a one day per week basis a group of academically gifted students. This group will be provided with an enrichment program designed to optimise their learning in an extended environment. The HPAG class will be held at Balarang PS.

## MOTHERS' DAY STALL

The P&C has kindly organised our annual Mothers' Day Stall again this year. The stall will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. There is a range of gifts available for purchase from \$1 to \$10. Students who are absent on Wednesday will be able to make a purchase on Thursday.

## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The District Cross Country Carnival is later this week on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May (weather permitting) at Kembla Joggers, Kembla Grange. The carnival will commence at 9:00am.

Best of luck to all our representatives.

## SPORTS TEAMS

Over the next few weeks, a number of teams are competing in sporting competitions. Best of luck to each of our teams for their upcoming games

- Boys Touch Football – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May
- Girls Touch Football – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May
- Basketball – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Netball – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May is National Walk Safely to School Day. Lake Illawarra South Public School is participating in this event and we encourage all students, parents and families to get involved. Detailed information will be sent home shortly with students.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Any queries or additional school photo orders should be directed to MSP Photography on 4261 3009 or via their website <https://www.msp.com.au>

## STATE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Lukas and Jacob who competed at the State PSSA Swimming Championships last term. We are all very proud of your efforts.

## INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORT COMPETITION

Registrations open May 12<sup>th</sup> for the Interschools Snowsport Competition. Families are responsible for organising own transport and accommodation for the event. Each family, who nominates students to enter the competition, will be required to volunteer as a course official for an assigned time slot. Please contact Miss Koerner prior to 30<sup>th</sup> May if you are interested in registering.

## PEER SUPPORT

Students are participating in the Peer Support program this term. The Peer Support Program provides a fun and engaging environment for young people to address social literacy issues. Modules are designed to equip young people with skills to deal proactively with life experiences.

The Peer Support Program promotes wellbeing, which encourages positive relationships, connectedness and a sense of responsibility. Modules focus on:

- Relationships
- Resilience
- Optimism
- Values
- Anti-bullying

Discuss with your child the activities, asking questions about the concepts and understandings they are developing each week. This helps to foster a positive connection between school and home.

## WORKING BEE

The school is holding a working bee on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May focussed on landscaping and refreshing the play equipment in the Eastern playground. Our working bee is being supported by CityServe. Further details will be sent home with students shortly.

## NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS SURVEY

Students in Years 3 to 6 are taking part in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey in the coming weeks. The survey is being conducted by the NSW Department of Education and invites students to provide valuable feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways teachers interact with them. The survey will allow the department to conduct analysis and research into student wellbeing and engagement to drive improvement for all NSW public schools.

Detailed information regarding the student survey, along with an opt-out form, was sent home with students last term.

## AECG MEETING

The Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) advocates on all matters relating to education and represents the many diverse voices, peoples, lands and communities across New South Wales.

Juborsay Local AECG holds regular meetings during school terms to support schools and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students within education.

Community members are encouraged to attend these meetings. Both full member and general meetings are held throughout the Lake Illawarra South network. If you would like to join Juborsay Local AECG, please see Mrs Simula for further information.

The next general meeting of the Juborsay Local AECG will be led on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 4pm at Shell Cove Public School.

## CANTEEN

This term, Kelley's Place is opening three days per week. The canteen is open from Wednesday to Friday each week. Orders can be placed online using the school24 app. A copy of the 2025 menu is attached to the end of this newsletter.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is held in the library each morning from 8:10am. There is no cost involved for students participating in Breakfast Club. Our breakfast program is supported by FoodBank Australia and Bakers' Delight.

## NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Lake Illawarra South is a Nut Aware School. We would like to remind our community that we have students with severe allergies. To support these students, we ask that families do not send sandwiches with peanut/nut spreads, such as Nutella and peanut butter. Please also do not send loose nuts or nut bars. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ATTENDANCE

When your child is absent, it is important to let the school know the reason why. This can be done via email, a handwritten note or responding to the absence SMS notification. SMS notifications are sent each day from 11am. If you receive a notification, please reply with a specific explanation (e.g. tummy bug, persistent cough, vomiting) that will then be uploaded to our system. Please be aware 'sick' is not a specific explanation. Also be aware that although you provide a reason, the reason may be unjustified. An example of this is staying home to celebrate a child's birthday.

Justified reasons for a student absence (as listed in the NSW Department of Education Attendance policy) are as follows:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an **unavoidable** medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional 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.



Congratulations to the 155 students who had 100% attendance last week. Great job!

This is the student attendance data for last week broken down into year groups:

Kinder: 96%  
Year 1: 98%  
Year 2: 82%  
Year 3: 96%  
Year 4: 86%  
Year 5: 99%  
Year 6: 89%

This is the attendance data for Term 1 broken down into year groups.

Kinder: 94%  
Year 1: 94%  
Year 2: 94%  
Year 3: 93%  
Year 4: 93%  
Year 5: 94%  
Year 6: 90%

The Term 1 data places Lake Illawarra South Public School above the attendance rate for similar schools (SSSG) and the state.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

This week's Positive Behaviour for Learning focus is *Safety – Play safely and fairly*. Playing fairly helps children enjoy the experience of playing together. It allows children to practise and rehearse social norms of cooperating, taking turns, being polite, solving problems and being flexible. Ensuring children use equipment and school grounds appropriately is vital in keeping everyone safe.

The focus for Week 3 is *Responsibility – Be responsible for your learning*. This is done through students setting learning goals and working towards achieving them. Students then understand the smaller steps that are needed to achieve larger goals. Students become more aware how their attitude and behaviour impact their learning and progress.

## CHAPLAIN NEWS

Our chaplain, Mrs Kahlia Devall, is on site each Wednesday and Friday to support students and



their families with their wellbeing. If you would like your child to connect with Miss Kahlia, please contact your child's class teacher.

## UPDATING PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please inform the office if you have changed contact phone numbers, email address or postal address. Please also advise if you have changed the emergency contacts for your child.

## UNIFORMS

As we come into the cooler months, we ask that students remember to wear full school uniform, including a school jumper, navy track pants and white, grey or black socks. Socks with visible logos are not acceptable. We also ask that your child's uniforms and other belongings are labeled clearly so that any lost items can be returned promptly. Parent cooperation with this would be most appreciated. Please note that if you are looking for second-hand uniforms, these can be purchased at the front office.

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 at the school office. Uniforms are not able to be purchased online.





# What is the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)?



## Legislation

- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA)*
- *Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards)*

Under the legislation, Australian students with disability must be able to access and participate in education on the same basis as their peers.



## Schools provide reasonable adjustments

Schools provide adjustments to students with disability, in consultation with parents, carers or guardians so students can access and participate in education on the same basis as their peers.



## Schools provide data for the NCCD

- For the NCCD, schools count, in a consistent manner, the number of students with disability receiving adjustments to access and participate in education.
- School teams make professional judgements on eligible students based on the levels of adjustments provided, the categories of disability and the evidence to support the decisions made.
- This information is provided to education authorities and includes the year of schooling, the category of disability and level of adjustment provided.

**No identifying information or personal details are provided to the Australian Government in the NCCD.**



## NCCD data is used

- As an evidence base, to give teachers, schools and sectors information about students with disability and the level of educational adjustment being provided
- To inform policy development and future planning to better equip schools and education authorities to support students with disability
- To improve understanding of the requirements and responsibilities of school teams and the broader community under the DDA and the Standards
- To capture the work of schools under the obligations of the DDA and the Standards, allowing students with disability to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students
- To highlight the individual needs of each student with disability by focusing on the level of educational support provided to them at school

# LAKE ILLAWARRA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL - CANTEEN MENU 2025 - Canteen will be open 3 Days (WED – FRI) for Recess & Lunch

SANDWICHES, WRAPS & SALADS - lunch only	HOT FOOD	DRINKS (Breakfast, recess & lunch)		MILK COMBOS
	Homemade Pizza			Pizza Combo \$6.80
Vegemite (V) \$2.20	Cheese (V) \$4.50	Water 600 ml \$2.50		Pizza – choose flavour (50c for BBQ meatlovers) + Milk (choose flavour)
Cheese (V) \$2.60	Ham & cheese \$4.50	Popper 200 ml apple/blackcurrant \$2.50		
	Hawaiian \$4.50			Pasta Combo \$7.30
Salad (V) \$4.70	BBQ Meat Lovers \$5.00 Gluten free base extra \$1	Milk 300 ml Chocolate/Strawberry \$2.50		Pasta Bolognese + Milk (choose flavour)
Ham or chicken \$3.60	Chicken Fingers			
Chicken, lettuce, mayo \$4.20	3 pack \$3.00	BITES		Wrap Combo \$7.50
Ham, cheese \$4.00	5 pack \$5.00	Carrot Sticks 50c		Chicken, lettuce, mayo wrap Fruit Milk – choose flavour
Ham or chicken salad \$5.50 Salad consists of lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot, carrot & cucumber.	Homemade Pasta Bolognese \$5.00	Milk Pots (3 max) 50c		
		TNT \$2.00		
		Quelch Ice Blocks \$1.00		
Wraps are extra 80c	Homemade Chicken Burrito \$5.00	Frozen pineapple pops \$1.00		PICNIC BOXES (GFO)
GF bread available extra \$1.00	Homemade Beef Burger (Cheese & t/s) \$6.00	Custard Tub \$1.50		
	Chicken Burger (lettuce & mayo) \$6.00	Jumpy’s \$1.50		
SALAD TUBS (GF)	Deluxe Chicken Burger (salad) \$6.50	Cheese & Crackers \$1.50		
Salad (V) \$5.50	Corn Cup (V) \$1.50	Rice Crackers – sour cream & chives \$1.50		Cheese, crackers, veggies, dip, fruit (V) \$3.50
Ham or chicken salad \$6.00	Homemade Garlic Bread \$2.20	Homemade Apple Muffins (GF) \$2.00		Add ham to above box \$4.50
		Homemade Banana Muffins \$1.50		
		Juicies - lemonade \$2.00		
RECESS PACKS	JAFFLES (Gluten free bread \$1 extra)	EXTRAS		BIRTHDAY TREATS
Banana, muffin & carrot sticks (V) \$1.80	Spaghetti \$4.00	Tomato Sauce 30c  Forks/spoons (for items not purchased at canteen) 10c		Ice Blocks \$1.00 each Banana Muffins \$1.50 each 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
Banana, muffin & fruit (V) \$2.30	Cheese (V) \$2.60			
Rice cracker, fruit & popper (GF, V) \$4.80	Ham & Cheese \$4.00			
	Cheesy Bolognese \$4.00			
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 <a href="http://www.school24.net.au">www.school24.net.au</a> 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.