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Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8: Monday 16 JUNE 2025

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 16-19** Premier's Spelling Bee class competition
- 16** LIHS Year Advisor visit
- 16** Assembly 1:45pm
- 17** Stage 3 Interrelate
- 17** 3/4L Healthy Deadly Kids
- 18** *Yanggaa Garaba* rehearsal
- 18** Stage 2 Interrelate
- 18** Sporting Schools K-2 (Athletics)
- 18** Jersey Day
- 23** Spelling Bee stage finals
- 23** Assembly 1:45pm
- 24** Southern Stars Tickets on sale
- 24** Stage 3 Interrelate
- 24** 3/4L Healthy Deadly Kids
- 25** Southern Stars Dance rehearsal
- 25** Stage 2 Interrelate
- 25** Sporting Schools K-2 (Athletics)
- 26** Athletics Carnival

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us at Lake South! Year 6 students began their transition to high school activities with a visit from their LIHS 2026 Year Advisor this morning. Classes are busy preparing for the Premier's Spelling Bee class competitions that will take place throughout this week. Southern Stars preparation has commenced with both our dance group and *Yanggaa Garaba* students attending rehearsals. Stage 2 and 3 students begin their *Interrelate* human growth and development lessons this week. Finally, our school athletics carnival will be held next Thursday 26th June.

I was fortunate to join Year 1 in K/1A last week to see the wonderful learning that happens in their spelling lessons. It was wonderful to see every student engaged and successful in their learning.



Work has finally concluded on our main COLA area with new line marking painted last week. Students now have access to hand ball squares and two pickle ball courts. As soon as our nets arrive classes will be invited to test out the new equipment and learn how to play pickle ball. Fencing was installed along the boundary edge of our new basketball court last week. Painting, landscaping and seating is expected to be installed in coming weeks. Work

is expected to be completed on the staff car park this week with the painting of lines and installation of wheel stoppers.

Last week students participated in an evacuation drill at school. This is an important part of our WHS planning which ensures that, in the unlikely event of an emergency, all staff and students are aware of our procedures. This is also a great opportunity to have age-appropriate conversations with your children about how to respond in an emergency.

Welcome back to Mrs Simula who returns from leave tomorrow. Our students are excited to see you and hear all about your adventures while on holidays.

Melissa Gibson Dean
Relieving Principal

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Stage 3 girls who participated in round 2 of the touch football knockout competition against Dapto Public School. While everyone played with determination and enthusiasm unfortunately, we were defeated on the day.



PEER SUPPORT

Our Peer Support program continues in Weeks 8 and 9.

Week 8's Peer Support session focuses on positive self-talk. Children practise talking positively to themselves. Your child will also learn to persevere, which encourages them to keep trying in challenging situations. During the week encourage your child to use positive self-talk.

In Peer Support in Week 9, children learn how important it is to take small steps towards achieving

goals. Children develop a range of strategies and different ways to think to help them stay optimistic. Ask your child to share their goal and discuss ways to provide encouragement.

SOUTH COAST REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Jacob in Year 6 who successfully trialled for the South Coast Rugby Union team in Goulburn earlier this term. Jacob will compete as part of the South Coast team in Newcastle in August.



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk Safely to School Day was held on Friday 6th June. Mrs Aleckson, Mrs Booth, Miss Linsell and Mrs Gibson Dean were joined by approximately 30 students, parents, grandparents and pets as we walked to school along the lake edge. We were fortunate enough to see Samy the seal and his friend playing under the Windang Bridge.



JERSEY DAY

To celebrate this week's State of Origin Game 2, our Student Representative Council has requested a Jersey Day. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite sports jersey (any code, any team) to school on Wednesday 18th June.

HAWKS CLINIC

Stage 3 students were fortunate to participate in a basketball clinic run by the Illawarra Hawks during Week 6. Students perfected their dribbling, passing and footwork skills while participating in a range of activities and games.



the day they demonstrated excellent understanding of the debate structure, identified some solid arguments and showed incredible poise and resilience.

There's no rest for this team! Only four days after their first ever debate, the team travelled to Balarana Public School for two debates. In the first debate, against Balarang Public School, they presented the negative argument for the topic: schools should give every Year 6 student a turn in leadership instead of appointing a few kids for the whole year. The second debate, against Mt Terry Public School, required the team to present the negative argument once again, this time for the topic: primary schools should have a video games room which students can use in their breaks or when they finish their work early. Both debates were successfully won by our Lake South team who made Mrs McCurry proud by implementing the valuable feedback they received from the adjudicator in their first debate. Well done!



PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

The Premier's Spelling Bee is an annual state-based event where students compete to spell a broad selection of words. Participants must spell increasingly challenging words aloud in front of a judge. The event tests students' skill, concentration and resilience.

All students in Year 3-6 will participate in a class Spelling Bee throughout this week. The strongest spellers from each class will then participate in a stage spelling bee in the school hall on Monday 23rd June. Stage finalists will represent Lake South at the regional finals later this term.

DEBATING

Our debate team had their first competition against Windang Public School last Monday. Students were asked to present the affirmative arguments for the topic: every class in primary school should adopt a dog or a cat as a class pet. While the team did not come away with a win on

KISS AND DROP ZONE

Please ensure you are adhering to the parking signs when dropping off and collecting students. The Kiss and Drop Zone is located on Reddall Parade and is designed for quick entry and exit. The zone minimises congestion and risk when used properly by all parents and carers. The zone operates under the same conditions as no parking zones which means you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of two minutes. The driver is required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, their vehicle. The zone operates as a Kiss and Drop zone 8:00 – 9:30 and 2:30 – 4:00pm. It is parking at all other times.

Several vehicles have also been performing U-turns over double-white lines within the school zone. Please use the roundabout at Stanley Street to perform U-turns for the safety of our students.

A list of School Zone Offences and associated penalties is attached to the end of this newsletter.

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 was attached to a previous newsletter

3/4L ASSEMBLY ITEM

3/4L provided a glimpse into their Term 2 learning journey today as they presented our Week 8 assembly item. Students greeted and introduced themselves in Dharawal language, shared their experiences from the Healthy Deadly Kids Program, explored the history of First Nations peoples and discussed the journey of the First Fleet.

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ATTENDANCE

Arriving at school on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.



The poster is divided into two main sections. The top section has a dark blue background and features a circular photo of a smiling girl. It includes a house icon and a list of reasons for absence. The bottom section has a light blue background and features a telephone handset icon. At the bottom, there is a red NSW Government logo and the slogan 'Every day matters'.

Supporting student attendance

If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business

Let us know
So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every day matters

NSW GOVERNMENT

Congratulations to the 108 students who had 100% attendance during the past fortnight. We're very proud of you.

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

Kinder: 91%

Year 1: 92%

Year 2: 90%

Year 3: 90%

Year 4: 92%

Year 5: 87%

Year 6: 88%

NSW public schools have an attendance target of 95%. Missing just one day of school each fortnight adds up to four weeks of lost learning a year. Over a student's school life, this equates to an entire year of missed learning.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

This week's Positive Behaviour for Learning focus is *Responsibility – Be Your Best*. Being Your Best encourages students to take ownership of their actions, both in the classroom and the playground. By promoting a sense of accountability, we inspire children to set personal goals, complete tasks with care and support their peers.

In Week 9 and 10, our Positive behaviour for Learning focus on *Safety – Keep your hands and feet to yourself*. Clear expectations such as keep your hands and feet to yourself support children in developing their understanding of personal space. An important part of this skill is to support students in using their voice to express their thoughts and emotions, particularly when they are upset.

KINDERGARTEN 2026

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2026 are now being accepted. Applications for siblings of currently enrolled students can be submitted for consideration by the non-local 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.

To enrol online, go to the school website <https://lakeillaws-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> ;

Click on Enrolment at the top of the page Click on Apply for enrolment online

Read the information and then go to the bottom of the page and *Enrolling for 2026 calendar year*

Type in your residential address; if your address is in the school's local area you will be able to click on the Apply to Enrol button. This takes you to the Privacy Agreement.

Click *I agree* to the Privacy Agreement and continue

Add your email address and tick *I'm not a robot* and click *continue*; you will be sent a verification code to your email address.

Enter the code and click verify and proceed to the Enrolment Form.

For further information regarding online enrolment go to:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/online-enrolment-for-nsw-public-schools/online-enrolment-for-parents>

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 non-local enrolment panel.

CANTEEN

This term, Kelley's Place is opening three days per week. The canteen is open from Wednesday to Friday each week. A meal deal has been organised for our school Athletics Carnival on Thursday 26th June. Orders can be placed online using the school24 app or using the order form previously sent home. Please finalise orders by Tuesday 24th June.

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.

UNIFORMS

School uniforms are available from the front office. Please contact Ms Mayo to place your order. Uniforms can be purchased by cash payment or EFTPOS facilities at the school office. Uniforms are not able to be purchased online.

PEAK SPORTS AND LEARNING

JULY 2025 VACATION CARE PROGRAM WARILLA

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

Monday 7th July	Tuesday 8th July	Wednesday 9th July	Thursday 10th July	Friday 11th July
ROCK AND ROLL Become a rockstar for the day as you create your own instrument, show off your skills in the talent show and join in on karaoke! Programmed Activities: Clay Instruments + Dance Cost: Session Fee	RIDING THE WAVE Ride the wave of sustainability and art today! Paint your own mini surfboard, join in on yoga and have fun on balance boards with Creative Kooks! In Service Activity: Creative Kooks Cost: Session Fee + \$18	ART ATTACK Prepare to get messy and embrace your inner artist today as we dabble in all things arts and crafts! Programmed Activities: Sponge Painting + Dodgeball Cost: Session Fee	HOT WHEELS Bring along your bike or scooter and have fun zooming around the Peak tracks as you complete today's riding challenges! No helmet, no ride. Programmed Activities: B Ball Pops + Touch Football Cost: Session Fee	LET'S BOWL Strike up some fun as we head to the bowling alley for a game of tenpin bowling! Children must wear enclosed shoes. Excursion: Shellharbour Tenpin Bowl Cost: Session Fee + \$15
Monday 14th July SUPERCHARGED SCIENCE Join in on hands-on experiments as we build glider planes, create solar powered fun and discover how things fly, bounce and work! Programmed Activities: Solar Powered + Handball Cost: Session Fee + \$7	Tuesday 15th July COLOUR ME CRAZY Wear your brightest clothes and craziest socks today as we get creative and crazy with art, crafts and colourful fun! Programmed Activities: 3D Rainbow Fish + Soccer Cost: Session Fee	Wednesday 16th July STEM SAFARI Pop on your exploring boots as we explore wild science fun, build cool creations and discover awesome jungle animals! Programmed Activities: Magic Water Art + Oztag Cost: Session Fee	Thursday 17th July SOCCER STARS Learn new soccer skills and drills and participate in soccer games with the team from Soccajoys today! In Service Activity: Soccajoys Cost: Session Fee + \$13	Friday 18th July MINECRAFT MANIA Join us for a day full of creativity, adventure and blocky fun! Build epic worlds, create cool origami figures and relax while enjoying a movie! Programmed Activities: Minecraft Bingo + Basketball Cost: Session Fee
Monday 21st July TIME TRAVELERS Travel back in time to ancient Egypt! Build a clay sarcophagus, create pyramids, and uncover the secrets of pharaohs, mummies, and more! Programmed Activities: King Tut Clay + Relay Races Cost: Session Fee				

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