



Leumeah Public School

Fortnightly Newsletter

Week 6 Term 1 2019

Upcoming Events

WEEK 7

- Wed 13/3** 3-6 Assembly
Fri 15/3 National Day of Action Against Bullying— Mufti

WEEK 8

- Thur 21/3** St 1 History Incursion
Fri 22/3 St 1 History Incursion
Gala Day

PAYMENT DUE

- Thur 14/3** Yr 1 & 2 History Incursion -\$7

From the Principal's Desk

Attendance reminder

A reminder that students are expected to attend school every day they are able to and when it is open. I have attached to this newsletter the expectations of students and attendance as outlined by the Department of Education.

Staffing update

Mrs Ashlynn Bull will be on sick leave for the next few weeks. During this time, Mrs Tara McKimm will replace Mrs Bull as the Kindergarten Assistant Principal. It is hoped that Mrs Bull will return in approximately four weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We welcome Ms Tamara Ilic to our school counsellor role. She is at LPS every Tuesday and every second Thursday. Ms Ilic has already begun to work very closely with our community and Learning Support Team.

It has been an incredibly busy two weeks at LPS. Congratulations to the following school stars:

- Ms Mayhew and Ms Keato for taking 60 of our students to swim scheme to learn how to swim for an hour a day for the past fortnight. Ms Mayhew and Ms Keato were proud of the progress made by students and their excellent behaviour over this time. Thank you to Mrs Hambley and Miss Smith for supporting the successful implementation of swim scheme behind the scenes.
- Mia Murialdo and Joshua Hall for securing positions in Campbelltown PSSA representative teams. Mia made girls soccer and Joshua AFL.



PIC+COLLAGE

- Stage 2 students for improving the quality of their writing with descriptive elements. Notably, Meladee Meti in 3/4A and Taleah Duke-Smith. Aditya Kokkarne, Genevieve McGuinness and Phoenix Tautalafua in 3/4M. Great work Mrs Azo, Mrs Maytom and Ms Purches.

Over the next two weeks we look forward to:

- PLP afternoon with Aboriginal families on Wednesday March 6 at 3pm.
- Anti-bullying day of action Friday March 15.
- P&C AGM and general meeting Tuesday March 19. This meeting will be held in and showcase our new library space.

Kristy Hill

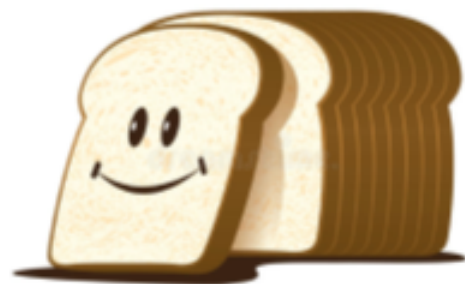
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Breakfast Club

Has Started

Everybody is
welcome to join
breakfast club on



Monday and Thursday mornings
from 8.30am on the
grassed area beside the
hall.





Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities? What if my child has to be away from school?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class 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.

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
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within **7** days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within **2** days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court
 - Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

For further advice contact

Educational services

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement and Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5356

www.dec.nsw.gov.au

Do you need an interpreter?

If you need help with English and would like further information please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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From the Deputy's Desk

Cyber safety support for students and parents

Internet safety is a very high priority in schools. All schools have a strong firewall and there is continual filtering of content and access. Students are not able to access sites, such as YouTube or social media sites at school, as these are blocked sites. All students are frequently reminded to notify their teacher if they encounter something that is inappropriate.

The Commonwealth Government's Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has developed a resource for parents – iPARENT – which is designed to help parents learn how to be safe and secure with the connected devices in their children's lives.

iPARENT – found at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent> - provides facts and stats about Australian children online, managing technology in the home and strategies used by parents to keep children safe online.

A Parent's guide to online safety can be downloaded from the site and a range of useful information is available. For example parents can access information about cyberbullying including:

- how to talk to your child;
- a parent's guide to responding to cyberbullying;
- what to do if your child is being cyberbullied or cyberbullying others; and
- sources of professional support and help.

The Department of Education also has a cyber-safety resource for parents on its website – Raising Good Digital Citizens which is accessible at <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>. Check them out when you get the chance.

Students are settled and ready to learn

As I have travelled around the K-2 rooms, it was wonderful to see how engaged students were in their learning. All students in Kindergarten are now engaging in guided reading and writing lessons, learning how to point to words as they read them and how to locate sight words on their Butterfly Cards. The SLSOs (School Learning Support Officers) are working in all Kindergarten classes with a focus on letter and number identification.

In Stage 1, it has been wonderful to hear the rich discussion that students are having about their families during Guided Inquiry lessons. Last week students created their family tree then discussed the members on the tree. It was very interesting to hear all of the names that students called their grandparents.

Staff Professional Learning

We have had a very busy start to 2019. Teachers are working hard on establishing plans for committees for this year that align to our school plan and priorities. Some teachers have attended external professional learning (PL) sessions around using Apps and 3D printers, the Learning Progressions, External Validation and reflecting on our school plan. In week 4, staff completed a three-hour online training course to develop their understanding of the Learning Progressions. There will be follow on sessions held over the year to build staff capacity and confidence in using the Progressions to plan and evaluate learning.

All APs are also engaging in PL with members of their stage teams. APs meet with the members of their team to analyse data, plan lessons and provide feedback. These sessions are guided by teacher self-identified areas for improvement and will link closely to their Performance and Development Plans (PDPs).

Mrs Miller
(Rel) Deputy Principal

Attn: Year 6 parents and caregivers
Year 7 2020 Expression of Interest Forms

The Year 7 2020 Expression of Interest Forms will be sent home on Monday 11 March as per DoE guidelines. We will let you know we have sent them home on the Parent Portal and on our Facebook page.

ATSI Significant Dates

March 16 - National close the Gap Day

March 21 - Harmony Day

March - Nang Mai Awards

Discover the Costco Difference

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

EXCLUSIVE OFFERS AT THIS EVENT:

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FREE* Kirkland Signature™

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(variable weight)

*with coupon

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Casula, NSW 2170

crossroads@costco.com.au

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Lumeah Public School
Teachers, Staff & Parents

are invited to a
SPECIAL SHOPPING EVENT!

Wednesday 20th March 2019

10am to 6.00pm
Come to our Membership Counter

Enjoy a special offer and exclusive member coupons when you join Costco at this event.



Awareness Code:

NMP

A Costco membership is \$55 a year for a Business membership and \$60 for a Gold Star membership. Each membership includes one free Household Card. Free coupons with membership offer is valid only for non-members for their first year of membership. Offer is not valid for renewal of any existing membership. Coupons can be collected from the membership counter. Offer is subject to change without notice. Product selection may vary.



HEALTHY
LUNCH
BOX

The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box

The average school child will eat more than 2,500 lunches during their 13 years at school.

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a lunch box,

Cancer Council's [website](#) is now even easier to use and share with friends and family.



- **Search** – you can now search for recipes by name or ingredients and quickly find the information and tips you are looking for.
- **Print recipes** – it's now easier to print recipes for safe keeping.
- **Share recipes** – on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.
- **Videos** – some recipes now feature short videos showing the simple steps to making the meal.
- **Lunch Box Builder** – plan a healthy lunch box with your kids using the new builder items.
- **New Content** – check out our new recipes, sandwich filling ideas and packed healthy lunch box examples.

healthylunchbox.com.au

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GET YOUR FAMILY GOING AGAIN WITH GO4FUN!

Go4Fun is a 10 week fun and dynamic healthy lifestyle program that is provided free for kids aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight. The program is designed for families and their kids to learn about healthy eating and physical activity through fun group activities and games.

TERM 2 CAMPBELLTOWN PROGRAMS

Programs starting from April 29th

Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre

52 Fields Rd, Macquarie Fields
Wednesdays 4.30-6.30pm

Campbelltown PCYC

95 Minto Rd, Minto
Mondays 4.30-6.30pm



WANT MORE INFORMATION?

For more information or to register,
contact us on 1800 780 900 or
visit go4fun.com.au



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South Western Sydney
Local Health District