



LETHBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

A NSW Government P-6 Connected Communities school

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Principal's Message – Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all have had a wonderful break with family, friends and loved ones and feel refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead.

Yesterday, on our first day back, our staff engaged in a variety of professional learning sessions focused on curriculum. These included:

- *K-6 syllabus: Learning intentions and success criteria*
- *Mathematics K-6: Effective teaching approaches*
- *The teaching and learning cycle and K-6 mathematics*
- *Promoting Literacy and Numeracy in preschool*

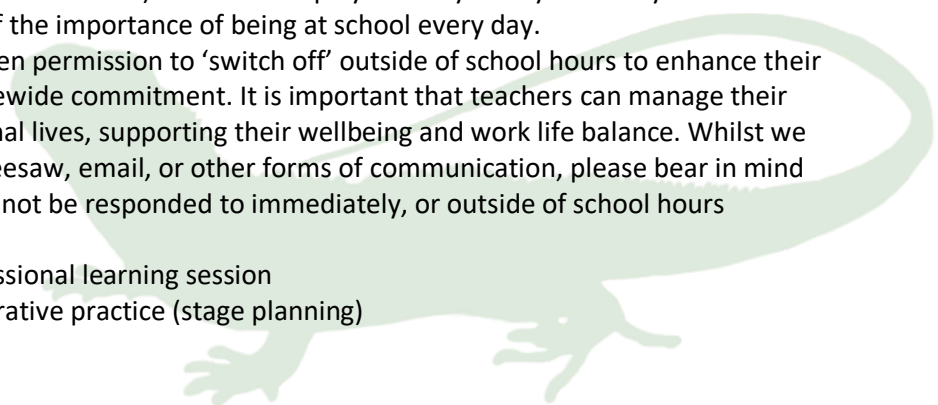
All professional learning sessions are aligned to the successful implementation of our newly created Strategic Improvement Plan, and more specifically aligned to Strategic Direction 1. See the overview below (which can also be found in detail on our website).

Strategic Direction 1	Strategic Direction 2	Strategic Direction 3
Student Growth and Attainment	Inclusive Learning Community	Connect, Succeed and Thrive
Initiative 1 Evidence Based, Quality Teaching Practice in Reading and Numeracy	Initiative 1 A Community of Learners	Initiative 1 Student and Staff Wellbeing
Initiative 2 Data Informed Practice - Visible Learning and Differentiation	Initiative 2 Amplifying Student Voice	Initiative 2 A Connected School Community

The Term Ahead

As a school, we regularly evaluate what's working well and seek feedback to improve what we do to improve student outcomes and engagement, teacher learning and wellbeing and community engagement. In response to these evaluations, we have made the following changes:

- Open Classrooms will again occur after Badge Assemblies in Week 10
- SISA (Sports in School Australia) will start in Week 2, allowing students and teachers more time in class to settle and welcome students back to school.
- Parent teacher/student report feedback sessions have been moved to Week 1 and 2, Term 3 (instead of Week 10). This change has been made to reduce the number of whole school activities occurring in Week 10 i.e. Badge Assembly, Open Classrooms, Reward Day, Homework Warriors, and attendance rewards.
- The Amazing Race (attendance race) will be on display at every Friday assembly to inform students and families of the importance of being at school every day.
- Teachers have been given permission to 'switch off' outside of school hours to enhance their wellbeing. This is a statewide commitment. It is important that teachers can manage their professional and personal lives, supporting their wellbeing and work life balance. Whilst we encourage the use of Seesaw, email, or other forms of communication, please bear in mind that your message may not be responded to immediately, or outside of school hours because the teacher is:
 - engaging in a professional learning session
 - engaging in collaborative practice (stage planning)



- marking or preparing lessons for the following day/week
- leading whole school events
- having quality personal time

Please continue to call the admin. team if you would like to book a meeting or speak to your child's teacher.

Learning Grounds in School (LGiS)

We are excited to partner with Mt Druitt Learning Ground to deliver the LGiS program. The program provides opportunities for Stage 3 students to deepen their sense of belonging by providing them with a place to learn about themselves, time to connect with others within the school community and beyond, and encourage self-esteem, self-awareness, self-worth and the building of leadership skills and friendships. This program will be facilitated by Mr Scott Fitzgerald, Mrs Janie Kelaher and a member of the LGiS team. The program commences every Wednesday from 8.55am – 10.55am.

Term 2 Calendar

Please find a summary of the planned events below. For updated information, please view the school's website and visit the school Facebook page regularly.

Weekly Recurring Events

Event	Day	Weeks/Time	Who
PSSA/PCYC/School Sport	Friday	2 – 9; 11.30am – 1pm	Years 3-6
Assembly	Friday	1 – 9; 2pm – 2.45pm	3-6 Odd weeks K-2 Even weeks
After School Clubs	Tuesday and Thursday	2 – 10 3pm – 4pm	K-6
Sports in School Australia (SISA)	Thursday	2 – 9 Sessions during the day	Years 1 – 4/SU Odd K, Years 5-6/SU Even
SISTA Speak	Wednesday	2 – 10 1.30pm – 2.45pm	Year 6 Aboriginal girls
Learning Grounds in Schools (LGiS)	Wednesday	2 – 10 8.55am – 10.55am	Nominated Stage 3 students
Student Representative Council	Thursday	1 – 10; 2pm – 2.50pm	Years 2 – 6
The Song Room	Wednesday	1 – 4; 11.30am – 12.30pm	Years 1 – 6
Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation	Tuesday	10am – 11am	Year 6
Bill Crews Play Therapy	Tuesday	All day	Nominated students
Story Factory	Tuesday	1-10; 8.55am – 10.55am	Year 4
Breakfast Club	Daily	1-10; 8.25am – 8.45am	K-6
Scripture	Wednesday	2-10; 2-2.45pm	Years 3-6

Other Key Dates

Week	Date	Event	P	K-2	3-6
1	Tuesday 30 April	Stage 3 First foot Forward			
	Friday 3 May	ANZAC Day service			
2	Tuesday 7 May	Mt Druitt Zone Cross Country			
	Tues – Thurs May	Mother's Day Stalls			
	Friday 10 May	Mother's Day Breakfast			
3	Tuesday – Friday May	Life Education			
4	Monday – Thursday May	Life Education			
	Tuesday 21 May	Cultural Immersion (Kimberwalli)			
5	All Week	National Sorry Day & Reconciliation Week			
6	Monday 4 June	Spelling Bee			
7	Monday 10 June	Public Holiday			
8	Tuesday 18 June	Synergy Dance Festival			
9	Wednesday 26 June	Reports sent home			
10	Monday 1 July	Badge Assemblies and Open Classrooms			
	Thursday 2 July	Homework Warriors & Class attendance rewards			
	Friday 5 July	Reward Day			

I am very much looking forward to celebrating the success of our students throughout the term.

Mr Garry Sheen
Principal