



LETHBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

A NSW Government P-6 *Connected Communities* school

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Principal's Message Term 3 Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous few weeks of learning we have had at Lethbridge Park Public School, where students are central to all that we do and creating a fun, engaging, cultural safe and inclusive learning environment is our collective priority. This focus is providing opportunities for all our students to showcase and grow their many talents, as well as being immersed in a wide range of fun learning experiences such as community performances from our Pacifika and Synergy dance groups at Mt Druitt Westfields, Activate Inclusion Sports days for our 3-6 students in our Support Unit, touch football gala days for students in years 3-6, preschool incursions, after school cricket programs, Aboriginal cultural experiences and weekly extra curricula activities.

Education Day Wrap Up

A huge thank you to everyone who joined our Education Week festivities. Over the course of our open day festivities, we had 130 parent visitors on site (using the QR Code as a count) who joined their children in classes, visited the library and joined us for our special Education Week assembly. Thank you also to the parents who voted for the Deadly Door competition. The winning classes were M Purple and 1/2 Green. I would also like to thank Mrs Culhane and her team for coordinating such a fantastic week, as well as personally thanking everyone who joined us, either in person or on Facebook.

Book Fair and Book Character Parade

We will be celebrating Book Week this week from Monday 22 – 26 August. The theme for this year is *Paws for Books*. We invite all parents along to the Book Fair in the library to purchase a book for their child. The library will be open every morning between 8:30am and 8:55am and of an afternoon between 3:00pm – 4pm. You can also visit the library before or after the Book Character Parade. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

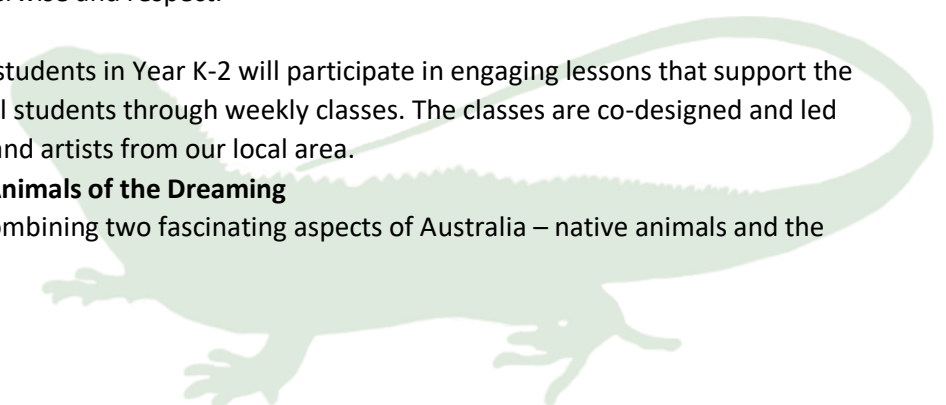
Book Character Parade: 11:45am – 1:00pm – Area 1

Library open from 10:55am and after the event until 1:55pm (please wear a mask indoors and sanitise)

Connect Succeed and Thrive (Strategic Direction 3)

We have a number of projects and events scheduled over the next few weeks, ensuring our students and families have multiple ways to connect and engage in the life of the school. Some of these include:

- **Life Education Visit**
Over the next week weeks, our students P-6 will be engaging in a variety of lessons on feelings, friendships, safety, cyberwise and respect.
- **The Song Room**
For the next 10 weeks, students in Year K-2 will participate in engaging lessons that support the cultural awareness of all students through weekly classes. The classes are co-designed and led by First Nations Elders and artists from our local area.
- **Preschool Incursion – Animals of the Dreaming**
An inspiring program combining two fascinating aspects of Australia – native animals and the Dreamtime.





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Upcoming Events and Initiatives

- **Drumming and Guitar Club**

The extremely anticipated drumming and guitar clubs will be starting shortly. These will occur during a recess or lunch. If your child is involved, a note will be sent home to communicate their involvement.

- **The STEAM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) group**

A group of students are working on designing a multi-purpose astro-turf area in the K-2 grass area of the playground. Some of the ideas they will be discussing include outdoor seating, a soccer field, shaded areas and table tennis tables.

- **Bush Tucker Garden, Seating, Flagpole area and Yarning Circle**

The Aboriginal Education team have been busy working on ideas to include in new outdoor learning spaces including a yarning circle, a cubby house and a garden/memorial flagpole area. Next week our students will be putting their heads together to help us design these areas. These areas will include the grass area where the existing flagpole is situated, as well as the grass and garden area on the left-hand side when you enter the school from the Mariana Gate entrance.

- **Colour Explosion Fun Run**

The SRC will be holding a fund raiser – the Colour Explosion Fun Run – to raise funds for the Area 5 project. Area 5 will be used as a passive play area with equipment and seating for students who enjoy a quieter recess or lunch break. This project has been designed by our SRC.

- **PBL Stair Project**

In order to promote all our students being safe, respectful and learners, and use student voice, our students have developed positive slogans that will be transformed into stair messages around the school.

- **Ngroo Education**

Our preschool team have been working to strengthen partnerships with Ngroo. Ngroo aims to improve the opportunity for Aboriginal children to achieve their potential by increasing their level of participation in mainstream early childhood and care (ECEC) and other relevant services and settings.

- **PCYC Mt Druitt**

Our students in Years 3-6 are already benefiting from the excellent facilities at the Mt Druitt PCYC every Friday for school sport. Further to this, we are in the process of coordinating a morning program (before school) that focuses on morning exercise and nutrition.

- **Goal Setting Week 8 (5-9 September)**

Due to the positive feedback received from our last Term 2 Goal Setting afternoon, we will be hosting another one this term during Week 8. Please keep an eye out this week for further details.

- **NAPLAN**

Results for students who participating in this years NAPLAN will be coming out in the coming weeks. These will be sent home with your child.

I would like to close by thanking our dedicated staff members who continuously go above and beyond to ensure all our students have the opportunity to be known, valued and cared for, as well as making sure that every child can connect, success and thrive at LPPS.

Mr Garry Sheen
Principal

