



# LETHBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

A NSW Government P-6 Connected Communities school

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am always in awe of what our students achieve, and equally, I am in awe of the way our students are supported and encouraged daily by our teachers. Last week, saw our student leadership team head off to the International Conference Centre in Sydney to participate in the Young Leaders Conference. Our students shone, not only in the way they presented themselves, but also in the way they listened, engaged and asked thought-provoking questions in front of the thousands of leaders present. They displayed courage, pride and a natural curiosity to learn to further inspire and motivate others. A huge congratulations to them all. They did themselves and our school community proud.

### NAPLAN 2023

Over the next 2 weeks (starting on Wednesday 15 March) our Year 3 and Year 5 eligible students will take part in the NAPLAN assessments. Students will participate in writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy assessments. These assessments provide the school with valuable data that is used to help identify strengths and areas for development. All parents of students participating will be provided with a comprehensive report of how your child has achieved in accordance with the school and state. Please remember that these assessments are a snapshot in time and does not necessarily relate to your child's overall learning progress. We encourage all eligible Year 3 and 5 students to do their best.

### 3 Way Goal Setting and Personalised Learning Pathways

Aligned to our Strategic Direction 3 – Connect, Succeed and Thrive, we aim to create an educationally connected school community. To help achieve this, over the last 2 weeks our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, students, teachers and Aboriginal Education Officer have been meeting to inform Personalised Learning Pathways by collaboratively creating literacy, numeracy and cultural goals. Our students and families will now work in partnerships to achieve these identified goals. In Term 2, we are planning a Yarn Up afternoon to celebrate the progress that our students are making, as well as celebrate and communicate the Aboriginal programs on offer.

In addition, this week we are holding our 3 Way Goal Setting meetings. These meetings are being held in the school hall between the hours of 2pm and 5pm every afternoon. The goals students are working towards are aligned to reading, writing and numeracy data that is collected and analysed on a 5-weekly basis. These meetings will be led by your child – with some support. If you have not made an appointment with your child's teacher, it is not too late. Please reach out using Seesaw or call the front office for support.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2pm – 5pm	Kindergarten 4 Wambady	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Support Unit classes
3pm – 5pm				Years 5 and 6



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## Student Representatives

Over the last few weeks, we have had many students who have represented our school at Mt Druitt Zone trials and carnivals. We congratulate them all for their sportsmanship, determination, resilience and achievement.

I would like to make a special congratulations to Khailah-Amor and Kaliyah-Anne who have both made the Sydney West Touch team. They will play in the state championship later in the year. We will keep you posted on their team's progress.

## Morning Routines

I would like to thank everyone for following the 'kiss and drop' strategy with their children every morning. I appreciate that closing the gates soon after the bell for some parents is problematic as it means walking around or out of the Copeland Rd gate. This is however, ensuring that:

1. Our students are kept safe.
2. Our students are developing social skills with their peers by engaging in fun, play-based games and activities before the morning bell goes.
3. Our students are moving to class promptly to start their learning.
4. Students are at school on time to take part in the morning routine – which successfully sets up the students learning for the day.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

PBL is a whole school, student-centred system designed to motivate and encourage positive behaviour. Our students are taught how to be safe, be respectful and be a learner in all areas of the school and are encouraged to follow school expectations and criteria. This system is linked to our Badge assemblies and student selected Reward Days. Over the next few weeks, we will be reviewing this system, embedding students voice and presenting this back to interested families at a 'parent and carer consultation' meeting in the next few weeks. Further information will be shared shortly.

## Facebook

As you are aware, the school regularly uses Facebook to promote and celebrate the learning of our students, as well as send reminders about upcoming events. Please note, the school Facebook page is not a communication platform.

For all enquiries, I ask that you please:

- speak to your child's class teacher, either in person, via email or Seesaw;
- call the office and have your query answered;
- make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher, or another member of staff.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you this week at your child's 3 Way Goal Setting meeting.

Kind regards  
Mr Garry Sheen

