



# LETHBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

A NSW Government P-6 Connected Communities school

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't think of a better way to start the term than with two wonderful NAIDOC days dedicated to immersing our school community in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and language. I would again like to take this opportunity to thank our students for their leadership and engagement, our families for their participation in not only the opening NAIDOC day smoking ceremony, but also the collaborative art session, 'For Our Elders' and picnic, and our dedicated staff members who worked tirelessly to put this wonderful celebration together. It truly was a magnificent two days.

### 3 Way Goal Setting and Report Feedback – SD3

At the end of last term, we had a record number of families attend our student led, report feedback sessions. The 183 families who attended had their names go into a draw and two lucky family members walked away with beautifully framed Dalmarrri artworks. We will again be holding our 3 Way Goal Setting meetings this term, during Week 8. You will be notified leading up to this event.

### Attendance – SD3

Our attendance continues to be above schools across our network, but slightly behind state. Our aim is to raise the bar this term, and have our students attend school more regularly than the rest of the state. Please remember, students that attend school weekly go into a draw to win an attendance shirt. Classes who have the best attendance at the end of the term receive a prize for each student and students who receive a purple star (for being at school every day each week), go into the draw at the end of the term to win a bike and safety helmet.

### Home Reading – SD1

Last term we held a Principal's Morning Tea for students who had read for 70 nights. Students who read for 30 nights also received a doughnut, a certificate, book, and bookmark. This term we will be celebrating anyone who has read for either 30, 70 or 110 nights. Anyone who reaches these milestones will receive a book of their choice, bookmark, a certificate, and a doughnut. They will also go into a draw to win one of TWO iPads. Please keep an eye out for our NEW MATHS CHALLENGE coming soon!

### Peer Support – SD3

This term, our Year 6 students will be leading groups of students from years K-5. As you would be aware, we encourage all our students to positively contribute to their school by taking on leadership roles to positively influence others. This program is yet another example of this. The Peer Support program runs for 8 weeks and will occur every Monday between 12.20pm – 1.10pm. Please ask your child what they learned each week.

### Athletics Carnival

As you would be aware, the 3-6 Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday 25 July at Blacktown International Sports Park and the K-2 Athletics carnival is on Wednesday 26 July at LPPS. We look forward to seeing families at both events.





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## Education Week – SD3

Education Week is only a week away. Our Open Day will be held on Wednesday 2 August. Gates will be open from 10.45am. The Education Week Assembly will be held in the hall, commencing at 11.15am. Attendance at this special assembly is by invitation only due to the size of our hall. Invitations will be sent home this week. Open Classrooms will commence immediately after the assembly at 12.40pm. After this, please stay at school and enjoy a picnic lunch with your child. At the end of lunch students will return to their normal classes. We hope you can join us.

## Community Engagement – SD3

Come along and join us, in partnership with the Hive, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month for a coffee or hot chocolate and sausage sizzle. This a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together and talk about what’s working well and what we can do better. Our first gathering was this morning between 8.15am – 8.55am. We are also hosting a parent course this term called ‘Circle of Security.’ Please see our Facebook page for details or call the school and request to speak to Mrs Beeby DP Learning and Wellbeing. Places are limited and are filling fast.

## NAPLAN Results

Individual results for students in Year 3 and 5 will be sent home this week. Please keep an eye out for these. We will also post on Facebook to let you know when these have been sent home.

There are many other exciting events occurring this term. Please continue to follow us on Facebook for upcoming events, reminders, and celebrations.

Week 2				
<b>Monday 24 July</b> Breakfast Cart P-6 Peer Support K-6	<b>Tuesday 25 July</b> Athletics Carnival 3-6 After School Club	<b>Wed 26 July</b> K-2 Athletics Carnival Clontarf Transition to HS (Selected students only)	<b>Thursday 27 July</b> Community Junction Playgroup SISA After School Club	<b>Friday 28 July</b> 100 Days of Kindy PCYC and PSSA 3-6 Assembly
Week 3 – Education Week				
<b>Monday 31 July</b> Peer Support K-6	<b>Tuesday 1 August</b> Westfield Performance (selected students only) After School Club	<b>Wed 2 August</b> Education Week – Open Day	<b>Thurs 3 August</b> Community Junction Playgroup SISA After School Club	<b>Friday 4 August</b> Parent Group – Circle of Security PCYC and PSSA K-2 Assembly
Week 4 – Walk to School Week				
<b>Monday 7 August</b> Breakfast Cart P-6 Peer Support K-6	<b>Tuesday 8 August</b> Touch Football Gala Day (3-6 selected students) After School Club	<b>Wed 10 August</b> Clontarf Transition to HS (Selected students only)	<b>Thurs 11 August</b> Community Junction Playgroup SISA After School Club	<b>Frid 12 August</b> Parent Group – Circle of Security PCYC and PSSA 3-6 Assembly
Week 5 – National Science Week				
<b>Mon 14 August</b> Science Big Fun Show P-6 Peer Support K-6	<b>Tuesday 15 August</b> After School Club	<b>Wed 16 August</b> Premier’s Spelling Bee regional final (selected students only)	<b>Thurs 17 August</b> Scholastic Book Fair arrives. Community Junction Playgroup SISA After School Club	<b>Frid 18 August</b> Scholastic Book Fair Parent Group – Circle of Security PCYC and PSSA K-2 Assembly

I am very much looking forward to another wonderful term.

Mr Garry Sheen

