



LETHBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has the term gone? Can you believe it is mid-way through Week 6? We have had a wonderful term of learning already, with many wonderful opportunities and celebrations to come. This letter is to provide you with a short update on what's ahead and acknowledge some of our achievements to date.

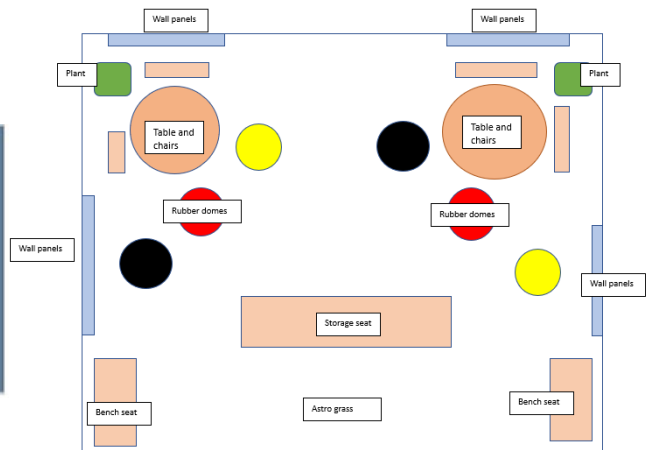
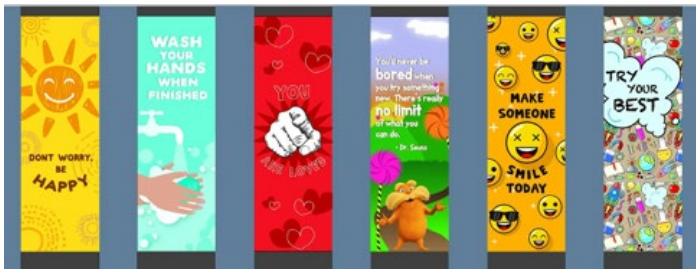
New Attendance Initiative

With only 4 weeks left of school, and our school attendance on the improve (we are now above the state average!!), we figure now is the right time to further motivate our students (and families) to be at school every day. With that in mind, we will be giving away a \$50 uniform voucher for one lucky student from each stage, every week. All you need to do to qualify is to be at school every day that week. The uniform voucher can be used at any time at the front office. Please note that our Dalmarri inspired student attendance shirts are still being drawn weekly for students who have been at school every day!

Student Representative Council – Positively Improving Our School

Our SRC are always thinking of ways they can improve our school. Earlier in the term, I sent letters home to students who have exemplary attendance of 95% or above. I asked the students questions like, 'What do you like about school?', 'What do you think we need to do to make all students want to come to school every day?' I have collated their responses and sent them back to the SRC for consultation. They have now put together a survey to seek further clarification and input from all students. I look forward to joining the next SRC meeting to hear what they have come up with.

Further to this, the SRC have been collecting ideas from all students on how to make the student bathrooms more positive and aesthetically pleasing. Please find the design they have come up with below. These will be installed during the Christmas break. Further to this, the design our SRC put together for our courtyard is currently under construction (you may have seen a small metal compound outside the canteen – this is to help with the housing and storage of materials). This should be completed before the end of the year. Please see our student inspired improvements below.





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Presentation Day/s (Major and Sport)

This year we have decided to host 2 separate Presentation Day assemblies. One will be for students receiving sports awards, and the other will be our major Presentation Day assembly. Please see how this will run below. Please note, invitations will be sent home to all families who have children receiving awards.

Sport Presentation Day Friday 1 December 2pm	Major Presentation Day Friday 8 December 9:15am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PSSA award winners ➤ Individual sporting trophies (representing Mt Druitt Zone & Sydney West) ➤ Age Champions ➤ House Shield Winners (Athletics & Cross Country) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2023 class awards ➤ Student Leader Presentation and Announcement (outgoing and incoming) ➤ Sportsperson of the Year ➤ Student of the Year ➤ Citizenship 2023 ➤ 100% Attendance (all year) ➤ 150 Nights Home Reading Awards

These changes have been made to accommodate the number of parents who can attend and to shorten the length of the assembly, making it easier for all our students to remain engaged.

School Planning and Staffing News

We are always analysing student data to make decisions that will improve the lives of our students. As such, we have decided to create a 7th Support Unit class and another High Potential class in 2024. Adding a 7th SU class will ensure that many of the students who have disability confirmations will be able to be placed in a setting that can best support their needs. Further to this, it is our responsibility to cater for the needs of all our students, including our students who have high potential. As such, we will now have 3 High Potential classes. One in Stage 1, 2 and now Stage 3.

I would also like to welcome a number of new staff members and include those who have been promoted for 2024. They include:

- Leah Mizzi (Senior Leader Community Engagement)
- Kaitlyn Pakowski (permanent teacher)
- Sara Spiteri (permanent teacher)
- Laura Hayes (temporary teacher)
- Michelle Frohreich (temporary SLSO Support Unit)

Year 7 Selective High School Reminder (for current Year 5 students)

This is a friendly reminder that the application period for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in **2025** closes on the 20 November. Information regarding this has already been sent home to all our current Year 5 students. Late applications will not be accepted, except under serious and well-documented extenuating circumstances. Please apply via the [Selective high schools—Year 7](#) website. The online application link is available from this website during the application period only and (it will be removed after 20 November 2023).

Any parents requiring assistance should contact:

Selective Education Unit | Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au | Phone: 1300 880 367

League Tag Junior Boy Champions

Congratulations to our junior boy league tag Mt Druitt PSSA champions. Last Friday, they came from behind to win a tightly contested final 3 tries to 2. Well done to all the team and Mr Barker their coach.

Facebook

Please note that we use Facebook to promote student learning, whole school events and issue reminders. If you have any concerns, please do not use Facebook to air these. We are happy to meet with all families to discuss any concerns face-to-face.

Mr. Garry Sheen
Executive Principal

