



LETHBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

A NSW Government P-6 Connected Communities school

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great start to the year. Our Year 1 – 6 students have returned ready to learn and our new Preschool and Kindergarten children have settled in very quickly to the routines of their new environments, making friends and having fun. I have really enjoyed walking in and out of classrooms hearing and seeing engaged, happy learners, be it in whole class discussions, group work, or working on one to one activities.

PBL Mid-term Bronze Badge reflection

This week, our teachers will be working with each of their students to discuss and reflect on the criteria for the Bronze badge (the first of our 4 badge levels). Teachers will set goals with each student so they know exactly what they need to be working on in the next 5 weeks to achieve their badge. This reflection will be sent home with your child this week.

Homework Warriors

Our Homework Warrior program officially kicks off this week. We again have a reading and mathematics challenge for our students to participate in with numerous incentives for participation. We encourage all students to engage in 10 minutes reading and 10 minutes of numeracy each night.

Meet the Teacher and Seesaw

As you would be aware, we have our annual Meet the Teacher sessions this week. Please come along and hear all about your child's teacher, what your child is learning, the units being taught, PBL, PSSA, library, upcoming events and much more.

Attendance

Coming to school every day, on time and in uniform goes a long way in supporting your child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. This year we are continuing to celebrate exceptional attendance, and/or improved attendance by handing out a weekly 'Attendance shirt', class termly prizes, termly certificates for 100% and more. Please continue to contact the school if your child is sick or cannot attend for any reason.

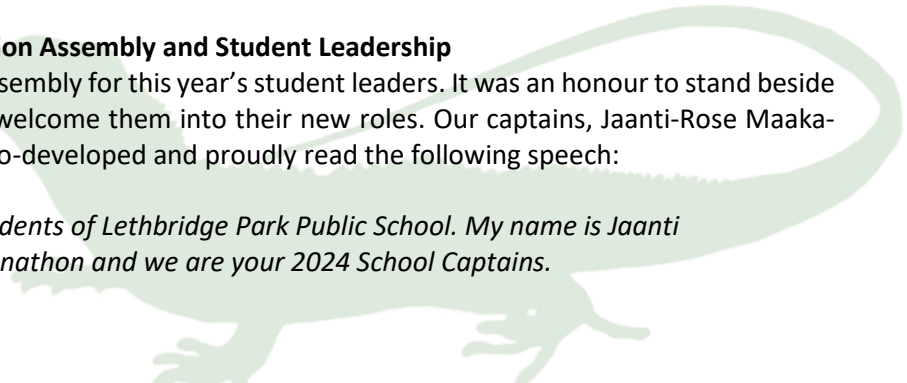
After School Club (ASC), Western Sydney Wanderers and PCYC

We are thrilled to again offer ASC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm. As a reminder, all students need to be picked up by an adult that has been given consent. We are also thrilled to again be included in the Western Sydney Wanderers after school program. This program runs on Wednesdays and will start in the coming weeks. 50 students from Year 4 – 6 have registered for this wonderful program. Those families involved will be provided with information directly from Camp Australia. Furthermore, we are also fortunate to again have access to the wonderful facilities at Mt Druitt PCYC, enabling our 3-6 students to participate in a variety of sporting activities during Friday sport. We sincerely thank all our partners for their ongoing support of our school, our students and our community.

Induction Assembly and Student Leadership

Last Friday was our official Induction Assembly for this year's student leaders. It was an honour to stand beside our leaders and families and officially welcome them into their new roles. Our captains, Jaanti-Rose Maaka-Ranginui Tahau and Jonathon Shipley co-developed and proudly read the following speech:

Good afternoon staff and students of Lethbridge Park Public School. My name is Jaanti and my name is Jonathon and we are your 2024 School Captains.





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Our aim for 2024 is to continue making our school a better place. I love that Lethbridge Park public school is a place where everyone is welcoming and kind to each other.

We can make our school even better by helping others achieve their goals and continuing being safe, respectful learners.

In 2024 we are working on making our Area 2 space even better with new equipment, the SRC have developed positive messages in our bathrooms and our beautiful murals have been completed.

We, as a leadership team are working on leading clubs and activities that we want YOU all to participate in. Fitness will be making a return in 2024, as well as different sport competitions, writing club and other activities that aim to include all of our staff and students.

Our aim for this year is to make our school full of leaders. We want to be active leaders, that means you can see everyone in the school being a leader. This may be through SRC or by helping others in the playground if they are having trouble.

We want to have all students helping the younger students in the school and teach them to do the things they enjoy, like playing different games, helping them read or just being a friend they can rely on.

As this is our last year at Lethbridge Park, we want to leave this school better than we found it and we need your help to do this.

We promise as leaders that we will listen to your concerns or ideas, help anyone in their time of need and work with you all to make sure Lethbridge Park continues to be the best school it can be.

Finally, ngaliya yanmangun budyari Murugu, which means together we walk a good path. 2024 is the year to work together and support each other to walk a good path. Didgurigura.

I am sure, like me, that their words of inspiration, passion for improvement, vision for our school and their future; and how they, as leaders, will contribute to this fills you with positive energy, optimism and a belief that our students are the future and that our future is in good hands.

Community Connections

We are continuing to reach out to external agencies to assist us to come together as a community and create opportunities for everyone to be and feel a part of our great community. Last week we held a 'community vision' parent and carer morning tea and also provided a link on our Facebook page for you to share your aspirations for our community. We are also planning on providing a series of free family workshops in partnerships with Fusion Australia next term. If you are interested, please check out the flyer on our Facebook page and complete the short survey. Lastly, we held our first BBQ and hot chocolate breakfast last week. It was great to see so many family members join us. Please come along and share a hot chocolate or coffee with your child and meet other community and family members once a fortnight.

School Photos

Information about our school photos will be sent home today. Please mark these days on your calendar.

Day	Year Groups
Monday 4 March	Class groups, individual portraits, Preschool Red and siblings
Wednesday 6 March	Student Leadership team, Whole School Photo, sibling groups
Thursday 7 April	Preschool Blue and siblings

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Mr Garry Sheen
Principal

