

LETHBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

A NSW Government P-6 Connected Communities school



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Deputy Principal's Message

Warami Everyone,

We have had a wonderful start to Term 2 with lots of opportunities to come together. Our 3-Way Goal setting meetings were once again very well supported by our community with insightful conversations about learning and students eager to demonstrate their progress towards achieving their individual learning goals. It was great to see so many families celebrating at our Mother's Day breakfast. We recognise that parents and carers play a critical role in a child's life, profoundly impacting their development and wellbeing from infancy through adulthood and we are privileged to share opportunities to thank you for all you do to support your children. Our school was also recently visited by staff from three south coast schools who were interested to see the fabulous work and student achievement occurring at LPPS. Much of the morning was taken up talking to some of our student leaders and SRC representatives who each did an outstanding job speaking confidently, with passion and commitment about their school and what they have worked to achieve to develop a strong sense of belonging for all students. Peer support is now well underway, and our Stage 3 students have quickly taken to their leadership roles. They have been doing a wonderful job working with students from Kindy to Year 4, making new connections and developing new friendships while learning about resilience. Peer support runs each Friday so remember to look out for our regular Facebook posts each week, you're bound to see lots of smiling faces.

Winter is approaching and it's getting cold, but our classrooms are warm

Attendance at school often drops as the weather cools but please keep in mind every single day at school matters. So far this term, our daily attendance rate is yet to hit the 90% mark. Consistent attendance helps students stay on track with their learning, grasp fundamental skills, form strong friendships and connections and avoid falling behind. Each missed day can negatively impact their academic performance especially in areas like reading, writing, and math regardless of whether they are in Kindy or Year 6. School provides a vital environment for students to build social connections, learn teamwork, and develop positive peer relationships so every day is very important.

Each fortnight, the Salvation Army coffee cart is at school providing a sausage sizzle and hot chocolate for our families with the option of a barista coffee for parents. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a free warm breakfast and to chat with staff or other parents. We look forward to seeing you at the next coffee cart breakfast on Monday 2 June.

Lost to Loved Stall

Coinciding with our coffee cart breakfast we will again have our 'LOST to LOVED' stall in operation in Area 5. We still have plenty of winter clothing available, which is <u>free</u> to anyone who can use it, especially as the temperatures drop.

Sky Story OC

Last week, three of our Aboriginal enrichment students attended Sky Story OC at Chowder Bay. The students participated in a number of activities that not only challenged them creatively and intellectually but also strengthened their connection to culture.

On Monday, they went on a bushwalk with Uncle Laurie, a Guringai Elder, and weaved baskets with Waabi Chapman-Burgess, an Elder of Ngarabul Country.

On Tuesday, the students spent the day at Sergeants Mess, where they created their own fish traps using 3D-printed materials to mimic the Brewarrina fish traps.

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This was followed by an inspiring workshop by the Brolga Dance Academy, where the students learnt both traditional and contemporary Aboriginal dance. They spent the afternoon kayaking and wound down in the evening with more storytelling by Uncle Laurie.

On their final day, Mindy Woods, a Bundjalung woman, taught the students about bush tucker and its many uses. They were lucky enough to have Mindy cook them a delicious pepperberry stir-fry with karkalla, saltbush, and purslane—all native greens full of flavour!

Everyone had an incredible time connecting to culture, learning about other mobs, and making new friends.

We hope to be invited to attend again so that more of our students can enjoy this wonderful experience.

Currawong Kitchen's NEW Autumn/Winter Menu

Currawong Kitchen's NEW Autumn/Winter menu is now available. Remember you can skip the morning queue by ordering online or grab a slip and use the drop box. Slips are available at the counter so grab some to take home. Please ensure all orders are received by 9.30am. Please drop into the kitchen if you would like another paper copy of the menu or ask at our front office.

School Communication – WE ARE NOW PAPERLESS!

All notes and communication now occur via the Sentral Parent Portal. If you haven't already done so, please scan the QR code below to sign up. If you do not have data or the internet, please contact our admin team.

The school will continue to post important information, reminders about upcoming events and celebrations, as well as student learning on Facebook. Find us on () @LethbridgeParkPS

Our K-6 teachers will continue to use *Seesaw* throughout the term to assist with communication and preschool teachers will continue to use *Storypark*. There is a messaging function that can be used to send messages to your child's teacher. Your child will use *Seesaw* to share and celebrate their learning (videos, photos of their work) and achievements throughout the year. Please be aware that messages via *Seesaw* and *Storypark* may not be seen by the teacher during the school day as they are engaged in teaching but will be responded to within a 24-hour period. Alternatively, please don't hesitate to contact a member of our admin team with your enquiry.

Term 2 Homework Warriors Challenge

It's great to hear that so many students are already working hard at home to complete this term's homework warrior 40-night challenge. If you have any questions or need help to support your child, please speak with your child's teacher who will gladly assist.

Week	Event	Who
4	Thursday 22 May	
	Sports in Schools Australia (SISA)	Kindergarten, Years 5- 6 and SU students
	Friday 23 May	
	Winter PSSA	3-6 students
	Winter PCYC	3-6 students
	3-6 Assembly	3-6 students
	Peer Support – session 3	K-6 students
	Monday 26 May	
	Netball and Soccer Gala Day	Selected teams
	National Sorry Day	All students
5	Tuesday 27 May	
	Story Factory	3/4 Ngarang & 4 Wubin students
	After School Club	Participating students
	Reconciliation week commences (May 27-June 3)	

Term 2 (Weeks 4-6 Calendar)









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	Wednesday 28 May	
	Public Speaking Showcase	3-6 students (morning) 1-2 students (middle)
	Sista Speak	Year 6 girls
	Scripture	3-6 students
	Thursday 29 May	
	Sports in Schools Australia (SISA)	Years 1,2,3,4, and SU students
	After School Club	Participating students
	Green Team meeting (student leadership group)	Green team students
	Friday 30 May	
	Peer Support – session 4	K-6 students
	Winter PSSA	3-6 students
	Winter PCYC	3-6 students
	K-2 Assembly	K-2 students
	Monday 2 June	
	Coffee cart/sausage sizzle breakfast & Lost to	All welcome
	Loved stall	
	Tuesday 3 June	
	Mabo & Multicultural Day	P-6 students
	Story Factory	3/4 Ngarang & 4 Wubin students
	After School Club	Participating students
	Wednesday 4 June	
	Preschool Incursion-The Wildlife Movement	Bunmarra Blue Class
	Scripture	3-6 students
6	Sista Speak	Year 6 girls
	Panther Trophy Tackle Session	Selected students
	Thursday 5 June	
	Sports in Schools Australia (SISA)	Kindergarten, Years 5- 6 and SU students
	After School Club	Participating students
	SRC meeting (student leadership group)	SRC representatives
	Friday 6 June	
	Peer Support – session 5	K-6 students
	PSSA & PCYC	Year 3 - 6 students
	3-6 assembly	3-6 students

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us as we value your feedback and are committed to strengthening relationships with our community.

Ms. Deborah Curran Deputy Principal

