

LETHBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# Principal's Message Term 1 Week 11

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we've had to end a fabulous term! We kicked off the week celebrating a record number of students receiving their Bronze Badges in Term 1 (332!). This is 40 more students than our previous record. We had perfect weather for our family picnic and both our reading Open Classroom sessions were well attended, showcasing the learning of your children. Our students performed strongly at the school Cross Country Carnival, demonstrating teamwork and sportsmanship. Students finishing in the top 6 will represent the school at the Mt Druitt Cross Country Carnival next term. Our Easter Hat parade was yet again another resounding success. Thank you for your participation, amazing creative hat designs and support. I would also like to thank the many families who donated Easter Eggs to support our numerous raffles which raised an enormous \$2120! We also had an impressive 143 students across the school complete the Home Warriors Challenge! This is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations are in order for 3-5 Garad from the SU, 1/2 Barrugin (K-2) and 3/4 Ngarang (3-6) for winning the best attending classes this term. They enjoyed delicious ice creams from Mr Whippy!

## **Community Consultation and New Badge Criteria**

Thank you to the families who attended our PBL Badge Expectation Community Consultation meeting last week. It was great to hear your feedback. All parents in attendance agreed that the new PBL badge criteria are more inclusive, easier to achieve (especially with the higher badges) and supports students feeling a sense of belonging and success at school. Please find the new collaboratively developed badge criteria below. All students will be taught the new badge criteria next term.

Badge Criteria 2025			
Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
<ul> <li>follow teachers' instructions</li> <li>listen respectfully to my peers</li> <li>use kind words</li> <li>refer to classroom PAX vision statements</li> <li>have a go at all tasks</li> <li>look after my belongings and classroom equipment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>engage respectfully in class and group discussions</li> <li>remain focused on my learning</li> <li>help others to be a safe, respectful learner</li> <li>play safely and respectfully in the playground</li> <li>respect school property</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>consistently display safe, respectful, learner behaviour in all settings</li> <li>work to the best of my ability in all learning areas</li> <li>act and speak in a way that considers the feelings of others</li> <li>care for myself, for others and my school environment</li> <li>reflect on my actions and accept responsibility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>be encouraging, considerate and cooperative to strengthen the school culture</li> <li>show initiative and seek support to proactively solve problems</li> <li>use a growth mindset, showing resilience and perseverance</li> <li>demonstrate leadership skills and qualities as a role model to positively influence and motivate others</li> </ul>

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# 3 Way Goal Setting Meeting – Filling Up Fast

Our 3WGS meetings next term are filling up quickly. If you haven't booked, please do so quickly by either:

- using the Sentral Parent Portal (scan the QR code to the right)
- returning the paper copy to the front office
- calling the office and requesting a time

#### ANZAC Day Service – Friday 2 May

We are holding a special assembly next term on Friday 2 May to commemorate Anzac Day and all those who have served in times of peace and war. The ceremony will commence at 9:45am in our yarning circle (Ngaragyingun). We encourage all community members to join us. There will be an opportunity for all families to add flowers to our memorial during the ceremony.

#### **Staffing Update**

I am proud to announce that Mr Scott Fitzgerald (our Assistant Principal Mentor) has been appointed Deputy Principal at Colyton PS (starting from Week 4 next term). This is a wonderful achievement. Whilst we will all miss his thorough organisation, passion, enthusiasm and commitment, I am confident that Mr Fitzgerald will be an asset to Colyton Public School and will continue to positively influence both students and school leaders. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the best.

I will be taking leave for the first 3 weeks of next term. Relieving Executive Principal during this time will be Ms Deborah Curran.

#### Going Paperless from Term 2! Final reminder

As you are aware, we are going paperless as of next term. All notes and communication will occur via the Sentral Parent Portal (and also communicated on our school Facebook page). If you haven't already done so, PLEASE scan the QR code to the right of this page to sign up. If you do not have data or the internet, please contact our admin team.

#### Growth and Attainment Wall

The next time you visit our school, please swing by our courtyard to see all our incredible Term 1 Growth and Attainment award winners.

## Start Date for Term 2

I would like to wish you all a wonderful break. We look forward to seeing you all on our first day back for students on <u>Wednesday 30 April</u>.

Mr Garry Sheen Executive Principal









