

LETHBRIDGE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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4 June 2025

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who helped make yesterday's Multicultural Day such a wonderful learning experience for all our students. I loved seeing so many of our students wearing their cultural dress with pride, or their class country colours. I would also like to thank our hard-working staff for creating engaging and innovative lessons for students to participate in during the day. All students rotated through various classrooms, learning about a different country in each one. One highlight of the day was the cultural tasting session that all students participated in. Our students loaded their plates up with Irish stew, kangaroo bolognese, emu sausages, chop suey, frankfurters, fried rice, wontons, pumpkin soup, shiftah, vegetable spring rolls and much more. Thank you to the many parents/carers who contributed to this tasting session and gave up their time and used their cooking expertise to support this wonderful day.

Student Safety

In a large school such as ours, we need to continuously update our procedures in order to keep our kids safe. One of the changes you will note is the gate next to the canteen will now be locked at approximately 9:00am every morning and re-opened, with a staff member present at 2:30pm. This is to ensure the following occurs:

- students arriving to school after 8:55am are marked on rolls correctly as late. This avoids students turning up to classes after the roll has been marked and a text being sent to a family member stating their child is not at school
- ensuring children cannot leave the school grounds early without permission
- roll checking after each break time. Often children are signed out during Break 1 and 2 for various reasons. An adjusted paper roll indicating any changes will now be provided to any teacher who has a student that has left during that break.

Excursion Permission Notes

Excursions and activities off-site provide wonderful learning opportunities for our students. Our priority is for every student to attend every excursion to expand and inspire their learning. At times, phone calls are also made to ensure no one misses out. Cut-off dates are always communicated, and numerous reminders are always provided, both on our Facebook page and also on the Sentral Parent Portal app. However, sometimes it is not possible for a student to attend as permission notes have not been returned in time.

As a school, we will continue to do our best to ensure that every student does not miss out on these wonderful learning opportunities. However, we do need to adhere to the <u>cut-off dates</u>. Cut-off dates are provided so the organising staff member/s can successfully organise the excursion, ensuring the safety of all students. The organising staff member/s need to ensure that:

- student to teacher ratio is appropriate for the activity/excursion
- medications have been documented and prepared
- risk assessments for students with medical or behavioural needs have been considered and communicated to all staff prior to the event
- final numbers are accurately communicated to the organising event manager
- student rolls for each class/group is accurate.

For each of these reasons, we sadly cannot accept permission notes after the cut-off dates. Thank you for your understanding and support on this matter.



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Growth and Attainment

Our Growth and Attainment assembly is fast approaching. Please see the timeline below. We will be sending invitations via the Sentral Parent Portal a week prior to the assembly. We do hope that you can attend. All students receiving an award will receive a Growth and Attainment certificate, medallion and go into the draw to win either an iFly experience or entry to Sydney Zoo.

Growth and Attainment	Dates	Start times
K-2	Friday 20 June	2:00pm
3-6	Friday 27 June	2:00pm

Mid-Term Badge Reflection

Our mid-term, badge reflections were sent home last week via Seesaw. If you haven't had the chance to have a look at these, please do so. This mid-term reflection is completed collaboratively with your child and their class teacher. Together, they decide whether they are achieving the badge criteria or they discuss ways they can demonstrate this in the coming weeks. The mid-term reflection gives you an indication of how you child is progressing towards achieving their badge level at the end of the term. It could also prompt a follow-up meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and possible supports. This term's reward is, 'Flip Out'. We are hoping for a record of number of students to attend.

Public Speaking Showcase

Last week we held our 2025 Public Speaking Showcase. It always amazes me, and fills me with pride in how confidently our students stand in front of their peers and present their speeches. Many used excellent eye-contact, expression, hand gestures and intonation to grab the interest of the audience. I would like to thank our teachers, and parents, who expertly supported their children to create their speeches. Some of the excellent topics they chose to speak about are listed below:

Racism in Sport	Racism: It stops with me	Netball
Papua New Guinea	My Culture and Me	Friendship
The Cambrian Period	Marine Biology	Reconciliation and what it means to me
All About Me	My Favourite Place	My Culture: Samoa
Cats	Roblox	I think I'd like to get a pet

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Losi Pasi on his selection in the Sydney West Boys Rugby League team. His team played in the NSW State Primary School competition over the last 3 days at Blacktown. The Sydney West Team went through the tournament undefeated, becoming state champions. Congratulations to you and your team, Losi!

School Communication

We take great pride in our commitment to ensuring all our families (and students) know about what is coming up and when/where it will be taking place. We use a variety of platforms to celebrate and communicate all the wonderful things that are happening at our school. These include the Sentral Parent Portal app, Facebook and Seesaw (preschool uses Storypark). Please ensure you have downloaded these apps and turn on your notifications (as we often push through reminders in the days leading up to an event).

To further assist you with your weekly organisation, please find an overview of what's coming up in the next few weeks.

Mr Garry Sheen **Executive Principal**





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Term 2 (Weeks 7 - 10 Calendar)

Week	Event	Who
	Monday 9 June	All
	King's Birthday Public Holiday	
	Tuesday 10 June	
	Story Factory	3/4 Ngarang & 4 Wubin students
	After School Club	Participating students
	School Spelling Bee	Participating students from 2-6
	Wednesday 11 June	
	LGIS and LG	Participating students
	Sista Speak	Year 6 girls
_	Scripture	3-6 students
7	The Wildlife Movement	Preschool incursion
	Student Leadership Team meeting	Student leaders
	<u>Thursday 12 June</u> Sports in Schools Australia (SISA)	Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and SU students
	Clontarf Transition visit	Year 6 Aboriginal boys
	After School Club	Participating students
	Friday 13 June	
	Winter PSSA	3-6 students
	Winter PCYC	3-6 students
	K-2 Assembly	K-2 students
	Peer Support	K-6 students
	Monday 16 June	
	Debate	LPPS Debating Team
	Tuesday 17 June	5
	Story Factory	3/4 Ngarang & 4 Wubin students
	After School Club	Participating students
	Synergy Dance rehearsal	Participating students
	Wednesday 18 June	
	Hot Dog Day - Year 6 Fundraiser	All students
	LGiS and LG	Participating students
	Sista Speak	Year 6 girls
8	Scripture	3-6 students
	Thursday 19 June	
	Sports in Schools Australia (SISA)	Kindergarten, Year 5/6 and SU students
	After School Club	Participating students
	News Team meeting (student leadership group)	News team students
	Support Unit Review meetings	Year 4 students
	Friday 20 June	K C aturdanta
	Peer Support	K-6 students
	Winter PSSA Winter PCYC	3-6 students 3-6 students
	K-2 Growth and Attainment Assembly	K-2 students
	Monday 23 June	
	Yarn Up	All welcome
	Tuesday 24 June	
	Story Factory	3/4 Ngarang & 4 Wubin students
	After School Club	Participating students
	Wednesday 25 June	
	LGiS and LG	Participating students
	Scripture	3-6 students
	Sista Speak	Year 6 girls
9	Thursday 26 June	
	Sports in Schools Australia (SISA)	Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and SU students
	After School Club	Participating students
	SRC meeting (student leadership group)	SRC representatives
	Sydney West Cross Country	Selected students
	Friday 27 June	
	Peer Support	K-6 students
	PSSA & PCYC	Year 3 - 6 students
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