



Education
Public Schools

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 10: Monday 30 JUNE 2025

CALENDAR

JUNE

30 Assembly 1:45pm

JULY

01 Healthy Deadly Kids (3/4L)

01 LIHS NAIDOC assembly

01 Interrelate – Stage 3

02 Sporting Schools K-2 (Athletics)

02 Interrelate – Stage 2

04 Peer Support

04 Last day of term

21 School Development Day

22 Students return for Term 3

vacation period, a new kitchenette is being installed in the library for Breakfast Club. This will be a wonderful addition to our school infrastructure. Information regarding the planned works was sent home with students last week.

Planning for our public preschool continues and information is attached to this newsletter. I also attended the 100 Public Preschool conference last week. It was a wonderful opportunity to speak with other principals who already have a preschool on site and discuss the logistics and benefits of public preschools.

We were very lucky for the improved weather conditions for our annual Athletics Carnival last Thursday after the wild winds on Wednesday. From all accounts, it was a very successful carnival with high levels of student participation. A huge shout out to Miss O'Keefe and her team for all the planning and organisation of the carnival behind the scenes.

Congratulations to Myalee, ex-Lake Illawarra South Public School student, who has just been announced as a Lake Illawarra High School vice-captain for 2026. Everyone at Lake South is very proud of you and your achievement.

I hope all of our families have a chance to rest and connect over the upcoming holiday and I look forward to another busy term when we return. Please be aware that staff return on 21st July and **students return on Tuesday 22nd July** for Term Three.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our very busy Term 2 is coming to an end this Friday. Much has occurred throughout the term with activities and events to support student learning and infrastructure works. The basketball court has had its first coat of paint and should be ready for student use shortly. Over the upcoming

Karen Simula
Principal

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 21st July is a designated Staff Development Day and as such is a pupil-free day. Staff will be engaging in a range of professional learning activities.

Students return on **Tuesday 22nd July** for Term Three.

PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Lake Illawarra South held the Junior and Senior Division Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee last Monday. Congratulations to all the finalists for your outstanding effort to reach the final.

Junior Finalists: Layla R, Ari, Luka C, Marcus, Marley and Jack C.

Senior Finalists: Leonard, Skye, Harper and Keira

As winners of each of their respective finals, Marcus and Skye will represent Lake Illawarra South at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals. Best of luck to you both.

REPORTS

Semester One student reports will be sent home later this week. If you would like to arrange a parent-teacher interview with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's report, please contact the school office on 4295 1924.

SRC

It was wonderful to see the students supporting their favourite sporting teams on Jersey Day. A big thank you to the SRC for planning this fun event for our students.

A big thank you as well to the Student Representatives who were able to attend the thank you afternoon tea for City Serve last Friday afternoon after school. The volunteers from City Serve were surprised to see the students there and enjoyed talking with them about how the landscaping and other projects they had completed changed the school. The students were a credit to themselves, the school and their parents in the manner they conducted themselves and engaged with the people from City Serve.

SOUTHERN STARS

Last Wednesday, our Southern Stars Dance students attended their first item rehearsal at the

Illawarra Sports Stadium. It was an exciting opportunity for the troupe to come together and begin learning the choreography for their upcoming performance.

The students are putting in a tremendous amount of effort as they work to refine their routine. We would also like to commend them for their outstanding behaviour during the rehearsal demonstrating excellent focus and teamwork throughout the day.

Tickets for the performance are now on sale through [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com)

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Students and families had a fantastic time at our annual Athletics Carnival last Thursday at the Croome Road Sporting Complex. We would like to thank all the teachers, parent helpers and Lake Illawarra High School students for their assistance and hard work in ensuring the event was a success.

Congratulations to all students for their excellent participation and behaviour throughout the day.

A special mention goes to those who qualified for the upcoming district athletics carnival on Friday, 1st August. Details will be provided to qualifying students this week.

SPORTS RESULTS

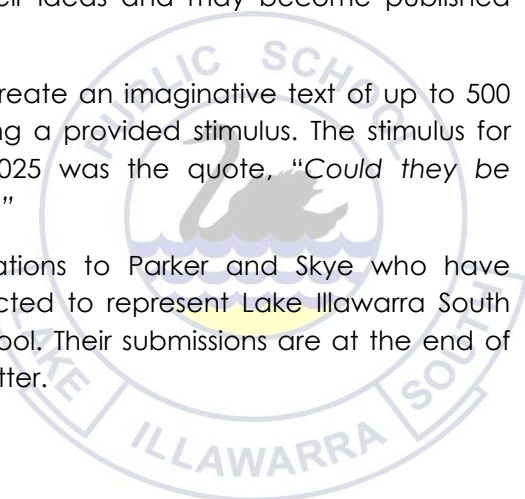
Congratulations to Leilani who has been selected to represent the South Coast at the 2025 NSWPSA Boys and Girls Football Championships in Ballina in August.

WRITE ON

WriteOn is an annual writing competition for NSW primary students in Years 1 to 6. Through the competition, students develop skills in writing to express their ideas and may become published authors.

Students create an imaginative text of up to 500 words, using a provided stimulus. The stimulus for WriteOn 2025 was the quote, "Could they be changing?"

Congratulations to Parker and Skye who have been selected to represent Lake Illawarra South Public School. Their submissions are at the end of this newsletter.



ART 4 LITERACY

The school would like to thank Mikey Freedom for all the wonderful work he has done with our Stage 2 and 3 students in the Art 4 Literacy program this term. The students have honed their artmaking and communication skills with his guidance and have also forged new friendships.

CODE CAMP – WINTER VACATION

Lake Illawarra South Public School is again hosting Code Camp vacation programs on 17th and 18th July. There are three camps scheduled: *Curious Minds* (Ages 5 to 7), *Minecraft Masters* (ages 7 to 12) and *Illustrate a graphic Novel* (ages 7 to 12). Active and Creative Kids Vouchers are able to be used.

See the attachment at the end of this newsletter for these fun and engaging programs.

GOT IT! PROGRAM

The Getting on Track in Time (Got It) program has successfully concluded after an intensive 8-week schedule at Lake Illawarra South Public School. This evidence-based initiative focuses on enhancing social and emotional skills for students in Kindergarten to Year 2. At the beginning of Term 1, staff participated in a tailored workshop to equip teachers with effective strategies to support student wellbeing in the classroom. In Term 2, the program extended to selected families and children for targeted support. The screening process provided opportunities for targeted interventions and external referrals for our families. We extend our gratitude to the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District clinicians for their support and thank the families for their commitment and dedication to the program. Your involvement has made a significant positive impact on our families and school community. Also, the school would like to extend its thanks to Ms Koerner for coordinating the program.

HEALTHY DEADLY KIDS

During Terms 1 and 2, Stage 2 students participated in the 'Healthy Deadly Kids' program, a free initiative from The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service. The program was facilitated by NRLW player Bobbi Law and former NBL player Tyson

Demos. The Healthy Deadly Kids (HDK) Program is an all-inclusive 10-week initiative designed specifically for Stage 2 students, focusing on promoting healthy lifestyles through the lens of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural values. Each week, students engaged in interactive sessions covering important health, physical fitness and wellbeing topics. HDK finishes up this week with 3/4L's graduation and a visit from the St George Illawarra Dragons Women's players. Thank you, Bobbi, Tyson and The Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service, for providing a deadly learning experience at Lake South.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 have completed another round of Sporting Schools. This term, the focus was athletics. Students engaged in a range of activities each week with the support of qualified coaches to develop their skills. A big thank you to Mrs Trotter for again securing the funding for this invaluable program.

ATTENDANCE

All school days are counted towards attendance. This includes days when sporting carnivals and special events are held, along with the last day of each term. These days are gazetted school days and attendance is expected. *Every day matters.* Absences for these days are required to be explained by parents.

Congratulations to the 102 students who had 100% attendance over the last fortnight. We're very proud of you.

This is the attendance data for the last fortnight broken down into year groups:

Kinder: 88%

Year 1: 92%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 95%

Year 4: 93%

Year 5: 83%

Year 6: 89%

NSW public schools have an attendance target of 95%. Well done to the female students in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 who collectively met or exceeded the Department's target this last fortnight.

Missing just one day of school each fortnight adds up to four weeks of lost learning a year. Over a student's school life, this equates to an entire year of missed learning.

JEWELLERY AT SCHOOL

The NSW Department of Education requires that jewellery or other items that could cause an injury to themselves or other students are not worn. Given that our students are involved in regular physical activity and play throughout the week, there are important restrictions on what students can wear to school as jewellery or accessory items. As a general rule, only stud earrings, sleeper earrings and watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Nail polish and cosmetics should not be worn to school. Acceptable additional items include watches and sunglasses.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

This week's Positive Behaviour for Learning focus is *Safety – Keep your hands and feet to yourself*. This skill demonstrates an understanding of personal space. It also encourages to use their words to express their feelings and emotions. This skill is a life-long social skill that students need to master in order to form and maintain appropriate and lasting relationships.

KINDERGARTEN 2026

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2026 are now being accepted. Applications for siblings of currently enrolled students can be submitted for consideration by the non-local enrolment panel. If you are a local enrolment, you are able to enrol online or call to the school office and collect an Enrolment Pack.

To enrol online, go to the school website <https://lakeillaws-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> ;

Click on Enrolment at the top of the page Click on Apply for enrolment online

Read the information and then go to the bottom of the page and *Enrolling for 2026 calendar year*

Type in your residential address; if your address is in the school's local area you will be able to click on the Apply to Enrol button. This takes you to the Privacy Agreement.

Click *I agree* to the Privacy Agreement and continue

Add your email address and tick *I'm not a robot* and click *continue*; you will be sent a verification code to your email address.

Enter the code and click verify and proceed to the Enrolment Form.

For further information regarding online enrolment go to:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/online-enrolment-for-nsw-public-schools/online-enrolment-for-parents>

If you are applying to enrol a sibling of a current 'out of area' student, you will need to call the school office to register your child and collect the required enrolment form for completion.

If you do not live within the Lake Illawarra South Public School catchment area, you are welcome to submit a non-local enrolment application for consideration by our non-local enrolment panel.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is held in the library each morning from 8:10am. There is no cost involved for students participating in Breakfast Club. Our breakfast program is supported by FoodBank Australia and Bakers' Delight.

CHAPLAIN NEWS

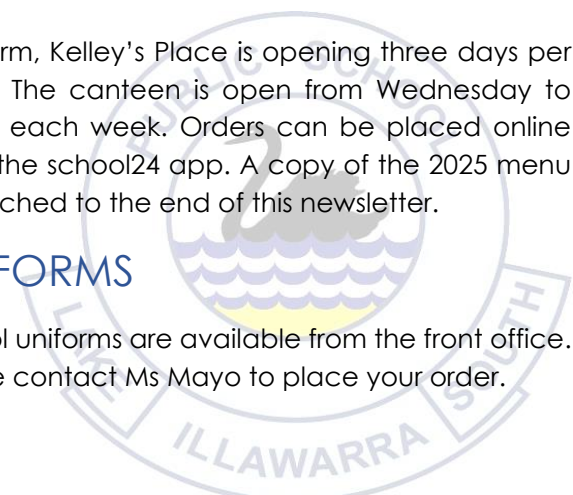
Our chaplain, Mrs Kahlia Devall, is on site each Wednesday and Friday to support students and their families with their wellbeing. If you would like your child to connect with Miss Kahlia, please contact your child's class teacher.

CANTEEN

This term, Kelley's Place is opening three days per week. The canteen is open from Wednesday to Friday each week. Orders can be placed online using the school24 app. A copy of the 2025 menu is attached to the end of this newsletter.

UNIFORMS

School uniforms are available from the front office. Please contact Ms Mayo to place your order.



School uniforms are able to be purchased by cash payment or EFTPOS facilities at the school office. Uniforms are not able to be purchased online.

