



Education
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Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10: Monday 22 SEPTEMBER 2025

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 22 Assembly @ 1:45pm
- 23 Djaramura Launch
- 24 Young Eyes Festival
- 25 Ocean Safety Presentation
- 26 Last day Term 3

OCTOBER

- 13 School Development Day (Pupil-free)
- 14 Students return for Term 4
- 16 Literary Lunch
- 17 Loud Shirt Day
- 20 LIHS EXCEL applications close

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As Term 3 comes to a close, I would like to thank the community for its ongoing support of the school. I would also like to thank the teaching, support and administration staff for their unwavering dedication to our students.

This term saw the completion of the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. The screening check is completed by all Year 1 students in NSW Public Schools. I am very excited to announce that Lake Illawarra South's results are above the state average.

Over the next term, our school website will be migrating to the new Department format. This requires considerable work behind the scenes to ensure all information is accurate and up to date. We appreciate your patience during this transition and will advise you when the new website is live, as it will offer improved navigation and access to important resources for parents.

We are continuing to travel around Australia for STEptember and are currently travelling south along the Western Australian coastline. We will continue this initiative into next term so we utilise 30 school days to complete the challenge.

I attended a farewell function for Rowland Hay, our very much loved Senior Psychologist Education. Rowland's career spanned more than 30 years working with our most vulnerable children and their families. His way of working and his dedication will impact many students, families and staff for years to come.

Please be aware that Monday 13th October is a School Development Day and is a pupil-free day. Staff will be completing professional learning about the new curriculum which will be implemented in 2026, along with beginning to prepare for External Validation next year.

Students return for Term 4 on **Tuesday 14th October.**

Karen Simula
Principal

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Matilda for winning the Lake Learning Community Early Stage 1 Public Speaking Competition. Your outstanding performance truly stood out. Well done also to Dulcie, Jonty and Sevanna for their strong and competitive efforts. It was a fantastic event with participation from Mount Warrigal, Primbee, Windang, and Warilla North Public Schools, held at Lake Illawarra High School last Tuesday. Everyone should be very proud of their achievements.

STAFF VS STUDENT SOCCER

The Western Playground was full of cheering for both the staff and student soccer teams last Tuesday afternoon. It was a disappointing scoreline for the staff, losing 7 to nil. However, the spirit of the game and the camaraderie between players made the match a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved. Both teams showed great effort and determination, and the support from the crowd added to the lively atmosphere.

Congratulations to Mr Bruce who was named as the MVP of the game.

NGARAMURA LAUNCH

Tomorrow is the official launch of our Aboriginal artwork, Ngaramura. The artwork was created by Taylor-Lee Byrne, who thoughtfully incorporated ideas and inspirations from the students of Lake Illawarra South to formulate her beautiful and meaningful design. This collaborative piece celebrates our school community's connection to culture, story and Country. The artwork is hanging in the Administration Building foyer.

The vibrant elements of the Ngaramura artwork will be used to update the school's stationery, bringing a unique and meaningful cultural touch to our school.

INNOVATE 4 IMPACT

Congratulations to Hannah who is presenting at the Innovate 4 Impact Showcase at the University of Wollongong tomorrow. The event showcases the innovative student works of both primary and secondary students who have developed solutions to real-world problems.

STEPtember

Students are able to meet Lake Illawarra South staff at the kiosk by 8:15am on Friday morning to walk to school. These steps are being counted towards our Friday step tally for STEPtember.

CODE CAMP

Lake Illawarra South Public School is hosting two Code Camps: Minecraft Minis (ages 5 -7) and Roblox legends (ages 7 -10) on Thursday 2nd October and Friday 3rd October. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for further details about enrolling in the camps.

LOUD SHIRT DAY



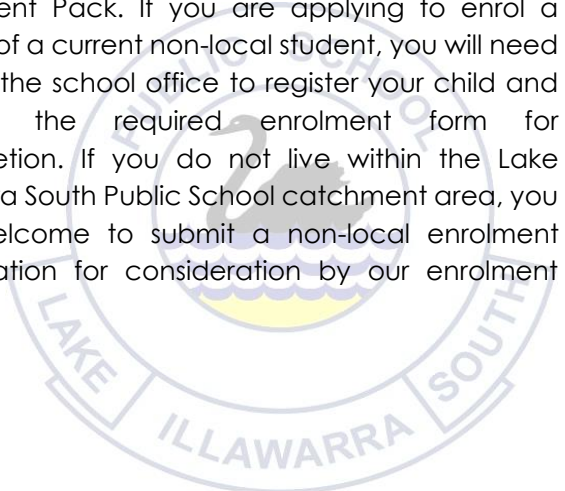
On Friday 17th October, Lake Illawarra South Public School will be wearing it loud to raise awareness for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

HALLOWE'EN DISCO

Our P&C will be holding a Hallowe'en disco on Thursday 30th October. Further details will be sent home in Term 4.

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 in to the school office and collect an Enrolment Pack. If you are applying to enrol a sibling of a current non-local 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 enrolment panel.



ATTENDANCE

Arriving at school on time is essential for starting the day positively and setting the tone for successful learning. When students arrive promptly, they have the opportunity to settle in, organise their materials and engage fully in the day's lessons from the very beginning. Being on time also demonstrates respect for teachers and classmates, helps develop important life skills like punctuality and responsibility and reduces disruptions in the classroom. We encourage all students to make punctuality a priority to support their academic growth and contribute to a productive and respectful school environment.

NSW public schools have an attendance target of 95%.

There were 92 students with 100% attendance for the fortnight of Weeks 8 and 9.

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

Kinder: 89%
Year 1: 94%
Year 2: 91%
Year 3: 95%
Year 4: 90%
Year 5: 79%
Year 6: 92%

Well done to the following groups: Year 4 girls with an attendance rate of 98% for the last fortnight. Year 6 boys had an attendance rate of 96%. Both Year 2 and Year 3 boys had an attendance rate of 97%.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole-school approach designed to promote positive behaviour, improve student engagement, and create a safe and supportive learning environment. It encourages students to develop essential social and emotional skills that help them succeed both in and out of the classroom. Each fortnight, PBL focuses on a specific value or behaviour to guide students in making positive choices.

The focus for this week is *Respect – Allow others to learn*. At our school, respect is a key part of creating a positive and supportive learning environment. One important way we show respect is by allowing others to learn. This means listening carefully, following classroom expectations and being aware of how our actions affect those around us. When students focus on giving their full attention and creating space for others to share, we build a calm and productive classroom where everyone has the chance to succeed.

Allowing others to learn also means being patient and understanding that everyone progresses at their own pace. It involves using kind words, waiting for your turn to speak and avoiding distractions that could disrupt learning. By practising respect in this way, we foster a school community where all students feel valued, supported, and encouraged to do their best.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club takes place every morning in the library starting at 8:10am, providing students with a welcoming space to enjoy a nutritious meal before the school day begins. This program is free of charge, ensuring that all students have access to a healthy breakfast. Our Breakfast Club is proudly supported by FoodBank Australia and Bakers' Delight, whose generous contributions help us provide fresh and wholesome food options. By offering this program, we aim to promote student wellbeing, improve concentration and energy levels, and create a positive start to each day for our school community.

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Our chaplain, Mrs Kahlia Devall, is available on site every Wednesday and Friday to provide valuable support to students and their families, focusing on their overall wellbeing. Ms Kahlia plays an important role in fostering a positive and caring school environment by offering a listening ear, guidance and practical assistance to students who may be facing challenges, whether emotional, social or personal. She works collaboratively with staff and families to ensure that students feel supported and safe, helping them build resilience and develop coping strategies.

If you believe your child could benefit from connecting with Ms Kahlia, or if you have any concerns about their wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

FREE DENTAL CARE

Who is eligible for FREE dental care

Adults must have a current Medicare Card and either a:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pension Concession Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

All children/young people 0-17 years of age who hold a current Medicare Card are eligible for dental care.

All patients must reside within the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District boundaries.

To make an appointment, contact our Customer Service Centre 1800 679 336.



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.



Holiday camps on sale now!

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2 - 3 October
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Disabled Surfers South Coast Presents

Thirroul 'Smiles on Dials Day'

Saturday 29th November 2025

Meet at Thirroul Beach Reserve off Cliff PDE, Thirroul



Check-in no later than 9.00am - Group-care facility participants limit of 6 per facility

A fun day surfing experience for any person with a disability, no matter how challenging, with complete water supervision.

Registration for Participants is **FREE** and all **participants** receive a bag of goodies,

Thanks to the local participating surf shops and businesses some gifts are provided.

Free registration for Volunteer Helpers and for giving up your time you will receive **FREE** Sausage Sizzle on the day.

For more information and who to contact view
disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch or www.disabledsurfers.org

See you there putting "Smiles on dials"

LAKE ILLAWARRA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL - CANTEEN MENU 2025 - Canteen will be open 3 Days (WED – FRI) for Recess & Lunch

SANDWICHES, WRAPS & SALADS - lunch only	HOT FOOD	DRINKS (Breakfast, recess & lunch)		MILK COMBOS
	Homemade Pizza			Pizza Combo \$6.80
Vegemite (V) \$2.20	Cheese (V) \$4.50	Water 600 ml \$2.50		Pizza – choose flavour (50c for BBQ meatlovers) + Milk (choose flavour)
Cheese (V) \$2.60	Ham & cheese \$4.50	Popper 200 ml apple/blackcurrant \$2.50		
	Hawaiian \$4.50			Pasta Combo \$7.30
Salad (V) \$4.70	BBQ Meat Lovers \$5.00 Gluten free base extra \$1	Milk 300 ml Chocolate/Strawberry \$2.50		Pasta Bolognese + Milk (choose flavour)
Ham or chicken \$3.60	Chicken Fingers			
Chicken, lettuce, mayo \$4.20	3 pack \$3.00	BITES		Wrap Combo \$7.50
Ham, cheese \$4.00	5 pack \$5.00	Carrot Sticks 50c		Chicken, lettuce, mayo wrap Fruit Milk – choose flavour
Ham or chicken salad \$5.50 Salad consists of lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot, carrot & cucumber.	Homemade Pasta Bolognese \$5.00	Milk Pots (3 max) 50c		
		TNT \$2.00		
		Quelch Ice Blocks \$1.00		
Wraps are extra 80c	Homemade Chicken Burrito \$5.00	Frozen pineapple pops \$1.00		PICNIC BOXES (GFO)
GF bread available extra \$1.00	Homemade Beef Burger (Cheese & t/s) \$6.00	Custard Tub \$1.50		
	Chicken Burger (lettuce & mayo) \$6.00	Jumpy’s \$1.50		
SALAD TUBS (GF)	Deluxe Chicken Burger (salad) \$6.50	Cheese & Crackers \$1.50		
Salad (V) \$5.50	Corn Cup (V) \$1.50	Rice Crackers – sour cream & chives \$1.50		Cheese, crackers, veggies, dip, fruit (V) \$3.50
Ham or chicken salad \$6.00	Homemade Garlic Bread \$2.20	Homemade Apple Muffins (GF) \$2.00		Add ham to above box \$4.50
		Homemade Banana Muffins \$1.50		
		Juicies - lemonade \$2.00		
RECESS PACKS	JAFFLES (Gluten free bread \$1 extra)	EXTRAS		BIRTHDAY TREATS
Banana, muffin & carrot sticks (V) \$1.80	Spaghetti \$4.00	Tomato Sauce 30c Forks/spoons (for items not purchased at canteen) 10c		Ice Blocks \$1.00 each Banana Muffins \$1.50 each Birthday Treats are an alternative for cakes. They can be ordered for the whole class through school24 with 2 days notice required. Treats to be picked up by students at lunch bell
Banana, muffin & fruit (V) \$2.30	Cheese (V) \$2.60			
Rice cracker, fruit & popper (GF, V) \$4.80	Ham & Cheese \$4.00			
	Cheesy Bolognese \$4.00			
The menu is updated daily. Check our whiteboard for daily treats. Keep up to date on our specials & news via Facebook – Kelley’s Place Lake South	Online Ordering is preferred Please login to www.school24.net.au or install the School24 mobile app Ordering closes at 9am daily School ID #25465963			A feedback letterbox will be placed near the canteen for the children & community to suggest any foods they would like sold, for any competitions they would like and for any feedback.