



Education
Public Schools

Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2: Monday 28 JULY 2025

CALENDAR

JULY

28 Assembly @ 1:45pm

31 LIHS NAIDOC Assembly

AUGUST

01 District Athletics Carnival

04 Public Education Week commences

04 Assembly @ 1:45pm

05 Public Education Week activities

06 Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal

07 Stage 2 Excursion

08 K-2 Excursion

11 Parent-teacher Interviews

commence

Please check your child's bag regularly for information regarding upcoming events.

A number of asset projects continued over the holiday period. The sports court has had the lining marking completed and seating installed. The library kitchenette is up and running for Breakfast Club. The wooden walkway entrance to the school has been re-varnished. Sandstone seating has been placed in the garden area near the Kindergarten building. This is the next playground area to update in anticipation of the playground changes that will be necessary when the preschool is built.

Lake Illawarra South Public School has been a very proud member of the Lake Learning Community. This Community of Schools has worked side by side for many years. We are very excited to introduce the newly designed logo for the Lake Learning Community. This logo will be used to publicise our shared work, events and initiatives. A detailed explanation of the logo appears later in this newsletter.

Karen Simula

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back for Term Three. As always, Term Three is very busy with many events. We are looking forward to celebrating Public Education Week and Book Week with families this term. Students are also looking forward to Southern Stars, Public Speaking, sporting events, excursions and performances.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Term 3 Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled for Week 4 of this term. Further details will be sent home with students later this week.

SOUTHERN STARS

Both our Southern Stars Choir and Dance Troupe attended rehearsals last week. A huge congratulations to the students for the effort they

have put in so far to learn lyrics and choreography for their items.

Thank you to Miss O'Keefe, Mrs Arnold and Mrs Gibson Dean for supporting our students.

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

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

All the very best to our District Athletics Carnival competitors for this Friday. We will be cheering you on throughout the day.

The carnival details are as follows:

- John Dwyer Oval, Croome Sporting Complex
- Private transport
- Competitors must arrive at least 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of their event. Competitors not in attendance at the start of an event may be ineligible to compete.

Thank you, in advance, to Mr Bruce and Miss Olender for supporting our students throughout the day.

PUBLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Public Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, teachers and students.

Public Education Week will be held from 4th-8th August across NSW and this year's theme is *Ignite Your Potential*.

Lake Illawarra South Public School is celebrating Public Education Week on **Tuesday 5th August**. Parents and carers are invited to attend the school from 10:00am to 11:30am. A flyer outlining the day's activities is attached to the end of this newsletter and has also been sent home with students. We are looking forward to seeing you on the day.

BOOK WEEK

This year's theme for Book Week is Book an Adventure. Lake Illawarra South will be holding a book character parade on **Wednesday 20th August**. Parents and carers are invited to attend the parade which will commence at 12:00pm. Further details will be sent home shortly.

On **Friday 22nd August**, Lake Illawarra South is hosting the performance, Treasure Hunt, which features books from the 2025 CBCA short list. The cost for the performance is \$8.50 per student.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Information was sent home with students last week regarding the 2025 Lake Learning Community Public Speaking Competition outlining key dates, information and topics for each Stage. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

LAKE LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Lake Learning Community is comprised of one high school and five primary schools all located in the surrounding areas of Lake Illawarra. The schools include Lake Illawarra High School, Lake Illawarra South Public School, Mount Warrigal Public School, Primbee Public School, Warilla North Public School, and Windang Public School. Together, these schools collaborate and work together to strengthen public education and to improve educational and wellbeing outcomes for all students.



The logo of the Lake Learning Community was created to symbolise the collective commitment and efforts of the Community of Schools. The design is inspired by the Cygnus constellation, chosen for its representation of the black swan, which holds cultural significance for the people of the Dharawal Nation. Each school is positioned within the constellation, with the largest circle representing the NSW Department of Education, which is central to their work.

The primary schools—Lake Illawarra South Public School, Mount Warrigal Public School, Primbee Public School, Warilla North Public School, and Windang Public School—are arranged to form the wings and upper tail of the swan, while Lake Illawarra High School is depicted as the head. The two smaller symbols that make up the tail represent the preschools attached to Lake Illawarra South Public School and Mount Warrigal Public School.

NAPLAN REPORTS

NAPLAN reports for students in Years 3 and 5 were sent home last week. If you would like to discuss your child's results, please contact your child's class teacher via the office to make an appointment.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Students who are part of Learning Support Intervention Groups will receive letters outlining the purpose and duration of the intervention. If you have any queries, please speak with your child's class teacher.

SPORTS NEWS

All the best to Jacob who is competing in the NSWPPSA Primary Boy Rugby Championships as a member of the South Coast Primary Boys Rugby Union team next week.

Congratulations to Leilani and Jonty who represented our school in snowboarding at the Interschool Snowsports Championships held in Perisher last week. Both students were successful in their events and will compete at the state championships later this month.

AECG MEETING

The next general meeting of the Juborsay Local AECG will be held on **Thursday 7th August** from 4pm at Warrawong Public School.

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

A reminder that Lake Illawarra South Public School is a Nut Aware School. We do have students who are highly allergic to a range of nut products and contact with products containing nuts can result in a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction for these children.

As one strategy to minimise exposure to nuts, we ask that students not bring nuts or nut products to school or school activities. Some products that contain nuts include Nutella, peanut butter, chocolate bars and muesli/health bars.

We also actively discourage students from sharing food.

Whilst it is never possible to guarantee a school site is nut-free, we do appreciate your support in

providing a safer school environment for these students.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to supply information to the school when your child is absent. This can be done via email, a handwritten note or responding to the absence SMS notification. SMS notifications are sent each day from 11am. If you receive a notification, please reply with a specific explanation (e.g. tummy bug, persistent cough, vomiting) that will then be uploaded to our system. Please be aware 'sick' is not a specific explanation and as such will be recorded as 'unjustified'.



Congratulations to the 143 students who had 100% attendance last week. We're very proud of you.

NSW public schools have an attendance target of 95%. This is the attendance data for last week broken down into year groups:

Kinder: 95%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 90%

Year 4: 90%

Year 5: 85%

Year 6: 91%

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.

UPDATING PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

It is very important that the school has accurate and current information for you and your child's emergency contacts. Please inform the office if

you or your child's emergency contacts have changed contact phone numbers, email address or postal address.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

This week's Positive Behaviour for Learning focus is *Responsibility – Report any problems you see*. This skill is important to keep our school and each other safe. Students are taught what, how and when to report to staff.

The focus for Week 3 is *Safety – Be in the right place at the right time*. Students are reminded to be in the correct areas of the school site at different parts of the day. This ensures students are kept safe through supervision by school staff.

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.



