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Lake Illawarra South Public School

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 8: Monday 08 SEPTEMBER 2025

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

08 Assembly @ 1:45pm
08 STEPtember continues
08 St 3 Check-in reading & numeracy assessments
10 Yr 6 Check-in writing assessment
11 Futsal sessions
11 AECG Meeting @ Albion Park HS
15 Assembly @ 1:45pm
16 LLC Public Speaking Finals @ LIHS
18 Futsal sessions
18 Cheeseburger Day
22 Assembly @ 1:45pm
23 Artwork launch
24 Young Eyes Festival

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What a wonderfully busy and rewarding period we have enjoyed at our school recently. Lake South has been buzzing with excitement and engagement, as students have embraced a host of activities and learning opportunities.

It was wonderful to see students take an active part in their class and stage Public Speaking competitions. Students presented their prepared speeches with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing their developing skills in communication, critical thinking and creativity. It takes courage to speak in front of an audience, and all students should feel very proud of their achievements.

A highlight of the term was the Southern Stars extravaganza held at WIN Stadium. Our students participated in the mass and indigenous dance items and choir, joining hundreds of others from across the region. Their energy and talent were truly inspiring. It was wonderful to see their hard work and dedication come together in such a spectacular performance. Congratulations to all involved.

We also came together as a school community to support Jersey Day, a fantastic initiative raising awareness for organ donation. Students and staff donned their favourite jerseys, promoting an important message and enjoying the sense of unity and fun that the day brought.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend heartfelt wishes to all the dads and father figures in our school community. I hope you all had a wonderful Father's Day yesterday, surrounded by family, hugs and appreciation.

Karen Simula
Principal

SOUTHERN STARS

The Southern Stars extravaganza held at WIN Stadium was an absolutely amazing event, showcasing the incredible talents of students from across the region. Students from Lake Illawarra South participated with enthusiasm and skill in the mass dance items, indigenous dance group and the mass choir, captivating the audience with their energy and harmony. Their dedication and hard work truly shone through, making the event a memorable celebration of creativity and teamwork. Congratulations to all the students for their outstanding performances and for representing Lake Illawarra South with such pride.

Thank you to Miss O'Keefe, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Gibson Dean, Miss Linsell and Auntie Anna for supporting and supervising our students throughout their rehearsals and performances.



CHECK-IN ASSESSMENTS

Check-in assessments have been completed for Stage 2 students. This week Stage 3 students will undertake the check-in assessments for reading and numeracy. Students in Year 6 will complete the writing assessment as well.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to our Public Speaking finalists who will represent Lake South at the Lake Learning Community Finals next week.

Early Stage 1 - Matilda

Stage 1 - Sevanna

Stage 2 - Jonty

Stage 3 - Dulcie

READ A BOOK DAY

Last week, we celebrated Read a Book Day, encouraging every student to immerse themselves in the joy of reading. Teachers wore reading themed shirts for the day with positive messages about good reading habits. Staff selected a favourite story to share with students during eating time in various parts of the playground. It was a fun activity to remind students the importance of literacy and the pleasure found in a good book.



ACLO VISIT

Julie Street-Smith, the network Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, toured the school to see how Aboriginal Education and perspectives are integrated into the curriculum at Lake Illawarra South. She also took the opportunity to connect with students and staff to promote cultural awareness and inclusivity.

FUTSAL SESSIONS

Our Futsal lessons have continued to be a hit with students, fostering teamwork, resilience, and physical activity. It's been great to see so many students enthusiastically participating and developing new skills on the court.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Well done to Skye who competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival on Friday. Skye competed in the 100 metres, long jump and high jump events. She was very pleased with her efforts in each event. Congratulations for reaching the regional carnival, Skye. We are very proud of you.

STEPember

We are a week into STEPtember and have collectively travelled approximately 1800km from Lake Illawarra northwards along the east coast of Australia to Cape Tribulation. Look out for the daily updates on our Facebook page.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for holding our annual Father's Day Stall last week. Your efforts in providing an opportunity for the students to select special gifts for the much loved men in the lives is truly appreciated.

AECG MEETING

The next AECG meeting will be held at Albion Park High School starting at 4:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

ATTENDANCE

Across the school, 550 learning days were lost in the first five weeks of this term.

Attending school regularly is crucial for a child's academic, social and emotional development, laying the foundation for lifelong learning and success. Consistent attendance allows students to engage fully with the curriculum. Beyond academics, school provides a unique social setting where children develop important interpersonal skills such as communication, collaboration and empathy by interacting with their peers. Regular attendance helps students build positive relationships, develop a sense of belonging and improve their confidence and self-esteem. Moreover, attending school daily promotes routines, responsibility and discipline, which are valuable life skills.

NSW public schools have an attendance target of 95%.

Congratulations to the 100 students who had 100% attendance over the last fortnight. An additional 31 students had attendance over 90% for the fortnight.

52 students across the school have an attendance rate of 95% or higher for this term.

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

Kinder: 86%

Year 1: 93%

Year 2: 89%

Year 3: 91%

Year 4: 88%

Year 5: 88%

Year 6: 93%

Well done to Year 3 girls, Year 2 boys and Year 6 boys – 96% attendance for the last fortnight.

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.

This week the focus on *Responsibility – Be a problem solver* continues. This focus encourages students to actively and thoughtfully address challenges they encounter, both in their learning and in social situations at school. Being a problem solver means looking for constructive ways to overcome difficulties rather than giving up or reacting negatively.

Students are taught to identify what the problem is, think through possible solutions, and choose the best course of action. This might involve seeking help from a teacher or friend, breaking a big problem into smaller steps or considering how their choices might affect others. By practising problem-solving skills, students learn to stay calm when faced with challenges, take responsibility for their actions and work cooperatively with others to find solutions.

This PBL focus helps students build resilience, confidence, and independence. It also supports a positive classroom environment, where everyone feels empowered to overcome obstacles and contribute to making the school a respectful and responsible place for all.

Next week the focus shifts to *Safety – Keep your hands and feet to yourself*. This expectation fosters a safe, respectful, and supportive school environment. It is essential in helping students understand personal boundaries and the importance of respecting others' physical space to prevent accidents, conflicts and feelings of discomfort. Teaching this behaviour begins with clearly explaining the expectation in simple, age-appropriate language so that all students can grasp why it matters. Staff model appropriate behaviour by demonstrating how to keep hands and feet to oneself during classroom activities, transitions and play. Positive reinforcement is also a key component; when students demonstrate they can keep their hands and feet to themselves, they receive praise or rewards, which motivates them to continue making safe choices.

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.

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.



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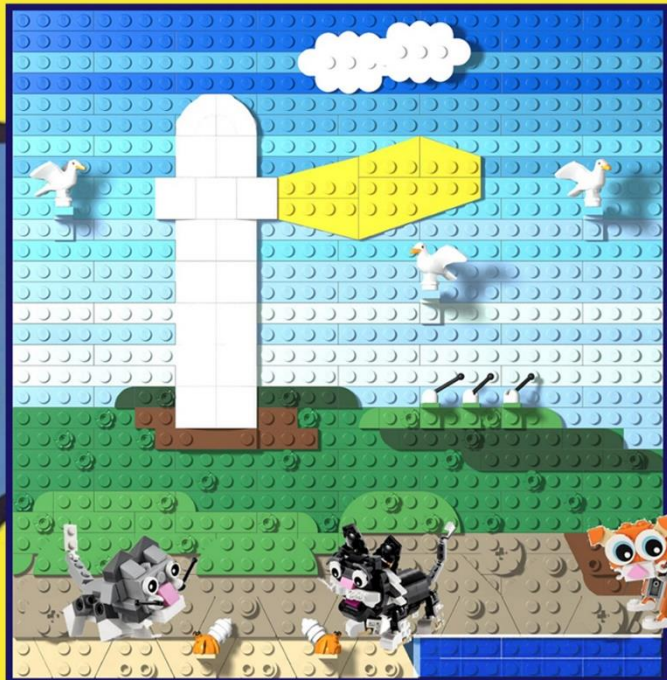
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