



Lansdowne Public School

Fortnightly Newsletter Term 3 Week 2
Tuesday 29th July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Security Fence

Our new fence is in the final stages of construction and is planned to be fully operational by the end of the week. Thank you for your patience during the installation. Starting next week, all gates will be locked after our morning assembly. After this time, late arrivals or early departures will need to use the call button on the gate closest to the building to gain entry to the school.

Debating

This term Year 6 students will be participating in a Small Schools Debating Competition. Debating provides students with an opportunity to develop many important skills, such as critical thinking, public speaking, research, teamwork and active listening.

Mr Biddle will work with the students to form a team to compete against other local small schools. Our first debate will be on **Thursday 31 July** and will be held online via a TEAMS meeting.

The opportunity for parent/carers to attend the debate will be offered later in the term.

Zone Athletics

The Manning Zone Athletics carnival will be held this **Friday 1st August** at Tuncurry.

Students who qualified received their notes last week. We wish them all the very best and am sure they will do our school proud.

Public Education Week—Open Day

We will be opening up our classrooms next **Wednesday 6th August** from 12.00pm.

Parents, carers, grandparents, other family members and friends are welcome to come along.

Open Classrooms — 12.00-1.00pm

Assembly — 1.00-1.30pm

Afternoon Tea — 1.30-2.00pm

Little Learners

Our Transition to Kindergarten program, Little Learners, commences next **Thursday 7th August from 9am—11.00am**. If you have a child or know of someone who has a child starting school next year, please ask them to contact the office for information.

NAIDOC

On Thursday 14th August students in Year 5-6 will be heading to Taree Showground for the combined schools NAIDOC Celebrations. Permission notes will be emailed out next week. Students in Kindergarten to Year 4 will be celebrating NAIDOC at school by participating in some craft activities and games.

Manning Entertainment Show

The whole school will be heading to the Manning Entertainment Centre on **Wednesday 20th August** to see "Imagine Live" on stage.

The cost per student is \$12.50.

This excursion has been subsidised by **Mid Coast Councils School Excursions Subsidies Program**.

Book Week / Book Fair

It's time to start thinking about Book Character Costumes ready for **Thursday 21st August**. What character and from what book?

Parents, carers, grandparents, other family members and friends are welcome to come along to watch the parade (or dress up and join in) and check out the book fair.

Miss George will be running an exciting competition for Book Week, more info on page 3.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on **Thursday 28th August** to discuss your child's Semester One Report and Personal Learning Plan (PLP).

Interview times will be set up electronically through the School Bytes Parent Portal so you will be able to book the time slot suitable to you.

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Colour Run

We will be holding the *School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day* as a major fundraising event this year on **Thursday 18th September**.

We're doing it to raise much needed money to cover the cost of the bus hire for Intensive Swimming in Term 4.

The *Crazy Colour Day* is all about FUN! It will be a huge colourful mess and is undoubtedly one of the most exciting days on our school calendar, with everyone's participation the aim.

All students will have the opportunity to buy a special colour run t-shirt and sunglasses pack for \$10, as well as a meal deal for \$5.

Order forms and fundraising details will be sent out next week.

Attendance

Regular attendance is very important to your child's education. Students should be attending school every day that the school is open unless they are sick. If your child is sick, please let us know on the first day of illness. If your child is very unwell and is away for more than two days, it is required that you provide a medical certificate.

Each week, students who attend school every day will receive an entry into the Term 3 draw to win a \$5.00 canteen voucher.

Parents and carers who notify the school of their child's absences will again this term go into a draw to win a \$30 butcher's voucher.

This term we will also be running a class attendance competition. The class with the highest percentage of attendance for the week will be awarded our school attendance trophy to display proudly in their classroom. At the end of the term, the class with the most wins will be treated to a special reward.

NAPLAN

This years NAPLAN results for Years 3 & 5 were sent home last week. Results can be discussed with the classroom teacher at Parent/Teacher Interviews later this term.

Cathy Dun
Relieving Principal



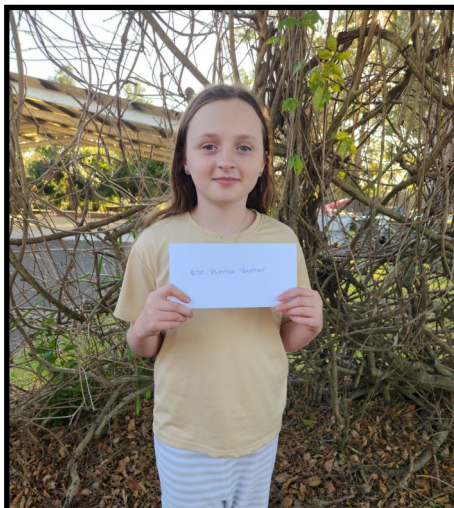
**Small
Schools Art
Competition
Winners:**
**Allanah
Matilda
Class 3-6**



**Term 2
Newsletter
Winner:**
Matilda



**Term 2
Attendance
Winners:**
**Allanah
Xavier
Alice
Harley
Rubi
Haylee**



**Explained
Absences
Winner:**
Black Family



BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

It's time to put your thinking cap on and think of what you are going to dress up as!

What character? What book?



Wacky Photo Competition

The rules are simple-

Take a photo of your child reading in a fun or wacky way, or reading while wearing a wacky costume!

Some ideas could include:

Reading with a pet, or in a crazy costume, reading while sitting on a motorbike, reading while on the play equipment.

There will be prizes for the most wacky photo in each class. Parents are also encouraged to join in the fun and submit a photo. Students who haven't sent in a photo will have one taken at school.

Let the wackiest photo win!



Newsletter Competition — Term 3 Week 2

Student name/s: _____

- ◆ Who was the Term 2 Newsletter winner? _____
- ◆ When is the Book Character Parade? _____
- ◆ How many sessions does Circle of Security go for? _____
- ◆ How many fingers is Apollo holding up? _____
- ◆ How many Cartoon Characters are in the newsletter? _____
- ◆ What class won the Small Schools Art Competition? _____
- ◆ What show are we going to see at the MEC? _____
- ◆ What time are the classrooms open from next Wednesday? _____

Return the completed question sheet to the school office by **Friday 1st August** to go into the Term 3 Draw.
One entry per family!



UPCOMING COSTS

Below is a list of upcoming costs for Term 3 & 4.

Payments can be made in full or in instalments at anytime between now and the due dates.

You can pay online through the *School Bytes Parent Portal* or in cash at the school office.

EVENT	DATE	COST	DUE DATE
TERM 3			
MEC Stage Show	Wednesday 20th August	\$12.50 per student	Monday 18th August
Book Fair	Thursday 21st August	Unlimited	Thursday 21st August
Father's Day Stall	Wednesday 3rd September	\$5.00 per gift	Wednesday 3rd September
Colour Run	Thursday 18th September	Unlimited	TBC
Colour Run Meal Deal	Thursday 18th September	\$5.00	Tuesday 16th September
Colour Run Shirt & Sunglasses	Thursday 18th September	\$10.00	Tuesday 16th September
TERM 4			
Whole School Intensive Swimming	Monday 20th October	\$25.00 per student	Friday 17th October

Please take the time to check if you have any outstanding payments due in School Bytes and finalise as soon as possible.

Please also check your child's absences and explain any days that have not been explained.



Circle of Security Parenting Program

Friday 8th August—Friday 29th August (4 sessions)

9.00am—11.00am

Morning Tea Provided

Secure your spot now via School Bytes or contact the school office

Already registered? Bring a friend!

Term 3 Student Attendance Draw

\$5 Canteen Vouchers up for grabs!

Each week, students who attend school all day, every day will receive an entry into the draw.

10 full weeks = 10 entries!

8 full weeks = 8 entries and so on.

At the end of the term, six tickets will be drawn for a \$5 canteen voucher.

Term 3 Family Draw

\$30 Meat Vouchers up for grabs!

During Term 3, parents/carers who provide an explanation for their child's absences will receive an entry into the draw.

1 entry for every explained absence!

At the end of the term, one lucky family will be drawn for the \$30 meat voucher.

Athletics Running Events — Term 3 Week 1



Term 2 Pottery — K12



Oodies, Hoodies & Goodies Year 6 Fundraiser

Thursday 3rd July



Semester 1 — Little Day Out

‘Elio’ at the Movies



Wednesday 2nd July



Uniform Price List

2025

Green Polo Shirts	\$30.00
Green Sports Jacket	\$40.00
Hat	\$10.00

All items are sold at the school office

Second-hand Uniforms

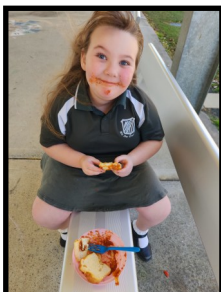
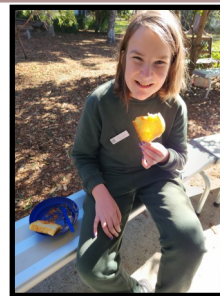
We have lots of second-hand uniforms available.

If you would like more pants or jumpers please visit the school office to have a look through or contact Mrs Muir in the office to have some sent home with your child/ren.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3 — 2025

Week 2	Thursday 31st July	Small Schools Debating
Week 2	Friday 1st August	Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival
Week 3	Wednesday 6th August	Education Week—Open Classroom Day
Week 3	Wednesday 6th August	Assembly @ 1.00pm
Week 3	Thursday 7th August	Little Learners Kinder Transition Begins
Week 3	Friday 8th August	Enviromentors Incursion—Whole School
Week 3	Friday 8th August	Circle of Security Parent Program Begins
Week 4	Thursday 14th August	NAIDOC Celebrations
Week 4	Friday 15th August	Circle of Security Parent Program
Week 4	Friday 15th August	Bullying NO WAY! Day
Week 5	Wednesday 20th August	'Imagine Live' @ MEC— Whole School
Week 5	Thursday 21st August	Little Learners Kinder Transition 9-11am
Week 5	Thursday 21st August	Book Character Parade / Book Fair
Week 5	Friday 22nd August	Circle of Security Parent Program
Week 6	Wednesday 27th August	Assembly @ 2.30pm
Week 6	Thursday 28th August	Parent Teacher Meetings
Week 6	Friday 29th August	Circle of Security Parent Program
Week 7	Wednesday 3rd September	Father's Day Stall
Week 7	Thursday 4th September	Little Learners Kinder Transition 9-11am
Week 8	Friday 12th September	Chatham High WOW Day—5/6
Week 9	Wednesday 17th September	Assembly @ 2.30pm
Week 9	Thursday 18th September	Little Learners Kinder Transition 9-11am
Week 9	Thursday 18th September	Colour Run & Meal Deal
Week 10	Friday 26th September	LAST DAY OF TERM 3



Bushfire Emergency Management Arrangements

The information below is to inform you of our emergency management arrangements for the upcoming bushfire danger period.

Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

This means our school will be non-operational when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares catastrophic fire danger ratings for our area or as directed by the NSW Department of Education in consultation with emergency services due to local bushfire activity or in higher risk conditions.

Fire danger ratings do not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather the weather conditions pose a high risk if a fire were to start in the area. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

We will inform the school community after 4pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist us contacting all families in an emergency, please ensure you have updated your contact details with the school.

We recommend you download the **NSW Education Parent App** and select to monitor advice from our school, which will send you notifications if the school is non-operational. Up-to-date information is also available on our school website or **School operational status**.

We also recommend you stay up to date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the **Hazards Near Me App** (*set a watch zone for your school area*) and by monitoring local media.

To continue to support student learning on these days, our school will provide information for learning from home.

We recommend all our families follow the NSW Rural Fire Service advice and ensure your family knows what to do if there is a fire. Develop a fire plan and discuss it with your family using **My Fire Plan**.

Please call our school on **6556 7147** if you would like more information or have any questions.

Websites:

- **NSW Education Parent App** - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/technology/nsw-education-parent-app>
- **School operational status** - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/school-operational-status>
- **My Fire Plan** - <https://www.myfireplan.com.au/>

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information.

To find out more about these matters, please refer to:

The [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>). Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.