

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 2- Week 5 - Term 1

26 February, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Parent Teacher Meetings

On Thursday of last week, Lawson Public School took the opportunity to conduct a Welcome to 2025 Meet the Teacher afternoon sausage sizzle. I would like to thank the community for their support and participation in the event. It was a lovely afternoon tea and a magnificent way to commence the collaboration between school and home for 2025 in an informal manner. Thank you to the P&C for organising the 'Welcome To 2025' sign for the afternoon tea. I hope that as many parents as possible were able to get a photo with it.

Throughout Week 6 of Term 1, Lawson Public School will conduct the Parent/Teacher interviews. Bookings will be made available between 2:45 to 5:30pm on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th March 2025. We look forward to meeting to discuss the positive start that we have had to the school year.

Blue Mountains PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Today, 10 Lawson Public School students participated in the 2025 Blue Mountains PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. I look forward to reporting back to you the outstanding achievements of our team. I would like to thank Mr Smith for his organisation, planning and management for the Lawson Public School team and the parents who supported with transporting students to and from the carnival.

NAPLAN Online 2025 – Year 3 & Year 5 Students

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and in life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between 12th and 24th March 2025

Students can use the public demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests. If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, exemptions or withdrawals, please contact your child's teacher.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

10th March	11th March	12th March	13th March	14th March
		Year 3 Writing Assessment Year 5 Writing Assessment	Year 3 Reading Assessment Year 5 Reading Assessment	Year 3 Conventions of Language Assessment Year 5 Conventions of Language Assessment

17th March	18th March	19th March	20th March	21st March
Year 3 Numeracy Assessment Year 5 Numeracy Assessment				

School Bytes

Lawson Public School has now fully transitioned across from Sentral to School Bytes. Please be aware that all messages and notifications will be released through the School Bytes parent portal. If you are yet to join this network, please make contact with our administrative team as soon as possible for any inquiries.

Dharug Language Professional Learning

In 2025, Miss Graham and Miss Taylor from Lawson Public School will be participating in the Dharug language Professional Learning. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school to become engaged in Dharug language. Once staff have been trained in the language they will commence supporting our whole school with the implementation across K-6.

Term 1 Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Meeting

The Term 1 AECG meeting is scheduled to be held at Katoomba High School on Thursday 27th February from 4pm. All school and community members are warmly invited to attend and share in the discussion of Aboriginal Education across the Blue Mountains.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable fortnight ahead.
My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

Office News

Term 1 2025



Week 5



Wednesday 26 February - Zone Swimming Carnival

Thursday 27 February - AECG Meeting @ Katoomba High School 4pm

Friday 28 February - SRC Gold Coin Fundraiser: Sport Shirt Friday

Week 6

Tuesday 4 March - Yr 6 Springwood High Expo @ 4pm - 6pm

Wednesday 5 March - Parent Teacher Interviews @ 3pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 6 March - Parent Teacher Interview @ 3pm - 5.30pm

Permission Notes

When returning permission notes for school activities it is a legal requirement to return a **SEPARATE permission note** for each child. If you pay online it is still necessary to return the permission note to the office. . Please ensure your child/s full name and class are on the permission note. **LATE NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** Please **do not email permission notes to the school email address**. Original notes must be handed into the front office. For P&C events such as fun food, uniform shop, school caps etc... please do not pay online through the school website or School Bytes.

Student Absence

If a student is absent, we ask that you use the school Sentral App. Should you not have access to this app, please call the front office to receive a linking code. **Please do not email the school email address to advise of absences.**



Anaphylaxis and Asthma Action Plans'

These need to be updated by your Doctor or at your annual consultant date. Please ensure your child's updated Epi-pens and action plans are provided to the office as a matter of urgency. For students with Asthma, please ensure we have an updated action plan and Ventolin that is in date, as some inhalers may expire during the year. For those students which have allergies and require an anti-histamine, please ensure you provide these to the office.





A room full of
mathematicians?
You can count on
it!



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NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Welcome back to school!
We hope you have had a relaxing summer break and are feeling energized for a new school year!
What books did you enjoy reading over your vacation?



Library Days for Term 1

Tuesday: Orange, Red and Pink

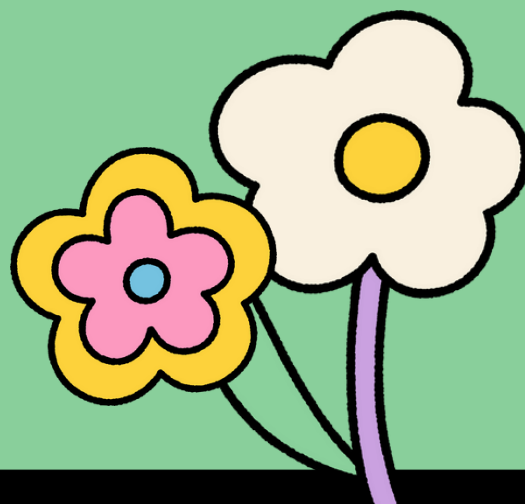
Wednesday: Aqua, Violet, Peach, Blue and Lime

Thursday: Yellow, Purple and Green

Premier Reading Challenge 2025

The PRC is about to start for this year. There will be a note coming home with your children this week, explaining what you need to know about the PRC.

Coming Up: Book Club orders have been sent off and should arrive in the next 2 weeks. Please note that sometimes orders come in several parcels, so they might arrive on different days.



LAWSON PS

RUN CLUB



RUN . JOG . WALK

8:15am - 8:45am

TUESDAYS

**MEET ON THE
BASKETBALL COURT**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Blue Mountains Ngarra Wingarru AECG

Meeting Dates for 2025

Thursdays 4pm for 4.30pm start

Meetings

Timing	Date	Location
Term 1 Week 5	27th February 2025	Katoomba High School
Term 2 Week 5	29th May 2025	Lawson Public School
Term 3 Week 5	21st August 2025	Falconbridge Public School
Term 4 Week 2 AGM	23rd October 2025	Katoomba North Public School

Events

Event	Date	Location
Sports Day	Term 3 Week 7 Friday 5th Sept 9.45am to 1.45pm	Katoomba High School
Awards Night	Term 4 Week 6 Thurs 20th Nov 5pm for 5.30pm start	Springwood High School



GKR KARATE

KARATE FOR EVERYONE



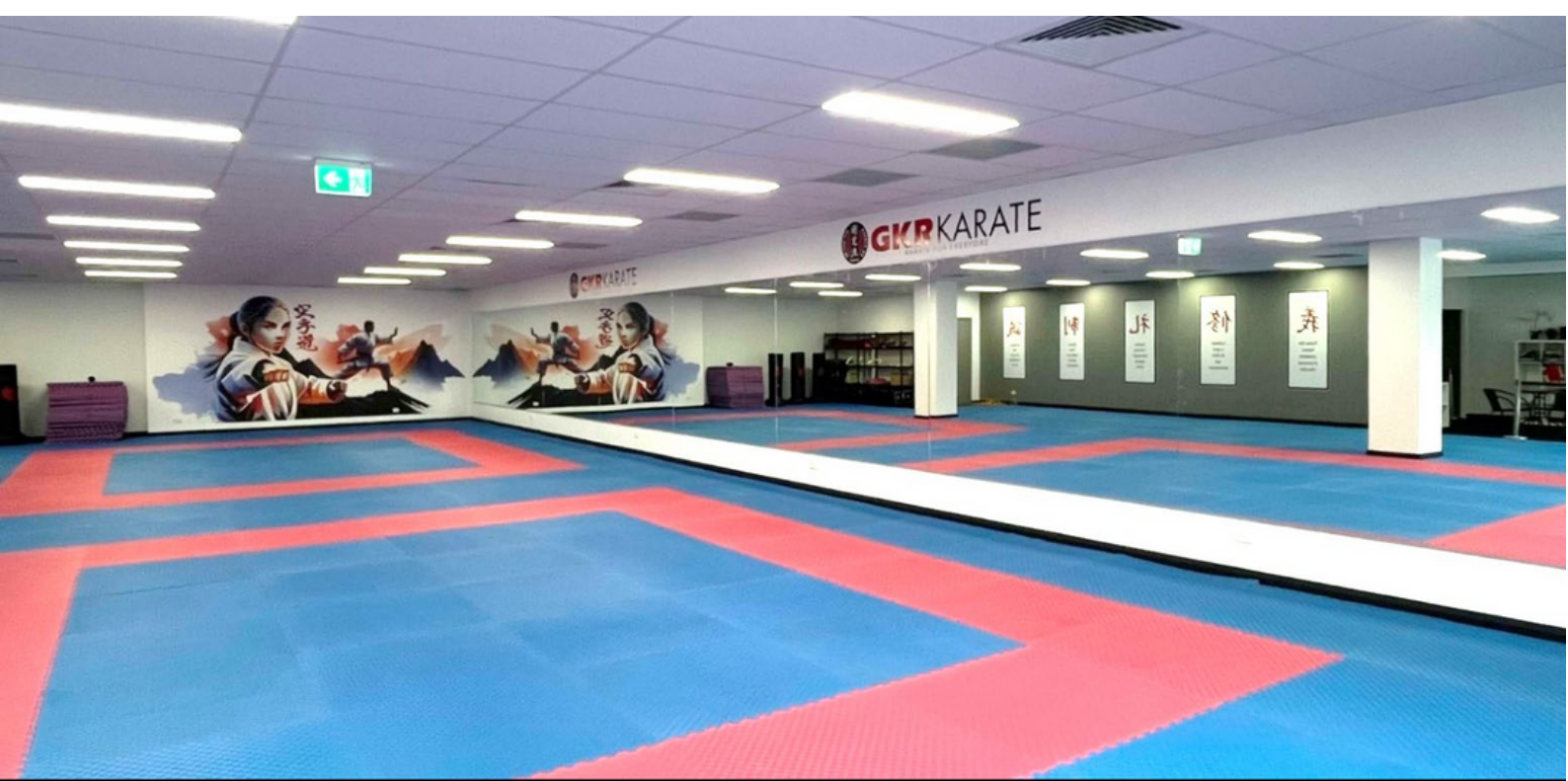
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NOW OPEN

***Katoomba Prime Dojo: under Centrelink
33-35 Waratah Street, Katoomba
Classes also available at
Hazelbrook Public School***



★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

NEW

My primary school aged daughter has been wanting to learn karate for quite a while and we have been lucky that GKR has recently opened in a convenient spot in Katoomba. Watching her take different classes throughout the week with different instructors has given me a good feel for the way they approach karate and encouraging the whole family to participate if they can. Yes I am in the class now and so is my youngest daughter. I would recommend that if you or your children are at all interested in karate or a sport the whole family can participate in then it is well worth making contact with them and having a go.

ALL ABILITY FOOTBALL



Come join the amazingly fun

BLUE KANGAROOS

SEASON STARTS **March 25**

11:30 at Gloria Park Hazelbrook.

We are an all age inclusive football team. Each Saturday during the season we get together to play football. Players will learn ball skills, make friends, have lots of fun and be a valued team member. Siblings are very welcome to join us too. We have a sausage and a chat afterwards.

See www.hazelbrookhawks.com.au for registration instructions. Fees are \$80 per family. Active kids vouchers may be used towards registration.

For more information ring: Bron-0422493895 or

Lisa- on 0413548562

All Abilities Enthusiastically Celebrated!

Proudly part of Hazelbrook Hawks Football Club



BECOME UNSTOPPABLE PLAY RUGBY UNION

BE PART OF THE TEAM IN 2025!

ALL BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME TO PUT THE BOOTS ON AND GIVE RUGBY A GO!

U5s-U7s Boys and Girls

- NEW Tri-tag format
- 5 players per team for maximum involvement
- Coach on the field
- Saturday morning games

U8s-U9s Boys and Girls

- Introduction to safe tackling
- U8s - 7 players
- U9s - 10 players
- Teams not graded
- Saturday morning games



U10s-U11s Boys and Girls

- Modifield full field
- 12 players per side
- Games on Sundays
- Graded competition across Sydney

U12s Boys and Girls

- Full field Rugby 15 players per side
- Games on Sundays Graded competition
- across Sydney
- GIRLS CAN PLAY MIXED UP TO U13S

U13s Girls

- Full field Rugby 10 players per side
- Games on Sundays
- Graded competition across Sydney
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U13s - OPENS Boys

- Full field Rugby 15 players per side
- Games on Sundays
- Graded competition across Sydney
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We are offering FREE Rego for the season 2025!



Contact us today:
president@bluemountainsjuniorrugby.org.au

A SPACE for Us

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



- ? Are you a parent or carer living with a child who requires additional support and care?
- ? Do you struggle to find space in your busy schedule for you?
- ? Are you looking for a safe space to share your experience, listen to others and access support from people who understand?

Join a **"Supportive Parent and Carer Environment"** that provides access to resources, information and guest speakers. You'll have the opportunity to connect with others who can relate to the unique journey and challenges parents face.

PENRITH

Tuesdays 10:00am - 12:00noon

- 25th February
- 25th March

Gateway Family Services Penrith

Cnr Station & Henry Streets Penrith

BLAXLAND

Thursdays 12:00pm - 2:00pm

- 13th February
- 13th March
- 10th April

Blaxland Uniting Church Hall

72 Old Bathurst Rd Blaxland 2774

*Participants are welcome to attend both locations * Afternoon tea provided

For enquiries and registration contact Angie Jackson on 0491 072 762



Courses provided FREE to residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGAs.
Phone 4720 6500 or email groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Program	Date/Time	Location	Register
Circle of Security Seven week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children (0-12 yrs).	Every Monday 12th May – 30th June 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Little Zak's Academy 14-28 Whitecross Rd WINMALEE	
Tuning in to Teens Six week program that teaches parents to help children (10-18 yrs) understand and regulate their emotions.	Every Monday 19th May – 30th June 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	
Bush Playgroup Six week interactive outdoor workshop for parents & carers and their children aged (3-5 yrs).	Every Friday 23rd May – 27th June 9:30am – 11:30am	Lapstone Public School 1/3 Achievement Ave LAPSTONE	
Cool Little Kids Six week program that gives parents skills to help their (0-6 yr) old children manage their anxiety.	Every Wednesday 21st May – 25th June 10:30am – 12:00noon ** Childcare available ** Must register	Blaxland Uniting Church Hall 72 Old Bathurst Rd BLAXLAND	

Register online at www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



Circle of Security Parenting

8 week parenting program to develop secure relationships and stronger bonds with children.



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WINMALEE

This 7 week program will teach you how to be a bigger, stronger, wiser, and kinder parent. *Circle of Security Parenting* is based on decades of research about how secure relationships can be supported and strengthened with children aged 0-12 years.

The program will cover:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Help your child feel secure in relationships
- Navigating your role as parent in tough times
- Supporting your child in managing difficult behaviours, tantrums and meltdowns

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 6th May 2025

Register now via our
secure online portal



SCAN HERE



Program details

Where: Little Zak's Academy
14-28 Whitecross Road,
Winmalee

When: Mondays
12th May - 30th June
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cost: FREE for residents of
Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

**For more information or to
register via our website:**

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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional knowledge holders and custodians of the land on which we work, the Darug and Gundungurra people.



A photograph of four teenagers sitting on a wooden bench. From left to right: a person in a green shirt and blue jeans, a person in a green shirt and grey pants, a person in a yellow shirt and blue jeans, and a person in a red shirt and patterned shorts. The person on the far left has a skateboard on the ground next to them.

Tuning in to Teens

6 week parenting program that supports you to help your adolescent develop emotional intelligence.



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ONLINE

This program helps parents and carers teach their teenage children (10–18 yrs) to understand, control and express their emotions in healthy ways.

The program offers tools to recognise, understand and respond to teenage emotions and help parents manage their own emotional responses.

The program will cover:

- Foundations of emotion coaching
- Connecting and emotional acceptance
- Building connection and showing empathy
- Dealing with teen worry, sadness & anger
- Emotion coaching now and in the future

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 13th May 2025

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