

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 7- Week 4 - Term 2

21 May, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Police Youth Liaison Office School Visit – Road Safety

During Week 3 of Term 2, Lawson Public School had a visit from the Blue Mountains Police Youth Liaison Officer to discuss the very important message of 'Road Safety' with our students. This session consisted of pedestrian, passenger and cyclist safety around roads. Please take the time to speak with your children regarding this very important messaging and continue the conversation about road safety at home.



Lockdown Emergency Drill

Throughout the year, at Lawson Public School, we plan for emergency procedure drills to ensure the future safety and wellbeing of all students and staff. Knowing procedures and understanding the importance of treating such drills with a mature and sensible approach is key to planning and preparing for the future. On Thursday, 15th May, we conducted a lockdown drill within the school. All students responded to this drill very well.

THE HEART OF THE MOUNTAINS WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

King's Birthday Public Holiday

In 2025, the King's Birthday public holiday will be held on Monday, 9th June. Please note that the school will not be open to students and staff on this day. We look forward to commencing Week 7 on Tuesday, 10th June.

PSSA Upper Blue Mountains Zone Cross Country Carnival - Postponed

It was announced today that the Upper Blue Mountains Zone Cross Country Carnival has been postponed due to poor weather and track conditions. The carnival has been **rescheduled for Friday 30th May 2025**.

Mother's Day Stall

Several weeks ago, the Lawson Public School P&C donated their time and efforts to run a fun afternoon seed planting session and the annual Mother's Day stall. I would like to sincerely thank the P&C for their ongoing support and the many parents and students who became involved in the event. Additionally, I hope that all the mothers, grandmothers and carers of our school had an amazing day on Sunday 11th May.

Ultra Trail Australia (UTA)

On Friday 16th May, Miss Sheppard participated in the annual Ultra Trail Australia event in Katoomba. After many months of training and commitment, she completed the 22km event with a smile on her face. The students tracked her progress at school on the day and a cheer echoed around the school as she crossed the finish line. On behalf of Lawson Public School congratulations Miss Sheppard, we are very proud of you.



Respectful Relationships Community Charter

NSW Public Schools work to create positive environments for students, staff, and the entire school community that support student learning.

The School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators, and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive, and cohesive.

If you would like to know more about the charter, follow the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter>



School Attendance

As we navigate through the school year, we want to take a moment to emphasise the critical role that regular school attendance plays in your child's education and overall development.

Why Attendance is Important?

Regular attendance is vital for your child's academic success. It helps them stay engaged with their learning, develop social skills, and build a sense of community within their school. Research shows that students who attend school consistently are more likely to achieve better academic outcomes and foster positive relationships with their peers and teachers.

Our Commitment to Support Your Child

At the NSW Department of Education, we are dedicated to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed. We understand that various factors can impact a child's ability to attend school regularly, and we are here to support you and your family in overcoming these challenges.

Tips for Encouraging Your Child's Attendance

1. **Open Communication:** Please keep an open line of communication with your child's teachers and school staff. If your child is facing challenges that may affect their attendance, let us know so we can work together on solutions.
2. **Engaging Learning Environments:** Schools strive to create engaging and inclusive environments that motivate students to attend regularly. Encourage your child to participate in school activities and connect with their peers.

Monitoring Attendance for Support

Schools closely monitor attendance to identify any patterns that may require intervention. If your child is frequently absent, teachers and school leaders will reach out to discuss how we can support your family.

Join Us in Promoting Attendance

We invite you to prioritise school attendance and work collaboratively with educators to foster a supportive environment for your child. Together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive both academically and socially.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this essential aspect of your child's education.

2026 School Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments for 2026 are currently being taken. In order for us to prepare our classes and ensure that equitable class numbers are maintained, it is essential that we have all the information needed leading into 2026 as early as possible. If you know of someone who is enrolling at Lawson Public School and has not yet done so, could you please pass on our school details? Additionally, if you have children in Kindergarten to Year 5 and are planning on moving at the end of the year, that information is also important.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

LAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOL - Term 2 2025

Term Two	MONDAY 28 April	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN 3 4 May
1	Staff Development Day 1	29 April Staff development Day 2	30 April Students Return Anzac Day School Service 7 May	1 May School Photo Catch Up Recognition BBQ Lunch – Megalong	2 May	
2	5 May	6 May		8 May P&C Seed Planting for Mother's Day	9 May Mother's Day Stall Assembly - Aqua	10 11 May
3	12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 18 May
4	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May PSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival - Postponed Assembly - Blue	24 25 May
5	26 May	27 May	28 May SRC Pyjama Day	29 May AECG Meeting – Lawson Public School at 4pm	30 May PSSA ZOne Cross Country Carnival	31 1 June
6	2 June	3 June	4 June Zoo Snooze – Stage 2	5 June Zoo Snooze - Stage 2	6 June Assembly – Violet	7 8 June
7	9 June King's Birthday Public Holiday - No Students	10 June	11 June Stage 3 excursion	12 June	13 June Stage 3 Fustul	14 15 June
8	16 June Recorder rehearsal day	17 June	18 June	19 June Boccia Day for Support	20 June Assembly – Peach	21 22 June
9	23 June	24 June	25 June	26 June	27 June	28 29 June
10	30 June	1 July	2 July	3 July Blue Mountains PSSA 1500m Carnival	4 July Last day of Term 2 Assembly - Pink	5 6 July
Hols	7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	11 July	12 13 July
Hols	14 July	15 July	16 July	17 July	18 July	19 20 July

Office News

Term 2 2025

Week 4

Friday 23 May - Zone Cross Country POSTPONED
Friday 23 May - School Assembly - Blue Class @ 1.55pm

Week 5

Monday 26 May Game Changer Challenge - Selected Students only
Wednesday 28 May - Interrelate
Wednesday 28 May - SRC PJ Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation
Thursday 29 May - AECG Meeting @Lawson P.S. 4.00pm
Friday 30 May - Stage 2 Futsal - POSTPONED date to be advised
Friday 30 May - Zone Cross Country

Week 6

Wednesday 4 June - Interrelate
Wednesday 4 June - Stage 2 Zoo Snooze
Thursday 5 June - Stage 2 Zoo Snooze
Friday 6 June - School Assembly - Violet Class @ 1.55pm

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 School Bytes.

Student Absence

If a student is absent, we ask that you use the school Bytes App. Should you not have access to this app, please call the front office. **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.



LAWSON PS

RUN CLUB



RUN . JOG . WALK

8:15am - 8:45am

TUESDAYS

**MEET ON THE
BASKETBALL COURT**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Lawson P&C Newsletter

Term 2, Week 4

The P&C have had some fun and successful fundraising events the last few weeks!

For us, success is not just raising money to use to improve and support our school, it also means getting to know the Lawson students, parents, and school community.

EASTER HAT PARADE

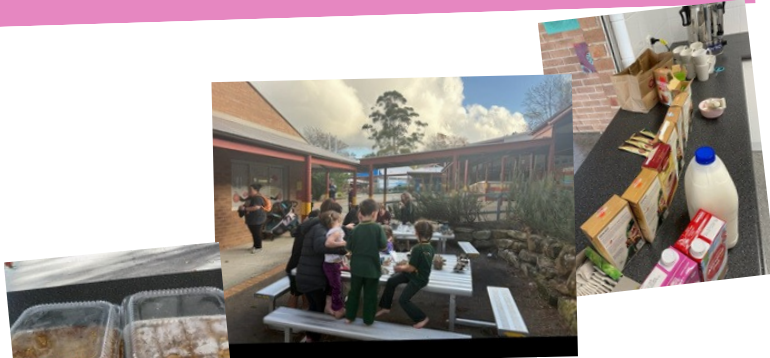


Thank you to all the families who donated prizes for the **Raffle** or brought in sweeties for our **Cuppa After the Parade.**

Congratulations to our students who sold so many raffle tickets!

We raised \$1550!!

Mother's Day



Thank you to all the families who came to our **Mother's Day Garden Tea Party!**

We had so much fun planting seeds and getting to know you.

Thank you to the students who bought gifts at the **Mother's Day Stall**

We raised \$1380!!

Together We Succeed

A great big **THANK YOU!!** to our parents and carers who volunteered their time to help run our Easter and Mother's Day our fundraising events – we wouldn't have been able to do it without your support!

School Student Travel



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

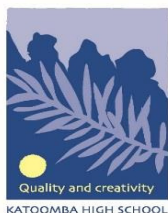
Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.





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2026 Year 7 Enrichment Class Applications

Katoomba High School will be assessing Year 6 students who are seeking to enrol in the 2026 Year 7 Enrichment Class on **Monday 18 August 2025**. Students will be assessed on their skills in Mathematics, Reading & Language and Writing. There will be ONE session this year.

On the day, students should bring recess. No equipment is required for the test. Pens are provided.

If you would like your Year 6 son or daughter to be considered for the Year 7 Enrichment Class please email sharon.schloeffel2@det.nsw.edu.au, School Administration Officer, by **Friday 8 August 2025**.

If you have any questions regarding the testing, please contact Melinda Mungai, Deputy Principal: melinda.mungai@det.nsw.edu.au or phone the school: 4782 2622.

When registering please provide the following information:

- Your child's name, gender, primary school
- Parent contact details, email

A confirmation email will be sent to you prior to the testing day. If your child is unable to attend on the day, please contact the school immediately.

Monday, 18 August 2025
Arrive at 9.00am: for a prompt 9.15 am start
Finish: 1.00 pm Parents arrive 12.45



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



Entries for the National Songwriting Competition 2025 are now open!

School Category Prizes
as well as Individual Prizes

Free to enter and open to all school aged children

The Australian Children's Music Foundation's annual National Songwriting Competition is back for 2025 and entries are now OPEN!

It's the only free to enter songwriting competition for school aged children in the country because we believe every child should have the opportunity to express themselves through song.

All school-aged students from across Australia are encouraged to put pen-to-paper and enter their original song. This competition allows students to reflect and use music and song to find their voice in interpreting difficult circumstances, facing new challenges, or simply expressing feelings whether they be excitement, trepidation, happiness or sorrow.

School Category Prizes –

Students can write and enter their songs as part of class lessons, with the school band or with their school peers.

The School Prize will be awarded to the most creative and original entry.

The winning primary school entry receives \$500 to go towards instruments or a music experience.

There are also year group and overall competition prizes for individuals

Closing Date

All entries must be submitted online no later than midnight on September 15 2025. The ACMF reserves the right to extend this date under reasonable circumstances, at its discretion.

Entry Categories

You can enter either as a school, or independently. All entries, regardless of whether submitted as a school or independently, are eligible for the prizes that correspond to their school year group. Prizes specified as for school groups only will only be awarded to school entries. Entries may be either from an individual or a group/band

Entrants

All entrants must be school students aged 17 or younger (as of the original closing date of the competition, September 15 2025) .

The entrant must be a writer or co-writer (with another student aged 17 or younger) of the song entered.

Entrants must not have had assistance in the writing of the song from a person who is not a school student aged 17 or younger.

Multiple Composers

Songs may be written by school students working together in a group. If an entry is submitted by a group, the composition must be entered in the grade appropriate to the eldest songwriter.

Number of Entries

There is no limit to the number of individual songs students, bands or schools may enter but the same song cannot be entered into multiple categories. Each song entered must have its own entry form, and be accompanied by an MP3 or M4A audio file and accompanying song lyrics (lyrics are not needed for instrumental category works).

Eligibility

Entries must be the exclusive original work of the entrant(s) and must not infringe any copyrights or any other rights of third parties.

The use of Artificial Intelligence Applications to generate musical, production or lyrical elements of an entry is strictly forbidden. Entries made using AI will be deemed ineligible.

Entries must not have been previously entered in any competition.

Song entries must have both lyrics and music. Purely instrumental works must only be entered in the instrumental category.

Compositions that have been commercially released and/or are available for sale or monetisation through streaming channels are not eligible for entry.

Failure to properly and honestly complete any required sections of the entry form will make the entry ineligible.

National Songwriting Competition

Free Entry

Open to all school-aged children
& youth. Over **\$30,000** in prizes!



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- Parenting programs and support groups
- Local services to support your family

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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





LIBRARIES



Chess Club

with Sydney
Academy of Chess

Tuesdays 6 May – 3 June
4.30–5.30pm
St Marys Library

Join us for Chess Club in Term 2. Great for beginners wanting to learn, pros looking for an opponent, and everyone in between. Sydney Academy of Chess will lead this 5-week series.

Bookings are essential.
\$65 per child for 5 sessions.



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