

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue II- Week 2 - Term 3

30 July, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back students, parents, community members and staff to an exciting term ahead. I truly hope that you had a restful and relaxing school holiday period. We have already been back at school for a week and half, and it has flown. There are lots of events on this term, so please keep your eye out for notes through the School Bytes platform. We are excited to provide such amazing experiences for our students

Staffing Update

During the holiday period, it was announced and confirmed by staffing through the Department of Education that Mrs Jacqueline Alexander has been appointed in a permanent capacity to the School Administration Manager position at Lawson Public School. Mrs Alexander has been relieving in this position for well over a year and completing all duties to a very high standard. I congratulate her on this appointment and greatly appreciate her hard work and dedication that she demonstrates to our school on a daily basis.

NAIDOC Week Celebration

Throughout Week 2 of Term 3, we will be conducting our NAIDOC celebration. While NAIDOC Week was held during the school holiday period, we have scheduled the events in our school now that students have returned from school holidays. We look forward to the event and we will share photos with our community following the celebration.

Education Week Open Day & 100 Days of Learning

In 2025, our school we be conducting the Education Week Open Day and 100 Days of Learning on Tuesday 5th August 2025. We will commence the day with a breakfast BBQ for families from 8.15am followed by open classrooms from 9 – 9:40am. Information was sent out to families throughout Week 1 of Term 3. Please see our front office for any further details.

Book Character Parade

The annual Book Character Parade and Book Fair will be taking place at Lawson Public School throughout Week 5. The Book Fair will be open on Monday 18th August to Wednesday 20th August. In addition to this we will conduct the parade on Wednesday 20th August. A note regarding these events was released to families during Week 1 Term 3. Please contact our front office for further details.

Athletics Carnival in Term 3

The annual Lawson Sports Carnival is being held on Thursday 7th August 2025, Week 3 of Term 3. We are looking forward to what I am certain will be a very enjoyable and rewarding day for the school. Unfortunately, due to maintenance work of the Pitt Park Athletics Complex in Wentworth Falls we will be unable to conduct our carnival there in 2025. The carnival will be held at Glenbrook Athletics Field with spectators warmly invited to attend the event.

Due to the distance to travel and additional expense of buses, the Infants Athletics Carnival will be held at school the following day on Friday 8th August.

We look forward to moving back to Pitt Park in 2026 and having the whole school attend once again.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance helps students to: develop a sense of belonging ·develop maintain friendships ·be more engaged at school ·progress with their learning ·be more aware of career and life options.

Everyday counts. Missing just one day a fortnight can amount to four weeks of lost learning over a year. Over their school life, this can equal one year of missed learning.

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 an enjoyable but busy fortnight ahead.

My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

OFFICE NEWS

Term 3 2025

Week 2

Friday 1 August - School Assembly - Pink Class @ 1.50pm

Week 3- Education Week

Monday 4 August - Zing Athletics: K-6

Monday 4 August - Stage 2 Futsal

Tuesday 5 August - Community Breakfast from 8.15am

Tuesday 5 August- 100 Days of Kindergarten Open Day @ 9.00am

Thursday 7 August - Athletics Carnival @ Glenbrook Oval

Friday 8 August - K-2 Athletics Carnival

Week 4

Monday 11 August - Zing Athletics

Monday 11 August - Game Changer Semi Finals

Tuesday 12 August - Forensic Science Incursion

Friday 15 August - School Assembly - Green Class @ 1.50pm

Week 5

Monday 18 August - Zing Athletics

Monday 18 August - Book Fair @ 8.30 - 8.55am & 2.45 - 3.45pm

Tuesday 19 August - Book Fair @ 8.30 - 8.55am & 2.45 - 3.45pm

Wednesday 20 August - Book Parade @ 10.15am

Wednesday 20 August - Book Fair @ 8.30 - 8.55 & 2.45 - 3.45pm

Permission Notes

When returning permission notes for school activities it is a legal requirement to complete a **SEPARATE permission note** for each child. All permission notes are now paperless. Please complete permission notes and make payments online through the School Bytes app.

LATE NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please **do not email permission notes to the school email address.** 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 SHUTTER BUGS

During the school holidays, four of our Shutter Bugs braved the cold to visit Featherdale Wildlife Park, where they practised animal photography and explored aperture settings. The animals were surprisingly photogenic! Thanks to Mrs Truswell and our supportive parents for making the day a success.

Want to see more? Use the weblink below for a glimpse into our Shutter Bugs' adventures - 'out and about' and at school.



“FOCUS ON FUR, FEATHERS & FUN!”



✖ SEE MORE AT LPPSSHUTTERBUGS.EDUBLOGS.ORG ✖

JULY 8, 2025



LIBRARY Newsletter



THIS WEEK

Books in the library week 1 & 2

Kindergarten: Two Birds on a Wire/Vass

How to move a Zoo/Simpson

Stage 1: The Pocket Dogs go on Holiday/ Wild

How to move a Zoo/ Simpson

Stage 2&3: Creative writing - My Holiday

How to move a Zoo/Simpson



LEARNING



Welcome Back!

This term, we will engage with a variety of literature, mainly texts from the CBCA 2025 book list.

NEWS

Our annual **Book Fair** and **Book Character Parade** will be held in **Week 5**. The information has been distributed through SchoolBytes.

The **Premier Reading Challenge 2025** will close on the **19th September**.

Students can come and see me during lunch time, if there are any issues adding books to their PRC accounts.



LIBRARY CLASSES



Tuesday: ORANGE, RED & PINK

Wednesday: AQUA, VIOLET, PEACH, BLUE & LIME

Thursday: YELLOW, PURPLE, GREEN



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.



Transport for NSW

Free child car seat safety check



2 in 3 car seats are not used correctly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by a Transport for NSW Authorised Restraint Fitter. You can have your child car seats and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit.

DATE: Saturday 16 August 2025
TIME: 9am - 1pm
LOCATION: Hazelwood Child Care Centre car park, 10 Rosedale Ave, Hazelbrook

Bookings are essential. Call 4780 5000 or email council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au



For more information about car seats, please visit childcarseats.com.au





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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

Leura Public School P&C with the help of



Under The Stars **MOVIE NIGHT**

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

EXPERIENCE CINEMA ON A GIANT WATERTANK!

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY 11TH AUGUST

more information





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

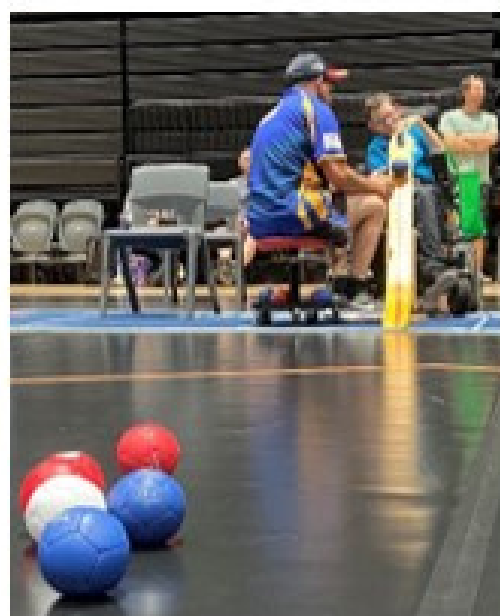


Representative Boccia Tournament 2025

The NSW School Sport Unit Representative Boccia Tournament is being held again in 2025. Students may trial for one of ten regional teams in August to gain selection for the state tournament in Sydney.

The tournament will be conducted in three divisions: Physical (ramper), Physical (thrower/ kicker) and Open. Students must have a **formal sporting classification** to trial.

The SSU Representative Boccia Tournament provides to an opportunity for talented players to represent their region and test themselves in a competitive environment.



State Tournament:

Quay Centre, Sydney Olympic Park

Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 October 2025.



Scan the QR code for more details including trial dates, eligible impairments, formal sporting classification and registration details.

Alternatively, you can visit:

<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/disability-and-inclusion/representative-tournaments>

If you have any questions for the Disability Inclusion Officers, please contact them via email InclusiveSchoolSport@det.nsw.edu.au or call them on 9508 5534.



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

Program	Date/Time	Location	Register
Fear-less Triple P Six week parenting program to help build resilience in children (6-14yrs) and help them break free from anxiety.	Every Friday 15th Aug - 19 th Sept 10:00am - 12:00noon	Gateway FS Office cnr Station & Henry St PENRITH <i>** Childcare available</i> <i>** Must register</i>	
Tuning in to Kids Six week program that teaches parents to help children (0-12 yrs) understand and regulate their emotions.	Every Wednesday 13th Aug - 17 th Sept 6:30pm - 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	
Bush Playgroup Six week interactive outdoor workshop for parents & carers and their children aged (3-5 yrs). <i>One child per adult.</i>	Every Friday 8 th Aug - 12th Sept 9:30am - 11:30am	Lapstone Public School 1/3 Achievement Ave LAPSTONE	
Bringing Up Great Kids 6 week program for parents to build positive & respectful relationships with children (0-12yrs).	Every Monday 18 th Aug - 22 nd Sept 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Online via ZOOM	

Register online at www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au





Bush Playgroup

6 week interactive outdoor workshop for parents/carers and their children aged 3-5 years.



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LAPSTONE

Bush Playgroup is a 6-week interactive playgroup. The unique outdoor setting provides opportunities for children (3-5 years) to explore nature, socialise with other children, develop fine and gross motor skills and learn about the world around them.

Bush Playgroup sessions run for 2 hours. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Connect with nature and each other through imaginative, sensory, and messy play

Socialise and strengthen family relationships

Learn about local bushland and using natural materials in craft making

Activities include bushwalks, mud kitchen and campfire cooking

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 30th July 2025

**Register now via our
secure online portal**

SCAN HERE



Program details

Where: Lapstone Public School
1/3 Achievement Ave
Lapstone

When: Fridays
8th Aug - 12th Sept
9:30am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE for residents of
Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

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

Phone: 4720 6500

Email: groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



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Tuning in to Kids

6 week parenting program that helps you support your child to understand and regulate their emotions.



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ONLINE

This program helps parents and carers of children (0-12) to "tune in" and improve communication and connection with their kids.

Discover practical tools that help you build emotional intelligence in your child and support you to manage challenging behaviour.

The program will cover:

- Foundations of emotion coaching
- Regulating and working through emotions
- Identifying and validating emotions
- How to develop emotional intelligence
- Developing resilience and facing challenges

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 6th August 2025

Register now via our
secure online portal



SCAN HERE



Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Wednesdays
13th Aug - 17th Sept
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cost: FREE for residents of
Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

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Fear-Less Triple P

Six week parenting program to build resilience in children and help them break free from anxiety.



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PENRITH

Help your child manage anxiety and become more emotionally resilient.

In this six week program parents will be offered information about anxiety and provided with positive parenting strategies that support the development and behaviour of children (6-14 years) with anxiety.

The seminar will cover:

- Understanding how anxiety works
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for all your children
- Becoming effective emotion coaches
- Understanding the value of flexible thinking
- Managing your children's anxiety effectively

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 6th August 2025

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Program details

Where: Gateway Family Services
cnr Henry & Station St Penrith

When: Fridays
15th Aug - 19th Sept
10:00am - 12:00noon

Cost: FREE for residents of
Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

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Limited childcare
** must register





FREE MARTIAL ARTS

Designed for children 8 – 11 years

Only accepting the first 12 applicants!

4-week Workshop
Saturday, August 2-23
11 AM – 12 noon

FLOW STATE YOGA 285B Great Western Highway, Lawson

