

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 12- Week 4 - Term 3

13 August, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Education Week Open Day & 100 Days of Learning

Education Week was held throughout Week 3 of Term 3. On Tuesday, our school participated in our Celebration of Learning Day. Thank you to the many parents, family members and guests who supported us throughout the day, attending the breakfast BBQ and the open classrooms. We truly do appreciate the collaboration and support of our community.

Additionally, Lawson Public School celebrated our 100 Days of Learning on Tuesday. Many of our students and staff dressed for the occasion in creative costumes to represent 100. We had many 100-year-old students arrive, Don Bradman, shirts covered with 100 dots and many other creative outfits. Thank you to the great support in making this a fun and enjoyable day.

Emergency Procedures – Evacuation Drill

On Wednesday of last week our school conducted a practice emergency evacuation drill from the playground. We were very proud of how our school students responded with every student being in the correct place at the right time. Emergency drills are essential for all school across the state to practice, ensuring everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency. I would greatly appreciate you echoing the importance of these drills with your child/ren at home.

2026 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening – 14th August 2025

On Thursday afternoon, from 5pm, we will be opening our school and welcoming the 2026 Kindergarten parents into our school for an information evening. We are very excited about the commencement of the 2026 transition process and warmly welcome parents and caregivers into our school.

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

On Thursday 7th August, Lawson Public School participated in the annual 3-6 Athletics Carnival at Glenbrook Oval. I would like to thank the students for their outstanding behaviour, who demonstrated strong teamwork and sportsmanship. Thank you to the many parents who assisted in running the carnival and supporting the pop-up canteen and cheering on the students. A big thank you to our magnificent P&C team for supporting with the organisation. Finally, a massive thank you to the staff, both teaching and non-teaching at the carnival and back at school, for your hard work and support in making the carnival so successful. We look forward to completing the remaining events back at school and the upcoming Blue Mountains Zone Athletics Carnival, which is scheduled for Thursday, 28th August. Congratulations Lawson Public School on such a successful day!

Additionally, our K-2 students participated in their athletics events on Friday back at school. They had an amazing day and tried their very best. Congratulations on your amazing work Infants.

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) – Term 3 Meeting

The next AECG meeting will be conducted at Faulconbridge Public School on Thursday 21st August, from 4pm. All school staff, students and parents and community members are more than welcome to attend the meeting and continue the conversation about Aboriginal education within the Blue Mountains.

Bullying, No Way Day

Today, we recognised and focused on the message of Bullying, No Way! Building strong connections, following our core PBL expectations of Safe, Respectful, Responsible Learners. This is a message that we can transfer into all aspects of our lives, not just at school. Lawson Public School is a team, and when we work together great things are achieved.

Week 4 Assembly – Green Class

On Friday of this week, we will be conducting our Term 3 Week 4 assembly. I hope to see as many school and community members as possible to showcase the fantastic things that are happening at Lawson Public School.

Game Changer Groups

On Monday of this week, I took the opportunity to visit the students in the library who are part of the Game Changer team. I was very impressed by their teamwork and commitment to making a difference. Congratulations students and keep pushing forward.

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.

My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

OFFICE NEWS

Term 3 2025

Week 4

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

Week 6

Monday 25 August - Zing Athletics

Wednesday 27 August - Narragunna-wali Choir @ North Katoomba Public School

Friday 29 August - School Assembly - Lime Class @ 1.50pm

Week 7

Wednesday 3 September - Dance Performance - Evening

Thursday 4 September - Dance Performance - Matinee

Friday 5 September - AECG Sports Day

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



LIBRARY Newsletter



THIS WEEK

Books in the library week 3 & 4

Kindergarten: The Garden of Broken Things/Blackwood, We live in a Bus/Petzhold

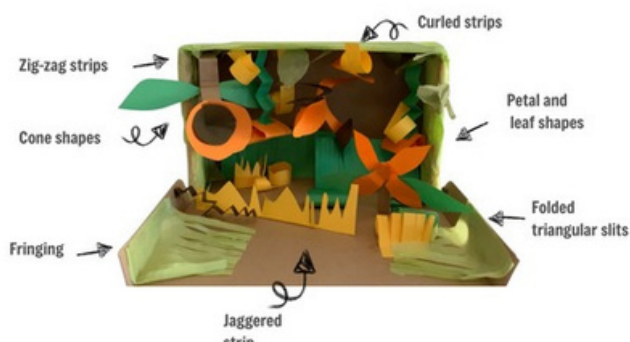
Stage 1: The Garden of Broken Things/Blackwood, We live in a Bus/Petzhold

Stage 2&3: The Garden of Broken Things/Blackwood, We live in a Bus/Petzhold



HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A DIORAMA

EXAMPLES OF PAPER CRAFT IDEAS



NEWS

Book Week

Competition 2025

The Theme of this years Book Week is:

BOOK AN ADVENTURE

Design and create a diorama of an adventure and win a \$15 voucher to spend at the Book Fair in Week 5.

A winner will be chosen of each stage, so get on creating and crafting!



LIBRARY CLASSES



Tuesday: ORANGE, RED & PINK

Wednesday: AQUA, VIOLET, PEACH, BLUE & LIME

Thursday: YELLOW, PURPLE & GREEN





GARDENING WORKING BEE

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PREPARE
FOR OUR BEE INCURSION IN WEEK 8**

**We will need to prepare some
gardenbeds by weeding, removing
plants and enrich the soil with
compost. We will meet on the
Tuesday afternoon in week 6 & 7
after school.**



**PLEASE COME
ALONG AND
LEND A HAND.**



We are in need of a screen door for
our school garden. If you have one to
spare, please let the office know.
Thank you!

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.

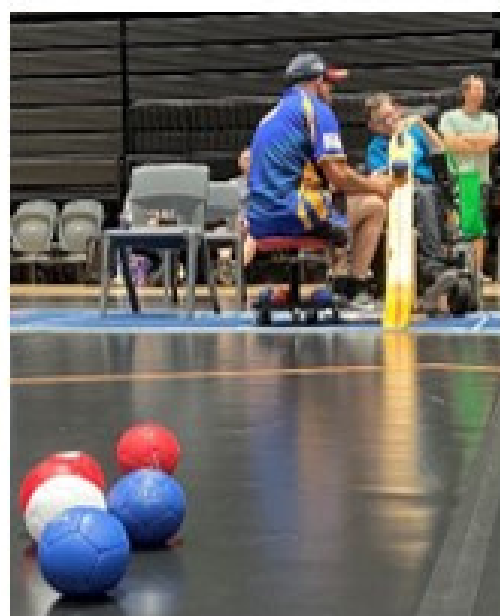
The tournament will be conducted in three divisions: Physical (ramper), Physical (thrower/ kicker) and Open. Students must have a **formal sporting classification** to trial.

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.

Belongside *Families*



Belongside Families is a not-for-profit, family-led organisation providing free support to parents and carers of children with additional needs, developmental delay, autism and disability.

We're parents too. We know what it's like to feel worried, to have lots of questions or to feel unsure about what to do next.

Whether you're just starting out or going through a new stage in your child's life, we're here for you.

We offer free parent education programs, helpful information, and a supportive community of parents to help you feel more confident supporting your child as they grow and develop.

At Belongside Families, we'll help you to:

- Build your confidence to make decisions that feel right for you and your child
- Learn how to navigate services like the NDIS, school, and healthcare
- Grow your skills to support your child's needs
- Connect with other families who get it



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Scan the QR Code to get free tips, tools, and events delivered to your inbox.



Free Supports for Parents and Carers

Workshops

Join our online workshops on topics like advocacy, how to use therapy, and ways to support your child's development. These small group sessions are practical and interactive, helping you grow your knowledge and learn useful tools and strategies.

Parent Support Group

Connect with other parents in our online or in-person groups. These are welcoming spaces led by our trained parent facilitators. We have topic-based and causal discussion groups where you can share your experiences or just listen and learn from other families.

Webinars

Watch our online webinars live or at a time to works for you. Hear from professionals and parents to get helpful tips and learn about ways to support your child and family.

Online Community

Join our private Belongside Community Facebook group to connect with other parents and carers online. Ask questions, share advice and feel supported any time, day or night. It's a safe, supportive and moderated community.

One-on-One Support

Talk with a trained parent facilitator to get information and support around the challenges you are facing. We can help you navigate systems such as the NDIS, education and health. And direct you to helpful services based on what you need.

Resources

Explore our fact sheets, guides, and family stories for information you can trust. Learn more about the NDIS, school, therapy, and looking after yourself without having to spend hours searching online.

You're not alone. *We're here to help.*

Belongside
Families

1-Day DV-aware Workshop

For the general public

About 1-Day DV-aware Workshop

1-Day DV-aware is an interactive workshop where you will learn how to recognise and respond to domestic and family violence and what you can do to help make a difference.

In attending our 1-Day DV-aware Workshop, you will:

- know how to identify the different signs and forms of abuse that constitute domestic and family violence
- learn about the Cycle of Violence and the Power and Control Wheel (The Duluth Model)
- reflect on and share what you can do if you know someone who is experiencing domestic and family violence
- have an opportunity to network with other individuals
- receive tools and references for domestic and family violence support and referral.

Why DV-alert?

DV-alert is led by experienced trainers dedicated to reducing violence against women and their children. Our 1-Day DV-aware Workshop provides a safe space to learn, connect and be empowered to recognise and respond confidently to those in crisis.

Who is it for?

- Anyone living in Australia
- Minimum age: 18-years-old
- Also suitable for organisations.

Cost

This workshop is free for adults.

Contact us

For further enquiries contact: training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au



“A key learning I have taken from this workshop is that there is a lot of support available for people experiencing domestic violence.”

— Past participant

Date: Thurs 14th Aug 25

Time: 9.30am-4.30pm

Venue:

BlueMountains Theatre And Community Hub,
106-108 Macquarie Rd, Springwood, NSW 2777

Enrol:

<https://www.dvalert.org.au/cselif07928>

For Further Info:

Mardi Smoother 1300 798 258 or
mmsmoother@lifelinecentralwest.org.au



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

Register now via our
secure online portal



REGISTER ONLINE



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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

