

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 13- Week 6 - Term 3

27 August, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Book Character Parade

Last Wednesday, we celebrated our annual Book Character parade at Lawson Public School. The weather caused minor impacts to the parade, however, all students, staff and community members did an amazing job relocating to the school hall. I would like to offer a massive thank you to the outstanding work from our school. The 2025 Book Character Parade was truly a highlight event at our school. Finally, I would like to thank and acknowledge our P&C for supporting with hot drinks following the event for visitors.



Blue Mountains PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

The Lawson Public School Blue Mountains Zone Athletics team will compete this coming Thursday. We wish the entire team all the very best for the upcoming event and know that they will represent our school with great behaviour and positive school spirit. Go team Lawson!

THE HEART OF THE MOUNTAINS WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

Blue Mountains and Nepean Performing Arts Festival

The Blue Mountains and Nepean Performing Arts Festival is approaching very quickly. Our dance groups and Miss Thomas have been working very hard to fine tune their dances. I am sure I speak for the whole community when I wish them well for the upcoming performance. Additionally, our dance groups will be performing at Katoomba High School at the Darunga Festival on the evening of Wednesday 10th September 2025.

Week 6 Assembly – Lime Class

On Friday of this week, we will be conducting our Term 3 Week 6 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.

Sarah Kiely Memorial Bench Seat – Thank you

At the upcoming assembly, there will be a special acknowledgement and presentation to the school of the Sarah Kiely memorial bench seat. As a thank you to our P&C and staff involved, Sarah's husband Keith sent the school a beautiful flower arrangement.



SASS Recognition Week – Week 7

Throughout Week 7, Lawson Public School will be celebrating and thanking the amazing SASS staff (non-teaching) of our school. We thank them very much for the outstanding support they offer to every student and all families throughout our Lawson Public School community.

AECG Sports Day

On Friday 5th September, our school will participate in the AECG Sports Day at Katoomba High School. In 2024 the first Blue Mountains AECG Sports Day was held and was a great success. I am certain that this year's event will be no different. The day is being held at Katoomba High School and should be an amazing day. I look forward to sharing many positive stories from the day.

Check in Assessment

As part of our commitment to supporting every student's learning and growth, our school will participate in the upcoming Check In Assessments. These assessments are designed to provide valuable insights into how students are progressing in key areas such as reading, numeracy, and writing.

The Check In assessments are not about ranking or comparison; rather, they help teachers identify each student's strengths and areas where additional support may be needed. This timely information allows us to tailor our teaching strategies and provide targeted assistance to ensure all students can achieve their full potential.

We understand that every learner is unique, and the data gathered through these assessments is one of many tools we use to create personalised learning experiences. We encourage families to engage in conversations with their children about their learning and to reach out to teachers if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we continue to work together to nurture confident, capable, and resilient learners. The 2025 Check In assessments are for students in Year 3 to Year 6 and will be implemented in Week 6, Week 7 and Week 8 of Term 3 in reading, numeracy, and writing (for Year 6 only).

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 9th September in the school staffroom. We look forward to meeting and discussing the great things happening at Lawson Public School.

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 required 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 6

Thursday 28 August - Zone Athletics

Friday 29 August - Dance Rehearsal at The Joan - Arrive at School @ 7.30am

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

Week 7

Monday 1 September - Zing Athletics

Wednesday 3 September - Dance Performance - Evening - Arrive at The Joan @ 6.30pm

Thursday 4 September - Dance Performance - Matinee at The Joan - Arrive at School @ 7.45am

Friday 5 September - AECG Sports Day - Arrive at School by 8.45am

Week 8

Monday 8 September - Zing Athletics

Tuesday 9 September - Opera House - Recorder Arrive at School @ 8.50am

Wednesday 10 September - Darunga Festival @ 8.00am

Friday 12 September - School Assembly - Yellow Class @ 1.50pm

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 5 & 6

We live in a Bus - D. Petzhold

(going on an adventure, alternate living and Australian Flora and Fauna)

These long-loved things - J. Pyke

(memories, keepsakes, milestones)



NEWS

Thank you to everyone for supporting the school library, dressing up, participating in the Book Week Competition with a diorama and purchasing books from the Book Fair.

It was so great to see the effort and creativity put into the dioramas for the Book Fair Competition. Well done!

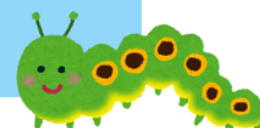


LIBRARY CLASSES

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.**

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.





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

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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[@belongsidefamilies](https://www.instagram.com/belongsidefamilies)



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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



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

