Lawson Public School Newsletter



Issue 16- Week 2 - Term 4

22 October, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back to the commencement of Term 4. Lawson Public School has already hit the ground running with a very busy term ahead.

Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Congratulations to the Stage 3 students who attended the Canberra Camp in Week 1 of Term 4. The reports that I have received back from staff and students have been extremely positive, well done. I would like to thank the amazing staff; Miss Graham, Mr Smith, Miss Taylor, Miss Thomas, Ms Raj and Ms Cheryl for giving up their time to attend camp and support our students. I would also like to thank the amazing parents for supporting the children with attendance.

Grandparents' Day

At Lawson Public School we have Grandparents' Day scheduled for Friday 7th November 2025. We look forward to opening our school and welcoming families. Please note the following times for activities within our school.

- · Picnic Lunch in the playground from 1pm (Stage 3 will be hosting a cake stall fundraiser from the canteen to raise money for their end of year celebrations)
- · School Assembly from 1:50pm in the school hall with Purple Class presenting Further communication will be released via School Bytes for families to plan the event.

2026 Kindergarten Transition

Our 2026 Kindergarten Transition program is due to commence in Week 3 of Term 4. We are looking forward to welcoming the new students and families into our school community. The important dates are as follows:

- · Thursday 30th October Transition Day 1
- · Thursday 6th November Transition Day 2
- · Thursday 13th November Transition Day 3
- · Thursday 20th November Transition Day 4

Week 2 Assembly - Yellow Class

This coming Friday, Yellow Class will be presenting their assembly item to the school. Please note that assemblies commence as close to 1:50pm as possible. For those who are available we look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Meeting

The Week 2 AECG meeting will be conducted this coming Thursday at Katoomba North Public School, commencing at 4pm. I strongly encourage all school community members to come along and continue the discussion about Aboriginal Education in the Blue Mountains. Please note, the AGM meeting will commence prior to the general meeting.

Student Toilets

Recently, we have seen a decline in the respectful use of our student toilets space. I encourage all parents to reinforce the message to students of treating this space with respect and placing rubbish in the bins provided.

Uniform Concerns

Wearing the full school uniform is more than just a school expectation — it is a vital part of our school identity and community spirit. Recently, however, we have noticed a decline in the number of students wearing the complete uniform, an increase in the variety of hats worn in the playground. Uniforms promote a sense of belonging and pride, helping all students feel equal and focused on their learning. When students wear the full uniform, including the correct hats and accessories, it reduces distractions and supports a positive and inclusive school environment

Additionally, unlabelled clothing creates difficulties in managing lost property and can lead to frustration for both students and staff. Clearly labelled uniform items help ensure that lost belongings are returned promptly and reduce unnecessary waste.

We encourage all students and families to wear the full school uniform every day, including the correct hats, and to clearly label all clothing and belongings. By doing so, we can maintain a safe, respectful, and united school community where every student feels proud to belong. Let's work together to bring back the pride in wearing our full uniform and show respect for our school values!

Sun Safety

As the sunny weather continues, it's important for all students to stay safe while enjoying their time outdoors. At our school, sun safety is a priority to protect everyone from harmful UV rays. We ask all students to wear their school-approved hats whenever they are outside, especially in the playground. Wearing the correct hat helps shield the face, neck, and ears from the sun and reduces the risk of sunburn.



For those who do not have their hat, our school's sun safety policy is clear: no hat means play in the shade. This means students without hats are asked to stay in shaded areas during recess and lunch breaks to stay protected.

In addition to wearing hats, we encourage students to apply sunscreen before coming to school. Using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a high SPF helps keep skin safe throughout the day, especially during outdoor activities. A sunscreen station is available for student use in the school office, which is the Cancer Council Ultra Sunscreen 50+ as per the picture. A note will be sent home shortly should you wish your child not to use our sunscreen station.

We thank parents and carers for supporting our sun safety efforts by ensuring students come to school prepared with hats and sunscreen. Together, we can create a safe, healthy environment where students can enjoy their time outside while staying protected from the sun.

Stay safe, wear your hat, and don't forget the sunscreen!

World Teachers' Day

On Friday 31st October, we honour the incredible contributions of teachers around the globe. World Teachers' Day is a time to recognise the dedication, passion, and hard work of educators who shape the minds and futures of our students.

This year's theme, "Hats Off to Teachers," highlights the pivotal role teachers play in rebuilding and strengthening education systems.

Let's come together to acknowledge and appreciate our teachers for their unwavering commitment and the inspiration they provide every day. Happy World Teachers' Day!

Important dates in Term 4

As we near the conclusion of the year there are many events that I would like to draw your attention to. They are as follows:

- · Cricket sessions commencing on Monday in Week 2 for five weeks
- · AECG AGM Meeting- 23rd October at Katoomba North Public School
- · Primary Newcombe Ball Gala Day 31st October
- · Film By Eucalypt presentation 5th & 6th November
- · Kindergarten Transition 30th Oct, 6th Nov, 13th Nov & 20th Nov
- · Primary Basketball Gala Day 14th November
- · AECG Awards Night 20th November
- · School Photographer Fly Through Saturday 22nd November
- · Swim School Week 7
- · Last Scripture & Ethics (combined scripture in the hall) 27th November
- · Year 6 Farewell 4th December
- · End of Year Concert 10th December
- · Presentation Day 12th December
- · Last Day of Term & Year 6 Graduation Assembly 19th December

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 a very happy and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff Principal

OFFICE NEWS

Term 4 2025

Week 2

Thursday 23 October - AECG AGM @ Katoomba North Public School Friday 24 October - School Assembly - Yellow Class @ 1.50pm

Week 3

Monday 27 October - Cricket Clinic
Tuesday 28 October - Run Club Excursion @ 8am
Thursday 30 October - Kindy 2026 Transition Day @ 9.30am - 11am
Friday 31 October - Newcombe Ball Gala Day

Week 4

Monday 3 November - Cricket Clinic
Wednesday 4 November - Film by the Eucalypt Student Matinee
Thursday 5 November - Kindy 2026 Transition Day @ 9.30am - 11am
Thursday 6 November - Film by the Eucalypt @ 6.30pm at The Hub Springwood
Friday 7 November - Grandparents Day @ 1 pm
Friday 7 November - School Assembly - Purple 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.

RUN
CLUB



RUN. JOG. WALK

8:15am -8:45am

TUESDAYS

MEET ON THE BASKETBALL COURT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

GRANDPARENTS DAY Lawson Public School

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER FROM 1PM

PICNIC LUNCH IN THE PLAYGROUND FROM 1PM, FOLLOWED BY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FROM 1:50PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL STAGE 3 WILL BE HOSTING A CAKE STALL FUNDRAISER!



LPS KINDERGARTEN 2025 TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



Students will participate in a variety of fun educational activities in a Kindergarten classroom. They will meet their teachers, peers and year 6 buddies. During the sessions students will get the opportunity to visit important places in the school such as the library, creative arts room, playground, toilets etc.

During the first session, parents/carers are welcome to attend a meet and greet/information session in the school hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Students may bring a small teddy bear for the last session as we will be having a Teddy Bears Picnic with their Year 6 buddies. Families are welcome to join us for the picnic.

When:

9:30am - 11am

- Term 4 Week 3 Thursday 31st October
- Term 4 Week 4 Thursday 7th November
- Term 4 Week 5 Thursday 14th November
- Term 4 Week 6 Thursday 21st November

Where:

Lawson Public School via School Office located at Lowden Lane entrance

What to bring:

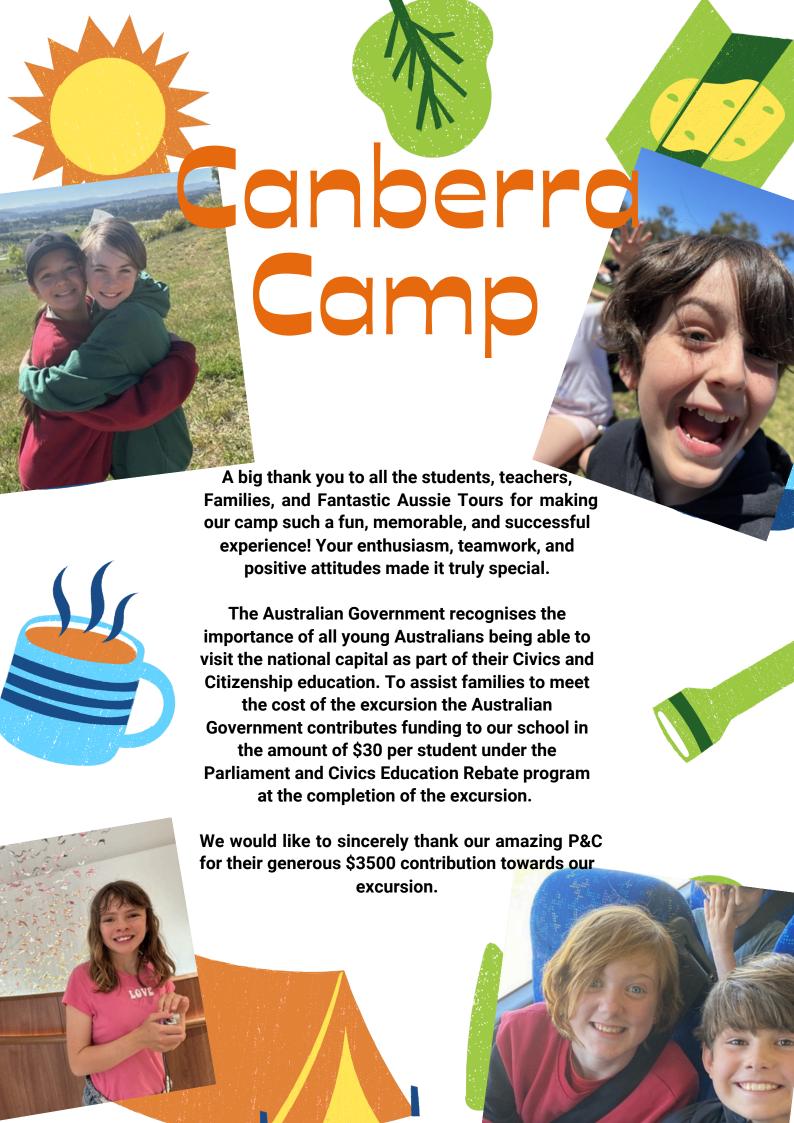
- Cruch and Sip (small snack of fruit or veg)
- Water Bottle
- Hat







Any questions please contact the school office - 02 4759 1196





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



P & C NEWS TERM 4 WK 2

THANK YOU to everyone who attended **the P&C Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 15October.** We're grateful for your participation and support in shaping the future of our P&C.

We'd like to extend **our heartfelt thanks to the previous (and ongoing) volunteer team** for their incredible contribution over the past year(s) — **especially Karina Nowak**, whose passion and dedication as President have made a lasting impact on our school community.

Rachel Blandin de Chalain will be stepping into the role of President. Rachel has already been an active and valued member of the P&C. Many of you will know her from her great work in the uniform shop and other volunteer roles the recent years. Congratulations and thank you to Rachel BDC!

Congratulations to our new executive team:

- President: Rachel Blandin de Chalain
- Vice President: Karina Nowak
- Secretary: Ali Storm
- Treasurer: Sam Player

And to our assistant and non-executive roles:

- Assistant Treasurer: Chrissy Cochrane
- Uniform Shop Coordinator: Rachel BDC
- BBQ Coordinator: Kylie Macdonald
- Publicity Officer: Rebecca Smith
- Assistant Publicity Officer: Karen Anderson



A special thanks also goes to Mr Jeff, who we noticed had a particularly long day on Wednesday 15 — starting bright and early at 6:30am to see off the Stage 3 camp, and finishing up with the P&C AGM and meeting at 8pm. Your dedication to our school community is truly appreciated!



P&C Fundraiser TASTY TUESDAY Tuesday 25 November

Enjoy noodles, a fresh cut fruit cup and a popper for \$5 - Notes will be sent home with how to pay etc soon.

VOLUNTEER CALL OUT: We'd love for some volunteers on the day to help prep and/or serving and for some people to provide baked goods. Any contribution will be gratefully received.

Get in touch: lawsonpandc@gmail.com https://www.lawsonpandc.com/home

Join the Lawson P&C Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/lawsonparents

BLUE MOUNTAINS WRITERS FESTIVAL Friday 31 October — Sunday 02 November

KIDS PROGRAM KATOOMBA LIBRARY





10.00AM 10:45AN



STORYTIME with SOFIE LAGUNA AGES 2+

Author Sofie Laguna brings a treasure trove of her picture books to life with animated retellings that will transport young audiences (and their accompanying grown-ups) from one glorious adventure to the next.

11:00AM -11:45AN



RUNT AND THE DIABOLICAL DOGNAPPING with CRAIG SILVEY

AGES 8+

Join author Craig Silvey for a chat about his bestselling children's book, Runt, and what lies in store for its beloved protagonists in their second adventure.

12:15PM — 1:00PM



DRAW YOUR OWN FOOD MONSTER with BILL HOPE AGES 5+

Adventure fans, budding artists or creative geniuses are invited to a special event with illustrator Bill Hope, as he spills the beans on how he draws wicked cool characters and how you can master them too.

2:15PM



POETRY STUFF with MAXINE BENEBA CLARKE AGES 8+

Come and get your poetry on-learn how to write a great haiku, acrostic poem, poem in rhyming couplets and more with poet Maxine Beneba Clarke.

2:45PM - 3:30PM



NAYNAY AND THE MERMAID with TASMA WALTON and CHARMAINE LEDDEN-LEWIS

AGES 4+

Author and actor Tasma Walton and illustrator Charmaine Ledden-Lewis bring the ocean to the mountains for this magical event that draws on the stories of the Boonwurrung people of coastal Melbourne.

10:00AM - 12:00PM



THE BIG BANG THEORY OF STORY BEGINNINGS with VIVIAN PHAM

AGES 13-18

Have you always wanted to write but weren't sure where to start? Good news: every writer begins somewhere – and often, they begin again and again. This hands-on workshop offers guidance for starting your writing journey.

2:30PM - 3:30PM



SLAM POETRY WORKSHOP with EMILIE ZOEY BAKER AGES 13-18

A high-energy interactive workshop where young people explore the art of slam poetry and learn how to transform raw ideas into powerful spoken word pieces.

TIBBI WHALAN HALL

12:45PM - 1:45PM



LITERARY FUTURES with JUMAANA ABDU, BILL HOPE, JASMIN MCGAUGHEY and NEVO ZISIN ALL AGES

What does it really take to break into the creative industries when you're still finding your voice? How can writing build connection, community and change in a world that feels like it's shifting every day? Four successful young creatives share how they got started — and what they've learned along the way.

REGISTER TO SECURE A FREE TICKET TO THESE EVENTS: bluemountainswritersfestival.com.au/kids

THE KIDS PROGRAM AT THE BLUE MOUNTAINS WRITERS FESTIVAL IS PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BLUE MOUNTAINS CITY COUNCIL AND KATOOMBA LIBRARY











Parenting Programs

TERM 4, 2025

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

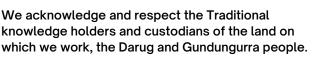
Program	Date/Time	Location	REGISTER NOW 🥸
Circle of Security Eight week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children (0-12 yrs).	Every Wednesday 22nd Oct - 10th Dec 10:00am - 11:30am	Cranebrook Neighbourhood Centre, 17 Hosking Street CRANEBROOK ** Childcare available ** Must register	
Tuning in to Teens Six week program that teaches parents to help children (10-18 yrs) understand and regulate their emotions.	Every Thursday 30th Oct - 4th Dec 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Online via ZOOM	
Splash & Play Family Fun Day Join your child (0-5 yrs)in a morning session of sensory "splash and play" outdoor fun	Friday 21st November 9:30am - 12:00noon	Lapstone Public School 1/3 Achievement Ave LAPSTONE	
Parent Drum: Finding Your Beat Fourweek program for parents to connect & regulate through the power of drumming.	Every Tuesday 4th Nov - 25th Nov 6:00pm - 7:00pm	St Marys Children's Centre, 7 Collins St ST MARYS	

Click here to register online at gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

















This 8 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: 15[™] October 2025

** Childcare available - must register**









Program details

Where: Cranebrook Neighbourhood Centre, 17 Hosking Street

When: Wednesdays 22nd Oct - 10th Dec 10:00am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE for residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

Enquiries and registration:

Phone: 4720 6500

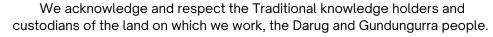
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Web: www.gatewayfamily











This 6 week program helps parents/ 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: 22nd October 2025





Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Thursdays

30th Oct- 4th Dec 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Cost: FREE for residents of

Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

Enquiries and registration:

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Email: groups@gateway

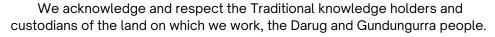
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Enjoy a rich sensory experience with your child (0-5 yrs) in a morning session of "splash and play" outdoor fun; fostering their curiosity and imagination, as well as enhancing their physical and emotional skills.

- Run through garden sprinklers
- Feel the coolness of the water flowing and trickling around bare feet as you build sandcastles, rivers and dams
- Get messy in the mud kitchen as little hands stir, mould, mix and squeeze mud pies
- Enhance social interactions by sharing and taking turns around the water tubs
- Blow bubbles, find dinosaurs in ice and play themed water craft and games

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 14th November 2025



Program details

Where: Lapstone Public School

1/3 Achievement Ave

Lapstone

When: Friday 21st November

9:30am - 12:00noon

Cost: FREE for residents of

Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

Enquiries and registration:

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Resonate and regulate through the power of drumming, connect with fellow parents and explore the rhythm of life and parenting in this four week program. Rhythm2Recovery is an evidence-based intervention that brings about interpersonal connection, emotional regulation and cognitive reflection, utilising rhythmic exercises, reflection and mindfulness. Learn strategies to use at home.

The program includes:

- Rhythm exercises for better communication
- Rhythm exercises for safe expression of feelings
- Rhythmic exercises for identifying feelings
- Emotional regulation and connection exercises
- Grounding exercises and strategies to use at home

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 28th October 2025







Program details

Where: St Marys Children's

Centre, 7 Collins Street

St. Marys

When: Tuesdays

4th Nov - 25th Nov

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Cost: FREE for residents of

Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

Enquiries and registration:

Phone: 4720 6500

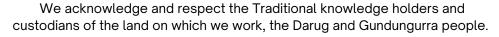
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Transport for NSW

Free child car seat safety check



2 in 3 car seats are not used correctly

Make sureyour childis safe with a freeinspection 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 22 November

TIME: 9am - 1pm

LOCATION: United Cinema, Katoomba

(underground car park)

Bookingsareessential. Call 4780 5000 or email council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au





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



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.



bangawarra Art Yarns: for older Mob

Art Yarns is a free creative program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander older people, their families, and care networks.

Together we gather in a safe and welcoming space to make art, share stories, and connect. Through hands-on activities, we celebrate culture, creativity, and community.

The program is led by Muruwari woman Dr Virginia Keft, and offers a chance to yarn, create, and spend time together in a supportive environment.



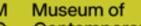
Register Your Interest Now!

Program Details

- Mondays, 3 November 1 December 2025
- Showcase 15 December 2025
- 🖰 10:30am 12:30pm
- 📍 Kimberwalli, 1 Mimika Avenue, Whalan
- Runs one day a week for 6 weeks







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Art Australia

