

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 17- Week 4 - Term 4

5 November, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Newcombe Ball Gala Day

On Friday of last week, students from Lawson Public School participated in the Newcombe Ball Gala Day at Leura Public School. The students performed to the best of their abilities and did an amazing job representing Lawson Public School. Congratulations to the students for their brilliant teamwork and quality sportsmanship, thank you to Mr Walters and Miss Graham for your amazing support!

Film By the Eucalypt

In 2025, students from Lawson Public School had the opportunity to become involved in the Film By the Eucalypts Blue Mountains film making experience. I would like to sincerely congratulate the many students who participated and submitted a film. Unfortunately, due to the sheer number of films submitted across our Blue Mountains not all could be brought to the final premier viewing.

On Thursday 6th November, our school will have several films displayed in the Red-Carpet premier at The Hub in Springwood. We are very excited about our involvement and proud of all our students at Lawson Public School.

2026 Kindergarten Transition

Our 2026 Kindergarten Transition program commenced in Week 3 of Term 4 on Thursday 30th October. We were very excited to welcome many of our new kindergarten students into our school, and we are looking forward to the next 3 sessions. The important dates are as follows:

- Thursday 6th November – Transition Day 2
- Thursday 13th November – Transition Day 3
- Thursday 20th November – Transition Day 4

Week 4 Assembly – Purple Class

This coming Friday, Purple 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.

Grandparents' Day Picnic Lunch

At Lawson Public School we have Grandparents' Day scheduled for this 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 conducting 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 was released via School Bytes for families to plan the event.

Social Media Age Restriction

From 10 December 2025, many social media platforms will be required to prevent Australians under 16 from creating or maintaining accounts on certain age-restricted services. The changes aim to protect children from pressures and risks they can be exposed to while logged in to social media accounts.

The eSafety Commissioner is leading the implementation of the law. They are responsible for identifying platforms and supporting the community with information and resources.

Under-16s will still be able to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require logging into an account. There are no penalties for young people who use age-restricted platforms or for their parents and carers as the responsibility is with the platforms.

We encourage you to access eSafety's resources and support for families on their website and register for one of the upcoming webinars at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions/webinars> for parents and carers.

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 4

Thursday 6 November - OC Applications Open

Thursday 6 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 @ 1pm

Friday 7 November - School Assembly - Purple Class @ 1.50pm

Week 5

Monday 10 November - Cricket Clinic

Thursday 13 November - Kindy Transition Day @ 9.30 - 11am

Friday 14 November - Basketball Gala Day @ 8.15am

Sunday 16 November - Magpie Upstyle Markets @ 9am - 1.30pm

Week 6

Monday 17 November - Cricket Clinic

Tuesday 18 November - Game Changer Parent Showcase @ 3.15pm - 4.45pm

Tuesday 18 November - K-2 Australian Museum Excursion @ 7.15am - 4pm

Thursday 20 November - AECG Award Night @ 4.30 at Springwood High School

Thursday 20 November - Kindy Transition Day @ 9.30 - 11am - Teddy Bears Picnic

Friday 21 November - 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.

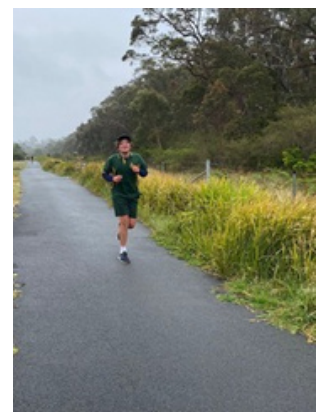
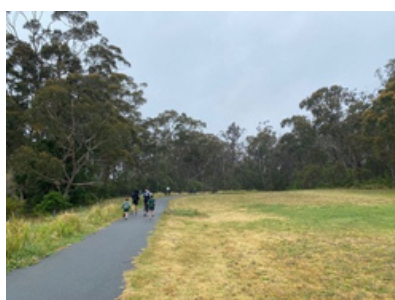
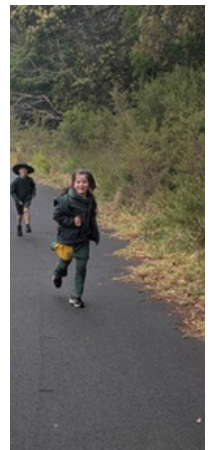
Anaphylaxis and Asthma Action Plans'

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.

RUN CLUB EXCURSION!

Our very first Lawson PS Run Club excursion was a blast! Despite the freezing weather and light drizzle, our students brought positive vibes and gave it their best effort. Huge thanks to the dedicated teachers, parent helpers, and the wonderful Springwood High School students who came along to support and encourage everyone.



LAWSON PS

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 2026

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 30th October
- Term 4 Week 4 - Thursday 6th November
- Term 4 Week 5 - Thursday 13th November
- Term 4 Week 6 - Thursday 20th November

Where:

Lawson Public School via School Office
located at Lowden Lane entrance

What to bring:

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



**Any questions please contact
the school office - 02 4759 1196**



JOIN US FOR OUR

end of year concert!

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

9:30 AM TO 11AM

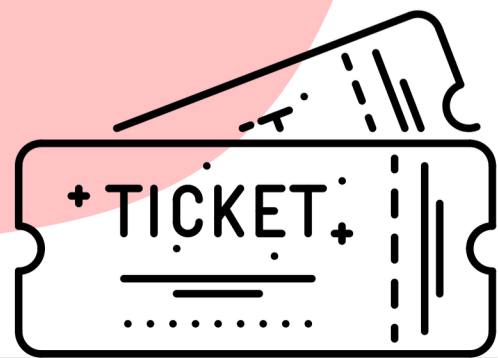
LAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME

**JOIN US FOR OUR END-OF-YEAR PRODUCTION, A
CELEBRATION OF THE INCREDIBLE TALENT ACROSS
ALL CLASSES AND STAGES.**

**EACH GROUP WILL PRESENT A UNIQUE PERFORMANCE
ITEM AS PART OF THIS SPECIAL EVENT.**

**REFRESHMENTS, INCLUDING TEA, COFFEE, AND CAKE,
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FOLLOWING THE
SHOW.**





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



P & C NEWS

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Get in touch:

lawsonpandc@gmail.com

<https://www.lawsonpandc.com/home>

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered at our last MagpieMarkets BBQ. Your contribution helped raise over \$1000 for the school, well done!!!

GET INVOLVED Would you like to be more involved in our school community? We'd love to see you at a future event, here's some opportunities coming up:

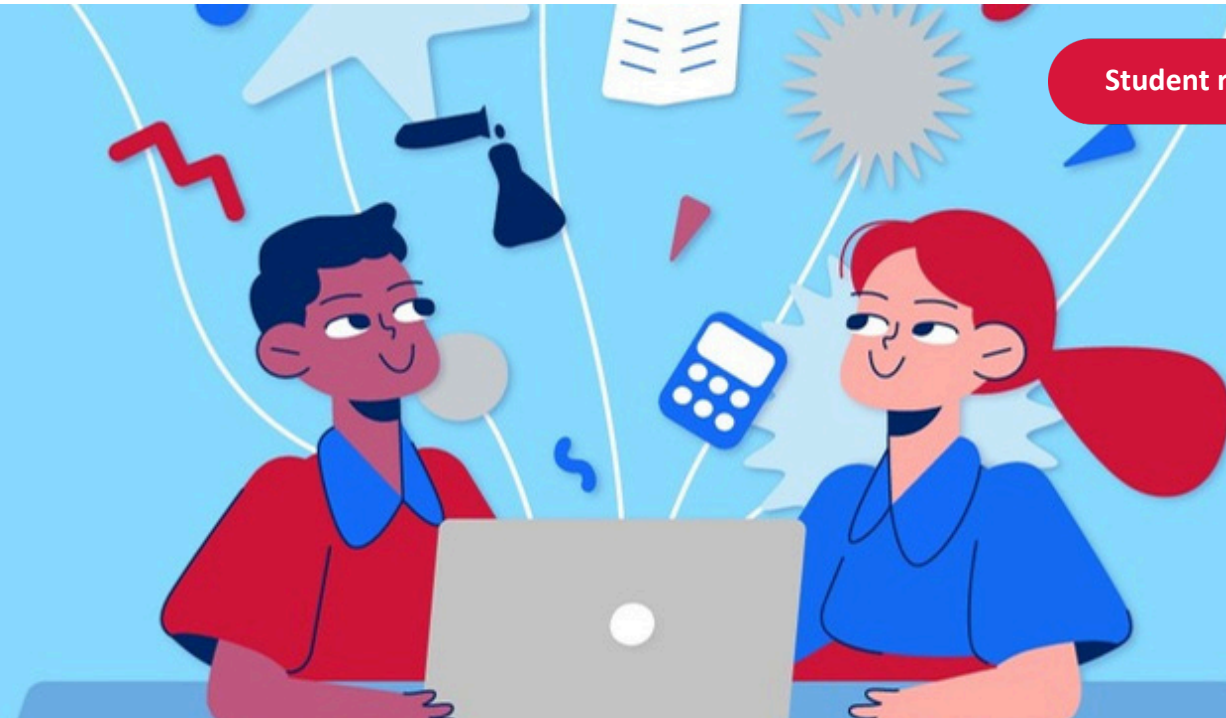
MAGPIE MARKETS BBQ 16 NOVEMBER Our school BBQ is a great way to get in touch with people in our community. The markets have really grown in popularity and we need new volunteers to join our regulars to make the most of this amazing fundraising opportunity. We're looking for people to help for 1 - 2 hours between 9am and 2.30pm.

TASTY TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER We're looking for people to help prep and serve food for 1 - 2 hours between 9am and 1.30pm. We're also looking for donations of baked goods to be delivered to the canteen on the morning of the 25th.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY EMAILING OR HEAD TO OUR FB GROUP AND COMMENT ON THE RELEVANT POST - THANKS SO MUCH. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO BUILDING A STRONGER SCHOOL COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER @ 7PM. PLEASE COME TO THE STAFF ROOM OR VIA ZOOM [HTTPS://AU01WEB.ZOOM.US/J/5234148293?](https://au01web.zoom.us/j/5234148293?pwd=EMFUCKLZBTJWL2RMEHFKRVRWJVZZZ09) PWD=EMFUCKLZBTJWL2RMEHFKRVRWJVZZZ09 .

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



NSW Department of Education

Thinking about applying for an opportunity class?

Year 5 entry in 2027

What's different about an opportunity class?

Opportunity classes are specialist classes for high potential and gifted kids in Years 5 and 6. To be considered for a place in an opportunity class, your parents/carers need to apply, and you need to sit a test in Year 4. Most students will leave their current school to attend a school with an opportunity class.

Opportunity classes help you learn more quickly and explore concepts more deeply, so you are challenged. They follow the same curriculum as other schools. You will still be able to explore your other interests such as creative and performing arts, sport, debating and social justice. You would be in a class with like-minded peers in an environment that accepts and celebrates high ability.

Is it right for me?

-  Do you learn quickly and easily?
-  Are you curious and creative?
-  Do you enjoy deep investigations?
-  Do you love being challenged?
-  Do you prefer to learn with like-minded peers?
-  If you answered **yes** to any of these, ask your parents/carers to **apply** for you!

I'm interested! What should I do?

Scan the QR code to visit the **student resource hub** or visit the **website** to learn about opportunity classes and the test.



If you have questions, ask your teacher or the schools you're applying to so you can make an informed decision.

2

Tell your parents/carers to **apply online by 20 February 2026**. You don't need coaching to get into an opportunity class.

3



NSW Department of Education

Thinking about applying for selective high school?

Year 7 entry in 2027

What's different about selective high schools?

Selective high schools are specialist schools for high potential and gifted kids in years 7-12. To be considered for a selective high school in Year 7, your parents/carers need to apply and you need to sit a test.

Selective high schools follow the same curriculum as other schools and help you learn more quickly and explore concepts more deeply, so you are challenged. You will still be able to pursue your other interests such as creative and performing arts, sport, debating and social justice.

You would be learning with lots of other high potential and gifted kids. Many kids who attend selective high schools tell us how exciting it is to be surrounded by peers who have similar abilities and interests, and love learning as much as they do.

Is it right for me?



Do you learn quickly and easily?



Are you curious and creative?



Do you enjoy deep investigations?



Do you love being challenged?



Do you prefer to learn with like-minded peers?



If you answered **yes** to any of these, ask your parents/carers to **apply** for you!

I'm interested! What should I do?

1

Scan the QR code to visit the [student resource hub](#) or visit the [website](#) and learn about selective high schools and the test.



2

If you have questions, ask your teacher or the schools you're applying for so you can make an informed decision.

3

Tell your parents/carers to **apply online by 20 February 2026**. You don't need coaching to get into a selective school.



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Children and Families

Mid Mountains Transition to School Information Night



Join us for an informative session featuring local school representatives, the Connect Transition to School team, the Mountains Community Resource Network, and representatives from Blue Mountains City Council.

**REGISTER AND
SUBMIT ANY
QUESTIONS
YOU HAVE
BELOW**



Wednesday 12th November
5pm-8pm



Mavis Wood Hall
7 New St, Lawson



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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



Circle of Security Parenting

8 week parenting program to develop secure relationships and stronger bonds with children.



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CRANEBROOK

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: 15TH October 2025

**** Childcare available - must register****



REGISTER NOW



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

Email: groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



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Tuning in to Teens

6 week parenting program that supports you to help your adolescent develop emotional intelligence.



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ONLINE

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

REGISTER NOW 



Program details

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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Splash & Play Family Fun Day

Enjoy a rich sensory experience with your child in a morning of splash and play outdoor fun.



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LAPSTONE

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

REGISTER NOW 



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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Parent Drum: Finding Your Beat

Four week program for parents to reconnect, resonate and regulate through the power of drumming.



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ST MARYS

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



REGISTER NOW 



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:

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Email: groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

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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 22 November
TIME: 9am - 1pm
LOCATION: United Cinema, Katoomba
(underground car park)

Bookings are essential. 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.*

Belongside
Families

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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