

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 18 - Week 6 - Term 4

19 November, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Remembrance Day Service

On Tuesday 11th November, Lawson Public School participated in the Remembrance Day service at school and at the Lawson War Memorial. I was so very proud of the school in the manner in which they demonstrated respect and reflected on the importance of the day.



School Website updates

Over the past 5 weeks, Jacqueline, India and I have been working on the new school website. All schools across NSW are in the process of transitioning across to the new format. A great deal of work has gone into learning the new build and I credit both ladies for their amazing work. Many additional hours have been invested into getting the site right. The Lawson Public School new website went live last Thursday. I encourage all parents to take the time to explore the online resource and discover the improved functionality of the site. We welcome feedback as we want to keep this website as easy to use and navigate as possible.

You can locate the website via the same link that you would have used in the past.

<https://lawson-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

THE HEART OF THE MOUNTAINS WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

Basketball Gala Day

On Friday of last week, students from Lawson Public School participated in the Basketball Gala Day at Katoomba High School. The students performed at 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 Smith and Mr Riley for your amazing support!

2027 OC applications & Selective High School

Applications for the 2027 Year 5 Opportunity Class (current Year 3 students) and Selective High School (current Year 5 students) are being taken. This window will remain open until early 2026. Please see the link below for further information and the attached flyers within the newsletter.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools.html>

AECG Awards Night – Springwood High School

This coming Thursday evening, four students from our school will be congratulated for their outstanding contributions at the AECG Annual Awards evening, held at Springwood High School and commencing at 4:30pm. Congratulations to Mahleia, Amelia, Harrison, Sahara, Bonnie and Rose for being recognised. I look forward to proudly watching on from the audience as they receive their awards.

2026 Kindergarten Transition

Our 2026 Kindergarten Transition program commenced in Week 3 of Term 4. We were very excited to welcome many of our new kindergarten students into our school and we are looking forward to the final session which will be conducted on Thursday 20th November.

Week 6 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.

Sun Safety at Lawson Public School

As we welcome the warmer months at Lawson Public School, it's vital to prioritise sun safety to protect our students from harmful UV rays. With Australia having one of the highest skin cancer rates globally, we must work together to ensure our children are safe while enjoying outdoor activities.

We encourage your child to reapply sunscreen every two hours and bring a labelled bottle for school use. At Lawson Public School, we are committed to promoting a sun-safe environment through reminders, designated shade areas, and encouraging appropriate clothing. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe under the sun!

Calendar Dates in 2026

Please see below the term calendar dates for 2026.

Term 1

First Day of Term 1: Students commence on Monday 2nd February 2026

Last Day of Term 1: Students conclude on Thursday 2nd April 2026

Term 2

First Day of Term 2: Students return on Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Last day of Term 2: Students conclude on Friday 3rd July 2026

Term 3

First Day of Term 3: Students return on Tuesday 21st July 2026

Last Day of Term 3: Students conclude on Friday 25th September 2026

Term 4

First Day of Term 4: Students return on Tuesday 13th October 2026

Last Day of Term 4: Students conclude on Thursday 17th December 2026

Magpie Markets Donation

I would like to take the opportunity to make a special mention of Nicole Riley, Magpie Markets manager, for her continued support of Lawson Public School. Last week, Nicole donated \$500 to go towards our recycling bins and trolleys. We greatly appreciate her ongoing support of our school.

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.

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.



Every day 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.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

OFFICE NEWS

Term 4 2025

Week 6

Thursday 20 November - AECG Award Night @ 4.30pm at Springwood High School
Thursday 20 November - Kindy Transition Day @ 9.30am - 11am - Teddy Bears Picnic
Friday 21 November - School Assembly - Yellow Class @ 1.50pm

Week 7

Monday 24 to Friday 29 November - Swim School @ 10.30am - 12pm
Tuesday 25 November - Tasty Tuesday

Week 8

Tuesday 2 December - Charles Darwin Excursion @ 9am - 2pm
Wednesday 3 December - Year 6 Fun Day
Thursday 4 December - Year 6 Farewell

Week 9

Wednesday 10 December - End of Year Concert @ 9.30am - 11 am
Friday 12 December - Presentation 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.

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.

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.



LAWSON PS

RUN CLUB



RUN . JOG . WALK

8:15am - 8:45am

TUESDAYS

MEET ON THE
BASKETBALL COURT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



JOIN US FOR OUR

end of year concert!

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

9:30 AM TO 11AM

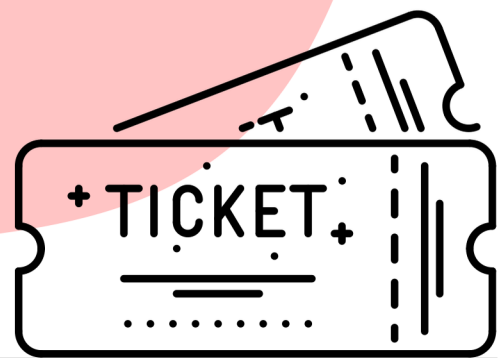
LAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL

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

TERM 4 WEEK 6

UPCOMING EVENTS TASTY TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

Enjoy noodles, a fresh cut fruit cup and a popper for \$5. Separate treats will also be available for purchase. - complete your online order here:

<https://square.link/u/VYbSoeyl> **VOLUNTEER CALL OUT:** We'd love for some volunteers on the day to help with prep and/or serving and for some people to provide baked goods. Any contribution will be gratefully received.

THANK YOU THE P&C RECENTLY PROVIDED FUNDS TO PAY FOR BUSES FOR UPCOMING EXCURSIONS. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR P&C AND HELPING MAKE EXCURSIONS MORE AFFORDABLE FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

PRIZES = Season family pass to Lawson Pool, and \$50 gift vouchers for Celebrations in Lawson and Grow and Co in Wentworth Falls. WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON 10 DECEMBER By buying tickets, you are helping the P&C reach their goal of being able to support the school to install air conditioners in our classrooms.

HOW TO BUY TICKETS: Tickets are available online here <https://square.link/u/64hDZbIU> or at the uniform shop.

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Help us install air-conditioners in our classrooms!



Win a FAMILY SEASON POOL PASS to our beautiful local Lawson pool

Win a \$50 voucher for Celebrations in Lawson



Win a \$50 voucher for Grow and Co in Wentworth Falls

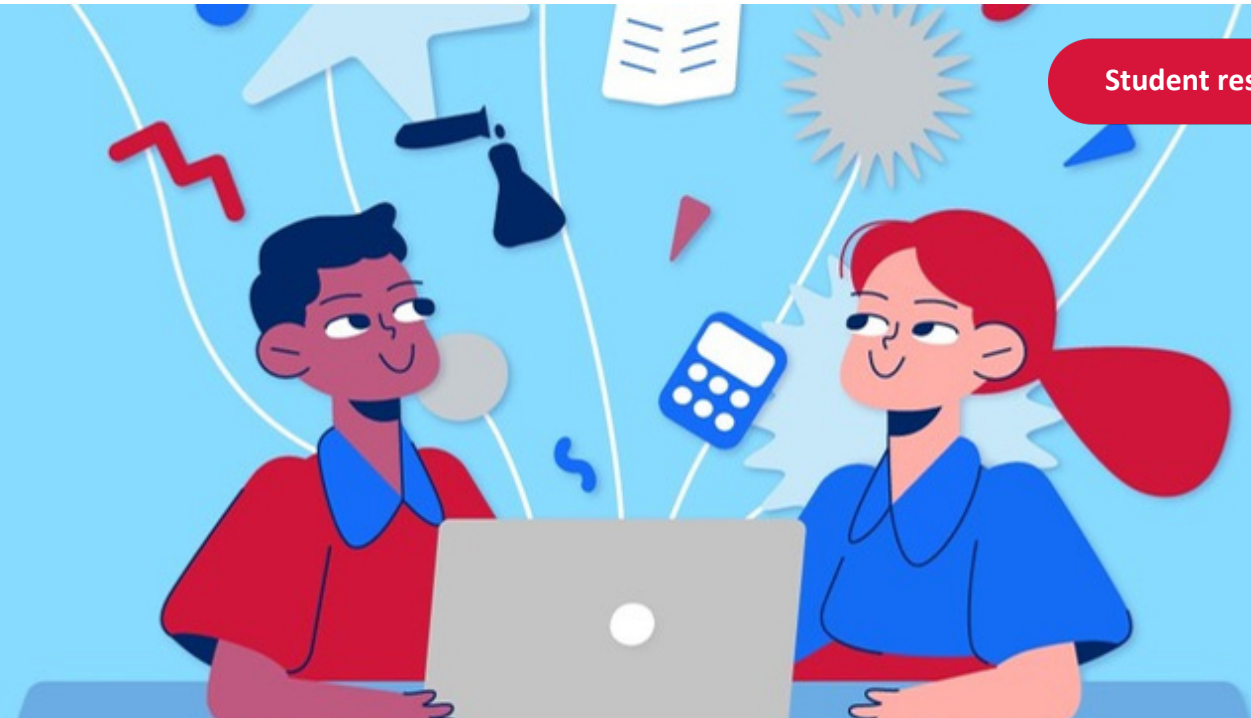
Tickets are only \$5 each or 5 for \$20!

Thank you for supporting our school!



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

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.



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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CRANEBOOK

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



We acknowledge and respect the Traditional knowledge holders and custodians of the land on which we work, the Darug and Gundungurra people.



A photograph of four teenagers sitting on concrete steps. From left to right: a person in a blue shirt and jeans, a person in a green shirt and grey pants, a person in a yellow shirt and jeans, and a person in a red shirt and patterned shorts. They are all looking down at their phones.

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

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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:

Phone: 4720 6500

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
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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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