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## Newsletter Term 4 Week 6

### Principal's Report



Dear LPS Families,  
I hope everyone in our community is happy and well.

#### Year 6 Stalls

While the weather was grey, today our Year 6 students hosted their annual Fundraising Stalls, and what a treat it

was for our LPS students! This year's offerings included doughnuts, a soccer shoot-out, sponge throwing, basketball shots, cookies, ice-cream sodas, lucky dips and a dunk tank!

The creativity and effort our Year 6 students poured into planning and running their stalls were truly commendable. A big thank you to the parents and family members who supported the event, and to the Year 6 teaching team for their stellar organisation of this highly anticipated tradition. **Well done, Year 6!**

#### 2026 Kindergarten Interviews and Playdates

We've wrapped up our 2025 Kindergarten interviews, and this week marked the start of our 2026 Kindy Play Dates! These are such a joy, as they give our future Kindy students the chance to meet one another and our fabulous LPS Kindy Teaching Team.

There are two more play dates coming up on **Tuesday 25th November** and **Tuesday 2nd December** (Weeks 7 & 8 of Term 4). We can't wait to welcome our 2026 Kindy students again soon as they get ready for

*big school.*

#### P&C AGM & Final Meeting

The LPS P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held next **Monday 24th November at 6:30pm**. It will be held in the school library — entry via the gate off Marion St between Blocks A & E. After the AGM, the November general meeting will be held.

#### Understanding Enrolments, Class Structures and Planning for 2026

Prior to the P&C AGM on Monday evening, I will be giving a brief presentation in the Library for families interested in understanding how enrolment numbers influence class structures at LPS, and what this means for our planning in 2026. This is an optional information session and a great opportunity for parents and carers who would like to learn more about how classes are determined in NSW public schools and at Leichhardt PS. **The presentation will begin at 5:30pm.**

#### Last Day of Term 4, 2025

The last day of the 2025 school year for students will be **Friday 19th December 2025**.

#### First Day of Term 1, 2026

In 2026, all students will be starting school on **Monday 2nd February**, following four School Development Days. These school development days provide our teachers with time to be best prepared individually and collectively to implement curriculum. Students do not attend on these days as there are no timetabled lessons so staff can engage in professional development and planning.

As we move through Term 4, it's natural to notice a dip in energy and focus among our students — it's

a busy time of year! That's why it's so important to prioritise those little things that make a big difference:

- a good night's sleep
- balanced meals (including Crunch & Sip, recess and lunch)
- staying hydrated to keep both minds and bodies sharp

I can assure you that everyone at LPS is working to the very best of their ability to care for our students, and I sincerely thank all families for your efforts in supporting your child's learning and wellbeing.

**Have a wonderful weekend with your family.  
Take care. Be kind.**

**Dan Muir-Smith – Principal**

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## Classroom Corner

### Stage 2 Science Excursion

Stage 2 has been exploring the changing states of solids, liquids and gases. On Monday 10th November, a glorious sun filled day, we journeyed to Pioneer Park and met with several Rangers who led multiple, very cool science experiments. We mixed bicarb soda with vinegar to make an explosive gas that shot a cork popper into the air. We put soda into a plastic bag, shook it and watched the plastic bag expand. And we made some rockets which we shot into the air via compressed gas. As well, we made oobleck, a substance that is called a Non-Newtonian fluid. It can be a solid OR a liquid depending on how much force is applied to it. The oobleck making was very messy! Overall it was a fun and educational day.

Stage 2

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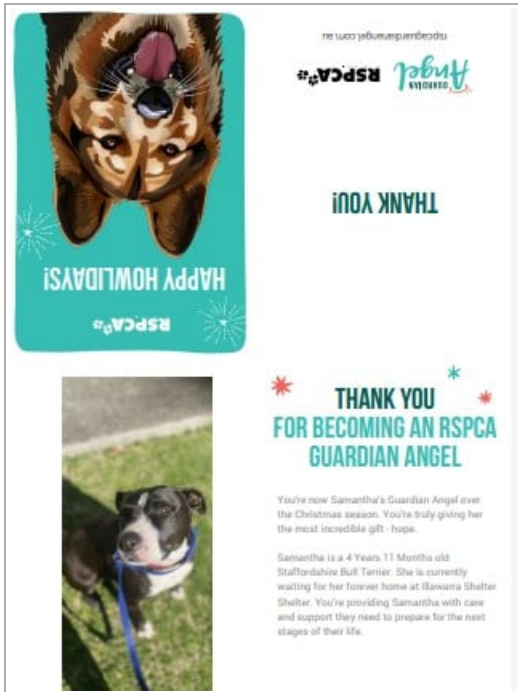
## Student Parliament News

We are excited to share some wonderful updates from the Student Parliament! In Week 4, we held our RSPCA fundraiser, which was a tremendous success. Thank you to the generous donations from our students, teachers, staff, and families. We raised over \$500! The RSPCA has expressed their heartfelt gratitude to our LPS community for this support. Because of our efforts, we have made a real difference in the lives of animals in need and are proud to announce that we have become the RSPCA Guardian Angel to Samantha, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

The Student Parliament has also wrapped up the Gala competitions for the year with the Basketball games taking place last week. Our Student Ministers and Senators demonstrated outstanding leadership and responsibility by organising the teams and refereeing the games. Congratulations to all the students who participated and showed great teamwork on the court. We also want to thank the students across the school who came along to support by spectating and cheering on our players.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and spirit. Together, we are making a positive impact in our school and community!

The LPS Student Parliament



## From the Garden



## From the Music Room

### School Spectacular 2025 REMARKABLE

Being involved in Schools Spectacular is always such a fun and amazing experience – whether it’s being a member of the combined schools choir (which I have enjoyed on two occasions with the Leichhardt Public School choir), or as a featured artist (which I feel so privileged to be doing for the second time), or even as a spectator in the crowd.

When I found out earlier this year that I had been selected as a featured vocalist, I was so happy and I found myself smiling uncontrollably for days. The journey as a School Spectacular featured vocalist has definitely been one of the most exciting experiences of my life. For this year’s ‘Remarkable’ show, I’ve been allocated roles in a few songs and based on what I’ve seen in rehearsals the show will really be absolutely remarkable!

I’m so grateful to have this opportunity to do something that is so much fun while representing our school. I can hardly wait for the shows next Friday and Saturday and I’m so excited to see some familiar LPS faces in the choir and the crowd. I’m so grateful for everyone who helped me get here, and I really hope I can make Leichhardt Public School proud when I step out on that stage!

Sophia - 6/5D

## From the Garden

This term, Early Stage One and our multistage classes have been enjoying our gardening program, which ties in with our Science unit *Living Things*. We began by exploring soil creatures, meeting the worms in our Worm Farm and discovering what they need to survive. The students also loved spending time with the chickens, learning about their needs and feeding them with food from the garden.

The students have also been learning about the parts of plants and what plants need to live and grow. They identified the different plant parts we eat and even sampled some of the produce grown in our garden. In the Sensory Garden, they observed a variety of plants and explored how some are grown for their taste, others for their smell or texture, and some simply because they are lovely to look at. They then planted their own plants, helping to further develop our Sensory Garden.

Through these hands-on experiences, students have been developing an understanding of habitats and how living things depend on their environment. Our garden is full of life, and the students’ curiosity and enthusiasm for learning continues to grow!



### From the Art Room

We are continuing with our collages of the city. Traditionally nothing can be drawn, every detail must be cut and pasted. Fantastic for our hand /eye coordination, and brilliant for our ingenuity and problem solving.

Patsy

### From the Art Room



### From the Drama Room

Congratulations to Angelina, Ossie, Lucille and Alexandra for their performances in the State Drama Festival at the Seymour Centre, where they attended recently with Ms Anton. The group have been involved in Drama Ensembles at The Arts Unit throughout the year.