



Tuesday, 31st January 2023

LPS Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2023 school year. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces when I visited classrooms today and see our students already hard at work and settled. Great job LPS students!
I am excited about the year ahead and continuing to build on the great learning and opportunities afforded to our students at LPS.

I warmly welcome our new families to the school. We look forward to having you as part of the LPS community. We are also looking forward to our Kinder 2023 students visiting this week for their Best Start Assessment and then officially commencing on Monday, 6th February.

2023 Classes

Today our students have returned to their 2022 classes. Enrolments have fluctuated since the end of last year and we are waiting for them to stabilise over the next few days. We hope to form classes as soon as possible – most likely on Monday, 6th February. You will be updated when the class formation has occurred.

A complete list of 2023 LPS staff and classes will be issued next week.

A great deal of time, effort and thought has already gone into the process of student placement for the 2023 school year. Careful consideration has been given to the best placement for each individual. Classes will be balanced academically and socially. Our class groupings will be structured to provide equitable class sizes at each stage level and combinations of students most conducive to learning.

Once our 2023 classes are formed, I urge all parents to be positive with your child about their new class and their new teacher and help him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. ALL of our teachers work hard to make school a positive experience for ALL students. Our teachers are highly experienced in teaching a range of class structures (including stage/multi-age classes) and are eagerly looking forward to working with your child/ren. Please be mindful that it can take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new class, peer group and teacher. We ask that you are positive about your child's new class when it is established and give your child the chance to settle in.

Uniform Shop

Thank you to our Uniform Shop Coordinator, Janette Allardyce-Walker who has worked tirelessly to facilitate this service to our community and opened up in the school holidays to assist with uniform purchasing. Our Uniform Shop will reopen on Thursday morning from 8.30-9.30am in the school hall. Like last year, uniform orders can also be placed online using the Qkr! App. When orders have been processed, they will be sent home with your child. Orders that have been processed and are ready for new Kindergarten students can be collected from the front office on the day of your child's allocated Best Start Assessment time.

If you have any uniform-related questions, please direct them to Janette at uniformshop@lugarnopandc.org.au

Please be patient as Janette works through these enquiries and remember that she is a volunteer providing this service in her own time.

Uniform

Here is an overview of the required uniform each day:

Monday – All students in full school uniform

Tuesday – K-2 students in sports uniform; 3-6 students in full school uniform

Wednesday – All students in full school uniform

Thursday – All students in sports uniform

Friday – K-2 students in full school uniform; 3-6 students in sports uniform.

Canteen

The LPS canteen will reopen on Monday, 6th February. At this stage, the canteen will be open for online orders only (no over the counter service) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We are always seeking volunteers to assist in our canteen. Our canteen coordinator, Sharon Steed, can be contacted if you would like to volunteer on 0430 290 077.

Canteen orders for Kindergarten 2023 students will commence the week beginning Monday, 20th February,

Swimming Carnival

We are looking forward to our swimming carnival next Tuesday, 7th February at Roselands Pool for students in Years 3-6 (and any competitive swimmers turning 8 this year in Year 2).

The attached note was sent out at the end of last year and is due back no later than this Friday, 3rd February.

P & C Meeting

Our first P & C Meeting for the Year will be held on Wednesday, 15th February at 7pm in the school library.

A Reminder About the Methods of Communication at LPS?

- Skoolbag App – please download the Skoolbag App from the App Store.
Alerts about events, reminders are sent via this channel. The School Newsletter also gets sent to your Skoolbag app.
- School Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/lugarnopublic>
The schedule for the week ahead gets posted here, as do reminders and posts about student achievements.
- School Website: [Home - Lugarno Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.lugarno.nsw.gov.au)
Please note: all notes/correspondence and the newsletter are uploaded here for your reference. To access notes: Go to the “Notes” tab. Hard copies of notes usually get distributed on our Communication Day on Tuesday. K-2 students are encouraged to use the front pocket of their school bag for housing notes.

The staff and I are looking forward to working together with LPS families for a positive and productive year.

Kind regards,

Justine Williams
Principal