



Wednesday, 7th February 2024

Week 2 Update

2024 Classes

Our students have had a positive first week back. We were excited to form our 2024 classes this morning. It was great to see everyone so settled and happy when I visited each class.

A complete list of 2024 LPS staff and classes has been included with this note. Also attached, is a copy of our school map showing the location of classes and staff, for your reference.

A great deal of time, effort and thought has 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 have been balanced academically and socially. Our class groupings are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each stage level and combinations of students most conducive to learning.

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 and give your child the chance to settle in.

Welcome Kinder 2024! A great start!

Our 2024 Kindergarten students officially started 'big school' today! They all looked wonderful in their new uniforms and had such a happy and positive start. We are very proud of them all!

This week, Kindergarten will commence school at 9.15am each day and finish at 2.30pm. From Monday, 12th February Kindergarten will commence school at 8.50am every day and finish at 2.50pm.

Swimming Carnival

We had a fabulous day yesterday at our annual swimming carnival. Check out our school Facebook page for some photos from yesterday and stay tuned for a report in next week's school newsletter.

Congratulations to our 2024 Sports House Leaders!

Last Friday, we conducted elections for Sports House Captains and Vice Captains yesterday. We are very pleased to announce the following students as House Captains and Vice Captains for 2024:

Telopea – Ethan R and Ilana P (Captains) and Callum B and Christina B (Vice Captains)

Banksia – Allegra T and Samuel S (Captains) and Stefan J and Annabelle G (Vice Captains)

Boronia – Elijah S and Lulu H (Captains) and Lyam J and Samantha R (Vice Captains)

Hakea – Daisy T and Jamie L (Captains) and Zoe S and Darcy J (Vice Captains)

Our successful sports leaders will have their induction at our first assembly this term, where they will receive their badges. This assembly will be held on Friday, Congratulations, everyone!

Assemblies this Term

Our assemblies are held on the following Fridays from 12.15-1.00pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to join us.

Term 1 2024 K-6 Assembly Schedule	
Week 5 - Friday, 1 st March from 12.15-1.00pm in the school hall	This assembly will be hosted by the 2024 Student Executive Team. Our 2024 Sports House Leaders will be inducted and presented with their leadership badges.
Week 7 – Friday, 15 th March from 12.15-1.00pm	Class hosted assembly – host class to be confirmed
Week 11 – Friday, 12 th April from 12.15-1.00pm in the school hall	Class hosted assembly – host class to be confirmed

Meet the Teacher Afternoon/Evening – Wednesday 21st February

We will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in Week 4 on Wednesday 21st February. These sessions will be a first introduction to your child's teacher and an opportunity to visit your child's 2024 classroom.

Meet the Teacher sessions for the following classes will be held in your child's classroom from **4.30-5.15pm**:

- KSK
- KR
- 1/2M
- 1/2NW
- 1/2R

Meet the Teacher sessions for the following classes will be held in your child's classroom from **5.30-6.15pm**:

- 2/3M
- 3/4D
- 3/4F
- 5/6F
- 5/6W

Please note that Mrs Harris will be holding the Meet the Teacher session for 5/6H parents and carers in Week 3 on Tuesday, 13th February from 4.30-5.15pm.

If you have children across classes, please feel free to visit each of your child's room during the allocated times. A copy of the parent presentation and class newsletter will be made available to all parents and shared on our school website if you are unable to attend. Please note these sessions are a chance to meet your child's teacher who will share general information about school and class organisation. An opportunity to discuss your child's progress or individual learning needs will be afforded to parents and carers in Weeks 10 and 11 this term with our parent teacher interviews.

Contact with staff

As always, staff can be contacted by calling the office on 9153 9843 or by emailing the school at:

lugaro-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Extracurricular Activities

Dance - An expression of interest was sent home yesterday to students in Years 1-6 regarding auditions for our dance program which will commence in Week 5. Auditions will be held On Tuesdays in Weeks 3 and 4.

Band - Our band program will commence in Week 3 on Friday, 16th February at 8am for the training band and concert band. More information is being sent to parents of participating students from our band provider, 'Bandemonium'.

String Instruments groups will commence in Week 5 with more information to come.

Information about our other extracurricular programs - choir, debating, Yoga Club, Gardening/Environmental Club, Chess and Tech Clubs - will be shared shortly.

3-6 Sport

PSSA trials for Years 3-6 commenced last Friday and will continue this Friday. Teams are anticipated to be selected following the 2nd week of trials in readiness for the first round of PSSA is scheduled for Friday, 1st March (Week 5)

Season 1 PSSA sports on offer:

Girls' Oz Tag – coached by Mrs Dufty

Boys' Oz Tag – coached by Mrs Finneran

Mixed Cricket – coached by Mr Walker

Girls' Basketball – coached by Mrs Harris

Mixed Newcombe Ball – coached by Mrs Dow

Non-competitive school sport will be facilitated by Miss Flanagan.

Building work in the holidays

The school holidays were busy with many contractors on site completing several projects which included:

- New carpet and vinyl installed in the administration block;
- New carpet installed in OOSH, the band room and on the hall stage;
- Painting work done in Stage 2 classrooms and several external areas;
- New guttering installed around the COLA roof;
- Basketball court repaired and repainted;
- Initial works completed for the reconnection of the rainwater tank in the student garden behind the COLA.

P & C

Our first P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21st February at 7pm in the school library. We look forward to seeing you there after our Meet the Teacher sessions!

Playground Update

From next week, we will set up playground tubs which will contain soccer balls and basketballs for use on the oval and basketball court. Our sports house leaders will assist with this lunchtime equipment. Each Stage cohort will be allocated time on the oval for soccer games and use of the soccer goals. As part of this roll out, students will **not** be permitted to bring their own sports balls (soccer balls, basketballs, netballs, etc) to school commencing this year. Students will still be able to bring handballs or tennis balls. There will be a transition period of a few weeks where we will remind students. This should also enable students to keep their expensive and precious sports equipment at home, rather than having it lost, damaged or misplaced at school. This will also allow for the maximum amount of time to be spent playing rather than waiting for a friend to find a ball to use. We are predicting there will be fewer disagreements about the balls and rules seeing the students are using a school ball which they will take out of the tub at the start of play time and put it back once the bell rings. We will discuss these expectations and the weekly roster with students in readiness of this to commence on Monday. If you could please support us in keeping soccer and basketballs at home, it would be greatly appreciated.

Safer Internet Day

Yesterday marked Safer Internet Day - a worldwide event that raises awareness about online safety and encourages everyone to help create a better internet.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated in 150 countries. In Australia, the eSafety Commissioner is responsible for managing and promoting Safer Internet Day. The following link for parents and carers provided lots of useful information and resources.

[Online safety basics | eSafety Commissioner](#)

Teachers at LPS are regularly engaging in activities and discussions with their students as we work together to develop safe and responsible users of technology.

Canteen

The LPS canteen reopened on Monday and continues to be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays this year. At this stage, the canteen will be open for online orders only (over the counter service at lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays only). Our canteen coordinator, Sharon Steed, can be contacted if you would like to volunteer on 0430 290 077.

The canteen will be available from Monday, 26th February (Week 5) for Kindergarten students to commence ordering.

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop officially reopened on Monday and will be open every Monday from 8.30-9.00am in the school hall. To assist with processing the many orders at the beginning of the year, there will be a special opening just this week and next on Wednesday afternoon from 2.30-3.15pm. This special opening will be for 7/2 and 14/2 only.

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.

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

We thank you for your patience and support and kindly remind parents and carers that uniform shop and canteen are services made possible by volunteers who give up their time to serve our school community.

Uniform Requirements Each Day

Monday – All K-6 students wear full school uniform;

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

Wednesday – All K-6 students wear full school uniform;

Thursday – All K-6 students wear sports uniform;

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

Please stay tuned for further information over the coming weeks. As always, all notes are uploaded onto the school website for your reference at [Lugarno Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://Lugarno Public School (nsw.gov.au))

The staff and I are looking forward to working together with LPS families for a positive and productive year of learning and growing together at LPS!

Have a great week ahead!

Kind regards,

Justine Williams

Principal

2024 LPS STAFF

2024 Class Name	2024 Teacher/s	Location
KSK	Carolyn Kotevich (M-Tu)/ Michelle Simmonds (W-F)	KAS's 2023 room
KR	Nicolette Rigianas	KG's 2023 room
1/2M	Amanda McTackett (Rel. K-2 AP)	1/2M's 2023 room
1/2NW	Jayde Nunn (Mon, Th-F)/ Elodie Worboys (Tu-W)	1KN's 2023 room
1/2R	Deb Rainford (Rel. K-2 AP)	1/2R's 2023 room
3/4D	Bonnie Dow	3/4D's 2023 room
3/4F	Bec Flanagan	3/4F's 2023 room
2/3M	Athina Malakonakis (Stage 2 AP)	5/6H's 2023 room
5/6H	Judy Harris	3/4B's 2023 room
5/6W	Gregg Walker (Stage 3 AP)	5/6W's 2023 room
5/6F	Peter Finneran	5/6M's 2023 room

Overview of 2024 LPS Specialist & Support Staff

2024 Specialist/Support Program	2024 Specialist & Support Staff	Location
Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (AP C & I)	Erin Loh (Mon-Wed)	Various/AP office with Deb and Amanda
LaST	Dyana Maloney (Tues-Wed and Mon in odd weeks)	2023 LaST room
EAL/D /Learning Support	Ann Jones (Mon, Wed)	2023 EAL/D room
Student Wellbeing Support Officer (SWSO)	Leisel Savage (Tues and Wed)	2023 EAL/D room
School Counsellor	Erin Burgess (Every Tues and Fridays in <u>odd</u> weeks)	School Counsellor office
QTSS	Elodie Worboys (Mon, Th)	Various
Library/ RFF/Enrichment Computer Coordinator	Leonie Dufty (Tu-F)	Library
RFF	Jo Androulakis (Mon-Wed)	2023 RFF room
Exec RFF	Maria Anastasiou (Tues-Th)	Various
Cross stage support/ Learning Support	Carolyn Kotevich (Wed) Katie Guilfoyle (T1 – M-Tu)	Various
Itinerant Support Team Hearing (ISTH)	Kerrie Carson (ISTH AP) , Renee Fountas, Janet Stankiewicz, Carolyn Smalley, Vicki Nicolaou, Susan Tassini, Richelle Greenwood, Anne McGrath	2023 ISTH Room
Tech Support	Craig Bucknall – Tuesdays – every 3 weeks	Various

Overview of 2024 School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS)

2024 Role	2024 Staff	Location
School Administrative Manager	Claire Lynch (M-F)	SAM's office
School Administrative Officer	Angela Wootton (M-W)	Front Office
School Administrative Officer	Lori Vanzanella (Tues,Th, F)	Library (Tues); Front Office (Th, F)
General Assistant	Geoff Tucker (W, Th)	GA room; various
School Learning Support Officer	Joanne Targett (M-Th)	Various
School Learning Support Officer	Angela Wootton (Th, F)	Various
School Learning Support Officer	Kate Ryan (M-Th)	Various

Term 1 2024 Dates for Calendars – *dates correct a time of printing*

Week 2

- Tuesday, 6th February – Swimming Carnival at Roselands Pool for Years 3-6 and any competitive swimmers in Year 2 who are turning 8 in 2024
- Wednesday, 7th February – Kinder 2024 students officially commence
- Friday, 9th February – Season 1 PSSA trials continue

Week 3

- Tuesday, 13th February – dance troupe auditions
- Tuesday, 13th February – Meet the Teacher meeting for 5/6H
- Friday, 16th February - Training and Concert Band sessions commence

Week 4

- Tuesday, 20th February – dance troupe auditions
- Meet the Teacher Meetings – Wednesday, 21st February
- Wednesday, 21st February – P & C Meeting

Week 5

- Tuesday 27th February – Scripture/Ethics program commences
- Tuesday 27th February – dance troupe classes commence for selected students
- Thursday 29th February – GRIP Leadership Conference at Sydney Olympic Park for the 2024 Student Executive Team
- Friday, 1st March - Season 1 of PSSA commences
- Friday, 1st March - String Instrument groups commence
- Friday, 1st March – K-6 assembly hosted by the Student Executive Team

Week 6

- Monday 4th March – Georges River PSSA Swimming Carnival at Bexley Pool
- Thursday 7th March – Friday 8th March – Mrs Williams at the Primary Principals' Association State Council Meeting in the city

Weeks 7

- Monday, 11th March – Sydney East Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 13th March – Friday 22nd March – NAPLAN Assessment Window for Years 3 and 5
- Friday, 15th March – K-6 Assembly

Week 8

- NAPLAN Assessment continues
- Thursday, 21st March – Harmony Day

Week 9

- Friday 29th March – Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 10

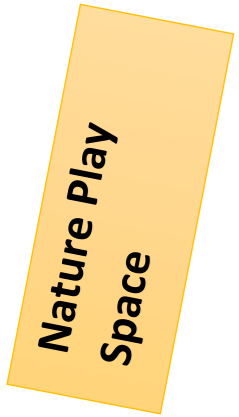
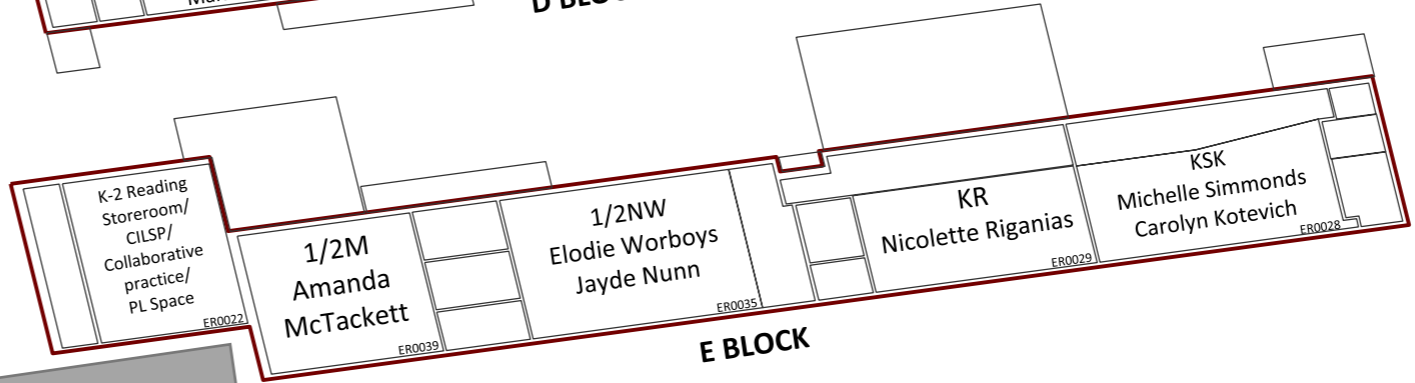
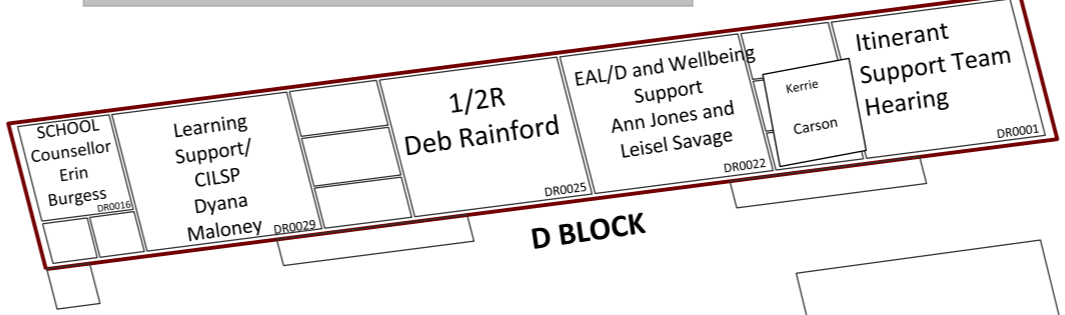
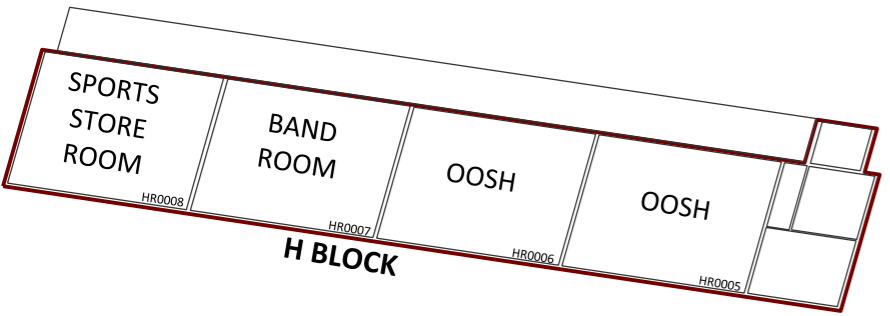
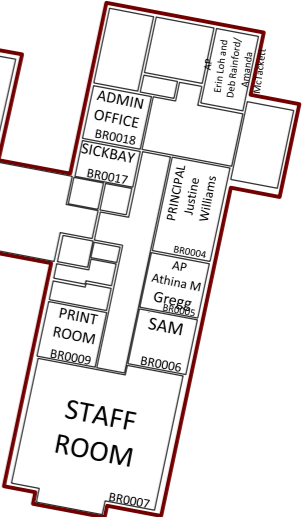
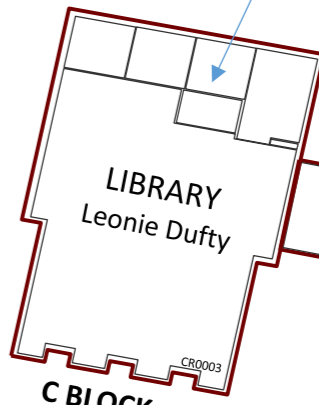
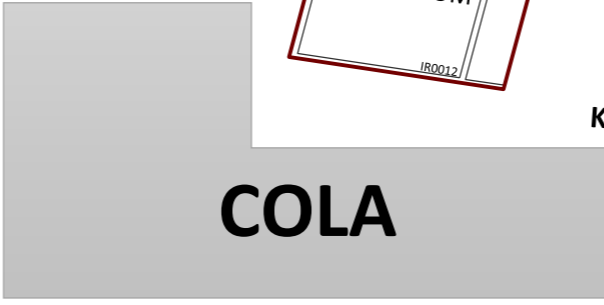
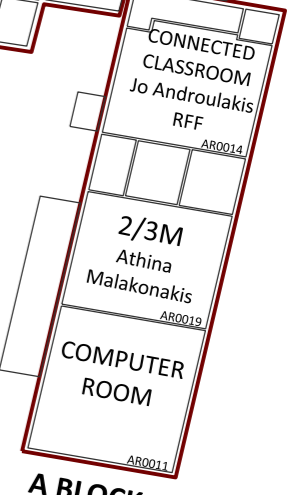
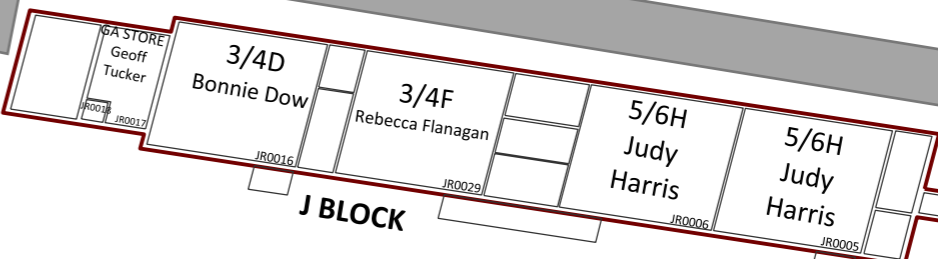
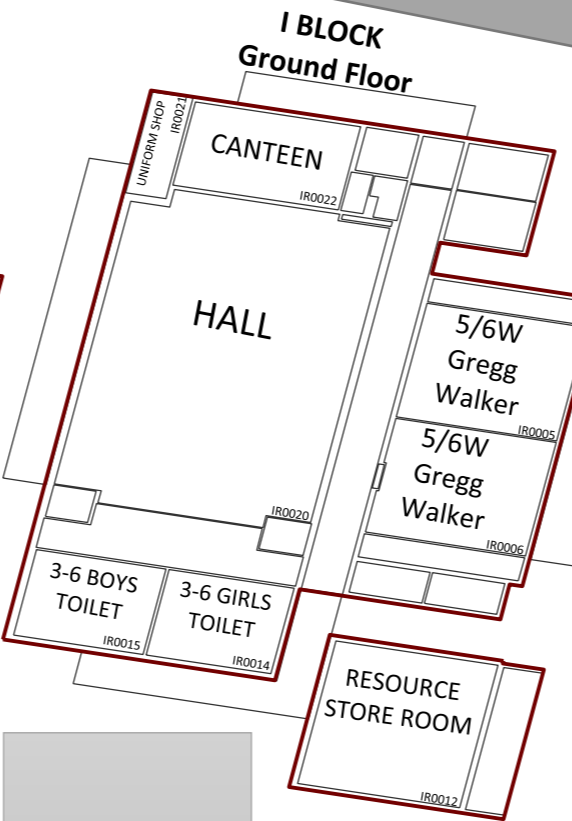
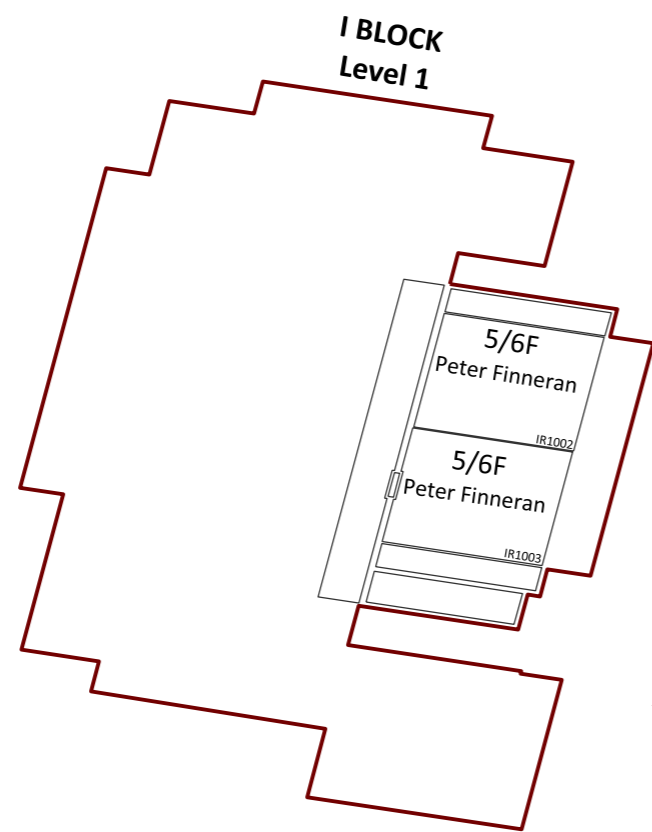
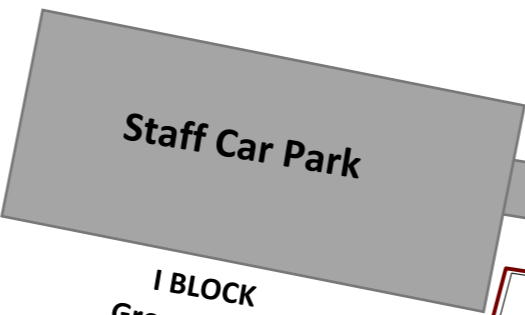
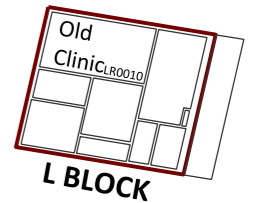
- Monday 1st April – Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Week 10 - Progress Interviews – parent teacher interviews
- Wednesday, 3rd April – Friday, 5th April – Mrs Williams at the St George Principals' Conference

Week 11

- Week 11 - Progress Interviews – parent teacher interviews
- State Swimming carnival at SOPAC – 10th-12th February
- Friday, 12th April – K-6 Assembly
- Friday 12th April – last day of Term 1



Lugarno Public School
School Map 2024



OLD FOREST ROAD

LUGARNO PARADE



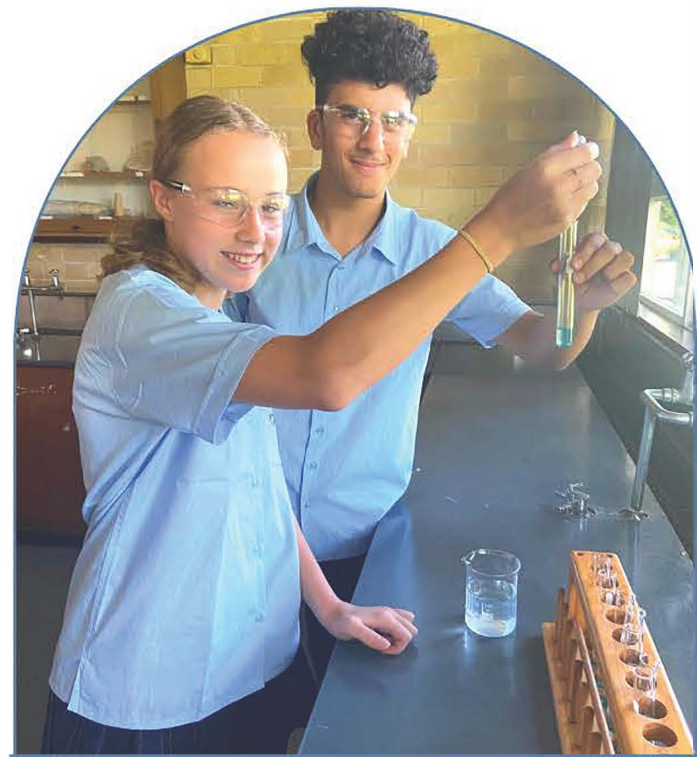
GEORGES RIVER COLLEGE PEAKHURST CAMPUS OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024
5.30 - 7.30 PM
ISAAC STREET, PEAKHURST

- **High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) streams, enrichment programs**
- **Wide selection of extra-curricular programs, including leadership, public speaking, sport and creative arts**
- **Special Education Unit & Learning Enhancement Team**

JOIN US IN THE SCHOOL HALL FOR A SHORT PRESENTATION AT 5.30PM, FOLLOWED BY SMALL GROUP TOURS OF THE SCHOOL AND FACULTY DISPLAYS

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Dance Troupe

Expression of Interest for 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are looking forward to another year of dance in our school for 2024.

There will be three dance troupes again this year:

Junior Dance Troupe **(Years 1 and 2 - Tuesdays 12.20pm -1.00pm)**

Intermediate Dance Troupe **(Years 3 and 4- Tuesday lunchtime 1.00pm -1.40pm)**

Senior Dance Troupe **(Years 5 and 6- Tuesday mornings 8.00am-8.40am)**

Due to the ongoing popularity of dance at Lugarno PS, entrance into the dance troupes will continue to be by an audition process. We would like to emphasise that many aspects are considered in this process, such as:

- effort
- ability to listen to and follow instructions
- coordination
- concentration
- behaviour
- team work
- ability to learn and perform a choreographed routine
- commitment to weekly attendance at dance classes, lunchtime rehearsals/meetings and outside school performances

Each year a substantial number of students audition for the dance troupes. If your child is selected, commitment to dance for the entire year is expected. The auditions will be held on **Tuesday 13th February and Tuesday 20th February** at the times mentioned above for each troupe. Year 5 & 6 students have an early start at 8am!

Commitment to dance in 2024 includes dance fees of \$115 for Semester 1 and \$115 for Semester 2, black jazz shoes, a costume levy of \$50 (with costumes remaining the property of the school) and associated transport costs.

If you would like your child to audition for dance this year, please return the attached Expression of Interest form to the office by Friday 9th February 2023. Please fill out a **separate form** for each child auditioning.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Deborah Rainford

Dance Coordinator

Mrs J Williams

Principal

Expression of Interest Form

Dance Troupes 2024

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to participate in the Lugarno PS Dance Troupe audition process on **Tuesday 13th February and Tuesday 20th February.**

My child and I are aware of the significant commitment in effort, time and money should my child be successful in gaining placement.

My child will be auditioning for the:

Junior Dance Troupe (Y1-2)

Intermediate Dance Troupe (Y3-4)

Senior Dance Troupe (Y5-6)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent contact name: _____

Mobile contact number: _____

Please return this form to the office

before/on

Friday 9th February 2024