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Principal's Message

Thought for the Week...

"We will fail when we fail to try."

~ Rosa Parks ~

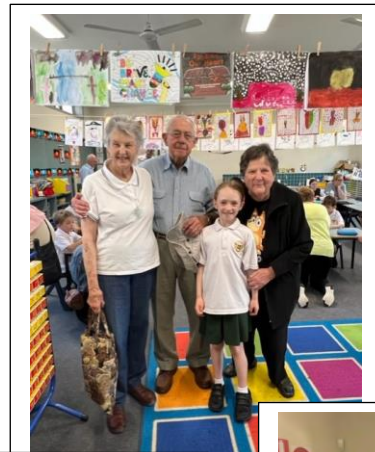
Well done to our dance troupes!

Congratulations to our junior, intermediate and senior dance troupes who performed last Wednesday night at the Bankstown East Hills Dance Festival. Our dancers shone and represented LPS with pride. A high thank you to Miss Emily for her excellent guidance and teaching and to Mrs Bartley, Ms Flett and Mrs Rainford for your support of our students and the dance program at LPS.



Grandparents' Day

What a beautiful morning we had celebrating our grandparents at our recent Grandparents' Day event. Our students enjoyed decorating a keyring and sharing their classroom with their loved ones. Thank you to Mark Coure, MP, who joined us for our special morning tea. Shout out to our amazing P & C for coordinating this very special event for our school community!



Congratulations to our amazing P & C!

Well done to the LPS P & C who were finalists at the recent P & C Federation Awards. What an outstanding achievement which is testament to the extraordinary, dynamic and innovative work they do in going above and beyond to support our school. Our P & C team play such important role in developing strong community connections and I am beyond proud of them!

Well done to three outstanding LPS volunteers who were also recognised for their valuable contributions to our school community last Friday night at the Mark Coure MP St George Community Awards:

- Jasmine Theophile – Environmental Awards
- Bianca Daniszewski – Individual Achievement Award
- Kelly Paras – Individual Achievement Award.



Calendar Dates

Included once again in this newsletter, is an overview of dates and activities coming up this term, as well as some important dates for Term 1, 2023 (dates are correct at time of printing).

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and notify you of a date change for the last day of Term 4 classes.

Students will now finish school on Friday 16 December 2022.

This is due to an additional School Development Day announced for staff across NSW public schools. School Development Days allow our staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students.

With this change, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child on Monday 19 December.

You can find local vacation care services for your child via the Before and After Care School Finder

<https://finder.service.nsw.gov.au/>

2023 Enrolments

To assist with our planning for 2023, if your child will not be returning to LPS next year, could you please inform the school in writing as soon as possible. Thank you.

Returning Late in 2023?

Please notify the office if your child will be returning late in 2023 so we can make appropriate accommodations. Extended leave during school terms requires the permission of the Principal.

Class Placement 2023

If you have any specific information that the school needs to be aware of in regards to your child's class placement for 2023, this needs to be put in writing and addressed to the Principal. Please be aware that requests for placement with specific teachers will not be considered except in exceptional circumstances.

If you provided information in relation to previous school years, please be aware that you will need to contact us again in relation to the 2023 school year as these considerations are looked at annually.

School Photo Day

Today we had our school photo day. Please refer to the attached document for how to order photos.

Values Medallions

The cut off for students to submit Principal's Awards for a Values Medallion is Thursday, 24th November.

P & C Meeting and the Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools (IER) Reform

One of the items discussed at the last P & C meeting was the Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Schools reform. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer which includes a link to further information about IER.

The next P & C meeting on Wednesday 16th November will be held in the school library and will be the AGM. Attending P & C is a great way to find out about what is happening in the school and join a dynamic and supportive group who are motivated to help our little school to be the best it can be. Newcomers are always welcome, so please consider coming along.

Kindergarten 2023

What a wonderful couple of weeks we have had welcoming out 2023 Kindergarten children to LPS. We are looking forward to our final "Leap Into Lugarno" Kinder Transition Session tomorrow. Tomorrow's session will include a parent information workshop for parents from 9.30am in the hall. Our P & C President, Melissa Porter, will also be speaking at this workshop.

Thank you to our Kinder staff, support and office staff for your hard work in supporting our new students and families as part of our Kinder Transition Program. A special thank you to Janette Allardyce-Walker and Phill Walker for your support each week with Uniform Shop.

Selective High – 2024 Entry

Applications are now open for selective high placement in 2024. Applications close on 16th November.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Painting and Maintenance Work

You may have noticed a lot of painting happening in the school at the moment. This work is part of our planned maintenance. Painting work continues throughout the school with several internal and external areas still to be completed. The replacement of cupboards, benchtops and floor coverings in 5/6M and 5/6W is also due to occur shortly.

Name our Canteen Competition

All students are invited to participate in a competition aimed at naming our school canteen and coming up with design ideas for signage. Please see attached information for further details.

Driving and Parking Safely near School

The safety of our students is a priority. School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. Please ensure that you park safely and legally at all times even if it means walking further to the school gate. Please observe all parking signs. Parking in our staff carpark for picking up and dropping off students is prohibited, as is using the carpark near the K-2 classrooms as a thoroughfare. Please also be respectful of our neighbours and ensure that you do not park across their driveways. Thank you for your support.

Term 4 Assembly Schedule

Term 4 2022 K-6 Assembly Schedule	
Friday, 18 th November (Week 6) – Next week will be our final Friday assembly for the year. Mark Coure, MP, will be joining us to present our school with new flags. Parent and carers are welcome to join us from 12.15-1.00pm in the hall.	Prefect hosted assembly

Attendance - #everydaymatters

- Working together for student attendance and to maximise learning

Regular attendance is essential for your child to achieve their educational best.

We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being at school. One way we can help make this happen is to be sure your child attends school each day unless they are sick, have symptoms or are absent for a justified reason.

Protecting the wellbeing of our students through the reporting and monitoring of student absences is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Notifying the school either before or on the day your child is away helps us keep accurate student attendance records to support you and your child.

We know that school is the best place to learn and regular attendance means students can stay on top of their school work and get the most out of their learning. If you are having trouble getting your child

to school every day or on time, please talk to our school staff so that we can work together, because every day counts.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost. As your child's education has already been interrupted through periods of learning from home due to COVID-19 over the last 2 and a half year, now is the time to prioritise face-to-face learning and making the most of every day.

Our school strives for the expected attendance rate which is above 95% of students at school each day over the year.

If your child is unwell they will need to stay home, get tested for COVID-19 if they are experiencing symptoms and only return when they are symptom free.

A friendly reminder that all absences must be explained. Parents should ensure that a written explanation for your child's absence is provided to the school as soon as possible. Absences due to sickness of 3 or more days should be accompanied by a medical certificate. Students who arrive late or need to leave early must also be provided with written explanation for their absence. Our school is required to continually monitor both full and partial absences. Please work with us to support regular attendance at LPS.

Are Your Contact Details Up to Date?

If your contact details are out of date or if you're not sure, please contact the school on 91539843 or via email lugaro-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au so we can update our records and can contact you quickly when we need to.

Please include parent/carer's name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.

Tech Club Update

Next Wednesday 16th November will be the final week of Tech Club with Mrs Dufty for 2022.

Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE)

Our school currently offers a number of options for students as part of our SRE and SEE programs which are facilitated by authorised, trained volunteers on Tuesday mornings at LPS. There has been interest in our school community for the provision of Islamic Special Religious Education. If you would like your child to participate in this SRE option in 2023, please indicate your interest on the note attached to this newsletter.

We are also seeking volunteers to train as ethics teachers so that we can continue to offer SEE to our students in 2023. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

What are 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.nsw.gov.au/lugarno-public-school)
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.

Mrs Williams

Principal

Term 4 2022 – dates for diaries (dates are correct at time of printing)

Week 5

- Monday 7/11 – Stage 1 Excursion
- Tuesday 8/11 – School Photo Day – all students to wear full school, summer uniform
- Wednesday 9/11 – Kinder Transition (Session 3 of 3 – includes parent information session)
- Thursday 10/11 – Year 6 Farewell planning committee meeting in the Library from 3.15-4.15pm
- Friday 11/11 – students and staff involved in a short Remembrance Day assembly. Students are encouraged to bring a small floral tribute to lay in the Memorial Garden.

Week 6

- Wednesday 16/11 – P & C AGM – held in the Library from 7pm
- Thursday 17/11 - Year 5 Leadership Day/ Year 6 Yearbook Day
- Friday 18/11 – Band demonstration for Years 2 and 3

Week 7

- Thursday 24/11 –Evacuation Drill

Week 8

- Tuesday, 29th November – last week of scripture/ethics and Helpers' Morning Tea
- Thursday 1/12 – Occasional Food/Canteen Special Day

Week 9

- Thursday 8/12 - Performance Showcase – TBC
- Friday 9/12 – Principal's Morning Tea K-2 – 10.15am; 3-6 10.30am

Week 10

- Tuesday 13/12 – Reports sent home to parents
- Tuesday 12/12 – Year 6 Farewell at Club Rivers
- Wednesday 14/12 – Kinder Graduation Assembly
- Wednesday 14/12 – PBL Playground Garnos reward for Term 4 winning house
- Thursday 15/2 – Presentation Day Assembly 9.30am
- Friday 16/12 – Talent Quest, Year 6 Graduation Assembly and Guard of Honour. **Students' last day.**

Week 11

- Monday 19/12 – School Development Day – staff only
- Tuesday 20/12 – School Development Day – staff only

2023 Dates - Term 1

Week 1

- Tuesday 24/1 – Uniform Shop will be open
- Thursday 26/1 – Public Holiday
- Friday 27/1 – Staff Development Day 1 – staff only

Week 2

- Monday 30/1 – Staff Development Day 2 – staff only
- **Tuesday 31/1 – Students in Years 1-6 return**
- Wednesday 1/2 – Friday 3/2 – Kinder Best Start Assessment interviews

Week 3

- **Monday 6/2 – Kinder students commence**
- Tuesday 7/2 – Swimming Carnival at Roselands Pool

Week 7

- Wednesday 8/3 – GRIP Leadership Day – for student executive team

Week 8

- Wednesday 15/3 – NAPLAN starts today (NAPLAN assessment window will be from 15/3/23 – 27/3/23)

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Mexican Pasta Salad

Featured in: [Salads](#), [Quick and easy](#)

Preparation time: 30 minutes

Serves: 8



2 serves of vegetables per serve

Diet and Allergies:

[Nut Free](#), Vegetarian



Ingredients

250g wholemeal pasta, cooked e.g. spirals or penne
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
½ red capsicum, diced
½ red onion, finely diced
1 Lebanese cucumber, diced
400g tin corn kernels, drained
400g tin black beans, drained & rinsed
¼ cup fresh coriander, chopped

Dressing

¼ cup reduced fat plain yoghurt
¼ cup mayonnaise
1 lemon, juiced
¼ tsp ground cumin

Method

Combine all of the salad ingredients in a large bowl.

Mix all the dressing ingredients in a small bowl. Add the dressing to the salad and toss gently to combine.

From the Cancer Council Healthy Lunch Box website <https://healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes>

COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.



Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.



Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.



Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used together with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in government schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing is required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.



Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.



Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated when planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.



Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.



Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

Telephone interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.



Tuesday, 25th October 2022

Ethics classes at Lugarno Public School in 2023

Dear parents and carers,

The demand for Ethics classes at LPS continues to grow.

We now need volunteers to step forward so that children in all stages who have expressed an interest in attending Ethics, can participate in the program in 2023. Please be aware the classes cannot run without volunteers. We need three volunteer teachers, one of whom will take on the role of coordinator.

Could you or someone you know be an Ethics teacher for Lugarno Public School? Don't be put off by the title – the job involves facilitating a discussion with the children! It's fun, interesting and insightful. Volunteers are provided with all the required materials, including discussion points, to run the half-hour class each week.

Ethics teachers receive full (free) training by Primary Ethics consisting of a two day workshop and short online modules. Curriculum and access to teaching resources is provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in developing children's critical thinking skills and must be available at 9:00am-9:30am and/or 9:30am-10:00am on Tuesday each week.

In Ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topics such as:

- Imagining how others feel
- How do we treat living things?
- What is laziness?
- How do we disagree in a respectful way?
- Fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au and/or contact me via nutrition@thefoodexpert.com.au

Hanan Saleh
Ethics Coordinator

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Love, Learn, Live Islam

What is Special Religious Education?

SRE is education provided to students in NSW public schools by authorised representatives of approved religious groups to students who have nominated that religion. These classes are commonly known as “scripture”.

What is Islamic Special Religious Education?

Carrying the noble Islamic tradition of seeking knowledge and teaching, ISRE is an educational program dedicated to providing Islamic education to Muslim students in NSW Public Schools. ISRE is a project offered through the Islamic Council of NSW (ICNSW) and has been running since the early 1980's. ICNSW is an approved Special Religious Education provider with the Department of Education and Communities.

What is the Islamic Special Religious Education program?

The ISRE lessons provide a specifically tailored Islamic education program for Muslim students. The program is designed to teach Muslim students the basics of Islam, nurture them to develop a strong sense of identity and purpose and inspire them to lead productive lives by contributing positively to themselves, their communities, their society and the world. The ISRE program is non-sectarian and is provided to all Muslims students, regardless of their sectarian groupings. The aim of ISRE is to teach students to love, learn and live Islam.

Where do I get further information?

For further information about the program can be found at www.isre.org.au.

You can also email us at info@isre.org.au or call 029708 0880.

You're also welcome to visit our office located at - 2/14 French Avenue Bankstown NSW 2200.

Islamic Special Religious Education

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

I hope you receive this in the best of health and spirit. This letter is to inform you that Islamic Scripture lessons are now being arranged at **Lugarno Public School and are expected to commence in the 2023 school year.**

All students in NSW government schools are entitled to a session of religious education every week. The Islamic Special Religious Education (ISRE) body, authorised by the Islamic Council of NSW, is responsible for the coordination and management of Islamic education classes for primary students in NSW government schools.

Since its establishment, ISRE has aimed to educate Muslim students to better understand the teachings of Islam. We believe that by educating our children in Islamic knowledge, morals and ethics, we will develop in them a stronger connection with their creator, and hence a stronger connection with themselves, their school, community and with society as a whole.

We are currently servicing over 26,000 Muslim students across NSW. With interactive lesson plans, our scripture teachers are able to provide essential Islamic information to our children in exciting and enjoyable ways. We are glad to inform you your children now also have this opportunity to participate in Islamic scripture classes.

However, if the school does not have your permission to send your child to Muslim scripture classes, your child may miss out and be sent to non-scripture instead. In order for your child not to miss out on this invaluable opportunity, please fill out the section attached at the end of this letter and return it with your child to their teacher as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions regarding scripture classes, ISRE, or even as to becoming a scripture teacher, please contact us.

Sincerely,

ISRE

Islamic Council of NSW

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

I give permission for my child to participate in Islamic scripture classes.

☐

I do not give permission for my child to participate in Islamic scripture classes.

☐

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Every Day Matters

Consistent attendance improves student outcomes, increases career options, and helps students build relationships and confidence.

Why attendance matters - Let's do the maths

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost.

Did you know?

95% attendance

Students are expected to have above a 95% [school attendance](#) rate, because days missed is years lost. That's why making sure your child comes to school every single day (unless genuinely sick) is so important.

Holiday time

Please remember, holidays should only be booked during school breaks. Students should be at school every day during school term, right from the first day until the last.

Safe learning environment

We know that the last couple of years have been tough, and we will continue to prioritise student's health and wellbeing by listening to health advice, providing support and maintaining a safe learning environment.

Tell your child's school

- If your child misses school due to illness, religious reasons, family circumstances, or other reasons, remember to contact the school within 7 days to explain the reason for absence.
- If your child arrives at school late or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the school office to sign your child in or out and explain the reason for the absence.
- If you're having difficulty getting your child to school and on time every day, contact the school for support.



Compulsory school attendance

| Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...


When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**

= 4 weeks 
= Over 1 year missed

1 day per **week**

= 8 weeks 
= Over 2.5 years missed

More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.



Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful; Schools Package

New policies, procedures and framework to keep students engaged in learning at school

The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful (IER) Schools package was announced in February this year by NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, Hon Sarah Mitchell.

It centres on three new policies and procedures and a framework that together set the guidelines for how we ensure all children and young people can learn through public education in a safe and engaging way. The IER Schools package includes the:

- ✓ Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability
- ✓ Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures
- ✓ Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures.

With these new policies, we want all students to:

- be included in all aspects of school life and supported to learn to their fullest capability
- be supported in engaging, respectful, and effective classrooms with positive and inclusive practices
- feel welcomed, valued and safe in our schools and classroom

Two of the policies are new: the Inclusive Education Policy; and the Restrictive Practices Framework and policy. Both clarify *existing* legal obligations, effective, appropriate and prohibited practices, and the rights of students, parents and carers.

The Student Behaviour Policy replaces the Student Discipline in Government Schools and Suspension and Expulsion Policy. The key change is the approach all NSW public schools will take to address disruptive or inappropriate behaviour by a student. The duration of a suspension will be reduced along with the number of suspensions across a school year. Every school will be able to draw on the support of a range of staff including behaviour specialists to effectively address issues resulting in these behaviours in order to prevent future escalations. We will continue to work closely with you and all our families.

It does not mean, however, that students who are violent or seriously disrupt the learning and wellbeing of others will be kept at school. Any student who puts the safety of other students, teachers and staff or visitors at risk of harm – will be suspended until it is safe for them to return.

The Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability and the Student Behaviour Policy become operational in Term 4, 2022 and the Restrictive Practices Policy becomes operational in Term 1, 2023.

The staff and I are reviewing our current approach to all of the areas covered by these policies, and wish to share any changes we believe need to be made with you in the near future.

Our school already takes a strong, positive student-centred approach, but we want to work with you to ensure, together, every student has the right support at the right time to help them grow into confident, resilient adults.

For more information on these policies, please visit the [NSW Department of Education website](https://www.education.nsw.gov.au).

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available in early-October 2022 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications open on 18 October 2022 and close on 16 November 2022. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 4 May 2023**.

The tear-off slip below is NOT an application, it is advice to the school that you intend to apply. The school CANNOT apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Justine Williams

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 9th November.

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY GO TO THE ONLINE FORM AT: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2024

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2024 for my child through the Selective Education Unit website between 18 October 2022 and 16 November 2022. I am aware that this is not an application and that the school cannot apply on my behalf.

Signature of parent/carers: _____

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY GO TO THE ONLINE FORM AT: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Please return to the front office by Wednesday, 9th November 2022.

All Second Hand Uniforms

On Thursday 17th November the Uniform Shop will be holding a \$2 second hand uniform sale.

School Hall, 8:30am to 9:30am

*Please Note: no new uniform sales
on this day.*

ONE DAY ONLY

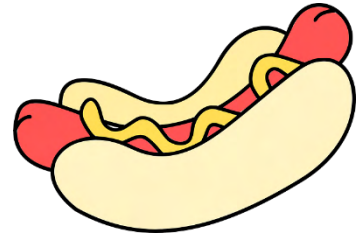
\$2 sale

All enquiries to:

uniformshop@lugarnopandc.org.au



ICE-CREAM AND



SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY

Week 8, Thursday 1st December, 2022

QKR! Only Lunch Order

To celebrate another fantastic year at Lugarno Public School the canteen will be holding a special lunch order day in Week 8.

RECESS: Plain Vanilla Ice Cream Cup \$2.00

LUNCH: Sausage on a Roll, with or without onion \$4.00

Sauce: Tomato or BBQ 30^c

No other lunch orders will be available on this day

If you would like to order your lunch for this day, please log on to **QKR!** to place your order. This will be a **QKR!** only event.

Please place your order on **QKR!** by 10pm Sunday 27th November.

No late orders can be accepted as all food will be pre ordered.

Regular counter service will be available at lunch time.

Cash sales will be available on this day.

If you have any questions or need help with QKR! please send an email to canteen@lugarnopandc.org.au .

Calling all budding designers!

Dear LPS students,

You are invited to participate in an exciting design project.

The brief (your task):

The Canteen Committee is looking to rebrand the school canteen and seeking ideas for a new name and design for signage. Please use the design entry form attached. The design project is open to all LPS students, K-6.

The deadline:

All entries are due to Mrs Williams by Friday, 4th November – plenty of time to come up with your best ideas and designs! There will be a box located in the office foyer for you to submit your design entry.

The top designs will be selected by the Canteen Committee and voted upon by the school community. A working party will then look to bringing these ideas to life in the near future!

Kind regards,

Mrs Williams

Operation LPS Canteen Rebrand!

Student name: _____

Class: _____

I think the LPS Canteen should be called: _____

Here are my design ideas for signage:

Please return your completed designs to the box in the front office by Friday, 4th November 2022



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SPACE AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
COST - \$110.00 (INCLUDING GST) FOR
A BUSINESS CARD SIZE AD FOR 12
MONTHS

Please phone school office on

LUGARNO PUBLIC SCHOOL – School Photo Day

Tuesday 8th November 2022

School Code: 379617

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Photographs will be taken on **TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2022**. Family, class, individual, Year 6 and student leadership photos will be taken on this day. A second photo day has already been held for all other group extra-curricular photos (eg sport, band, dance, debating etc) Package details are available to be viewed when ordering online by visiting

www.donwoodphotography.com.au

Students are asked to wear their full school SUMMER uniform with correct socks and black footwear on the day of their photograph. Minimal hair accessories in school colours only are to be worn. Please do not send children in their sports uniform.

To purchase school photographs please follow the steps below:

Family photographs

<u>ONLINE</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Order online, using a PC or laptop, through the Don Wood Photography website www.donwoodphotography.com.au using your unique school code2. Begin this process the same as ordering individual / class photos as above. <p>There is a cut-off time for family online orders Family photo orders must be done <u>BEFORE 11:59pm MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2022. This is for Family photos only.</u></p> <p><i>*If you have missed this cut off, please collect a family cash envelope from the school office on day of school photos or call DWP office on 9542 5370 to make a credit card payment on day of photos, we can not accept payment after this day unless the sibling photo has been taken.</i></p>
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Individual / Class photos

<u>ONLINE</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Order online, using a PC or laptop, through the Don Wood Photography website www.donwoodphotography.com.au using your school code2. Click on Order School Photographs and Portrait Downloads at the top left-hand side of the screen3. Type your school code into the orange 'SCHOOL CODE' box on the left-hand side of the screen4. The Home Page for your school will be displayed5. Click on the blue 'Order Pre-Paid Packages Order Now' box6. Enter your child's details then click NEXT
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Select the package you wish to purchase then scroll down and click NEXT 8. Sibling photographs can be ordered at this point (see below for ordering cut-off time). Scroll down and click NEXT 9. Extra items are available to purchase. Please select the item/s you would like. Scroll down and click NEXT 10. You will see a summary screen. If you have another child, you wish to order for please click '+Save & Add Another Child'. Once you have finished ordering please click Finish & Add to Cart to complete the check-out process. <p>Please do not pay through the school website as this money is collected by the company not the school.</p>
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Leadership / Extracurricular photographs

<u>ONLINE</u>	<p>Group photographs can be purchased AFTER the school photographs have been delivered to the school and can be viewed on the online portal. The code to purchase will be the same School code used for individual / class photographs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to www.donwoodphotography.com.au 2. Click on Order School Photographs and Portrait Downloads 3. Type your school code into the orange 'SCHOOL CODE' box on the left-hand side of the screen 4. The Home Page for your school will be displayed 5. Click on Group Photos in the menu at the top of the screen. 6. Select the photographs you would like then complete the checkout process.
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ORDER ONLINE NOW *go to*
www.donwoodphotography.com.au
 or Scan QR Code



SCHOOL CODE
379617

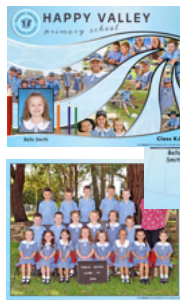
*** Disclaimer: Due to Covid and risk to student health the school may decide to remove a "Group" photo and replace with a second page composite without notice.**

**BONUS
DIGITAL
PORTRAIT**

PORTRAIT PACK 1

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** * option **PLUS One sheet of portraits** consisting of:

- 1x 7x5'** (176x127mm) portrait
- 2x 3.5x2.5'** (89x67mm) portraits
- 2x 2x1.5'** (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 1x 2x1.5'** (50x38mm) black and white key ring portrait
- 1x 7x1.5'** (176x38mm) bookmark



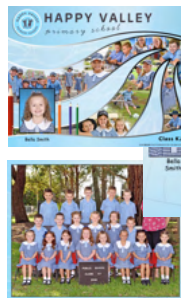
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**BONUS
DIGITAL
PORTRAIT**

PORTRAIT PACK 2

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** * option **PLUS Two sheets of portraits** consisting of:

- 1x 7x5'** (176x127mm) portrait
- 2x 5x3.5'** (127x89mm) portraits
- 3x 3.5x2.5'** (89x67mm) colour portraits
- 2x 3.5x2.5'** (89x67mm) black and white portraits
- 5x 2x1.5'** (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 3x 2x1.5'** (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits
- 8x 1/2x3/4'** (20x13mm) locket sized portraits
- 1x 7x1.5'** (176x38mm) bookmark



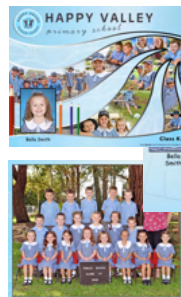
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**BONUS
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PORTRAIT**

PORTRAIT PACK 3

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** * option **PLUS Two sheets of portraits** consisting of:

- 2x 7x5'** (176x127mm) portraits
- 2x 6x4'** (154x103mm) portraits
- 2x 3.5x2.5'** (89x67mm) colour portraits
- 1x 3.5x2.5'** (89x67mm) black and white portrait
- 4x 2x1.5'** (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 3x 2x1.5'** (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits
- 1x 7x1.5'** (176x38mm) bookmark



\$45

**BONUS
DIGITAL
PORTRAIT**

PORTRAIT PACK 4

Includes the **GROUP PHOTO** * option **PLUS Three sheets of portraits** consisting of:

- 1x 10x8'** (250x200mm) portrait
- 2x 7x5'** (176x127mm) portraits
- 2x 6x4'** (154x103mm) portraits
- 2x 3.5x2.5'** (89x67mm) colour portraits
- 1x 3.5x2.5'** (89x67mm) black and white portrait
- 4x 2x1.5'** (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 3x 2x1.5'** (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits
- 1x 7x1.5'** (176x38mm) bookmark



\$50

**6 Months
Free Portrait
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Please turn over for more package options, extras and how to order

Email: info@donwoodphotography.com.au
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PORTRAIT ONLY PACK

Includes **Two sheets of portraits** consisting of:

- 1x 7x5'** (176x127mm) portrait
- 2x 5x3.5'** (127x89mm) portraits
- 3x 3.5x2.5'** (89x67mm) colour portraits
- 2x 3.5x2.5'** (89x67mm) black and white portraits
- 5x 2x1.5'** (50x38mm) colour key ring portraits
- 3x 2x1.5'** (50x38mm) black and white key ring portraits
- 8x 1/2x3/4'** (20x13mm) locket sized portraits



BONUS
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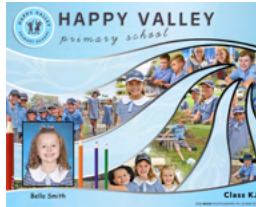
DOES NOT INCLUDE GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

GROUP ONLY PACK

Includes the **Group Photo** set that consists of 3 **8'x10'** (200x250mm) photographic sheets:

- A front cover with your school name and logo
- One class composite page
- The group photo

Packaged in a clear plastic presentation sleeve.
Does NOT include bonus download



\$35

DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PORTRAITS

FAMILY PACKAGES

\$22



2.5cm X 4cm



13cm X 18cm



9cm X 13cm

OPTION 1

\$26



20cm X 25cm



13cm X 18cm



9cm X 13cm



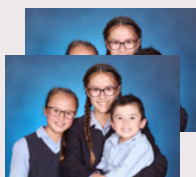
2.5cm X 4cm

OPTION 2

\$31



20cm X 25cm



13cm X 18cm



9cm X 13cm



2.5cm X 4cm

OPTION 3



Bookmarks



Gift Card

Please see website for more details, sizing and extra family options!

EXTRAS

EXTRAS COMBO

Extras combo must be ordered in conjunction with a photo pack

Includes:

1x 10x8' (250x200mm) portrait

2x 7x5' (176x127mm) portrait

Portrait Download NOT included in extras combo

\$26



KEYRING

NO PRINTS INCLUDED-

Keyrings must be ordered in conjunction with a photo pack. Please see packs on previous page for packages that contain 2x1.5' (50x38mm) sized key ring photos for use with this product.



\$6

CALENDAR

One 11x14' (279x355mm) sized Black and White Calendar with coloured individual portrait photo and students name.

\$20

Calendars can be ordered independently from packages



HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Scan QR Code to order



SCHOOL CODE

Please enter your unique school code supplied to access your Schools Online Order Portal. This code will allow you to order up to Midnight 4 days after the day of photographs.

This excludes Family Photographs which close Midnight prior to photo day

Enter Your School Code

school code

SUBMIT

Don't have your School Code? [Click here to request](#)

SCHOOL CODE: 379617



We accept online payments using Visa and Mastercard.
A \$1 handling fee is applicable with online ordering.



Check your order carefully, as refunds are not available for incorrect package choice.



If you have any questions about our packages or how to place your order, please contact us on our email: info@donwoodphotography.com.au

SUSTAINABILITY

SUPPORTING OUR ECO-WARRIOR KIDS IN 2022

How can you think sustainably when preparing the daily lunchbox?



It's safe to state that there are very few parents who enjoy preparing the school lunchbox every morning! But below are some small changes in routine that you can introduce in your home to reduce the impact that you have on landfill waste. Share more great ideas on the LPS P&C Facebook page.

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." **Robert Swan, Author**



Sign up to ZeroCo

Is it time to top up your household cleaning products to a brand that gives back to the planet? Insert LPS details during your 1st online order of a Starter Kit and ZeroCo will give \$40 to LPS! Read more details here about how reducing your single-use plastic at home, can help our school too. <https://www.zeroco.com.au/pages/give-a-thon>
 Unsure how to order and link LPS, contact Jasmine.

Got kids that are keen for regular clean-up events in the local area? Contact Jasmine if you want details of the next local **"Little vs Litter"** event where eco-warriors unite with other kids for active outdoor fun (off the devices!).

Monday gardeners

Are you a parent that has an hour free to help the LPS gardening club on Mondays? The gardening club meets during the 2nd half of lunchtime. Compost helpers needed!

1

ECO-FRIENDLY LUNCHBOXES

Consider innovative new products made from sustainable materials. Get started below:

Seed & Sprout (free shipping for orders \$100+)

Go For Zero (10% off after newsletter sign-up)

ECOLunchBox (15% off after newsletter sign-up & free shipping after \$75)

Goods That Give (free shipping on orders \$69+)

Some online sites also offer gift cards (in case the grandparents are asking for Christmas gift ideas!).

2

SWAPOVER YOUR PLASTIC CLING WRAP

Great Wrap is Aussie plastic-free cling wrap, made from potato waste. It decomposes in less than 180 days!

Or try Aussie **BioBag** for compostable bags (10% off after newsletter sign-up).

For re-usable beeswax wraps, lots of options are via site biome.com.au

Or try the re-usable **Lunch Swag** bag, or for silicone bags use **Go For Zero** (hopefully kids return it daily!)

Did you know baking paper can't go in the compost bin?!

3

FOOD UN-WASTE

Want to help reduce food wastage? Below are some suppliers offering cheaper prices. The produce is not pretty but is still delicious!

Good & Fugly (10% off on any weekly or fortnightly deliveries)

Farmers Pick (use the code **SAVEMORE15** for 15% off your next 4 weeks of fresh produce boxes)

Imperfect Picks via Harris Farm Markets

As you prep fruit & veggies, don't forget to tip scraps into your home compost bin.

Be thoughtful with Christmas gifts

As Christmas approaches, choose gifts with more meaning:

ethica.org.au unlabelled.org.au onmyfeet.org.au

theloveearthstore.com.au risebeyondthereef.org wgac.me

ozfairtrade.org littleecoshop.com.au wwf.org.au

unwrapped.oxfam.org.au/occasion/charity-christmas-gifts

To avoid Lugarno mozzies, check out **buzzpatch.com** for stickers which are a natural kid-safe mosquito repellent.

Drop off old, broken toys to **BigW**. They have the *Toys for Joy* chest in-store, where all donations get passed onto partner, TerraCycle to reduce landfill. *They request to avoid the following though: books, board games, play-doh, wood, paint/slime, crayons/pens.*

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead, American Anthropologist

A**DECLUTTERING?**

It's not too late for your 2022 spring clean!

Book a pick up with

[Arnies Recon](#). They

freely accept appliances, sewing machines, whitegoods, plus e-waste too (mobiles, computers, old radios, cameras etc).

For clothes that Vinnies won't accept, try **[Upparel](#)** (or contact Jasmine cos your bag can be added to hers for a joint collection).

If you have a dress in good condition, sell it on **[Dress for Dignity](#)** so that 100% of proceeds go to charity *Share the Dignity*.

Your good household items can be donated via **GIVIT.org.au** It'll be matched with someone who needs that item.

B**SUPPORT LOCALS**

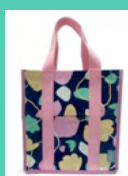
Two local mums/cousins in the Sutherland Shire use recycled bottles to make large tote bags.

Their range of tote bag designs can be found on their "Hello Weekend" website (also a great Christmas gift idea too).

helloweekend.com.au

There is 10% off on the 1st order, plus free shipping on any order over \$99.

Read about their inspiring origin story in The Leader: **www.theleader.com.au/story/7805768/shire-mums-bag-in-a-green-venture/**

**C****FREE TREE GIVEAWAY**

You can apply for a free tree via the NSW Planning Portal.

In November 2022, the NSW Government are giving away 2,000 dwarf citrus fruit trees for residents (lime/orange).

There is a limited supply and if demand is high, you may need to wait for the next intake.

When your order is processed, the tree is collected from your local Bunnings store.

www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/greening-our-city/free-tree-give-away

For optimal website performance, a desktop device is recommended on Google Chrome (rather than your mobile phone).

D**RECYCLING NINJA**

[RedCycle](#) is a great soft plastic recycling program.

There are numerous drop off bins in our local community, with the closest at Woolworths Mortdale (next to the check-outs).

Soft plastics can't go in the yellow council bin. So throughout the week at home, collect all your scrunchable soft plastics into one bag (ideally keep it handy in the kitchen). Then drop it all off the next time you head to Woolies.

Couldn't be easier ;)

For those seeking a home pick-up service, order a **Zero Waste Box** from **[TerraCycle](#)**