



# LUGARNO

Public School

## THE LUGARNO LETTER

LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

Tuesday 3 August 2022, Week 3, Term 3

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## Principal's Message

### Thought for the Week...

"The future of the world is in my classroom today."

~ Ivan Welton Fitzwater ~

## Schools Tree Planting Day

Last Friday, we celebrated Schools Tree Planting Day as part of the National Tree Day initiative. A huge thank you and congratulations to Mrs Jasmine Theophile who organised this highly successful community event. Mrs Theophile worked tirelessly over several months to provide a wonderful educational experience for our students, as well as connect so many within our local community. Thank you to the many community organisations, community volunteers, and parents and carers who attended on Friday. Your hard work and generosity of time is so greatly appreciated. Thank you also to local councillor Mr Mahoney, State MP Mr Coure and Federal MP Mr Coleman for joining us and helping with student planting.

### Calendar dates

August 3-5 – Stage 3 Camp

August 6 – P & C Trivia Night

August 8 – ICAS Digital Technologies Assessment

August 10 – ICAS Writing Assessment

August 12 – Season 2 PSSA Finals

Every student had the opportunity to plant a seedling in one of three sites on the school grounds (behind the Library, near the fruit trees and behind the OOSH building). Students also participated in sustainability information sessions.

Thank you also to Mrs Wilkie for assisting me with school-based organisation. Well done and thank you to the following students who took a lead role on the day either welcoming guests, assisting as runners, assisting with the weeding of the Nature Play Space and Vegetable Garden, or collecting student donations: Callan, Lucius, Natalie, James, Riley, Marcus and our Years 2-6 SRC students. Great work students!

Thank you to Melissa Porter and the P & C for providing refreshment for our visitors throughout the day.

\$275 was raised for local charity, Australian Wildlife Society. A great achievement!

In addition to the many new native plants, our school has also acquired a stingless native beehive and installed bird boxes as part of our commitment to sustainability practices at LPS. These are located in the treed area adjacent to the main staff carpark.

It's great that students' interest in their new plants and caring for our school environment has been piqued and Mrs Wilkie looks forward to re-establishing our school Garden and Sustainability Club. Stay tuned for more information to be shared shortly.

### **Check us out in the Leader!**

[Lugarno Public School goes green for National Tree Day 2022 | St George & Sutherland Shire Leader | St George, NSW \(theleader.com.au\)](https://www.theleader.com.au/news/lugarno-public-school-goes-green-for-national-tree-day-2022-st-george-sutherland-shire-leader-st-george-nsw)





## Education Week Open Day

Yesterday we opened our school to celebrate Education Week. What a beautiful day it was!

This year's Education Week theme is 'Creating futures – education changes lives' and celebrates the quality education we provide and the opportunities available to everyone in NSW public education.

Education Week is our chance to celebrate the achievements of our school, students and learning community

This year we continue to celebrate the journey our students take throughout the NSW Education system, focusing on how we are creating futures for our students, staff and families.

From Kindergarten to year 6, we are committed to preparing our learners to be agile thinkers and lifelong learners.

In partnership with parents and carers, we have a shared responsibility in helping to shape the lives and create the future of today's learners.

Public education can change the lives of not just our students, but also the lives of our teachers, staff, families and communities. On a daily basis I am privileged to witness the powerful role and relationship our staff have with our students.

Students are at the heart of learning and at the centre of every decision we make at LPS. We want every child's individual potential to be identified and developed by quality teaching in a supportive and engaging learning environment.

Great learning and teaching occurs in our classrooms every day. Our quality teaching practices ensure that our school is meeting the diverse needs and strengths of each individual student. Our School's Strategic Improvement Plan also articulates the important work our school needs to do in developing future-focused, empowered learners for the future – that means equipping students with skills to think creatively and creatively, know explicitly what they need to learn and how they can reach their goals, developing students who can problem solve and collaborate, students who are resilient, flexible and adaptive and students who can engage competently and responsibly with technology as a tool for their learning.

I am a proud leader in the NSW public education system, which is massive in scale with around 800,000 students in 2,200 schools. The teachers, support and administrative staff in our school of 256 students all work together to help deliver a warm, supportive environment for our students.

Our school works in partnership with parents, carers and community members, creating an engaged and inclusive learning community.

There is a lot to celebrate in Education Week as we highlight the achievements of our school not only in each classroom but also in the area of the performing and creative arts as many of you saw in yesterday's performance showcase. I would like to acknowledge and thank the support of our band conductor, Jacob Nicholls and his team of band tutors and our dance teacher, Miss Emily, for the high standard of instruction they provide our students in band and dance. I would also like to thank and acknowledge our team of school dance coordinators, Mrs Bartley, Mrs Rainford and Ms Flett.

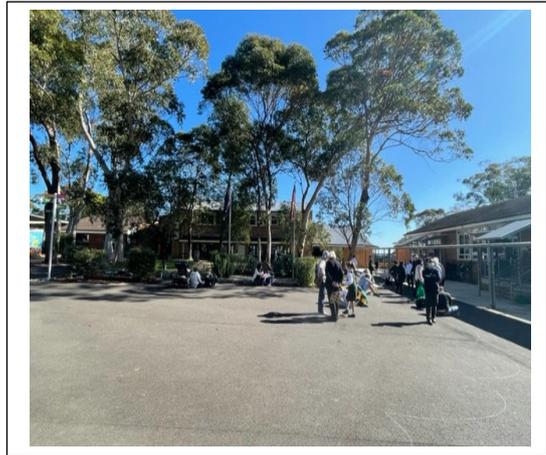
Thank you to Mrs Rainford and Mrs Dufty for their work in facilitating the enrichment opportunities of the Picasso Cow Project and Tech Club. Hopefully, you enjoyed seeing the progress of our resident cow, "Bessie Lu" who is looking more and more beautiful and colourful each week!

A big thank you to Ms Wilkie and Mrs Tackett for their hard work in coordinating yesterday's events and our student executive team for compering the showcase yesterday.

Thanks everyone for sharing in our special day.







## Stage 3 Camp

Our Stage 3 student and staff set off for Bathurst this morning for their long awaited 3-day camp. A huge thank you to Mr Walker, Mrs Harris, Mrs McTackett and Mrs Targett for your hard work and organisation to ensure that our stage 3 students can have a safe, enjoyable and educational camp experience. Thank you for going above and beyond and for leaving your own families to provide this experience for our kids.

Happy travels!



## Staff Update

Welcome to Ms Katie Guilfoyle who will commence this Friday in the QTSS/RFF role previously held by Mrs Nunn (Mrs Nunn is relieving in the Learning Support Teacher role this semester). Ms Guilfoyle will be working at Lugarno PS on Tuesdays and Fridays until the end of the year.

## Lost Property

A friendly reminder to ensure that all of your child's belongings (particularly jackets, jumpers and hats) are clearly labelled with your child's name. Our Lost Property pool is located in the foyer in front of the library.

## Kindergarten 2023

If you have a child who is enrolling at Lugarno Public School next year, we ask that you collect an enrolment from the front office or access one online here:

[Online Enrolment \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

We also ask that you remind friends, neighbours or relatives that they can commence the enrolment process.

Our next event in our Kinder transition program is a parent and carer information evening session to be held in Term 3 (Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August), followed by our "Leap Into Lugarno" three-visit orientation sessions held in Term 4 (Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November).

## Attendance Reminders

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.

## COVID-Smart Measures – reprinted for your reference from the Week 1 School Newsletter

These measures have been developed with NSW Health and are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings. These aim to keep our students and staff safe, while also keeping schools operating with minimal disruption to learning.

As we continue to combat student and staff illness, most of our layered COVID-smart measures are continuing for Term 3.

While we continue to face challenges, the wellbeing of our staff and students, and our students' education remain paramount. We will continue to implement our layered COVID-smart measures this term, which are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings, including:

- staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free
- strongly encouraging mask-wearing for all staff and students, particularly in the first 4 weeks of term

- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic staff and students, and close contacts attending school to learn and work (as communicated at the end of last term, a pack of 10 RATs per student will be issued today)
- strongly encouraging staff, students and their families to get a flu vaccination
- good hygiene practices
- maximising natural ventilation
- boosted cleaning during the day, with particular attention given to high touch surface areas
- responding to local COVID-19 conditions when necessary, by working with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team.

### What's new in Term 3?

As community settings continue to change, we continue to update our COVID-smart measures in consultation with NSW Health, to provide appropriate protection to our school community.

- As you would have heard from our Secretary, the department has updated its policy regarding COVID-19 vaccination for employees following an independent risk assessment of school (and corporate) settings and consultation with unions and relevant stakeholders. Unvaccinated staff will be able to return to schools and corporate offices from 1 August 2022. While vaccination is no longer a requirement for our staff, it is pleasing to see that a recent survey highlighted that more than 99% of the department's active school-based workforce have had at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. We will continue to strongly encourage all our staff to keep up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations as a way of protecting themselves, students, and our school community. The department will support staff to do so by continuing to provide vaccination leave to receive a COVID-19 vaccination (including a booster shot) and ensuring that COVID-19 vaccines will remain free for all school-based staff throughout 2022. I'd encourage you to refer to the department's Vaccination guidelines for further information about the finalised policy on vaccinations for staff and for a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs).
- **Boosted day cleaning.** The department has made a slight change to its cleaning process. Cleaning of school sites will now be more concentrated during the day, with an increase in cleaning during school hours, and a subsequent reduction in out-of-hours cleaning. Boosted day cleaning will continue to focus on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.

### What's continuing for Term 3?

- **Masks.** Masks are an effective way of minimising the transmission of viral illnesses and infectious diseases, and protecting our community, especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness. We strongly encourage all staff and students wear a mask for the first 4 weeks of Term 3, particularly in indoor settings or when distancing is not possible. **[DELETE AS REQUIRED: Masks remain required for staff working with students at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19.]** NSW Health advice recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from COVID-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period for an additional 3 days (from days 8 to 10 after receiving a positive COVID-19 result) to help minimise the risk of

spreading COVID-19. Additionally, as outlined in the below section on close contacts, mask wearing is mandatory for staff and high school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 days and recommended for primary school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 days. Where students or staff are unable to wear a mask, they will be supported to learn or work remotely.

- **Rapid antigen tests (RATs).** The department will send another round of RATs to our school early this term, which we will provide to you in the form of 1 multipack of 5 RAT kits per staff member and student (this will be in addition to the pack of RAT being distributed today). These RATs can be used as required for symptomatic testing, such as if you are displaying even mild symptoms, Once these department-supplied RATs are exhausted, please continue to access store-purchased RATs which are now readily available in the community or PCR tests. Additionally, our school will be maintaining a reserve stock of RATs onsite to support symptomatic testing in the event of an outbreak in our school community. Please also remember that positive RAT results must be registered with ServiceNSW, and you must not attend work until your isolation period ends and you are symptom free.
- **Close contacts.** Staff and students identified as close contacts remain able to attend school providing they are symptom free, notify the school and return a negative COVID-19 test result daily for 5 consecutive school days Please note that staff and students identified as close contacts are still unable to attend overnight excursions, including camps. Visitors identified as close contacts who are engaging directly with students are required to return a negative COVID-19 test result before attending our school and wear a mask.
- **Maximising natural ventilation.** The department has reviewed all school sites as part of its winter ventilation planning to ensure that local climatic conditions at each school are considered. The department has provided local guidance to our schools, including advice on maximising natural ventilation while balancing thermal comfort and the use of indoor and outdoor learning areas for school activities to support schools to adapt to local climate conditions through the winter months. If you do have any concerns about how we are implementing ventilation at our school, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will liaise further with our Assets Management Unit.
- **Responding to our local situation.** We will continue to liaise with NSW Health and the department's Health and Safety Case Management team to ensure our COVID-smart settings keep up with the latest developments. If local conditions require it, this may mean reintroducing temporary additional COVID-smart measures to act as a 'circuit breaker', including:
  - mandating mask wearing for all staff (primary school settings)
  - postponing or limiting non-essential activities like excursions, indoor assemblies and visitors to the school
  - directing cohorts to learn remotely for short periods of time.
- **Reducing the risk of illness this winter.** Finally, it is important to note NSW Health's advice to reduce our risk of not only COVID-19, but other illnesses that may affect our school at this time of year like flu and [respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\)](#)[External link](#), both of which can be serious in young people. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:
  - staying home and getting tested if unwell
  - keeping up to date with our vaccinations – including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP or pharmacy

- getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result and are symptom free
- practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitiser
- taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.

As we have done throughout the year, we will continue to develop and implement contingency plans to manage any potential staff shortages due to isolation requirements or illness, including:

- casual staff
- teachers from nearby schools
- NESA-accredited staff in non-teaching roles temporarily filling teaching positions
- combining classes where appropriate.

## Term 3 Dates for Calendars – dates correct a time of printing

### Week 3

- Stage 3 Camp – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August (Week 3); Judy, Gregg, Amanda, Jo T
- Trivia Night – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August (class artworks to be auctioned)
- NO 3-6 GYMNASTICS this week due to Stage 3 Camp
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### Week 4

- ICAS Digital Technologies Assessment - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August
- ICAS Writing Assessment – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August
- 3-6 Gymnastics program in hall on Thursday
- Season 2 PSSA Finals Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August

### Week 5

- Book Fair in Library – more information to come
- District Field Carnival - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August
- ICAS English – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August (Week 5)
- P & C Meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 7pm
- Stage 3 Water Project Walking Excursion (rescheduled from Term 2) - Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August
- Mrs Williams at Principal's Conference – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August
- 3-6 Gymnastics program in hall on Thursday

### Week 6

- District Track Carnival - Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August
- Round 3 Debate at Peakhurst South PS -Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August (Week 6)
- Book Parade for Book Week - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August (Week 6)
- 3-6 Gymnastics program in hall on Thursday

### Week 7

- Father's Day Breakfast (under COLA) and Stall (in the hall) – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August
- ICAS Maths – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August
- Aboriginal education Incursion – Monty Prior in hall - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August
- Maths Olympiad - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August
- Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 5-6pm – Kinder Information Evening in the Library
- 3-6 Gymnastics program in hall on Thursday

### Week 8

- Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September – P & C Colour Run event (Week 8)
- NO 3-6 GYMNASTICS this week due to the Colour Run

### Week 9

- School Photo Day (class, staff, family and individual photos) - Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September (Week 9)
- 3-6 Gymnastics program in hall on Thursday

### Week 10

- Wellbeing Week and Stage Planning Week
- Kinder Farm Excursion - Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September
- P & C Meeting – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 7pm
- 3-6 Gymnastics program in hall on Thursday

## Term 3 Assembly Schedule

Term 3 2022 K-6 Assembly Schedule	
1 – Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July from 12.15-1.00pm	Student Executive Team
4 – Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> August from 12.15-1.00pm	5/6W
6 – Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> August from 12.15-1.00pm	1/2R
8 - Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September from 12.15-1.00pm	4/5H
10 – Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September from 12.15-1.00pm	KW

*Mrs Williams*

*Principal*

# Wonder Recycling Rewards for Schools

Our school has registered to participate in the Wonder Recycling Rewards Program. As part of this initiative our school has received collection boxes to collect and recycle bread bags and bread tags at school. Once collected, the school can accumulate points that can go towards new sports equipment. A collection box has been set up in the foyer area in front of the library. Thanks to everyone who has supported this collection so far.



**Help Wonder turn  
BREAD BAGS into  
SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**

**It's simple...**

- 1** Collect your empty bread bags and tags  

- 2** Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin  
*(There is a separate box for bread tags).*  

- 3** We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!  


**Our school is in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 exercise circuits made from recycled plastic we collect!**

**LET'S GET RECYCLING!**

Tag Wonder on social **#wonderrecycling** to share all your recycling champion stories!



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# KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

## Blueberry and oat muffins



0.1 serves of fruit in each serve

**Preparation time:** 10 minutes

**Serves:** 12

**Diet and Allergies:**

[Nut Free](#), [Vegetarian](#)



### Ingredients

- 2 cups plain flour (white or wholemeal, or a mixture)
- 1 cup oats (quick or traditional)
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1½ cups reduced-fat Greek yoghurt
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 50g margarine, melted, slightly cooled
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

### Method

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C. Prepare muffin tins by greasing with margarine or spraying with oil.

Combine flour, oats, sugar, baking powder and baking soda in a bowl. Combine yogurt, eggs, margarine and vanilla in a second bowl. Fold the yoghurt mixture into the dry mixture and stir to combine. Gently fold in blueberries.

Spoon into muffin tins and bake for 20-25 minutes or until the top is golden and springs back when touched.

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



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# 'LEAP INTO LUGARNO'

## KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM

- Wednesday, 26th October 2022 - from 9.15-11.00am
- Wednesday, 2nd November, 2022 - from 9.15-11.00am
- Wednesday, 9th November, 2022 - from 9.15-11.00am



*Lugarno PS - Learning and Growing Together*

# 'Leap Into Lugarno'

We warmly welcome you to our school as we are one step closer to your child starting Kindergarten in 2023.

Our comprehensive 'Leap into Lugarno' transition program is a way for our Kindergarten team to get to know you and your child before the start of Kindergarten as we lay the foundations for a positive start to primary school.

We are very excited to share all that Lugarno PS has to offer and what you and your child may expect when starting Kindergarten at our school in 2023.



Address: Lugarno Public School  
Old Forest Rd Lugarno NSW 2210  
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# LPS LIBRARY NEWS

TERM 3, WEEK 3

**Premier's Reading Challenge Update CLOSING SOON!**

**Time to check you have logged the books you have read!**

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

The 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge is under way and continues through to August. The aim of the challenge is to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students. Please remember to borrow books on the Premier's reading list and record on the PRC link.

Please check your child's username and log in is working (same as their school login), if not please see Mrs Dufty in the Library for assistance.

Directions for students to log in either at home or school:

- Sign into their department sign in (Google 'KIDSPACE' at home)
- Go to the Learning tab on the right-hand side – click on the + sign
- Click on more....
- Click on the Premier's Reading Challenge heading
- Click on challenge level a drop down will appear – select your child's year group
- Type in the title of your book and then click + add to Reading Log

The Challenge closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. Please update your logs if you are in Years 3 – 6 or see me in the library for assistance.

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Key dates  
for students  
in IC-6:  
Challenge opens  
Monday 28 February  
Challenge closes for  
student entries  
Friday 19 August



## LPS Library Activities

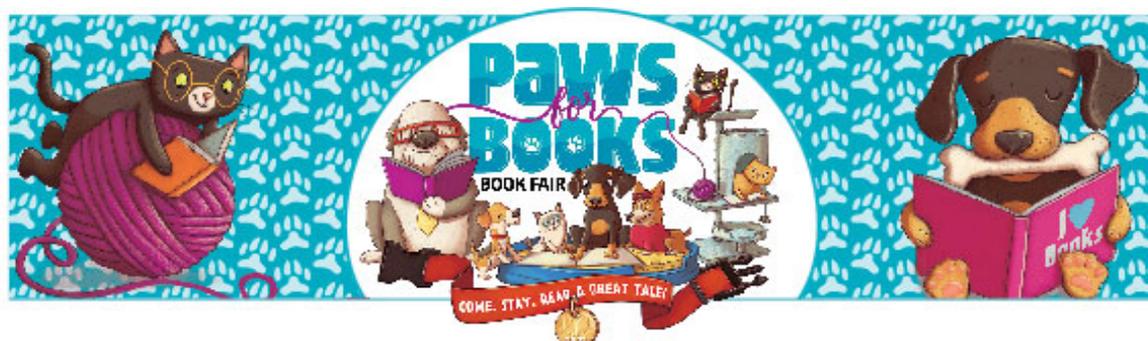
Tuesday – K-2

Wednesday – Chess Club

Thursday – 3-6

Friday - CLOSED

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## BOOK FAIR – 2022

I'm very excited to advise our community that in Week 5, Term 3 we will once again be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, the first time since 2020.

**The Scholastic Book Fair will be starting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August. It will run each morning from 8am – 8:45am and in the afternoons from 2:50 – 3:20pm.**

You and your child will have the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books featuring characters and subjects kids love and want to read about. From newly released books and bestsellers to award-winning titles and perennial favourites.

This is also a great way for you to learn about and discuss your child's interests and every book sold benefits our school, adding resources to our library and classrooms.

Scholastic Book Fairs help us show students the wonder of reading. After all, when kids choose their own books, they will be more excited to read, and they will naturally read more!

Any parent volunteers able to help during these times would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested could you please fill in the below slip with the days and times you are available and **return to Mrs Dufty.**

Volunteers NAME:					
My child's name and class:					
<b>Please tick the day and session you can help with.....THANK YOU!</b>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 8 – 8:45					
Afternoon 2:50 – 3:20					



"LEAP INTO LUGARNO"

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
OUR KINDERGARTEN  
TRANSITION  
PARENT & CARER  
INFORMATION SESSION**

Wednesday, 31st August  
2022  
5-6PM

Venue: Lugarno PS  
Library

**WEDNESDAY, 31ST  
AUGUST 2022 @5PM**

Find out about:

- Our school and what we offer
- Kinder transition and school readiness
- Our 'Leap Into Lugarno' Kinder Transition Program in Term 4

