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Principal's Message

Thought for the Week...

"If we're growing, we're always going to be out of our comfort zone."
~ John Maxwell ~

Welcome to Week 5

It's wonderful to see our students so settled in their classes and working hard to upholding our values of, Learning Always, Participating Safely and Showing Respect. Keep up the great work LPS!

Student Leader Catch Up

In our last school newsletter, we featured our 2023 School Captains, Lucian and Izabelah. I recently caught up with our 2023 Vice Captains and Prefects who have also made a fantastic start to their leadership journey. They are thrilled to be our school leaders this year and I look forward to working with them throughout the year.

I asked them to write down a little bit about what they are looking forward to as leaders this year...



Vice Captains

Zac P: *"I can't wait to help our school by putting up the flags, helping teachers with equipment and lending a helping hand in the canteen. I'm excited to be an LPS leader."*

Lydia S: *"Hello LPS. My name is Lydia. I am a Vice Captain for 2023. What I love about this amazing job is the chance to be a great role model for this school. I love to help the Staff and Students around the school with my fellow executives."*

Prefects

Ryan S: *"I'm Ryan and I am one of the prefects for 2023. I am very excited about what the year has to bring and what we are going to do as a team. I will endeavour to fulfil the responsibilities and jobs with my fellow executives. I look forward to a great year."*

Lucia R: *"As a new school prefect, I am looking forward to representing the school at the leadership day and I am looking forward to all the amazing opportunities that come with being a school executive".*

Samuel W: *"Hello, my name is Samuel and I'm in the executive team. I am looking forward to fulfilling the great responsibilities and to a great year with my fellow executives."*

Liliana R *"Hi LPS. I'm Liliana and I look forward to being a student executive for 2023 because there are so many amazing jobs and opportunities to do with the leadership team. I am willing to help in any way I can to make this the best year ever."*

In our next newsletter, our sports house leaders will be featured.

School Calendar Weeks

Please note that this week is classed as Week 5 by the Department of Education (Week 1 was when staff resumed for School Development Day on Friday 27th January). This is an 11-week term, with the last day of Term 1 being Thursday 6th April.

Assemblies this Term

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

Term 1 2023 K-6 Assembly Schedule	
Week 5 - Friday 24 th February from 12.15-1.00pm	This assembly will be hosted by the Student Executive Team. Our 2023 Sports House Leaders will be inducted and presented with their leadership badges. Students who were absent for our 2022 Presentation Day Assembly and received awards will be presented with their awards at this assembly.
Week 7 – Friday 10 th March from 12.15-1.00pm	Class hosted assembly – 3/4F
Week 9 – Friday 24 th March from 12.15-1.00pm	Class hosted assembly – 5/6W

Meet the Teacher Evening

It was great to see so many parents and carers at our Meet the Teacher sessions last Wednesday. Presentations and class newsletters have been uploaded to the Notes section on our website if you were unable to attend.

Meeting with Teachers and Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews

Our teachers can be contacted throughout the year if you have concerns about your child. The best way to do this is to contact the office on 9153 9843 or email: Lugarno-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Your message will then be passed onto the class teacher who will contact you when they are not on class.

As indicated in the last newsletter, we will be holding Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews in Weeks 10 and 11 this term. More information about these interviews will be communicated in a note to be sent home shortly. There will be an option for a face-to-face or telephone interview.

Library Class Times

You will find below the library day assigned to each class. Please note this is subject to change.

Tuesday – KAS, 1/2M, 5/6M

Wednesday – 3/4D, 3/4F, 5/6H, 5/6W

Thursday – KG, 1KN, 2R, 3/4B

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our extra-curricular activities are getting underway. A huge thank you to our staff who give up time in their busy schedules to facilitate so many wonderful opportunities for our students.

Here is a summary of what will be on offer this term.

Monday – Junior (Years 2 & 3) Tech Club with Mrs Loh

Tuesday – Dance Troupes (Senior with Mrs Bartley, Junior with Mrs Rainford and Intermediate with Ms Flett), Gardening/environmental club (with Mrs Rainford)

Wednesday – Senior (Years 4-6) Tech Club with Mrs Dufty; Chess Club (Years 1-6) with Mrs Worboys; Junior (Stage 1) Choir with Mrs Guilfoyle and Senior (Years 3-6) Choir with Ms Jones

Thursday – Years 3-6 Yoga Club with Mrs Rainford

Friday – Band and String group ensembles with Bandemonium instructors

Please look out for information regarding these activities from the coordinating teachers over the coming week.

PSSA Sport – Code of Conduct

Our school is fortunate to have so many students who have a passion, interest and talent in sport. Being selected and participating in a PSSA sport, however, comes with expectations and responsibilities for students and parents/carers alike. As we look ahead to the first round of Season 1 this Friday, it is worth highlighting these expectations and responsibilities that students and parents/carers agree to when signing the PSSA Code of Conduct. At LPS we are committed to developing well rounded, respectful individuals who demonstrate sportsmanship and team work. Please take the time to ensure that the Code of Conduct you and your child sign is something that is clearly understood, valued and upheld so that PSSA continues to be an enjoyable Friday pursuit for all where sportsmanship and fair play are the champions.

By agreeing with the following codes of behaviour with your child, we are ensuring a common understanding between students, staff and parents/carers of Lugaro Public School.

Code of Conduct for Players

1. Maintain acceptable schoolwork standards.
2. Maintain acceptable behaviour standards at school, in class and when you represent the school.
3. Be punctual and attend all training sessions. Inform the coach when unable to attend.
4. Dress in the appropriate uniform for the sport you play.
5. Cooperate at all times with the coach, team mates and the competing school.
6. Try to the best of your ability at all times.
7. Compete by the rules and always respect and abide by the referee's/umpire's decision.
8. Be a good sport. Encourage fellow team members. Play for the fun of it and allow others to enjoy it.
9. Control your temper, making no criticism either by word or gesture.
10. Behave responsibly while travelling on a bus or walking to and from a venue.
11. Sit down and support the other teams whilst not involved in the game being played.
12. Conclude each game by congratulating the competing school.
13. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Bad language, sledging and bullying on or off the field is NEVER accepted.
14. Be responsible for packing equipment – sharing the work.

Code of Conduct for Parents / Carers / Spectators

1. Encourage participation by your child/children.
2. Encourage honest effort and skilled performance.
3. Remember that children play sport for THEIR enjoyment.
4. Provide a model of good sports behaviour for your child to copy. Applaud good play by all teams.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
7. Be COURTEOUS in your communication with players, team coach, team officials, game officials and sport administrators and show appreciation for their services.
8. Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
9. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.

P & C

We had a wonderful turn out at our first P & C meeting last Wednesday night. It is a pleasure to work alongside such a passionate and committed group of parents and carers. Meetings will now return to face-to-face meetings in the Library on the third Wednesday of each month from 7pm with a Zoom option. All welcome.

Student safety

The safety of our students is paramount. We have been made aware of a person who has approached students at the Lugarno shops after school. Police have been notified, as have the Lugarno shop owners. Could you please reinforce stranger danger with your children.

Canteen

The LPS canteen reopened yesterday and continues to be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays this year. At this stage, the canteen will be open for online orders only (no over the counter service). Our canteen coordinator, Sharon Steed, can be contacted if you would like to volunteer on 0430 290 077.

The canteen is available from this week for Kindergarten students to commence ordering.

From next week, we will trial over the counter service on Mondays and Wednesdays only for the purchasing of iceblocks at lunch from 1.10-1.35pm. The iceblocks available for purchase will be Snapsticks and TNT iceblocks. Thank you to our volunteers for supporting this trial.

We are always in need of more volunteers for the canteen. If you have some free time, please continue helping out. You can contact our Canteen Coordinator, Sharon Steed, on 0430 290 077

Scripture/Ethics Update

Our scripture and ethics program commenced today. Unfortunately, not all special religious education and ethics groups have volunteer teachers. We are still seeking volunteers for some Ethics and Islamic scripture groups. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Hanan Saleh via the school's email. Emails will be forwarded to Hanan who will get back to you. Students without a teacher will be supervised by an LPS teacher and engage in meaningful activities for the duration of the scripture session.

A reminder of the 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

NAPLAN 2023

As discussed at the Years 3-6 Meet the Teacher sessions, the 2023 NAPLAN assessment has been brought forward for all schools this year. The test window for **NAPLAN 2023 is 15 - 27 March** (during Weeks 8 - 10). Our Years 3 and 5 students will undertake assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy during the assessment test window.

Resources for parents and carers

The Parents and carers webpage <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/getting-ready/parent-information> includes important information and links to the ACARA public demonstration site: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

More information will be provided for parents/carers of students in Years 3 and 5 in the coming weeks.

MindQuest 23

On Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April 2023, the 97th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend *Mindquest* will be held for students in Years 1-6 at St George Girls High School. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 33 exciting, fast paced courses in the two-day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, Lego robotics, art and many more. Many of these successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost for the weekend is \$240 (including GST). You can obtain a brochure from the front office or contact *Mindquest* coordinator Shelagh Poray on 02 9748 1084 for more information. The closing date for registrations for *Mindquest* is Friday 10th March 2023.

Attendance Matters

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Dogs on school grounds

We love our furry friends however, dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time even if on a leash. If you have approval for a service or support dog please contact the office.

Debating Program

We are thrilled that the Inter-School Debating Program will be facilitated again this year for interested students in Years 3-6. Tryouts will be held at lunchtime next Monday. Please see attached note for more information.

Gymnastics – Term 2

We are looking forward to our gymnastics program in Term 2 for K-2 classes. A note will be sent home in the coming weeks.

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 rest our neighbours by parking in the correct place. Thank you for your support.

Lugarno Public School Staff 2023

2023 Overview of Class Teachers

2023 Class Name	2023 Teacher/s
KAS	Mrs Maria Anastasiou (M-W)/ Mrs Michelle Simmonds (Th-F) Mrs Anastasiou is the Kindergarten Coordinator
KG	Mrs Katie Guilfoyle
1/2M	Mrs Athina Malakonakis (K-2 Assistant Principal)
1KN	Mrs Carolyn K (M-W)/ Mrs Jayde Nunn (Th-F)
2R	Mrs Deborah Rainford
3/4D	Mrs Bonnie Dow
3/4F	Ms Jasmin Flett
3/4B	Mrs Allyson Bartley (Stage 2 Assistant Principal)
5/6H	Mrs Judith Harris
5/6W	Mr Gregg Walker (Stage 3 Assistant Principal)
5/6M	Mrs Amanda McTackett

Overview of 2023 LPS Specialist & Support Staff

2023 Specialist/Support Program	2023 Specialist & Support Staff
Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (AP C & I)	Mrs Erin Loh (Mon-Wed)
LaST	Mrs Dyana Maloney (Mon-Wed)
EAL/D	Ms Ann Jones (Mon & Wed)
Student Wellbeing Support Officer	Mr Arun Britto (Tues and Wed)
School Counsellor/s	Ms Erin Burgess (Tues in 2023)
QTSS	Mrs Jayde Nunn – Monday
Library/ RFF/ Computer Coordinator	Mrs Leonie Dufty (T, W, Th and half day Friday 12-3pm)
RFF	Mrs Joanne Androulakis (Mon-Wed)
Executive RFF	Elodie Worboys (Tues-Thurs)
COVID Intensive Learning Support (LPS Learning Super Groups)	Michelle Simmonds – Wednesday Maria Anastasiou - Thursday
Itinerant Support Team Hearing (ISTH) -based at Lugarno PS	Dr Kerrie Carson (ISTH Assistant Principal) , Ms Renee Fountas, Mrs Janet Stankiewicz, Mrs Carolyn Smalley, Mrs Vicki Nicolaou, Ms Susan Tassini, Mrs Tracey Neate
Technical Support	Mr Craig Bucknall – various – every couple of weeks

Overview of 2023 School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS)

2023 Role	2023 Staff
School Administrative Manager	Mrs Claire Lynch (M-F)
School Administrative Officer	Ms Angela Wootton (M-W)
School Administrative Officer	Mrs Lori Vanzanella (Tues,Th, F)
General Assistant	Mr Geoff Tucker (W, Th)
School Learning and Support Officer	Mrs Joanne Targett (M-F)
School Learning and Support Officer	Ms Angela Wootton (Th, F)
School Learning and Support Officer	Mrs Kate Ryan (M-W)

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 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/lugarno-public-school)

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

Exciting New Community Event

In a major facelift to their previously successful Spring Festival, Lugarno Lions will launch a new Community Fair this year at Riverwood Park on Sunday, 26 March 2023.

Entry to the Ground is free and the Fair will feature two stages with free entertainment, over 100 vendor stalls, lots of carnival rides and many community-based displays.

Lugarno Lions are planning a great family day out and you can visit their website for further details if you are interested in attending: <https://www.lugarnolions.org.au/community-fair>



Community Fair

Riverwood Park, Riverwood

Sunday 26th March 2023

30 Rides - 150 Stalls - 2 Stages Free Entertainment
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Debating Program 2023

Exciting news! We will be continuing with the inter-school debating program. The program is designed to support the development of students' debating skills in a friendly, non-competitive environment with a focus on learning.

We are seeking students in Years 3-6 who have an interest in public speaking and learning the skills of debating. Students need to be able to work well both in a team and independently, be prepared to meet each week for meetings (Mondays at lunch), have sound persuasive writing skills and also be prepared to do some work between meetings at home.



The inter-school debating program will then consist of four debates in Terms 2 and 3 (two per term), where our debating teams will travel to local participating schools. Our school will also "host" a debate.

The participating schools are:

Lugarno PS, Mortdale PS, Peakhurst PS, Peakhurst South PS, Peakhurst West PS.

If your child is interested in participating, they are asked to return the Expression of Interest Slip to Mrs Androulakis by Wednesday, 22nd February indicating their interest.

Students are asked to prepare a short 1– 1.5minute speech in which they will present their arguments for either side of the following topic on **Monday, 27th February**.

Books are Better than the Movies! (*Students to choose one side – arguing "for" or "against"*)

We will be selecting a total of 12 students to make up two teams. Each team consists of four students plus two reserves.

The 2023 LPS debating coaches will be Mrs Harris and Mrs Androulakis. Mrs Williams will be overseeing and coordinating the inter-school debating program.

It's an exciting initiative and we look forward to providing our students with this wonderful opportunity!

Kind regards,

Mrs Williams

Principal

Mrs Harris and Mrs Androulakis

2023 LPS Debating Coaches

2023 Inter-School Debating Program

Expression of Interest Slip

My child _____ of class _____ is interested in participating in the local inter-school debating program. He/she will come prepared to try out for the LPS Debating Teams on **Monday, 27th February 2023** presenting a short 1-2 minute speech arguing for or against the topic, "Books are Better than the Movies".

If selected, my child and I are aware of the commitment to weekly lunchtime meetings and additional work and preparation at home. I also understand that my child will need to travel to other local schools as part of the program.

Signed _____

Date _____

Please return this slip to Mrs Androulakis by Wednesday, 22nd February 2023



Lugarno Public School
Old Forest Road
Lugarno 2210
Telephone 9153 9843

Gardening and Environment Club 2023

The Lugarno PS Gardening and Environment Club will soon be starting and is open to all students in **Years 1-6**. This program will run at **lunchtime on Tuesday (1:25-1:45pm)**.

This will be an opportunity for students interested in the environment and gardening to be involved around our school in a very practical way. Activities may include weeding, mulching, soil preparation, composting, planting and watering. All tools and materials will be provided.

To ensure the safety of all students, places may be limited. Students will only be able to participate if they are wearing a hat.

This year, an additional club will be running, Lugarno PS Environment Club(Rainwater Garden) linked to Mrs Dufty's rainwater garden project.

Expressions of interest are now being accepted to join either the Gardening Club or Rainwater Garden Club in 2023. All interested students need to complete the form below, have it signed by a parent/caregiver, and return it to Mrs Rainford by Friday 3 March.

Deborah Rainford & Leonie Dufty
Gardening & Environment Club Coordinators

Justine Williams
Principal

Name: _____

Year: _____ **Class:** _____

Please circle which club you are interested in Gardening Club Rainwater Garden

Why are you interested in joining the Gardening & Environment Club?

I give permission for my child to attend Gardening and Environment Club and use basic gardening tools.

Parent/Caregiver signature: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

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STEP TO CLEAN — UP —

LOCATION Murdock Crescent Reserve

DATE Sun 5th March TIME 9:30/10am

CONTACT contact@lugarnoprogress.org.au

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OPEN NIGHT

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Parenting Today

Information for Grandparents



Grandparents and interested carers of children aged birth to 12 years are invited to this informative overview of Parenting Today. It will provide you with an easy-to-understand introduction to some of the current, evidence-based research and theories informing parents today. We will discuss:

- The latest research findings about child rearing practices
- Current theories about children's relationships within the family
- An overview of behaviour, secure attachment, and children's brains
- Some ways to support your adult child with their parenting.

Participants will have opportunities to ask questions and discuss concerns.

Cost: \$5 per family

Bookings: To attend this session, please register online:

Enquiries: Kerry - 0409 074 808 Community Development Officer

FUTURE SESSIONS:

This is an introduction to the parenting topics. Following this session, Jubilee invites you to express your interest in future seminars to find out more about parenting: the theories, research, and practical ideas.

Seminar Facilitator: Michelle Cuthbertson

It seems that every other person has a great idea on how parents today should raise their children, and yet everyone involved in raising children have some concerns about what is best for their child and their family. Michelle's easy to listen to, realistic approach to parenting comes from her extensive 45 years professional and personal experiences and expertise. Her guidance is practical, non-judgmental, and grounded in current research. Michelle is a highly regarded consultant, trainer, mentor, and coach to families and professionals. For more about Michelle go to: <https://www.mcconsultancy.com.au/about>

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