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10 March – Whole School Assembly

15 March – NAPLAN commences

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Principal's Message

Thought for the Week...

"Kindness is free. Sprinkle it everywhere."

Congratulations District Swimmers!

Congratulations to the 31 LPS students who represented our school yesterday at the Georges River PSSA District Swimming Carnival at Bexley Pool. Special mention to Noah M and Jamie L, and the senior boys relay team (Samuel W, Jarvis P, Jamie L, Zac L and Simon T (reserve)) who proceed to the Sydney East Carnival at Homebush next Monday. We are very proud of you! Thank you to Mrs Harris and Miss Russell for supporting our students yesterday.



Student Leader Catch Up

In our last school newsletter, we featured our 2023 Vice Captains and Prefects. I recently caught up with our 2023 Sporting House Leaders.

Zac and Annabelle were particularly keen to share their strong team spirit...

Zac L: "I'm keen to support my team at all of the sporting events this year."

Annabelle: "I can't wait to support my team and cheer them on".



Works Update

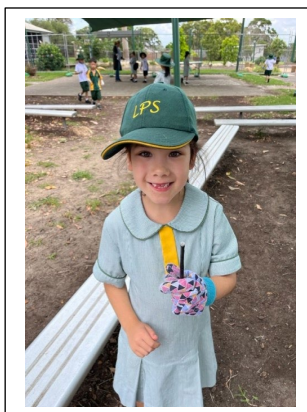
With the help of a previous Community Building Partnership Grant that the P & C obtained, we now have air conditioning in our school hall. The work was completed on Saturday.

The installation of new shade sails over the nature play space is nearly completed. Additional covered picnic tables will also be installed soon.



Clean Up LPS!

Last Friday we recognised Clean Up Australia Day with our own Clean Up LPS Day! Well done Lugarno for caring for our school environment.



Assemblies this Term

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

Term 1 2023 K-6 Assembly Schedule	
Week 7 – Friday 10 th March from 12.15-1.00pm	Class hosted assembly – 3/4F. <i>Please note that Mrs Williams will be attending the St George Principal's Conference on this day. Mrs Malakonakis will be the relieving principal and will present awards on behalf of Mrs Williams.</i>
Week 9 – Friday 24 th March from 12.15-1.00pm	Class hosted assembly – 5/6W

Meeting with Teachers and Parent 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 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.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our extracurricular activities are 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; debating program for selected students in Years 3-6

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 3-5) 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

Contact Details

Do you need to update your contact details? We kindly ask that parents and carers ensure that all contact details are up to date. If you move, change phone numbers or if emergency contacts change, please contact the school immediately. The best way to do this is via email.

P & C

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. We look forward to seeing parents and carers at our next meeting on Wednesday 15th March at 7pm.

Scripture/Ethics Update – still seeking volunteers for Ethics and Islamic Scripture

Our scripture and ethics program commenced in Week 5. 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.

NAPLAN 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>

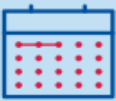

MindQuest 23


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 course 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

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss days per year
5 mins per day 	= 3 days 
30 mins per day 	= 18 days 

 **Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.**

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K-2 Gymnastics – Term 2

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

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.

Notes

As always, all notes are uploaded onto the school website for your reference at [Lugarno Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.lugarno.nsw.gov.au)

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
Animal Farm - Car Show - Camel Rides - Reptile Display
Dog Agility - Emergency Displays - Food Stalls and more

www.lugarnolions.org.au/community-fair



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Thursday, 2nd March 2023

Dear parents/carers of Year 6 students,

To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2024, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7.

The EOI process will now be online and available on the enrolment page of our school website from 6 March-31st March 2023. After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school.

If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please let us know by completing a Placement Not Required (PRN) form.

If you are unsure whether your child will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with our school once a decision has been made.

The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make the process as smooth as possible.

For parents/carers who are not able to complete an application online, a paper EOI form can be collected from the school office.

For more information about moving to high school, visit [Going to a public school \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/going-to-a-public-school)

The link to the Expression of Interest form can be accessed by going to:

<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=3796>

The link to the Placement Not Required form can be accessed by going to:

<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/no-placement/?schoolCode=3796>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Justine Williams
Principal

Dragons visit LPS for *Best You Can Be* Wellbeing Program



8464 STUDENTS

will be encouraged to make positive choices around health, education and social issues



SCHOOLS

93

schools taking part in program



282

TEACHERS / CLASSROOMS

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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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