



Issue 16 – Week 2– Term 4

Wednesday 13 October 2021

Dear Lawson Friends and Families,

I am pleased to be writing to you today with our plans for students returning to school. The NSW Premier announced that, students in K-1 will return on Monday 18th October and all other grades will return on Monday 25th October. While we do realise that some parents will be returning to work earlier and that there are some complexities with sibling cross over, we ask families to make every effort to adhere to the staggered return. This will give our team the opportunity to adjust to the very welcome and exciting return to school. Our aim is to keep everyone safe. This in mind, our plan has been considered in alignment with advice from NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education.

Entry onto school site:

We respectfully ask all parents and visitors to remain off site and to avoid congregating near any of the gate areas. Should there be any reason for a parent or carer to be on site, they must contact the school and speak with the front office before entering the grounds. Essential Visitors must QR Code check in and comply with face mask wearing, entry will only be via the office ramp, off Lowden Lane

Pick-up/drop-off routines

Our school will continue to have a teacher on duty to supervise students who arrive at school from 8:25am. During this morning duty, students will arrive at school, place their bags in their designated classroom area and then move to their designated play area. Thank you to all of our staff members for taking on additional supervision.

I have attached a plan for pick up and drop off and would be grateful if you could discuss this with your child/ren prior to attending school so that they are clear on where to meet you during afternoon pick up.

Social distancing

During the current level 4 requirements, mixing of student cohorts will be avoided. We have accommodated this by frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces and communal spaces, as well as, staggering break times and designated spaces for play.

Students will be encouraged to only use shared equipment once they have finished eating to minimise risk of infection. Classrooms will have open windows and doors and the use of fans will be encouraged. Teachers will continue to implement increased hygiene and sanitation measures.

Shared equipment will be wiped down prior and after use and students will wash and/or sanitise hands prior to and after break time. Students will also be encouraged to sanitise and wash hands regularly, before and after breaks.

Returning to school

The advice from the Department of Education NSW is that children should be at school each day on the date indicated for their year group, unless:

- they have a medical certificate which says they are unable to return to school due to a - condition or illness
- they are currently unwell
- they have been asked by NSW Health to self-isolate.

Face Masks

- Face masks will be mandatory for all staff on site.
- Face masks are not mandatory for our students; however, we strongly encourage anyone willing and able to wear one.

I look forward to seeing all of you again soon. We are all extremely excited to have our students returning to school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school for further information.

Warm Regards,

Mr Matthew Jacobson
Principal – Lawson Public School

Lawson Public School

Pick up and drop off arrangements

Drop-offs and pick-ups will be staggered by cohorts and schools are to use all possible entrances and exits to support the beginning and end of school days.

Parents and carers should:

- follow the [physical distancing advice External link](#) for their local area and avoid gathering outside school gates
- remain outside school grounds (some exceptions may exist for vulnerable students or students with disability)
- adhere to mask-wearing requirements in accordance with the Public Health Order
- sign in using the Service NSW QR code if entering the school.

Drop-offs

Arrangements

Drop Off

- Adelaide St gate will be used for Violet & Aqua.
- Staples Cr Playground Gate will be used for Pink & Peach.
- Lowden Ln Office Gate will be used for siblings and Lime and Purple.
- Wilson St gate will be used for Red & Orange and any walkers from the Capability Classes.
- Wilson St bus bay will be used as a Kiss and Drop for the Capability Classes. Assisted School Travel 8:25am-8:35am. Parents/carers 8:35am-8:55am.
- *Parents are asked to wait outside the school grounds and practice social distancing.*

Bus lines

- Students are to arrive off the bus, practice social distancing and move to the appropriate playground.

Pick-Ups

Arrangements

Pick Up

- Adelaide St gate will be used for Violet & Aqua. Line up on the bottom playground.
- Staples Cr Playground Gate will be used for Pink & Peach. Line up on the oval.
- Lowden Ln Office Gate will be used for siblings and Lime and Purple. Siblings will wait at the tables near the canteen, Lime and Purple wait on the silver seats outside the office.
- Lime and Purple will depart 15 minutes earlier (2.30pm) prior to all other grades and pick up will be from the Lowden Ln Office Gate.
- Wilson St gate will be used for Red & Orange and any walkers from support unit. Line up outside Stage 3 building.
- Wilson St bus bay will be used as a Kiss and Drop for the Capability Classes. Assisted School Travel 2:45pm-2:50pm. Parents/carers 2:50pm.
- *Parents are asked to wait outside the school grounds and practice social distancing.*

Classroom teachers will supervise students and the coordination of the afternoon pick-up. Executive and MS SLSO to monitor family gate.

- *Parents will wait outside the school grounds and practice social distancing and wear masks. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss anything further.*

Bus lines

- Social distancing will occur while students line up on the bottom playground.
- One group of students at a time will move to get on the bus as per normal arrangements.



Lawson Public School Pick-Up & Drop-Off

Staple Cr Playground Gate:
Pink & Peach

Lowden Ln Office Gate:
Families, Lime & Purple

Wilson St Gate:
Red, Orange & CC Walkers

Adelaide St Gate:
Violet, Aqua & buses

Wilson St Bus Bay:
ASTP & CC family Kiss & Drop

Office News

2021 Calendar

Term 4

Week 2

Learning from Home continues

Week 3

18 October Kindy and Year 1 return to school

Week 4

25 October All Students return to school

All calendar events are currently postponed.

**Please note dates may be subject to change*



Reminder regarding "Anaphylaxis Action Plans"

These need to be updated at the beginning of each school year by your Doctor. Please ensure your child's updated Epi-pens and action plans are provided to the office as a matter of urgency. For students with Asthma, please ensure we have an updated action plan and Ventolin that is in date, as some inhalers may expire during the year.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is currently closed.



Vinnies is here to help. If any family needs help with food, bills and/or housing during this difficult time, please direct them to our Helpline on **13 18 12** or call their local [Vinnies Support Centre](#).

Our No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is also available to provide access to student home learning technology equipment. See our [website](#) for more information.

The Vinnies Metro Schools Team is here to look out for your community. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre
NSW Department of Education**

The parents tab on the Field of Mars EEC website contains videos and activities that can be used by parents and other adults to support learning from home and a child's understanding and connection to nature.

<https://fieldofmar-e.schools.nsw.gov.au/parents.html>

LIBRARY NEWS



Hello everyone,

the new Book Club issue is out. There is a digital catalogue for you to browse and order the LOOP app. The books will be delivered to Mrs Schlegel at school. There is also the option to have the books delivered to your home.

Have a look, there might be your new favourite book in there! 😊

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

Loads of **FUN** Home Learning Ideas!

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12, 2, 5, 15, 18, 18, 4, 26, 10

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VIEW HOME EDITION
DIGITAL CATALOGUE

https://scholastic.com.au/media/6534/bc-digital-issue-8_p3.pdf

Lawson Public School is a PBL School
PBL News

Lawson Public School has refined our responses to positive and negative behaviours in the classroom and on the playground.

After the prolonged period of absence, it is timely to remind our students of the behaviour expectations while at school.

The following Matrix is a reminder for students of the expectations in the school for various settings. Students can earn green tokens for the class, which go towards a reward.

There is also the school's Behaviour Response Plan. This details the negative behaviours as well as a flowchart showing teacher response and consequences for the students.

Please take some time with your children to familiarise yourselves with the Matrix.

These are the guidelines for
SAFE, RESPECTFUL and **RESPONSIBLE**
behaviour.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

LAWSON PS EXPECTATIONS TEACHING MATRIX

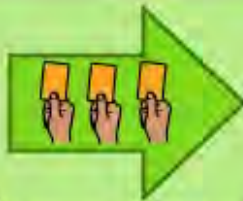
Expectation	All settings	Inside all Learning spaces	Playground	Toilet	Quad	Moving around the School	Whole School Assemblies	Eating Time	Bus
Respectful	<p>Be honest</p> <p>Listen to the person speaking and speak politely</p> <p>Follow teacher instructions</p> <p>Respect all property</p>	<p>Listen actively</p> <p>Speak politely and respectfully to all</p> <p>Allow others to learn</p> <p>Be inclusive</p>	<p>Play fair- agree to and follow the rules</p> <p>Look after school equipment</p> <p>Use appropriate language</p>	<p>Respect your own and others' privacy</p>	<p>Respect others personal space</p> <p>Line up quickly and quietly</p> <p>Play fair- agree to and follow the rules</p>	<p>Use quiet voices</p>	<p>Listen actively</p> <p>Stand and sit quietly</p> <p>Hats off</p> <p>Clap appropriately</p> <p>Sing with pride</p>	<p>Allow others to eat their food</p> <p>Follow teacher instructions</p>	<p>Speak quietly and calmly</p> <p>Wait patiently to board the bus</p>
Responsible	<p>Arrive on time</p> <p>Be prepared to learn</p> <p>Look after yourself and others</p> <p>Use equipment for its purpose</p> <p>Look after your belongings</p>	<p>Be on time to class</p> <p>Listen to and follow teachers' instructions</p> <p>Attempt all tasks</p> <p>Stay on task</p> <p>Look after your belongings</p>	<p>Return equipment to the class tub</p> <p>Look after your peers</p> <p>Report problems to the teacher</p> <p>Put your rubbish in the bin</p> <p>Be a positive role model</p>	<p>Use toilet for its purpose</p> <p>Straight in straight out</p> <p>Report problems to the teacher</p>	<p>Wait for the teacher on duty on the silver seats</p> <p>Place bags on the silver seats</p>	<p>Keep belongings neat and tidy</p> <p>Clean up after yourself</p>	<p>Arrive on time</p> <p>Depart quickly</p> <p>Ignore distractions</p>	<p>Sit until play bell</p> <p>Eat your own food</p>	<p>Take care of your belongings</p> <p>Stay in allocated line</p>
Safe	<p>Right place, right time</p> <p>Keep hands, feet and objects to self</p> <p>Walk on hard surfaces</p> <p>Two feet on the ground</p> <p>Use equipment safely</p>	<p>Right place right time</p> <p>Walk inside</p> <p>Use equipment for its purpose</p> <p>Follow class rules</p>	<p>Be sun safe</p> <p>Stay in bounds</p> <p>Play appropriate games</p>	<p>Walk</p> <p>Use toilet paper for its purpose</p> <p>Flush toilet after use</p> <p>Wash your hands</p>	<p>Be sun safe</p> <p>Walk at all times</p> <p>Use appropriate equipment (handball only)</p>	<p>Walk at all times</p> <p>Use equipment safely</p> <p>Follow teacher instructions</p>	<p>Move quickly and quietly</p>	<p>Sit down to eat until the bell</p> <p>Stay in assigned eating area</p>	<p>Wait patiently in bus lines</p> <p>Listen to teachers' instructions</p> <p>Walk to the bus</p>



LPS Behaviour Response Plan



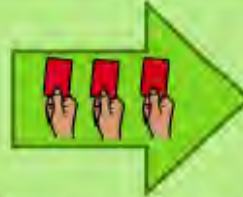
minor



3 minors in a 10 day period = a major



major



3 majors in a 10 day period = principal referral



principal referral

Minor



demonstrate the appropriate behaviour



call parent if appropriate

Major



logical consequence



one day reflection

Referral to principal



possible warning of suspension



possible suspension



minor

Minor



rough play



indirect swearing or inappropriate language



disobedience



name calling



throwing things



absconding in sight



unintentional dangerous behaviour



minor lying/dishonesty



late to class



out of bounds



off task on computer



major

Major



rough play with intent to hurt



threatening physical violence



racism or discrimination



swearing or inappropriate language directed at others



name calling with intent to hurt



absconding out of sight



bullying



throwing objects with intent to hurt



intentional nudity



vandalism



intentional dangerous behaviour



stealing



breach of school technology code



intentional lying/dishonesty continued lying



principal referral

Violent Behaviour



kicking



punching



biting



jumping on



pinching



hitting



spitting



holding down



grabbing and not letting go



scratching



pushing



throwing objects with intent to hurt



BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Reconnect with your kids after a difficult year

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective, mindful, respectful program that provides parents with an opportunity to reflect on their parenting journey.

Bringing Up Great Kids provides a friendly and safe environment for parents to learn from each other as they continue their parenting journey.

THE PROGRAM

- learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective;
- learn more about brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings and behaviour;
- understand the meaning behind children's behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs;

WHEN & WHERE

Join us every Tuesday from 19th Oct - 9 Nov on Zoom
10.00 - 12.00PM

email hannah@thriveservices.org.au to book your spot!



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FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

LEAP



Leap is a locomotor movement; a take-off on one foot, a long flight phase and a landing on the opposite foot. Introduced in Stage 1.

Leap is basic to everyday activities (jumping over low obstacles, playground games and team activities). Used in gymnastics/ dance and specific to athletics (hurdlng, triple jump).

HOW TO TEACH LEAP:

- Eyes focused forward throughout the leap
- Knee of take-off leg bends
- Legs straighten during flight
- Arms held in opposition to the legs
- Trunk leans slightly forward
- Lands on ball of the foot and bends knee to absorb landing

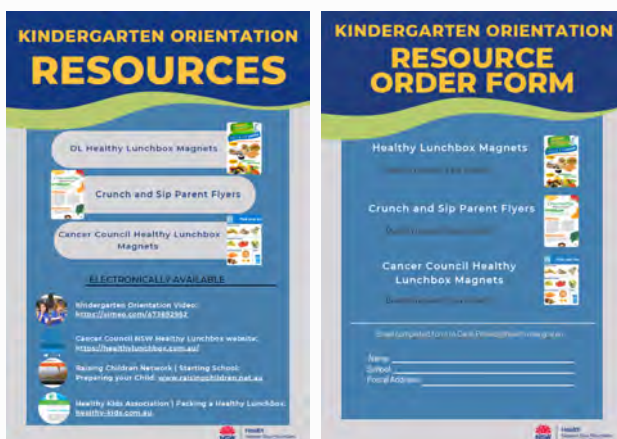
Click [here](#) for leap 'teach me how' video

REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE TEAM FOR ONGOING SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO HEALTHY EATING/ PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RESOURCES. THEY'RE FREE!

KINDY ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation is fast approaching. As well as the kindergarten orientation video, there are other resources your school can utilise, including healthy lunchbox magnets.

For more information or to order these resources, email me for a copy of the Order form.



Share the video link with parents and carers:

<https://vimeo.com/473692962>



FACT: Only 6% of children aged 2-17 years of age eat the recommended amount of vegetables.

VegKIT aims to increase vegetable intake of Australian children.

WHY SCHOOLS?

Nearly all children in Australia attend primary school.

Primary schools are ideally placed to increase children's vegetable intake by helping to improve children's familiarity, understanding and knowledge of vegetables through learning experiences and interactions.

VegKIT provides free resources and information to support encouraging children to eat more vegetables.

For more information, to get your school involved, or to download resources, head to:

<https://www.vegkit.com.au/oshc-schools/>



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

29TH OCTOBER 2021

HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Thank you to all you wonderful, talented, dedicated and passionate teachers! It hasn't been an easy road for you all but to continue to provide education to your students both face to face and remotely is a great achievement.

World Teachers' Day is on the 5th of October but celebrated on the 29th of October in Australia. A short video will be posted on our Facebook page to thank all of the teachers in our District.

Thank you to those teachers and schools that provided their photos to include in this video! Make sure you check out our FB page on the 29th to see the video!

HEAD TO HEALTH: POP UP MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

*It's OK if you're
not feeling OK*

If you're not feeling OK, 1800 595 212 can help direct you to appropriate support networks in our local area. When you call 1800 595 212 a trained mental health professional will talk to you and help direct you to an appropriate service.

Head to Health is a collaborative initiative of NSW Primary Health Networks and funded by the Australian Government.

PH: 1800 595 212

EMAIL: www.nbmphn.com.au/h2hpopup
<https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>

ANT FITNESS FREE ONLINE

Thrive Services has partnered with Ant Fitness to provide **FREE** online exercise sessions to primary school children.

-Please promote to families-

Time: 4.00pm - 4.40pm

Where: Online, via Zoom.

When: Tuesday afternoons

To book, call Sheree at Thrive Services on 6351 4055 or email sheree@thriveservices.org.au

FUN FACT

When you smile your body releases dopamine which is known to increase our feelings of pleasure



SCHOOL PROVIDED LUNCHES



Flinders University researchers investigating the pros and cons of school-provided lunches say uniform delivery of lunchtime food at school could be a solution to better childhood nutrition and learning in Australia.

To find out more click [here](#) and [here](#)

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

ALL MONTH	NOVEMBER
8TH	NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK
13TH- 20TH	AUSTRALIAN FOOD SAFETY WEEK
11TH	REMEMBRANCE DAY
14TH	WORLD DIABETES DAY
14TH- 20TH	NATIONAL SKIN CANCER ACTION WEEK

Contact: Carla.Piliskic@health.nsw.gov.au



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Rego Days
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October 2021
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