



# Lawson Public School

**Creative, caring, quality education**

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(R) Principal: Mrs Hayley Cross

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*Wednesday 22 March 2023*

Dear Families and community,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, the last 2 weeks have been full of great activities and opportunities for our students and staff. Our young leaders attended a leadership conference in Sydney and they had a blast. We had our photo day in week 7, I am looking forward to seeing those cheesy grins! NAPLAN is complete, I am very proud of our year 3 and 5 students who should be commended for their great efforts.

## Staffing update

I will be on leave from Monday March 27th - April 9th. I am going on a family holiday to Japan! Mia Sheppard was successful in her EOI application to relieve as Principal from March 27th until April 6th (week 10 and 11). Congratulations to Mia! I know she will do a great job.

Matthew Jacobson has extended his leave until end of term 2. I will relieve as Principal until the end of term 2 with possibility of extension. Sarah Thomas will relieve as AP until end of term 2 with possibility of extension also.

## What are the teachers learning about?

Our teachers attended an evening of professional learning with Dr Catherine Attard at Richmond High School. We all learnt about engaging with Mathematics and innovative ways to teach maths lessons. There were over 200 educators from the Blue Mountains, Windsor and Hawkesbury networks who participated in this professional learning. Our staff are always seeking ways to network with other educators to improve their teaching practice. <https://engagingmaths.com/>



## Harmony Day

On Tuesday 21 March we celebrated Harmony Day. We all wore something orange and each class explored what Harmony Day means.

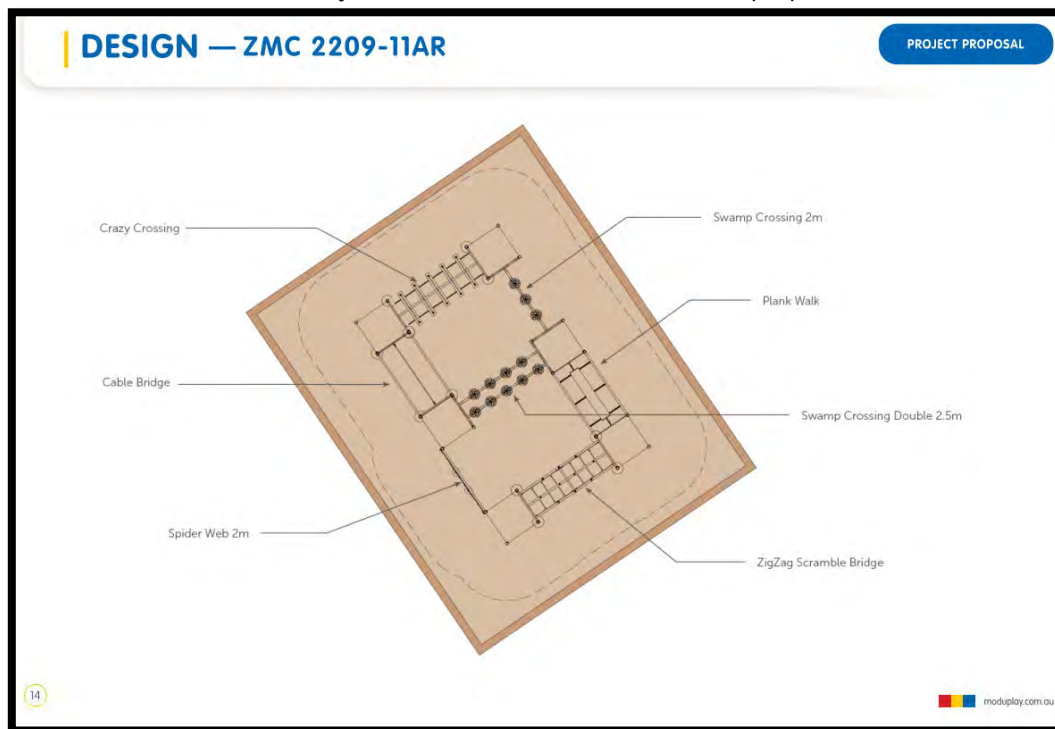


## P&C

Last Tuesday 14 March was the P&C AGM. Unfortunately, there were no new members elected for the positions available. Please come along to the meeting in May if you would like to be part of the P&C. We really need your help.

## School Upgrade

I am getting closer to finalising the playground modification. Playground equipment will be assembled in the top playground, behind the basketball court adjacent to Wilson street. Please see proposal below:



The P&C were successful in gaining a grant for new signage around the school. I have been busily obtaining quotes from 3 different companies – Signpac, Allpride Signs and Danthonia Signs. More information to come.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hayley Cross  
Relieving Principal

# Office News

## 2023 Calendar

### Term 1

#### Week 9

22 March Uniform Shop: 8.30am to 9.30am  
22 March Ice Block fundraiser \$1.00

#### Week 10

27 March NAPLAN – Yrs 3 & 5 catch up day  
29 March Uniform Shop: 8.30am to 9.30am  
29 March Ice Block fundraiser \$1.00  
30 March Lets stamp out bullying - \$6.00  
31 March Assembly – White @ 1:50pm

### Week 11

5 April Cross Country  
BBQ sausage sizzle lunch \$5.00  
6 April Easter Hat Parade  
Last day of Term  
7 April PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Good Friday

*SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Friday 7 April – 25 April*

### Term 2

#### Week 1

24 April Staff Dev Day – No students  
25 April PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Anzac Day  
26 April All students return for Term 2

#### Week 2

5 May Mother's Day Stall

*\*Please note dates may be subject to change*

### Reminder regarding "Anaphylaxis Action Plans"

These need to be updated by your Doctor or at your annual consultant date. 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. For those students which have allergies and require an anti-histamine, please ensure you provide these to the office.



### Permission Notes

When returning permission notes for school activities it is a legal requirement to return a **SEPARATE permission note for each child**. If you pay online it is **still necessary to return the permission note to the office**. In addition, if returning multiple notes for more than one child/activity, there is **no need to put each note into a separate envelope**. We are able to process multiple payments for multiple activities/children in the one transaction. Please ensure your **child/s full name and class** are on the permission note.

For P&C events such as fun food, uniform shop, school caps etc... **please do not pay online** through the school website.

### P&C Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open onsite every **Wednesday** morning from **8.30am to 9.30am**. They accept cash, square payments (tap) and bank transfers.

**DO NOT PAY ONLINE TO LAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR UNIFORM SHOP OR ANY P&C ITEMS/FUNDRAISERS**



# High Expectations for Attendance – A resource for schools

When school communities have high expectations of their students, they achieve greater outcomes. High expectations is: creating a place where students want to be, parents/carers are happy to send them, and teachers/staff have a desire to excel. High expectations for attendance are: a 95% attendance rate, which is 10 days or less absences a year.

## Timeframe for use

The appropriate time to use this resource may differ for each school, leader and teacher.

## Intended audience

This resource can be used by school leadership teams to promote a consistent understanding of high expectations for attendance.

## Instructions for use

What does high expectations for attendance look like, feel like and sound like? This resource can be used by leadership teams and staff to identify strategies already in operation at the school, and to explore new ideas to achieve high expectations for attendance. Email feedback about this resource to [attendance@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:attendance@det.nsw.edu.au).

## Evidence base

**Understanding attendance – A review of the drivers of school attendance and best practice approaches** (Centre for Education and Statistics and Evaluation)

**Spotlight: Attendance Matters** (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership)

**What Works Best 2020 update** (Centre for Education and Statistics and Evaluation)

### **Alignment to system priorities and/or needs:**

The Department of Education committed, under the Strategic Plan 2018-2022, to increase the “proportion of students attending school at least 90% of the time”.

### **Alignment to School Excellence Framework:**

Learning Culture - Attendance

**Consulted with:** Inclusion and Wellbeing, Student Support and Specialist Programs

**Reviewed by:** Behaviour and Student Participation

**Created/last updated:** Created October 2022

**Anticipated resource review date:** October 2023





## High Expectations for Attendance

**High  
Expectations**

=

**95%**

=

**10 days  
or less  
off a year**



**Improved  
attendance**

=



**Improved  
outcomes**



### Looks Like

#### Consistent Practice

Ensuring Department policy and procedures are embedded into practice and school excellence is demonstrated.

- Roll marking accuracy
- Use of data
- Effective communication
- School based procedures and processes
- Promotion of attendance

#### Culture

A positive learning and teaching culture is evident across the school. Leaders are accessible and quality teaching and learning is demonstrated to maximise student engagement.

- Visible leadership
- Quality teaching

### Feels Like

#### Connectedness and belonging

The school is at the heart of the community and staff, families and the wider community feel welcome and supported.

- **Community involvement** (RUOK? Day, NAIDOC Week, Harmony Day, etc)
- **A sense of security and positive school culture**

#### Motivating

Creating a place where parents/ carers want to send their children, students want to be, and teachers/ staff have a desire to excel. Learning and teaching across the school considers local context and student interest.

- Welcoming
- Engaging

### Sounds Like

#### Community voice

Ensuring local context is considered, feedback is welcome and collaborative partnerships are developed and valued.

- **Positive relationships**
- **Phone calls** (Everyday touch base / finding the positive in conversations / considering who on staff is best to lead discussions... "I can, but am I the best person?")
- **Student voice** (see also 'Attendance Strategies')
- **Teacher voice** (High expectations for all and open discussion)
- **Encouraging** (Personal best)
- **Mentoring Programs** (see also 'Aboriginal HSC Attainment')

**What Works Best: 2020 Update** - All students need to be challenged and engaged in order to develop their potential fully. A culture of **high expectations** needs to be supported by strategies that both challenge and support student learning needs.



## Whole Day Attendance Every Day Counts

100%



96%



1 day every 5 weeks  
Equates to 8 days off each year or  
40 hours of lost learning time

92%



2 days every 5 weeks  
Equates to 16 days off each year or  
80 hours of lost learning time

88%



3 days every 5 weeks  
Equates to 24 days off each year or  
120 hours of lost learning time

84%



4 days every 5 weeks  
Equates to 32 days off each year or  
160 hours of lost learning time

80%



5 days every 5 weeks  
Equates to 40 days off each year or  
200 hours of lost learning time

70%



Equates to 60 days off each year or  
300 hours of lost learning time

60%



Equates to 80 days off each year or  
400 hours of lost learning time

50%



Equates to 100 days off each year or  
500 hours of lost learning time

Below  
50%



Highly challenging to  
access any learning





# Outdoor Education at Lawson PS





# LAWSON IS A PBL SCHOOL

**WALT: Stay safe during transitions**



**WILF:**

**Walk at all times**

**Follow teacher**

**instructions**

**Right Place Right**

**Time**

**Transitions are the times in between breaks and class times**

**How can we prepare for transitions?**

**Talk about the transition before and make a plan**

**Listen to the teacher- they are there to keep us safe and help us**

**Transition as quick as we can**

**In week 8 for PBL we were learning about staying safe when moving around the school during transitions. That includes the playground and in the classroom.**

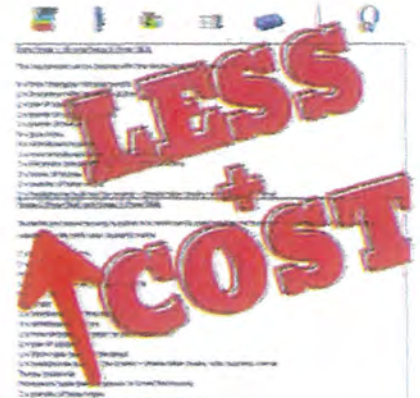




Uniform shop at school (on-site).



Magpie Markets BBQ.



class room resources.



Edible garden Trail.



Fun Food Days.



Lawson Public School P&C is in danger. If we do not urgently get new members to fill the Executive team positions by 9 May 2023, the P&C will be no more.

Our P&C does so many amazing things for our school and students that their loss will be felt by the whole school and wider community. Pictured are just some of the activities and things that will be affected if we lose our P&C.

*Please join now and help save our P&C and all the things that they do for us all.*

lawsonpandc.com  
or ask for more information at the school office.

Membership of the LPS P&C is open to all parents and guardians of pupils attending the school and to all citizens.



Grounds beautification.



Easter Raffle.



Excursions and programs like Dance 2b Fit.



Playground equipment & resources.



Let's Help  
Them

Build it  
Stronger

help  
us



Give to Vanuatu



to  
help



Vanuatu was hit by 2 major cyclones and 2 earthquakes in 2 days in early March 2023. Our community group, Give to Vanuatu, is raising funds to send much needed relief aid.

We desperately need to raise funds to offer our assistance to the relief aid effort.

Ideally we would like to send a container of building supplies and trades crew to help and teach locals to rebuild stronger homes and buildings. As well as basic living supplies.

Given the current economic conditions, we know that cash donations may not be easy to part with, thus, as an alternative we are asking for empty drink containers.

**For drop-off and collection options, please text 0403 759 349**



*To join our Community Group, get more information & download campaign posters.*

**Give to Vanuatu Blue Mountains**

**10c Quickly  
adds up  
Donate your  
eligible drink  
container now**



REFUND AT COLLECTION  
DEPOTS/POINTS IN PARTICIPATING  
STATE/TERRITORY OF PURCHASE  
**10c**







# FAMILY FUN MORNING

BOX VILLAGE

CRAFTS AND STORIES

20 APRIL 2023

10:00am-1:00pm

LAWSON MECHANICS INSTITUTE

GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY

FREE FOR FAMILIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MOCS

47586811

HELLO@MOCS.ORG.AU



# DOG AND BABY SAFETY



Mountains Outreach  
Community Service



LEARN SIGNALS AND STRATEGIES TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE  
AROUND DOGS

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 29**  
**10:30-12:30**  
**BELONG NEIGHBORHOOD CENTRE,**  
**LAWSON**  
**JOY ANDERSON ROOM**

PLEASE CONTACT : **0 4 2 2 7 3 3 2 2 4**  
CHRISTY HARTLAGE **COMMUNITYDEVELOPMENT@MOCS.ORG.AU**



 **origin** PRESENTS

# GIANTS IN THE MAKING

*Junior and Teen Clinic*



**\$99**



**WED 12TH APRIL 2023  
9AM - 4PM | HAWKESBURY PCYC**





# Circle of Security Parenting Program

## Support to build secure relationships and stronger bonds

-  Want to learn how to build stronger bonds with your children and develop positive parenting skills which promote secure attachments?
-  Looking for advice, tips and strategies to help your child develop greater empathy, self-esteem, social skills and secure relationships?

**Circle of Security is a FREE 7 week parenting program that helps parents develop secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children.**

The Circle of Security course helps parents and carers learn:

- How to help your child feel more confident and secure
- How to help your child manage their emotional responses
- How to better understand your child's emotional needs

### PROGRAM DETAILS

**WHEN:** Wednesdays 3rd May - 14th June

**WHERE:** Nepean Multicultural Access  
Building 1, 29 Swanston Street, St Marys

**TIME:** 10:00am - 12:00noon

**COST:** FREE

**\*\* CHILDCARE AVAILABLE - MUST REGISTER \*\***

**REGISTER NOW**





**Contact 4720 6500 or [groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](mailto:groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au)**





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### PROGRAM DETAILS

**WHEN:** Tuesdays 2nd May - 13th June

**WHERE:**

Euroka Children's Centre  
Cnr Hope Street & Great Western Hwy  
Blaxland

**TIME:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm

**COST:** FREE

**REGISTER NOW**



**Contact 4720 6500 or [groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](mailto:groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au)**



# 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Program

**Building positive relationships between parents and children**



Want to learn how to manage challenging behaviours and ways to encourage more positive behaviours from your children?



Looking for advice, tips and strategies on how to help your children identify and manage the emotions driving their behaviour?

**123 Magic & Emotion Coaching is a FREE 3 week parenting program that teaches carers positive parenting skills that produce quick results.**

The 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching course helps parents and carers learn:

- How to manage challenging behaviours in your child
- How to use positive parenting skills with your children
- How to help your children manage their emotional responses

**REGISTER NOW**



## PROGRAM DETAILS

**WHEN:** Wed 10th, 17th & 24th May

**WHERE:** Blaxland Uniting Church Hall,  
72 Old Bathurst Road Blaxland

**TIME:** 10:00am - 12:00noon

**COST:** FREE

**\*\*If you require childcare please enquire\*\***

**Contact 4720 6500 or [groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](mailto:groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au)**



# Gateway Family Services

## Term 2, 2023

### Parenting Programs Summary



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
<b>Life, the Universe &amp; Stories</b> <i>A relaxed social group that centres around the reading, reflection and discussion of great stories. Drop in whenever you feel. All ages welcome. FREE morning tea.</i>	Every Friday 10:00am—12:00 noon	Blaxland Uniting Church Hall 70-76 Old Bathurst Road, BLAXLAND	Ph: Chris 0468 346 834 OR Email chris@sharedreadingnsw.com
<b>Circle of Security</b> <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser &amp; kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0 -12 year old.</i>	Every Tuesday 2nd May - 13th June 6:30pm—8:30pm	Euroka Children's Centre Corner Hope St & Great Western Hwy BLAXLAND	Ph: 4720 6500 OR Email groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au
<b>Circle of Security</b> <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser &amp; kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0 -12 year old.</i>	Every Wednesday 3rd May - 14th June 10:00am—12:00pm <i>* Childcare available - must register *</i>	Nepean Multicultural Access Building 1, 29 Swanston Street ST MARYS	Ph: 4720 6500 OR Email groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au
<b>1-2-3 Magic &amp; Emotion Coaching</b> <i>Learn how to understand &amp; manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 2 -12 year olds.</i>	Every Wednesday 10th May—24th May 10am—12:00pm	Blaxland Uniting Church Hall 72 Old Bathurst Road BLAXLAND	Ph: 4720 6500 OR Email groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

For more information and Individual Flyers go to:

**[www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](http://www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au) or [www.facebook.com/GatewayFS](https://www.facebook.com/GatewayFS)**

Gateway Family Services parenting programs are funded by DSS and DCJ.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.



# School holiday activities calendar



There are so many free and low cost activities happening across the Blue Mountains these school holidays, for children, teens and the whole family.

We've put together a list of all the Council and community events happening, so you can easily find the best activities to suit you and your family.

Find the full school holiday activities calendar at [strongerfamilies.net.au](http://strongerfamilies.net.au)

