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Issue 8 – Week 6 – Term 2

Wednesday 31 May 2023

Dear Families and community,

Welcome to the week 6 newsletter and what a fortnight we've had. Our students have participated in so many activities such as debating at Leura PS, cooking lessons, futsal competitions, cross country carnival, smoking ceremony, viewed a performance by the Asquith girls' and boys' high schools and Sorry Day. Our staff have also had a busy fortnight preparing their semester 1 reports and engaging in Professional Learning about High Potential Gifted Education, PAX Good Behaviour game, Anxiety prevention, Growth Coaching, Dyslexia and significant difficulties and Understanding Autism. Looking forward to the next fortnight ahead.

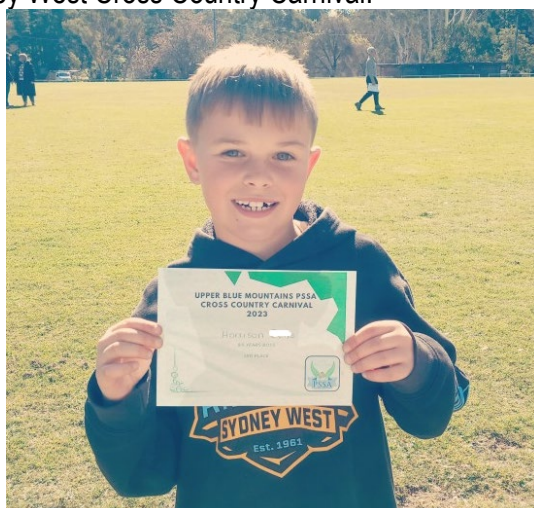
Rhonda Jones AKA Mrs Jones or Jonsey

Our wonderful school administration officer Mrs Rhonda Jones has moved on from Lawson PS. She worked here for over 10 years, caring for our students, organising our staff and running the office alongside Mrs Alexander and Mrs Fitzpatrick. Rhonda made us all laugh with her funny sense of humour and we will miss her dearly. We held a special morning tea to celebrate the time she spent with us and our students made and signed a beautiful card for her.



Cross Country

I had the pleasure of cheering on our school at the District Cross Country carnival on Friday 19 May. Our runners represented our school proudly. Congratulations to Harry B who made it to Sydney West, wishing him the best of luck on Wednesday 14 June at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival.



Attendance matters

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

You will be sent an absence notification via Sentral, text to your mobile phone and/or email. Please respond with a reason for your child's absence.

Library space

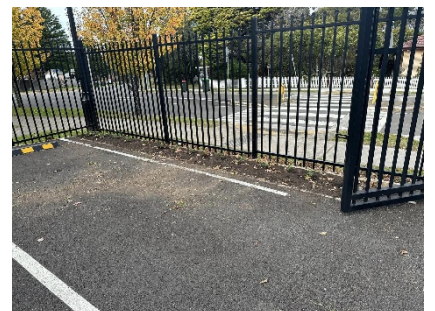
We have completed our library space upgrade project. Over the last year and half, we have created a more inviting and functional library. Mrs Schlegel, Mrs Fitzpatrick and I have researched and purchased curved shelving, coloured bookcases, a book nook, higher tables and colourful chairs to brighten up the space and to ensure books are organised appropriately. In addition to this we would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who have helped to cover books at school or at home, books are hitting the shelves quicker resulting in our students being able to borrow more regularly.



Community events

• Working bee

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time at the working bee last Sunday. We got a lot done and the school grounds are looking even more beautiful.



- **Movie night**

Friday 16th June. Our Stage 1 team are organising a special movie night. We will hire heaters and seek out anyone who is willing to lend their heater too. Popcorn and food will be sold, so please come along for a great night!



- **Celebration of learning day**

Wednesday 21st June. We will open up our classrooms for you and your family to visit. Stage 3 are also putting on a play to follow.

- **Lawson Louvre**

Please save the date – Friday 15 September 2023. We are organising a grand event showcasing student art works, an auction and trivia night, run by the P&C. More information to come.



P&C

Shout out to Sharon Baldwin, our new P&C President, she is doing a great job. Thanks for helping out at the Mother's Day breakfast and contributing to the working bee. Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 13 June at 7pm. To find out more about our P&C and what's on please go to their website: <https://www.lawsonpandc.com/>

Kind regards,
Mrs Hayley Cross
Relieving Principal



Office News

2023 Calendar

Term 2

Week 6

2 June Aboriginal Education Workshop: K-2

Week 7

6 June K – 2 Excursion: Mount Tomah

9 June Debating- Stage 3 v Hazelbrook PS

9 June Assembly: Peach

Week 8

12 June Public Holiday: King's Birthday

13 June Stage 3 Red/CC Bushwalk

13 June P&C Meeting: 7pm

14 June Festival of Instrumental Music:
Opera House

15 June High Jump

16 June Stage 2 Excursion:

Calmsley Hill City Farm

16 June Movie Night

18 June Magpie Markets

Week 9

19 June Zone 1500m

20 June Stage 3 Orange Bushwalk

21 June Celebration of Learning Day

22 June NAIDOC – Chris Tobin

23 June Assembly: Blue

Week 10

27 June Stage 3 Excursion:
Warragamba Dam

30 June Last Day of Term for Students

Term 3

Week 1

18 July Students Return

**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



Charlotte's Web – Stage 2 Violet

We are reading the E. B. White novel about a little girl called Fern who loves a pig called Wilbur. And of how Wilbur is saved from a dreadful fate by Charlotte the spider's very clever plan.

At last Wilbur saw the creature that had spoken to him in such a kindly way. Stretched across the upper part of the doorway was a big spider's web, and hanging from the top of the web, head down, was a large grey spider. She was about the size of a gum-drop. She had eight legs, and she was waving one of them at Wilbur in friendly greeting.

The barn was very large. It was very old. It smelled of hay and it smelled of the perspiration of tired horses and the wonderful sweet breath of patient cows. It often had a sort of peaceful smell – as though nothing bad could happen ever again in the world.



Lawson PS is a PBL School

PBL – Week 4

WALT:

Be responsible on the playground

I am responsible when I

- Report to the teacher,
look after my peers, wear
my hat.



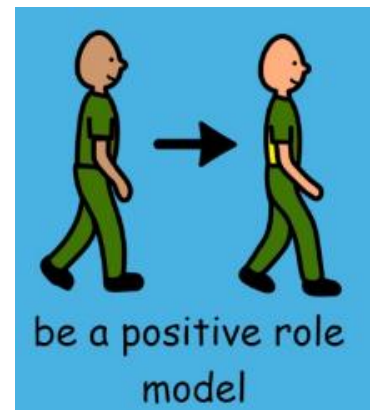
PBL – Week 5

WALT:

Be safe and
responsible during
eating time.

I am safe and
responsible when I sit in
the right place to eat
my lunch, I eat my own

food, I wait for the bell before
playing, I put my rubbish in the
correct bins and I pack my lunch box
away.



P & C NEWS



MAGPIE MARKETS: The next markets are on **Sunday 18th June**. If you're able to help out with the BBQ please email Kylie at: kyliec.mcd@gmail.com Check out the facebook page for updates and BBQ roster volunteer requests.

Meeting

P&C MEETING: The next P&C meeting will be **Tuesday 13th June 7pm** in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend. Children are also welcome. A Zoom link will be provided closer to the date. Check our facebook page for updates.



WORKING BEE

The Working Bee over the weekend had a great turnout of busy bee helpers. A huge effort made by all. Thank you everyone that came to enjoy the exceptional weather, working together to improve our school.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours : Wednesdays 8.30-9.30am

Plenty of Warm Winter Options

Order Forms Available on our Website

Or at the school Office

Our P&C communication channels:

P&C Website:

<https://www.lawsonpandc.com/>

LPSParent Community on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lawsonparents>

P&C Email Address:

lawsonpandc@gmail.com



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2024 Year 7 Enrichment Class Applications

Katoomba High School will be assessing Year 6 students who are seeking to enrol in the 2024 Year 7 Enrichment Class on **Tuesday 22 August 2023**. Students will be assessed on their skills in Mathematics, Reading & Language and Writing. There will be TWO sessions to choose from. Please indicate in your return email which session you would like your child to attend. On the day, students should bring recess. No equipment is required for the test. Pens are provided.

If you would like your Year 6 son or daughter to be considered for the Year 7 Enrichment Class please email sharon.schloeffel2@det.nsw.edu.au, School Administration Officer, by **Friday, 14th July 2023**.

If you have any questions regarding the testing, please contact Melinda Mungai, Head Teacher Teaching & Learning: melinda.mungai@det.nsw.edu.au or Nick Long, Enrichment Coordinator: nicholas.long@det.nsw.edu.au, or phone the school: 4782 2622.

When registering please provide the following information:

- Your child's name, gender, primary school
- Parent contact details, email
- Preferred session number

A session confirmation email will be sent to you prior to the testing day. If you are unable to attend please contact the school immediately.

Session 1 Tuesday, 22 August 2023	Session 2 Tuesday, 29 August 2023
Arrive at 9.00am: for a prompt 9.15 am start	Arrive at 9.00am: for a prompt 9.15 am start
Finish: 1.00 pm Parents arrive 12.45	Finish: 1.00 pm Parents arrive 12.45

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**THE 1920'S WITH OUR SHOW
FEATURING PERFORMANCES
FROM CAPA STUDENTS 7-12**

WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE

11:30 AM -1:00 PM

FREE

KATOOMBA HIGH SCHOOL HALL

PLEASE RSVP BY 26/05/2023

CHARMAINE.TULLY2@DET.NSW.EDU.AU

NDIS Connection desk in schools

Introduction sessions

Learn how you can facilitate a NDIS connection desk at your school in **Term 3, 2023** to support your families in their understanding of the NDIS.

Tuesday 13 June 8:30 - 9:15 am

Wednesday 14 June 3:15 - 4:00 pm

Thursday 15 June 8:30 - 9:15 am

The introduction sessions will cover the following topics:

- What is a NDIS Connection desk?
- Purpose of a NDIS Connection desk
- Roles and responsibilities for those involved in a NDIS Connection desk
- Culturally inclusive Connection desks
- Types of NDIS Connection desks
- The NDIS Connection desk process
- Resources to support the NDIS Connection desk
- Benefits of a NDIS Connection desk

Target audience: DoE primary and high school executive staff, LaSTs, LST Coordinators, school counselling service or any other interested staff

Presenter: DoE NDIS Coordinators

Platform: MS Teams

To register for one of these sessions, please complete the [registration link](#) and a Teams calendar invite will be sent to you prior to the session.

For further information, please contact Kylie Harris
Email - kylie.harris@det.nsw.edu.au



NDIS Early Childhood Approach

Information sessions

NDIS information sessions on the Early Childhood Approach will be available for schools to attend in weeks 6 and 7 of Term 2.

These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for schools to understand the support available to children under 7 years of age with a developmental concern, delay or disability. The presentations will be delivered online in partnership with the NDIS Early Childhood partner organisation that supports each geographical area.

You can register via the link below. Please select the session date for the Early Childhood (EC) partner that aligns to the geographical area for your school.

Northcott EC partner supporting Northern NSW, Mid North Coast, Hunter New England, Newcastle, Western Sydney areas.

- Monday 29 May 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 7 June 8:15 - 9:15 am

Each EC partner supporting Southern NSW, Southwestern Sydney areas.

- Wednesday 31 May 8:15 - 9:15 am

Intereach EC partner supporting Murrumbidgee and Goulburn areas.

- Thursday 1 June 8:30 - 9:30 am

Cerebral Palsy Alliance EC partner supporting Northern Sydney areas.

- Tuesday 6 June 8:15 - 9:15 am

Lifestart EC partner supporting Central Coast, Nepean Blue Mountains, Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Sydney, Southeast Sydney areas.

- Thursday 8 June 8:15 - 9:15 am

We encourage you to access a session that is convenient for you if your area is not listed.

Register for your session here:
[Early Childhood Approach registration form](#)



Presented by Blue Mountains Theatre

Snowy AND The Seven Cool Dudes

by A.J. Bailey

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Tuesday | 4 July | 11am

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Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Are you interested in finding out information regarding support classes and special schools (called Schools for Specific Purposes or SSPs) for your child for 2024?

These information sessions will cover:

- The types of support settings available
- Eligibility for a support setting
- The process for applying for a support setting with the Department of Education



Information Sessions – Support Class

- Tuesday 13th June 9:30 – 11am

Lethbridge Park Public School –

2 Copeland Road – Lethbridge Park

- Tuesday 13th June 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Springwood Public School –

1-59 Burns Road, Springwood

Information Session – Special School (SSP)

- Wednesday 21st June 10.00 – 11.30am

Halinda School –

Mimika Avenue, Whalan

For more information contact:

Lorna MacKinnon, Learning & Wellbeing Officer for the Blue Mountains Network –

0427 166 372

Rachel Sellen, Learning & Wellbeing Officer for the Mount Druit Network – 0409 929 254

Disability Advocacy NSW supports students with disability to get a fair go.



*Speaking up
for fairness.*

We stand beside students, parents and carers to help with rights, sort out issues, and be fully included in their school community.

How we can help you

support families and carers to communicate effectively with the school or the education department.

Provide support at a meeting with the school.

Help you request extra support for your child at school.

Provide support to increase understanding of a teacher's role in supporting your child at the school.

Provide information and support about reasonable expectations and requests for support at school.

Provide information and be available to the school community.

How to get support

To find out more about how we could help you please get in touch with the team in the Nepean Blue Mountains:

Call: [02 4708 3047](tel:0247083047)

Email: nepeanbluemountains@da.org.au

Visit: da.org.au



Things to do in the School Holidays

Come and join the fun with NPWS ranger-guided activities for kids, teens and families. Discover, create, imagine and explore!

Photo: Pavel German



Claustral Canyon Virtual Reality

Experience one of the world's most spectacular canyons – Claustral canyon in the World Heritage Listed Greater Blue Mountains Area – using Oculus Quest VR.

NPWS Blue Mountains Heritage Centre

Looking for a unique gift or experience these school holidays? Choose from a great range of gifts including Blue Mountains locally-made MTNS Made products, Australian made, and Australian designed products.

We also offer **gift vouchers** for your friends and family to experience the famous Claustral canyon located in the Blue Mountains with a virtual reality experience (\$10.00 per person)



End of Govetts Leap Road Blackheath NSW 2785 T 02 4787 8877



#NSWParks

Join our team this July for some exciting school holiday activities.

Photo: Elina Sheargold

S For the Small and Curious **L** Living Country **B** Bush Alive **J** Junior Rangers

B 8-12YRS



Spotlight

Monday 3 July • 5pm-7pm

Photo: Pavel German

B 7-11YRS



The Buzz on Bees

Tuesday 4 July • 10am-12pm

J 10-14YRS



Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering

Wednesday 5 July • 10am-12pm

B 6-10YRS



Leaping Lizards

Thursday 6 July • 10am-12pm

B 8-12YRS



Spotlight

Friday 7 July • 5pm-7pm

Photo: Pavel German

B 7-11YRS



The Buzz on Bees

Monday 10 July • 10am-12pm

J 10-14YRS



Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering

Tuesday 11 July • 5pm-7pm

L 7-11YRS



Aboriginal Games for Kids

Wednesday 12 July • 10am-12pm

B 6-10YRS



Leaping Lizards

Thursday 13 July • 10am-12pm

Photo: Rosie Nicolai

B 8-12YRS



Spotlight

Friday 14 July • 5pm-7pm

Photo: Jeff Bennett/OEH

Claustral Canyon Virtual Reality

\$10pp

All holidays



School Holiday Program T 02 4784 7301 E BlueMtns.Education@environment.nsw.gov.au

Holiday activities \$20 per person. All activities are onsite at Blackheath, except for Spotlight which is held in Katoomba. Meet 15 mins before activity start time. For more information and bookings visit www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kids-and-family-activities



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Lego Spike Workshop!

Monday 10th July 2023
10.00am – 12noon



Join us for an unforgettable hands-on experience with our beginner's workshop using Lego Spike! Our workshop is perfect for kids aged 8 and above who are eager to learn about robotics, engineering and coding.

During this workshop, kids will be guided through the process of building their own robot using Lego Spike and programming it with variables, loops, functions and other coding concepts!

To secure your place please contact
Belong Blue Mountains on (02) 4739 1164
Lower Mountains Neighbourhood Centre
33 Hope Street Blaxland

For 10+ year-olds. Bookings essential.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Paper Roller Coasters!

10th July 2023 2.00pm – 4.00pm



Hold on tight and get ready for an exhilarating ride! Our paper rollercoasters workshop is perfect for kids aged 10 and above who are eager to learn about engineering and physics while having a blast.

During this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the basics of building a paper rollercoaster, including the physics principles that make it work.

Kids will be guided through the process of designing and constructing their very own rollercoaster to take home and continue the fun

For 10+ year-olds. Bookings essential.

To secure your place please contact

Belong Blue Mountains on (02) 4759 2592

Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre, 9 New St, Lawson

Light refreshments will be provided.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Drama Performance Workshop!



Sharon Baldwin is a children's author & has studied theatre at university. She holds drama workshops for primary aged children in the Blue Mountains. Join Sharon for an introduction to performing on stage. Students will develop confidence, play drama games in preparation for a small performance at the end of the session.

For 6-8 year-olds. Bookings essential.

9.00am-11:00am

Thursday 13th July 2023

**To secure your place please contact
Lower Mountains Neighbourhood Centre,
33 Hope Street Blaxland on 4739 1164**

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12.30pm-2:30pm

Thursday 13th July 2023

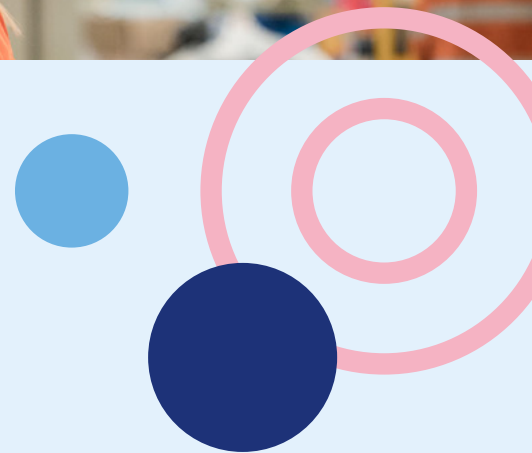
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We want to work with businesses within our school communities



Work is available maintaining our schools

School Infrastructure NSW manages a large maintenance program for more than 2,000 schools across all parts of NSW. To do this work, we are looking to engage local businesses, including Aboriginal owned businesses and people.

We want to go local

We are moving towards direct management of facilities maintenance, bringing in new facilities maintenance contractors and tradespeople to work directly under contract with us.

Why go local? We want to:

- be more responsive to maintenance issues reported by schools.
- ensure we are working with local trades and spending our money in our local communities.
- provide better working conditions for local tradespeople, including faster payment terms.

Opportunities for Aboriginal businesses

In addition to increasing our engagement of local contractors, we are also seeking to grow the number of local Aboriginal businesses we work with and increase employment opportunities for Aboriginal employees, apprentices and trainees.

We have Aboriginal Senior Program Officers who are able to help Aboriginal businesses, and local contractors who already employ or are looking to employ Aboriginal employees, apprentices, and trainees.

We want to work with Aboriginal owned businesses.

First Nations Engagement in School Infrastructure program



School maintenance work is available

School Infrastructure NSW manages a large maintenance program for more than 2,000 schools across NSW. To do some of this work, we are looking to engage local Aboriginal businesses and local businesses that employ Aboriginal employees, apprentices, and trainees.

Who are we looking for?

We're looking for a variety of maintenance services and trades including:

- Plumbing
- Glazers
- Carpenters
- Gasfitters
- Electrical
- Test and tag
- Lighting
- Pest control
- Construction
- Gutter cleaning
- Equipment construction and maintenance
- Engineering
- Fencing services building and repairs
- Roofing
- and more

How can I get involved?

Scan the QR code below to register your interest or go to edu.nsw.link/FNESI

Need help?

We have Aboriginal Senior Program Officers who can assist you with:

- understanding the types of services we are looking for
- how to register your business as an Aboriginal owned business or one who employs Aboriginal people
- connecting with businesses who want to employ Aboriginal apprentices or trainees.



Scan the QR code to register your interest
or go to
edu.nsw.link/FNESI

Contact us:

Email an Aboriginal Senior Program Officer
enquires.fnesi@det.nsw.edu.au

The trades and services we are looking for include:

- Multi Tradespeople
- Plumber (including roof and gas)
- Electrician
- Lift Technician
- Refrigeration mechanic
- Glazier
- Hazmat
- Arborist AQ3/ AQ5
- Locksmith
- Cleaner
- Pest control
- Carpet / vinyl
- Data technician
- Security technician
- Painter
- Plasterer / renderer
- Tiler
- Landscaper
- Brick layer
- Fire management
- Sheet metal
- Concreter
- Removalist
- Playground specialist
- Pool technicians and cleaner
- Carpenters
- Gasfitters
- Test and tag
- Lighting
- Construction
- Gutter cleaning
- Equipment construction and maintenance
- Engineering
- Fencing services building and repair
- Roofing

How can I participate?

We're looking for a wide variety of maintenance services and trades to start with us from 1 July 2023 including electricians, plumbers, painters, and many others. It's easy to work with us!

Reach out to our team to find out more and access the documents to apply to work with us.

On approval you'll be setup in our systems and onboarded, with induction covering how to work with us and use our systems. Then start getting work orders allocated within 48 hours!

Contacts

To register your interest send an email to:

Western Sydney NSW Office – ws.fmct@det.nsw.edu.au

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Commissioned by The Art House Wyong

Wolfgang's

Magical Musical Circus



Friday | 14 July | 10am & 2pm



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