

# Lawson Public School

## Newsletter



Issue 20- Week 10 - Term 4

18 December, 2024

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As I commence the Week 10 Newsletter, I reflect on the year that has been at Lawson Public School. The partnership that we share, in my opinion, truly makes our school the most positive and happy place within the Blue Mountains. I am filled with a profound sense of pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together. The school year has been one of growth, resilience, and community spirit, and I am thrilled to reflect on the remarkable journey we have undertaken. Our students have demonstrated incredible dedication to their studies, and their achievements in academics, arts, sports, and various extracurricular activities are a testament to their hard work and determination.

School concludes for students on Wednesday, 18th December 2024 at 2:45pm. I wish the entire school community a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year's period. School resumes for all students, Kindergarten to Year 6, on Thursday 6th February 2025.

### **Presentation Day Assembly Lawson Public School**

On Friday 13th December, here at Lawson Public School we held and celebrated our end of year Presentation Day Assembly. We were very fortunate to share this event with our community and look forward to continuing our partnership in learning with families in 2025. Congratulations to the many students who received an award.

### **Farewell to Ms Heyne & Mrs Thomas**

It is with great sadness that as we conclude 2024, we will be farewelling Ms Heyne, who is moving into retirement, and Mrs Thomas who will be taking a deviation in her career by continuing university research. Both ladies will be missed greatly from our school community, and we wish them all the very best for 2025 and beyond.

## **Class Teacher for 2025**

As we move ever so closer to the conclusion of 2024, I feel it fitting to share with our community the classroom structure of Lawson Public School in 2025. Currently we are anticipating to establish 8 mainstream classes and 3 multicategorical support classes within the school. Please note, that while we aim to establish the following classes, the anticipated plans below are subject to change dependent of fluctuating student numbers and requirements from the Department of Education.

### **Classroom Teachers**

<b>Kindergarten –</b>	Mrs Hackney
<b>Year 1/2 –</b>	Miss Thomas (Relieving Assistant Principal Kindergarten to Year 2) (4 days) / TBA (1 day)
<b>Year 1/2 –</b>	Mr Walters (4 days) / Ms Truswell (1 day)
<b>Year 2/3 –</b>	Miss Armstrong (4 days) / Mr Sheridan (1 day)
<b>Year 3/4 –</b>	Miss Taylor (3 days) (Assistant Principal) / Miss Sheppard (2 days) (Assistant Principal Year 3 – 6)
<b>Year 3/4 –</b>	Ms Jensen
<b>Year 5/6 –</b>	Mr Smith
<b>Year 5/6 –</b>	Miss Graham
<b>Yellow Class –</b>	Mrs Johnston (Support Class)
<b>Green Class –</b>	Mr Wall (Support Class)
<b>Blue Class –</b>	New Assistant Principal, Support (currently under the recruitment process)

### **Office Staff**

<b>School Administration Manager –</b>	Mrs Alexander
<b>School Administration Officer –</b>	Mrs Williams
<b>School Administration Officer –</b>	Ms Norris – (2 days)
<b>General Assistant –</b>	Mr Piggott (2 days)

### **Student Learning Support Officers (SLSO)**

Mrs Hansen	Ms Elissa
Ms Raj	Miss Cathy
Miss Lena	Miss Sarah
Ms Cheryl	

<b>Principal –</b>	Mr Jeff
<b>Assistant Principal, Curriculum &amp; Instruction –</b>	Miss Sheppard
<b>Kitchen/Garden –</b>	Mr Walters (1 day)
<b>Learning Support Teacher –</b>	Mrs Truswell (3 days)
<b>Librarian –</b>	Mrs Schlegel (3 days)
<b>Creative Arts Teacher –</b>	Mrs Morrison (3 days)

## **Year 6 Farewell**

On Thursday of Week 8, the Year 6 students had the opportunity to celebrate their Year 6 Farewell. It was a truly magnificent function. Congratulations Year 6 on an amazing year and thank you for your contribution over the years at Lawson Public School.

The preparation, organisation and running of the event has been a culmination of months of hard work and dedication by the amazing Farewell Team. No short cuts were taken in preparing for the event, only dedication, commitment and focus. Miss Taylor and the Parent Committee Team have done an exceptional job bringing the farewell together, thank you!

## **Semester Reports**

Semester 2 School Reports were released on Friday 13th December. I congratulate students on all of their efforts and achievements and thank our staff for their continued hard work in their ongoing assessment of student learning outcomes. Please be aware, as like Semester 1, the Semester 2 reports have been released digitally to families. If you require a printed hardcopy this can be requested via our front office.

## **Calendar Dates in 2025**

School calendar changes were announced during Week 3 of Term 4. Additional Staff Development Days have been implemented, which impacts when the children return to school in Term 1. Please see below the changes for your future planning.

### **•Term 1**

First Day of Term 1: Students commence on Thursday 6th February 2025

Last Day of Term 1: Students conclude on Friday 11th April 2025

### **•Term 2**

First Day of Term 2: Students return on Wednesday 30th April 2025

Last day of Term 2: Students conclude on Friday 4th July 2025

### **•Term 3**

First Day of Term 3: Students return on Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Last Day of Term 3: Students conclude on Friday 26th September 2025

### **•Term 4**

First Day of Term 4: Students return on Tuesday 14th October 2025

Last Day of Term 4: Students conclude on Friday 19th December 2025

## **Selective High School & Opportunity Class Applications**

In preparation of 2025, the Department of Education have extended the application time period for Opportunity Classes and Selective High School placements for 2026. Please note that this information is for students who are currently in Year 3 (Year 5 Opportunity Class application 2026) and Year 5 (Selective High School application 2026). **Online applications open on Thursday 7th November 2024 and close on Friday 21st February 2025.**

A letter has been sent home to all current Year 3 and Year 5 families outlining in detail the full process for applying for placement in either Opportunity Class or Selective High School in 2026. For further information in relation to this process please visit the below website.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools>

## **Attendance**

Please note that regular attendance is still very important right up to the end of the school year and we expect all students to be attending school every day unless they are unwell. The last day of the school year for students is Wednesday 18th December 2024.

I wish you a very happy, safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year period.

My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff  
Principal



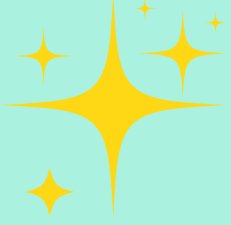
# Office News

Term 4 2024

Week 10



Wednesday 18 December: Yr 6 Graduation Assembly @ 1.45pm  
Wednesday 18 December: Final Day of School for Students



Term 1 2025

Week 1

Monday 3 - 5 February: Staff Development Day - No Students  
Wednesday 5 February: Uniform Shop Open @ 10am - 12pm  
Thursday 6 February: All Students (K-6) Return to School @ 8.55am

Week 2

Monday 10 February: Swimming Carnival

## 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. . Please ensure your child/s full name and class are on the permission note. **LATE NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** Please **do not email permission notes to the school email address**. Original notes must be handed into the front office. For P&C events such as fun food, uniform shop, school caps etc... please do not pay online through the school website or School Bytes.

## Student Absence

If a student is absent, we ask that you use the school Sentral App. Should you not have access to this app, please call the front office to receive a linking code. **Please do not email the school email address to advise of absences.**



## "Anaphylaxis and Asthma 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.



# Stage 3 Bushwalks



Stage 3 classes have been going on regular bushwalks throughout the year as part of our Outdoor Education Program. In Term 4, all classes walked to Dantes Glen to explore the bushland in North Lawson. We even spotted a Bidjiwong basking in the sun by the creek. We had a fantastic time.



# Tree Levy Grant

Lawson Public School was successful in securing a \$420 Tree Levy Grant to improve our Yarning Circle with native plants.

The Tree Levy Grant is an annual scheme funded by the NSW Teachers Federation to offset the environmental impact of the union's activities.

We would also like to thank Dillinger's Nursery in Wentworth Falls who are assisting us in planning out the garden.

We will begin planting early next year.



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# RUN CLUB



RUN . JOG . WALK

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8:15am - 8:45am

**TUESDAYS**

**MEET ON THE  
BASKETBALL COURT**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



# School Student Travel



## School student travel information for parents and students

### School Travel Passes

Applications are now open for 2025 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their School Opal card at their nominated postal address from mid-January 2025.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.



# Activities calendar fun and creative things to do in the Blue Mountains



## FIND OUT WHAT'S ON THESE HOLIDAYS

- Local activities and events for children, youth and families
- Affordable and free options
- Local services to support your family





# Join the Summer Reading Challenge and win great prizes!

**1 December 2024 – 31 January 2025**

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all members of the Blue Mountains Library between the ages of 0 and 18.

## **Prizes for students and the school**

Students need to log any Blue Mountains Library book read between 1 December and 31 January. For every completed logsheet, participants will receive a \$5 book voucher redeemable at local participating bookstores.

In addition, this year the school with the highest number of participating students will receive a \$200 book voucher.



**Find out more**

# Summer School Holidays

## Workshops and Events

Book into one of our workshops to create, make and construct. More workshops over the page.

To book visit the website or your local Library branch. [bluemountainslibrary.eventbrite.com.au](http://bluemountainslibrary.eventbrite.com.au)



### Rainbow Crowns with Naomi Oliver

**10.00 -11.00am | Kindy - Year 6 | \$6 Tuesday  
14th January, Springwod Hub Tuesday 21st  
January, Katoomba Library**



Join us for a fun and colourful workshop where kids design their very own rainbow crowns using soft wire and beads. Perfect for little creators, this hands-on activity will spark their imagination as they twist, string, and shape a dazzling headpiece to take home. Let's craft something magical together!

### Tiny Creations with Naomi Oliver

**12.00-1.00pm | Year 5- Year 10 | \$6**

**Tuesday 14th January, Springwood Hub,  
Meeting Room 1**

**Tuesday 21st January, Katoomba Library**

During our Tiny Creations workshop you will create a miniature world using collage, drawings and found objects. Learn techniques to craft intricate, layered scenes that fit inside repurposed tin containers.

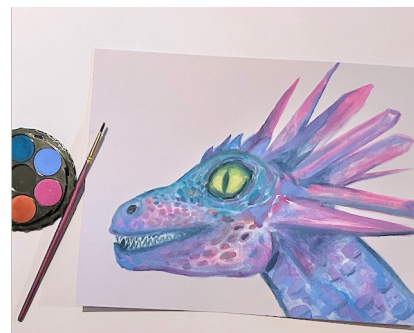


## Paint a Mythical Creature - Watercolour Painting with Naomi

**12.00 - 1.00pm | Year 5 - Year 10 | \$6**

**Tuesday 7th January, Katoomba Library**

**Thursday 16th January, Springwood Hub**



During this workshop, we will learn a variety of drawing and watercolour techniques to create your own mythical creature.

## Paint a Lyrebird Wax Resist & Watercolour with Naomi

**10.00 - 11.00am | Kindy - Year 6 | \$6**

**Tuesday 7th January, Katoomba Library**

**Thursday 16th January, Springwood Hub**



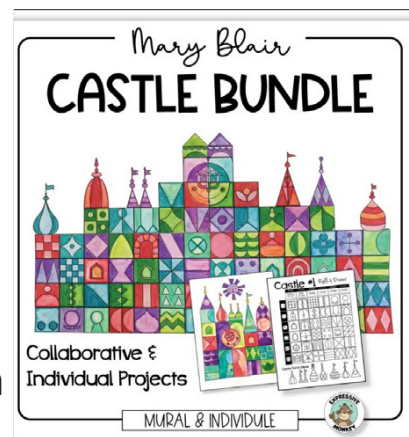
Learn to paint a Lyrebird using the wax resist technique and watercolour paints. This is a fun process which will help you take home your own Blue Mountains bush bird.

## Collaborative Creations - Collaborative Castles!

This summer school holidays we will be collaborating to build magnificent castles to grace our library walls.

Using the wonderful resource from Expressive Monkey, in the style of Disney artist, Mary Blair, we can each colour and add designs to a page that contributes to one enormous, glorious castle.

Call into your local library branch to add your touch to our community castles.



# FREE BAREFOOT BOWLS FAMILY FUN DAY

To Celebrate the success of the Rookie Rollers program, Club Lawson is inviting ALL families from Our Lady of the Nativity & Lawson Public School to play Barefoot Bowls. All equipment is supplied, and there's no time limit on play, so get ready for a day of non-stop fun, laughter, and excitement at our spectacular Barefoot Bowls Family Fun Day!



**CHRISTMAS**  
*kids Deco*

**DEC 21 SATURDAY**  
**3PM - 5PM**  
**FREE EVENT**

DANCING | GAMES | LOLLY BAGS  
CLUB LAWSON 2 LOFTUS STREET LAWSON  
[www.clublawson.au](http://www.clublawson.au)

**SUNDAY**

DECEMBER 15, 2024



**BETWEEN**

12:00PM - 5:00PM



**CLUB LAWSON**

2 LOFTUS STREET, LAWSON

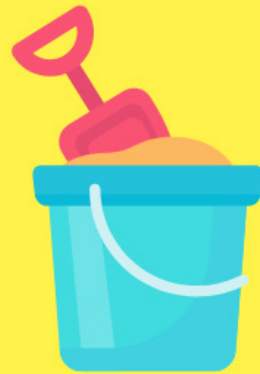




Mountains Outreach  
Community Service



# SUMMER WATER PLAYGROUP



MOCS is hosting a summer play group with lots of water-based activities for your little ones! Come join the fun and cool off with us!



WED 15 JANUARY  
10AM - 12PM



HAZELBROOK  
SCOUT HALL



4758 6811 | [hello@mocs.org.au](mailto:hello@mocs.org.au)

# Get healthier, together

Aboriginal Go4Fun is a Fun prizes, weekly fun free healthy lifestyle based games and yarn program for kids aged 7 about how we can be to 13 and their families healthier together

## Katoomba Aboriginal Go4Fun

**Day:** Thursdays afternoons in Term 1, 2025

**Dates:** 13 February to 10 April

**Time:** 4pm to 6pm

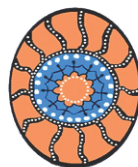
**Location:** Katoomba North Public School

**Address:** Barton St, Katoomba NSW 2780

- Transport available
- Afternoon tea provided
- Free program
- Registration is required

### To register:

**Call Merana on:**  
(02) 4588 5144



**Email Merana at:**  
admin@merana.org.au

**Call ACRC on:**  
(02) 4782 6569



**Email ACRC at:**  
admin@acrc.org.au

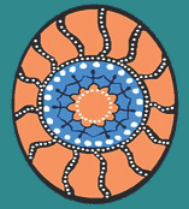
A parent or carer is required to attend each session, or an aunt, uncle, grandparent or adult sibling is also welcome

Aboriginal  
Go4Fun





# What happens at Aboriginal Go4Fun?



**Play Yulunga  
traditional  
indigenous  
games**

**Build self  
confidence**

**Make new  
friends**

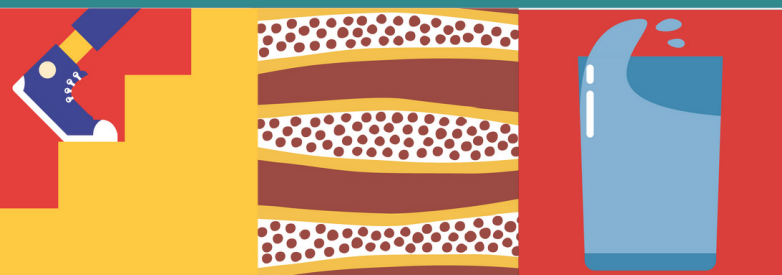
**Manage  
screen time**

**Go on a  
supermarket  
tour**

**Learn about  
healthy eating  
for kids and  
family**

**Get active  
and have fun**

**Whole of family  
approach**



**Aboriginal  
Go4Fun**



# Go4Fun

## Create healthy habits – for life



Go4Fun is a free program for kids aged 7-13 and their families looking for support with healthy eating, physical activity and overall wellbeing

Spend quality time together and learn fun ways to create healthy habits – for life A parent or carer is required to attend each session

Interpreter support available



It's free and run after school for 10 weeks



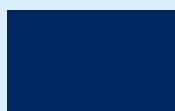
Make new friends



Build self confidence



Fun games and prizes



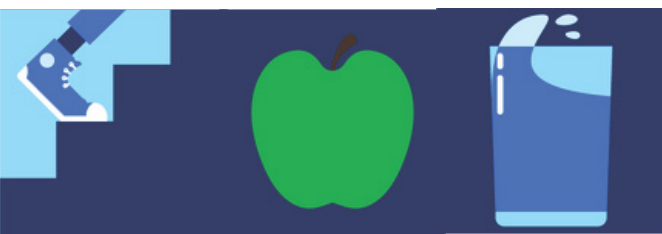
Learn about healthy eating



Whole of family approach

### To register:

- **Visit:** [go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au)
- **Call:** 1800 780 900
- **SMS:** 0409 745 645 for a call back



# Christmas



# Toy Drive



**Thrive Services supports over 100 Families at Christmas Time. We are asking the community to help support through donation of Brand New toys and Brand New Items for teenagers**  
**Donations can be dropped off at Thrive 2 Station St, Katoomba**



# KARATE KIDS



**HOLIDAY  
PROGRAM**

**BEGINNER KARATE PROGRAM**

4pm to 4:45pm MONDAY 20 JANUARY '25  
11:30am to 12:15pm SATURDAY 25 JANUARY '25  
4pm to 4:45pm MONDAY 27 JANUARY '25  
11:30am to 12:15pm SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY '25

KATOOMBA PRIME DOJO, 33-35 WARATAH STREET, KATOOMBA

**ONLY \$35: Includes all 4 sessions and a free training t-shirt**  
1 adult per family can participate for free when registering children

(PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE)



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CALL OR TEXT SADHNA:

**0415 915 721**

OR SCAN THE QR



Registrations close 19 January

E: [ssingh@gkrkarate.com](mailto:ssingh@gkrkarate.com)

W: [gkrkarate.com/sadhna-singh-r2](http://gkrkarate.com/sadhna-singh-r2)



**FREE  
PROGRAM**

# SHARE OUR SPACE

-  PERFECT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-12
-  DEVELOP FUNDAMENTAL CRICKET SKILLS IN A FUN AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

Share Our Space Program - Blaxland East P.S.

Day and Dates - January Friday 10th

Time - 10am - 2 pm      Cost - FREE

Contact - [matthew.barwick@cricketnsw.com.au](mailto:matthew.barwick@cricketnsw.com.au)

Registration link - [www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/e5210](http://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/e5210)



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# GIRLS

# WINTER SOCCER



## PRE-REGISTER NOW!

Pre-registrations are now open for the 2025 Winter Soccer Season. Come and join our girls teams from ages 8 and above to play, train and make life long friends with other girls who love soccer as much as you do.

To pre-register go to <https://tinyurl.com/Soccerpre-rego>

If you would like to know more about our girls soccer programs please email:

[femalefootball@wentworthfallsfc.com.au](mailto:femalefootball@wentworthfallsfc.com.au)

If your girls are aged between 4 and 11 come and join our MiniTillies program taking place in the January school holidays. Dates to come soon, please register your interest in this program at <https://forms.gle/GMWFKgXjCysMf6kE8> or email us at:

[femalefootball@wentworthfallsfc.com.au](mailto:femalefootball@wentworthfallsfc.com.au)