

# Lawson Public School

## Newsletter



Issue 10- Week 10 - Term 2

4 July, 2024

Dear Families and community,

Happy Week 10! I can't believe that we are wrapping up another term. Our Kindergarten students have already attended a whole semester of Primary School.

I am pleased to reflect on the remarkable achievements and growth we have witnessed within our school community. The dedication and collaborative spirit of our students, educators, staff, and parents have truly made this term memorable and impactful.

### Staffing Update

Mr Mike Hancott is moving to China! His wife has a new job over there and his last day with us is this Friday. Mr Michael Lawrence will be replacing him from the beginning of Term 3. White class know Mr Lawrence really well so the transition should hopefully be a smooth one



Mr Smith will be joining our LPS family again next term. He will be teaching Violet class on Wednesday's and Thursday's. He will resume his duties as sports coordinator next year, as Miss Graham is doing a great job of it this year.



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## Opportunities for our Students

I am so proud of the opportunities that we provide our students here at Lawson PS. Not only do we provide quality education to our students in the classroom, our wonderful staff provide other opportunities outside of school too. Most recently we have been accepted for the first time, into the Schools Spectacular 2024 for both Choir and Dance. This is such a great achievement for our students.



Tickets are now on sale and we strongly encourage schools to utilise the early bird 10% discount by purchasing before **Friday 2 August 2024**. Visit the Ticketek website to purchase tickets now.

## Festival of Instrumental Music

Last week our students participated in the festival of instrumental music at the Sydney Opera House. We represented our school in the recorder and the violin section. It was a great experience for everyone involved.



## Film By and Game Changer Challenge

We are actively engaging in the Game Changer Challenge, busily creating surveys to parents, videos and much more. Our film by club is underway and students are creating short films to enter into the competition. Hopefully a few of our videos get chosen

## P&C

Our wonderful P&C committee are always formulating ways to support our students and school. Fun food day is this Friday! I hope you all enjoy your delicious pizza. If you are interested, please join the committee to see how you to can support our school.



## Thank you for a wonderful term everyone

If you need to come and see me for any reason, please do, my door is usually open. If it's not, please make an appointment with the front office staff.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will build on the achievements of this term and create even greater opportunities for our students in the future.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break ahead.

I will be flying to Queensland to visit my sisters and enjoying some time at home in my garden.



Kind regards,  
Mrs Hayley Cross  
Relieving Principal



## TERM 2 2024

### Week 10

#### NAIDOC Week

Friday 5 July: Assembly Aqua :1.50pm

Friday 5 July: P&C Fun Food Day

Friday 5 July: Last Day of Term



## Term 3 2024

### Week 1

Monday 22 July: School Development Day - No Students

Tuesday 23 July: Students Return to School

Friday 26 July: 101 Days of School This Year: K-6

### Week 2

Wednesday 31 July: Pyjama Day

Friday 2nd August: Assembly Purple

### Week 3

Monday 5th August: Athletics Carnival: K-6



## 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





Slide 1

Hi orange today I will be presenting on Edward Ned Kelly.  
So let's get into it.

Ned Kelly was born in Beveridge Victoria in 1854. His full name is Edward Ned Kelly.  
His parents are Ellen Quin, and his dad was John Kelly (also known as John "Red" Kelly).  
He is the oldest out of eight children.

Ned went to Avenel common school.

His gang, the Kelly gang was made up of Ned Kelly, Dan Kelly, Joe Byrne and Steve Har

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Ned was not married, and he did not have any kids.  
He died in November 1880 by hanging at Melbourne jail.  
Ned Kelly's mom Ellen, saw him walk past her at the jail laundry before he got hanged.

Fun fact: Some people say that his last words were "such is life". A reporter standing  
jail floor wrote that his last words were: "Ah well. It's come to this at last".

...speech about the  
The Sydney olympics were  
held in the year 2000. they started on the  
15th September and finished on the 1st  
October. Lots of athletes from around the world  
came to Sydney for the big games for a  
chance to win some medals. Some athletes  
where, Ian Thorpe, Cathy Freeman, Serena Williams  
and exactly 10 648 more. ~~that's in right~~  
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that's right 10 651 athletes competed for  
their country. There was 199 teams and  
300 events for them to play, But lets talk  
more about the winners. The country that won  
the most medals was ~~the USA with 45~~  
~~medals in total~~ Russia with 78 medals in  
total, 29 gold, 23 silver and 26 bronze. The  
Top 5 were ~~Germany~~ <sup>China</sup> with 48, Germany with  
48, Australia with 56, USA with 72 and  
Russia with 78.

**STAGE 3 HAVE BEEN  
WORKING HARD AT HOME,  
RESEARCHING A SIGNIFICANT  
AUSTRALIAN EVENT OR  
PERSON.**

Greetings everyone ①  
Today, I am going to talk to you about the  
Eureka Stockade or as I like  
to call it the 'Eureka Rebellion'.  
This is an important historical  
event that happened in Ballarat  
Victoria in 1854.

This event involved gold  
diggers growing angry about  
ridiculously high license fees and  
brutal police enforcement to  
collect these fees. ②

The Gold diggers also  
felt they were not represented  
in the council and when a  
digger was murdered they  
grew angrier when his  
alleged killers were <sup>let out of pri</sup> acquitted.  
diggers did not feel  
after. ③

Good morning, Good afternoon Orange class ①  
Today I'm gonna tell you all about  
Gough Whitlam. Gough Whitlam  
was born on the 11th of July  
1916 and died on the 21st  
of October 2014 at the age  
of 98.

Gough Whitlam's full name ②  
is Edward Gough Whitlam  
he has 4 kids with names  
are Catherine, Stephen, Nicholas,  
and Tony, and his wife's name  
is Margaret.

Gough Whitlam first ③  
went to Mowbray House  
School then Knox Grammar  
School. In 1927 he went  
to Telopea Park Intermediate  
High School.



# Lawson P&C Newsletter

Term 2, Week 10

Coming up

## Term 2

Friday 5 July – Fun Food Day

Sunday 21 July – P&C BBQ Magpie Markets

## Term 3

Tuesday 13 August – P&C Meeting (in person or remote)

Friday 2 August – Food Fest Friday

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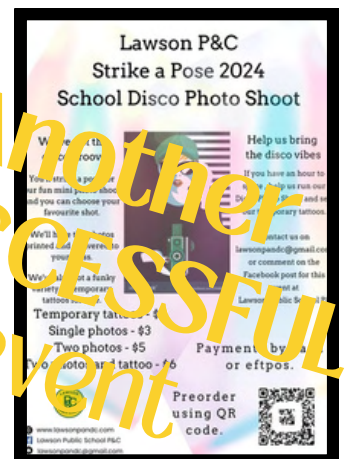
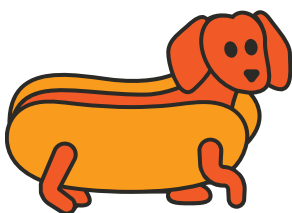
Cuppa After the Book Parade

## Food Fest Friday

Every fortnight will be a P&C

## Food Fest

Guess what we're having  
for our first Friday?



Another  
Successful  
event

## The P&C are bringing some big (and small!) FUNdraising events in 2024!!

We are assisting the school leaders with  
raising funds for much needed  
air conditioning in the library and classrooms.

Help the P&C improve our school community by  
sharing your time to help us with our fundraising  
events or supporting us by getting  
your kids involved!



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# Get Involved

## Why have meetings?

Meetings encourage transparency of the Lawson P&C's finances and activities.

When you attend the meeting, you have the opportunity to hear and be involved in P&C planned activities and expenditures on improving our school community.

After becoming a financial member, you can have decision making votes on all P&C matters.

## Become a member

Membership is open to all parents, carers, guardians and interested community members for an annual fee of \$2.

Membership forms are on our website, Facebook page, or a hard copy at the office.



## You don't need to be a member to volunteer!!

Every P&C fundraising event is run by P&C members and non-members who are all part of the school community.

Volunteering your time is invaluable to these events and our gratitude is shown in every improvement we make to the school community and in every school led event to which we contribute to lessen the cost for our families.



President Karina Nowak	Secretary Lauren Garland	Treasurer Megan Crowe	Magpie Markets BBQ Cliff Zinbauer and Kylie McDonald	Uniform Committee Head Rachel Blandin de Chatain	Publicity Officer Ali Storm
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2024 P&C

## Fundraising

The P&C regularly runs fundraising events which aim to be fun, inclusive, and affordable.

In 2024 our students and school community have loved our Easter fundraisers, Harmony Day, and Mothers Day events.

It is only with the support of our school community that the P&C continues to thrive so **WE** can support our school community.



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## 2025 Year 7 Enrichment Class Applications

Katoomba High School will be assessing Year 6 students who are seeking to enrol in the 2025 Year 7 Enrichment Class on Tuesday 27 August 2024. Students will be assessed on their skills in Mathematics, Reading & Language and Writing. There will be ONE session this year.

*There will be a backup day if your child is unwell and unable 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](mailto:sharon.schloeffel2@det.nsw.edu.au), School Administration Officer, by Friday, 2 Aug 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the testing, please contact Melinda Mungai, Deputy Principal: [melinda.mungai@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melinda.mungai@det.nsw.edu.au) or Nick Long, Enrichment Coordinator: [nicholas.long@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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

A session confirmation email will be sent to you prior to the testing day. If your child is unable to attend on the day, please contact the school immediately.

Session 1 Tuesday, 27 August 2024
Arrive at 9.00am: for a prompt 9.15 am start
Finish: 1.00 pm Parents arrive 12.45



# Programs & activities for families in the Blue Mountains



## WHERE YOU CAN FIND

- Activities calendar for children, youth and families
- Parenting programs and support groups
- Local services to support your family



Visit [strongerfamilies.net.au](https://strongerfamilies.net.au)

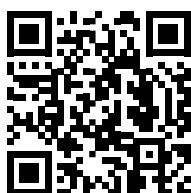






Photo: Pavel German

# 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!

Winter 2024 /

## Grand Cliff Top Walk guided tour

Join a Discovery Ranger on a 3 hour guided tour along the Wentworth Falls section for the newly constructed trail. Learn about the unique ecosystems and how this is a 19km walk over Gundungurra country was

**new**

Saturdays 6 July, 13 July, 20 July • 9:30am–12:30pm

Photos: Remy Brand/DCCCEW



For bookings visit: [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/grand-cliff-top-walk-guided-tour](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/grand-cliff-top-walk-guided-tour)



#NSWParks



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

Photo: Elinor Sheargold

For the Small and Curious

Living Country

Bush Alive

Junior Rangers

**B** 7-11rs

## The Buzz on Bees

Monday 8 July • Blackheath

**P** 5-10 yrs

## Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering

Tuesday 9 July • Blackheath

**B** 6-10rs

## Leaping Lizards

Wednesday 10 July • Blackheath

**L** 7-11rs

## Aboriginal Games for Kids

Thursday 11 July • Blackheath

**B** 8-12rs

## Spotlight

Friday 12 July • Katoomba

**J** 10-14rs

## Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering

Tuesday 16 July • Blackheath

**B** 7-11rs

## The Buzz on Bees

Wednesday 17 July • Blackheath

**B** 8-12rs

## Spotlight

Thursday 18 July • Katoomba

**B** 6-10rs

## Leaping Lizards

Friday 19 July • Blackheath

## Grand Cliff Top Walk Guided Tour

Saturdays 6 July,  
13 July, 20 July  
9:30am-12:30pm

For more information and bookings visit

[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kids-and-family-activities](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kids-and-family-activities)

Holiday activities \$20 per person. All activities are onsite at Blackheath from 10am-12pm, except for Spotlight which is held in Katoomba from 5pm-7pm. Meet 15 mins before activity start time.

T 02 4784 7301 E [BlueMtns.Education@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:BlueMtns.Education@environment.nsw.gov.au)



#NSWParks

Photo: Remy Brand/DCCCEW





LIBRARIES



# Chess Club

## With Sydney Academy of Chess

**For 8–14 year-olds**  
**Tuesdays 30 July – 17 September**  
**4.30pm | Penrith City Library**

Join us for Chess Club in Term 3.  
Great for beginners wanting to learn, pros looking for an opponent, and everyone in between. Sydney Academy of Chess will lead this 8-week series.

**\$100 per student for 8 sessions.**  
**Bookings essential.**



Scan or click for bookings  
and more information

# Making Music Workshop

with Laura King

Blaxland



**Wednesday 17th July**

**11am till 12.30pm**

**Lower Mtns Neighbourhood Centre**

**Blaxland**

**Ages 6 - 10yrs**

**Free**

Join Laura for a musical workshop  
exploring music, rhythm,  
movement, and making your own  
musical instrument.

Limited Places

**Bookings Essential Call:**

**02 4739 1164**



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# Drama Workshop

## Mid Mountains

## Lawson



**Monday 15th July**

**10am - 12pm**

**Mid Mountains Neighbourhood**

**Centre Lawson**

**Ages 6-12yrs**

**Free**

### **Drama and Performance Workshop**

Join Sharon for a morning of drama skills, including improvisation and performance. Work together in a group to create and present a short skit for your families at the end of the workshop.

**Limited Places**

**Bookings Essential Call:**

**02 4759 2592**



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# Connect Pathways Program



**connect**  
Children and Families

The Connect Pathways Program is a place of support for families with children aged from birth to three years. We're here to support families experiencing challenges accessing early childhood education and supports in the Penrith and Blue Mountains community.

This program responds to individual child and family needs and aims to build confidence in families.

Our goal is to have children confidently engage in play spaces, learn alongside their peers, and actively participate in their communities.



## Our supports include:

- **Personalised Connections:** Whether it's a friendly chat over the phone or a face-to-face meeting, we're here to understand your unique situation.
- **Exploration of Resources:** We'll guide you through the array of services and resources available within your community.
- **Navigating the system:** Our team will help you navigate the referral process, checking in with you along the way.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** We believe in empowering you with information, sharing knowledge that equips you for making decisions.
- **Identifying Early Supports:** We can provide an initial assessment of development.
- **Group Engagement:** For families requiring more intensive support, our Pathways Program groups offer a shared learning experience that's both enriching and fun.

Our team of experienced early childhood practitioners are available to connect with you

Enquiring or requesting support through Connect's Pathways Program is as easy as picking up the phone.

Reach out to our office at 02 4758 9966. Alternatively, visit our website :  
<https://www.connectcfs.org.au/support-and-services/connect-pathways-program/>

Groups running Thursdays  
at Lapstone and Katoomba