

Lawson Public School



Newsletter

Issue 15- Week 10 - Term 3

25 September, 2024

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Term 3 has been a very fast paced and busy period of time, filled with many rich, engaging and educationally positive learning opportunities. On behalf of the entire school staff I wish the students, parents and community of Lawson Public School a very happy and safe Term 3 holiday period. We look forward to welcoming the students and staff back on Monday 14th October 2024 for the commencement of Term 4.

Stage 3 Camp

Throughout Week 8 of Term 3, our Stage 3 students attended school camp to the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation site. I was fortunate enough to spend the Thursday with the students and staff and engage in the abseiling activity. I was so incredibly proud of each and every child for their have a go attitude and behaviour while on camp. Additionally, I would like to offer a very special thanks to the amazing staff who gave up their own time to attend. Thank you, Miss Taylor, Miss Graham, Miss Thomas, Mr Smith, Miss Cheryl and Miss Phoenix. Additionally, I would like to thank the parents, carers and families for supporting the Stage 3 camp in 2024.

Narragunnawali Festival

Lawson Public School Stage 2 choir performed at the Narragunnawali Festival at Katoomba High School on Monday night and will perform again tonight. I would like to congratulate all the students involved for their hard work and commitment to the festival. I would also like to thank Ms Heyne and Mrs Pratt for the outstanding work supporting the team.

Sydney West Athletics Carnival

Harrison will be representing Lawson on Friday at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival. We wish him well in this competition. Go Harry!

Working Bee

On Tuesday of Week 9, we had a supportive crew assist with the working bee. The team took the opportunity to build and install a new vegetable garden. Thank you to all involved for donating your time to support our school.



Lawson Rural Fire Service Bushfire Awareness Talk

We have organised for the Lawson Rural Fire Service (RFS) to visit our school on Thursday, 26th September to talk to our students about bushfire awareness and safety. The talk covers many topics related to bushfire awareness, the message of being prepared and what to do in an emergency.

Week 10 Assembly

On Friday of this week, we will be conducting our Week 10 assembly run by Orange and Red classes. Both of our fantastic dance groups will be performing. I hope to see as many school and community members as possible to showcase the fantastic things that are happening at Lawson Public School.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss days per year

5 mins per day = 3 days

30 mins per day = 18 days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

education.nsw.gov.au

Every day counts. Missing just one day a fortnight can amount to four weeks of lost learning over a year. Over their school life. This can equal one year of missed learning.

2025 School Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments for 2025 are currently being taken. In order for us to prepare our classes and ensure that equitable class numbers are maintained, it is essential that we have all the information needed leading into 2025 as early as possible. If you know of someone who is enrolling at Lawson Public School and has not yet done so, could you please pass on our school details? Additionally, if you have children in Kindergarten to Year 5 and are planning on moving at the end of the year, that information is also important.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable fortnight ahead.

My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

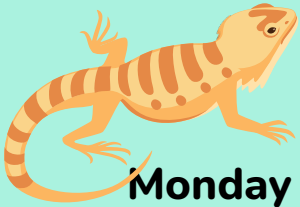
Office News



TERM 3 2024

Week 10

Wednesday 25 September: Narragunnawali Festival - Night Performance
Thursday 26 September: RFS & SES Visit
Friday 27 September: Fun Food Fest
Friday 27 September: Assembly @ 1.50pm - Dance Groups Performing
Friday 27 September: Last Day of Term 3



Term 4 2024

Week 1

Monday 14 October: First Day of Term 4 - Students Return



Week 2

Monday 21 October: School Spectacular Dance Rehearsal
Wednesday 23 October: School Spectacular Choir Rehearsal
Friday 25 October: Grandparents Day
Friday 25 October: Stage 2 Assembly

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 antihistamine, please ensure you provide these to the office



LAWSON PS

RUN CLUB



RUN . JOG . WALK

8:15am - 8:45am

TUESDAYS

MEET ON THE
BASKETBALL COURT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

LPS KINDERGARTEN 2025

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



Students will participate in a variety of fun educational activities in a Kindergarten classroom. They will meet their teachers, peers and year 6 buddies. During the sessions students will get the opportunity to visit important places in the school such as the library, creative arts room, playground, toilets etc.

During the first session, parents/carers are welcome to attend a meet and greet/information session in the school hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Students may bring a small teddy bear for the last session as we will be having a Teddy Bears Picnic with their Year 6 buddies. Families are welcome to join us for the picnic.

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When:

9:30am - 11am

- Term 4 Week 3 - Thursday 31st October
- Term 4 Week 4 - Thursday 7th November
- Term 4 Week 5 - Thursday 14th November
- Term 4 Week 6 - Thursday 21st November

Where:

Lawson Public School via School Office
located at Lowden Lane entrance

What to bring:

- Crunch and Sip (small snack of fruit or veg)
- Water Bottle
- Hat



Any questions please contact
the school office - 02 4759 1196



Lawson P&C Newsletter

Term 3, Week 10

We've had an amazing term and had lots of fun
Our fundraisers have been successful thanks to your support!!

SUCCESSSES!!!!

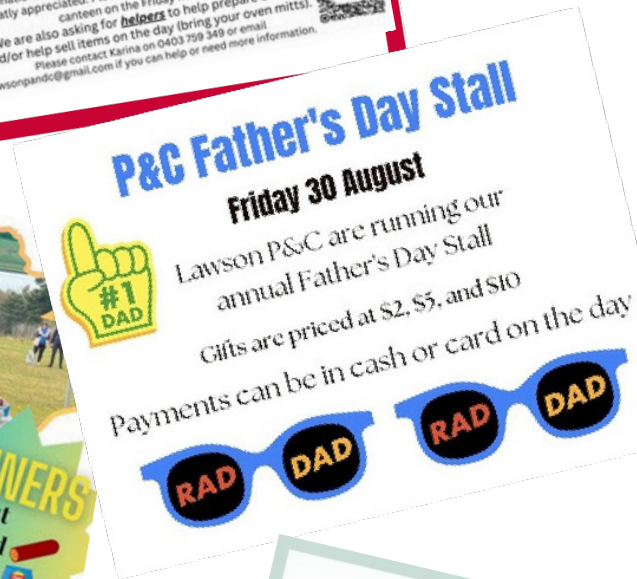
Food Fest Fridays

Cuppa After the Book Parade

Athletics Carnival

Father's Day Stall

Possum Drey workshop



We are bringing big (and small!)

FUNdraising 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 getting involved in our fundraising events. Every little bit helps!!

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Sunday Free20 time
Lend a hand October BBQ.



Let's provide a breath of fresh air!

We are all aware of recent government budget cuts.

With these budgetary constraints, some proposed spending has had to be focused on essential needs.

As a school community we can make a difference and close the gap to give our children a better learning environment.

The P&C has accepted the **challenge to help raise \$55,000** to air condition all classrooms and the library.

Together with the school, we will be conducting various fundraising activities until we reach our goal.

We cannot do it without your help and support.

For additional information please feel free to discuss the initiative with a school or P&C representative.

Magpie Upstyle Markets - P&C BBQ

To keep our successful P&C BBQ running, we rely on our parents and local community sharing their time and helping out!

P&C BBQ

What to expect as a Magpie Market BBQ volunteer:

- We have aim to have 3 volunteers at all times
You'll be shown all the steps
You'll meet some great people
You'll get a BBQ sandwich and drink
- Taking orders
1. Payment is in cash or electronic
2. The guest or host with the order to the customer (no need to remember anything!)
3. To food handling
- Making BBQ sandwiches
1. Customer provides you the ticket with order
2. Slip of the BBQ goodness on a roll
3. Hand over the BBQ sandwich to happy customers
- BBQ-ers BBQ
2. Clean as you go

Uniform shop

The uniform shop, which supplies the approved shirts and dresses, as well as shorts, shorts, tracksuit pants, jumpers, jackets, hats, caps, and back packs with the school logo.

Purchases can be made on campus on Wednesday morning or using the order form which can be found on our website, Facebook, and at the front office.

And our always
successful
uniform shop
and BBQ Thank
you to everyone
who
volunteered



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.



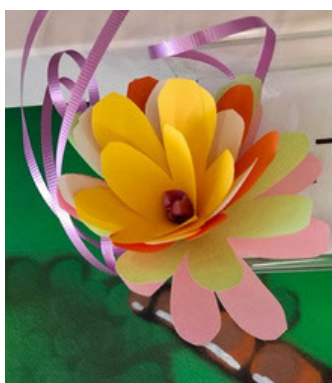
October School Holidays

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



Collaborative Creations - Spring Flowers!

These Spring school holidays we will be celebrating Spring by making flowers, and if you like, adding them to our community flower bowl.

Each branch will have a collection of papers and flower templates for you to make your own floral creations. There will also be a community flower bowl in each branch where you can place your flowers. Drop in to a branch anytime during the school holidays and ask our friendly staff for materials.

Stained Glass with Naomi Oliver

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

Tuesday 1st October, Katoomba Library

Wednesday 2nd October, Springwod Hub, Meeting Room 2

Have fun creating a stained glass design using cellophane, which you can hang on a window to add colour to your space.



Folded Paper Bracelets with Naomi Oliver

11.30 - 12.30pm | Year 3 - Year 8 | \$6

Tuesday 1st October, Katoomba Library

Wednesday 2nd October, Springwod Hub, Meeting Room 2

Learn this step-by-step folding technique to craft an awesome, multicoloured paper bracelet!



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!

Spring 2024 |

Grand Cliff Top Walk guided tour

Join a Discovery Ranger on a 3 hour guided tour along the Wentworth Falls section of the newly constructed trail. Learn about the unique ecosystems and how this spectacular 19km walk on Gundungurr country was **new** created.

Operates every Saturday during school holidays

Photos: Remy Brand/DCCCEW



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



#NSWParks

MAKING SPACE

9-12
years

Making Space is a safe, welcoming space for children to connect, share and express themselves through artmaking.

10:15am to
12:15pm

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FREE
program

9-week* Art Therapy program
Sundays 13 Oct – 15 Dec

@ Blue Mountains
Cultural Centre,
Katoomba

*No sessions Sun 3 Nov.

Photo credit: Liam Foster 2024

TIME OUT

1:30 to
3:30pm

13-18
years

Timeout is a program just for young people to slow things down, relax, reconnect with themselves + express their thoughts + feelings through art.

Art Therapy is an evidence-based expressive process where artmaking and conversation are used to promote well-being.

These programs provide a space for children and young people to express themselves through making art. In each session participants have the opportunity to explore different aspects of their lives and experiences through creative expression and voluntary reflective discussions guided by facilitators.

Participation in the programs may encourage the development of an on-going creative outlet.

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These sessions with qualified Art Therapists can assist with low to moderate intensity mental health issues or distress.
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STRUCTURE FOR EACH WEEKLY SESSION:

- 10 min** Arrival
- 20 min** Check in with group members / introduction to session topic / gallery visit
- 40 min** Artmaking
- 10 min** Refreshment break
- 30 min** Group discussion
- 10 min** Farewell

Acceptance is via an application form, please scan QR code to complete.



Groups are limited to 15 participants. No art making skills or medical referrals are necessary, just an interest in participating.

Little Sprouts

Kitchen Garden

Fun with Beth



Monday 30th September

10am - 11.30am

16 Terrymont Road, Warrimoo

Ages: 8 -12yrs

Free

Join Beth (aka DirtMum) for a cooking and kitchen garden workshop, cooking scrumptious food together.

Learn about veggie patching and permaculture.
Take home a potted herb to use in your new recipe.

Adults are asked to stay and share this activity as kitchen appliances and utensils will be used. Please let our team know about any allergies.

Limited Places
Bookings Essential Call:

02 4739 1164

info@belongbm.org.au

belongbm.org.au



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Connect with Nature

Waterways Walk

with BMCC Environment Rangers



Wednesday 2nd October
10am - 12pm Wilson Park
(opposite Lawson Pool)
Lawson

Water creatures walk, story, and craft.

Join Gill on a guided walk to learn about the beautiful birds and waterbugs found in our Blue Mountains waterways and bushland.

Stay for a family picnic and bring a rug to enjoy the story 'The Bush Birds' and craft.

All materials provided.

Free

Please note this activity involves children enjoying the water, and families remain responsible for their children's safety at all times.

Bookings Essential Via:
02 4759 2592
info@belongbm.org.au
belongbm.org.au



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Building Friendships with Lego

School Holiday Fun

Lawson

Wednesday 2nd October

or

Thursday 3rd October

1.30pm - 3pm

Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre

Lawson

Ages 7+ to 12 years

Join some friends to play Lego, team up for challenges and have a fun time.

Places limited per session.

1 session only per child.

Please note this is not a Build a Mind event, just a fun way to spend time with friends.

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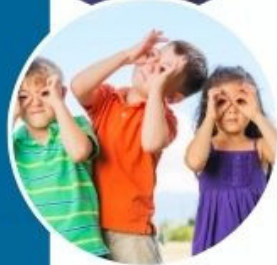
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Children's Drama Workshop
Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre
Lawson



Thursday 10th October

1pm - 3pm

Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre Lawson

Ages 6-12yrs

Free

Drama and Performance Workshop

Have an afternoon of fun learning 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

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Family Fun Day Bullaburra

9th October, 2024
10am - 1pm



Village Green, Noble Street, Bullaburra

Join family and friends and enjoy a day out in the park.




Activities provided by ACRC and Belong Blue Mountains.

Bring a picnic rug and enjoy a chat with other families .

Free BBQ and entertainment.

To find out more contact
Belong or **ACRC**



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 **info@belongbm.org.au**
 **belongbm.org.au**

 **02 4782 6569**
 **familyandyouth@acrc.org.au**
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**FAMILY
FUN
DAY!**



**Free activities
for children up
to 12 years**

**at the
Parliament
of NSW**

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament to learn about democracy in NSW, and join in the fun for young citizens, future leaders and their families.

**Friday 11
October**
9.30am – 3pm




Visit our heritage rooms

Learn how to vote
and make a law

Give a speech for an
election campaign

Participate in a
committee role play



Make craft animals
and objects

Enjoy live music and more...



FREE ENTRY

Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION

Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**

P: (02) 9230 2047 or

E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au



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

Long *La*ZY Lunch

at the View

Relax! We'll take care of everything



Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls
Saturday, 26 October, 2024
12.30pm till 3.00pm

Canapés - alternate mains Osso Buco
and Chicken Royale - Dessert
Drinks at bar prices

Entertainment - Raffles - Silent Auction
Lucky Door Prizes

Central Blue Mountains
Rotary
Club



\$85

per person - incl. GST
Dress: smart/casual

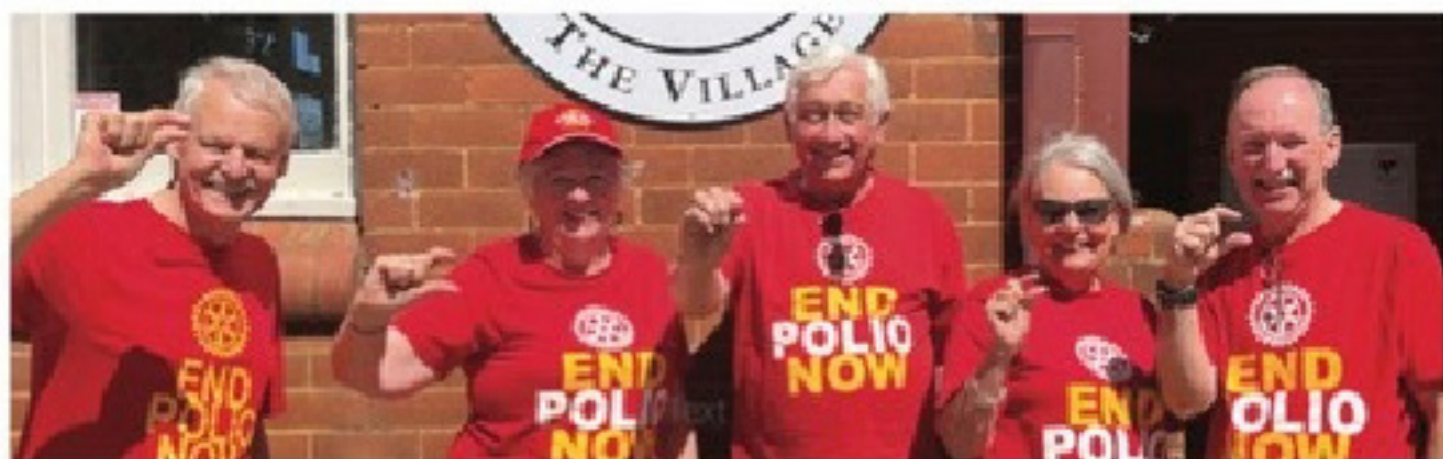
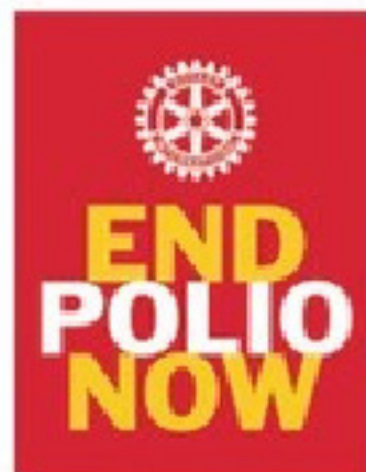


Booking essential
before 17 October

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUXKQ>

*Proceeds will be used by Central Blue Mountains Rotary Club
for youth enrichment programs*

POLIO Pushups & Paces



3 to 23 October, 2024

**Join us this year with your
preferred style of exercise
Pushups or Paces**



**Challenge yourself and raise money
Help Rotary's fight against Polio**

Copy the link below or scan the QR code:

<https://raise.rotary.org/poliopushups/challenge952>

Central Blue Mountains

Rotary
Club



TOGETHER LET'S END POLIO NOW