

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 17- Week 4 - Term 4

6 November, 2024

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Long Neck Lagoon Excursion

Kindergarten to Year 2 attended their excursion to the Environmental Education setting at Longneck Lagoon last Friday. I have heard some lovely feedback from students and staff. I would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour, parents and caregivers for supporting this event and the magnificent dedication from our school staff. It was a fantastic opportunity and great day out.



THE HEART OF THE MOUNTAINS WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

Support Unit 10 Pin Bowling

Last Tuesday, Lawson Public School had students from the Stage 3 Support Class attend the 10 Pin Bowling finals. I would like to thank the students, families and Mr Wall and Ms Cheryl for supporting this event. Congratulations Lawson Public School team for reaching the finals.

Newcombe Ball Gala Day

On Friday of last week, students from Lawson Public School participated in the Newcombe Ball Gala Day at Leura Public School. The students performed to the best of their abilities and did an amazing job winning the gala day. Congratulations to the students for their brilliant teamwork and quality sportsmanship, thank you to the parents for assisting with travel and Mr Walters and Miss Phoenix for your amazing support!



2025 Kindergarten Transition

On Thursday of Week 3, Lawson Public School welcomed the 2025 Kindergarten children into our school. It was a great opportunity to open up our school and celebrate their arrival. I thank the P&C for supporting this event and Year 5 for their outstanding skills as Kindergarten buddies. We look forward to three more weeks of transition to Kindergarten.

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 Term3: 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

NRL Premiership Trophy

On Thursday of last week, Lawson Public School were lucky enough to have representatives from the NRL Development Program and the NRL Premiership Trophy. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to see the trophy in person.



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.**

This week a letter will be 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 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.



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 4 2024

Week 4

Thursday 7 November: Kindergarten Transition @ 9.30 am - 11 am
Friday 8 November: Early Stage 1 Assembly @1.50pm

Week 5

Monday 11 November: School Spectacular Dance and Choir Rehearsal
Monday 11 November: Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12 November: Dance2bfit
Wednesday 13 November: Year 6 Fun Day @ 11.30am - 1.05pm
Thursday 14 November: Kindergarten Transition Day @ 9.30am - 11.00am

Week 6

Tuesday 19 November: Dance2bfit
Wednesday 20 November: 2025 Leadership Speeches @ 11.30am
Thursday 21 November: Kindergarten Transition Day - Teddy Bear Picnic @ 9.30am
Friday 22 November: School Spectacular Choir and Dance Rehearsal
Friday 22 November: Green Team Assembly @1.50pm

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



Kitchen Garden at Lawson PS.

All classes have been loving their kitchen lessons.



We have had a bumper crop of silverbeet and radishes, and we have loved watching the bees pollinate in the “Veggie Palace”.



Newcombe Ball Gala Day



Last Friday, some students from Stage 2 and 3 represented Lawson at the annual Newcombe Ball Gala Day at Leura Public School.

There was some fantastic competition and the students had a great time.

Lawson students showed great teamwork and sportsmanship.

Lawson Public School ended up winning the trophy at the end of the day.

The students should be very proud.





NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Thank you for your support and all the new books for our library!

Book Club has been ordered and will be delivered in the next 14 days.

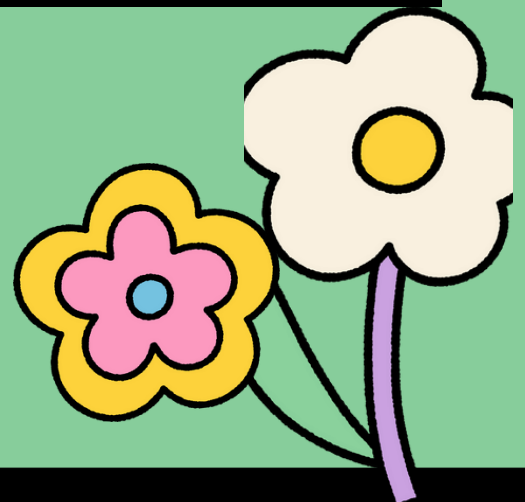
Term 4 2024 in the library

This term students will learn more about:

- Digital Citizenship
- Online safety and well-being
- Media Literacy
- Finding credible news online

Library Week 3- 6

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Orange	Aqua	Lime
Red	Pink	Purple
	Blue	Peach
	White	
	Yellow	
<u>FRIDAY</u> : Violet with Mr Walters		



Tuesday 12th November 2024

Nude Food Day



***Please bring a waste free lunch to
raise awareness for National
Recycling Week***

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 PS

RUN CLUB



RUN . JOG . WALK

8:15am - 8:45am

TUESDAYS

**MEET ON THE
BASKETBALL COURT**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Lawson P&C Newsletter

Term 4, Week 4

Coming up

Sunday 17 November - P&C BBQ at the Magpie Markets

Tuesday 22 November - P&C General Meeting

Year 6 Farewell

Grandparents Day Cuppa and Cake

Profits will be used to support our students

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!



Sunday 17 November



It was so lovely to see all our Grandparents come to support our studentents on Friday. The P&C had a great time serving our cuppa and treats donated by our parents and carers.

2024 School Spectacular

\$630 contributed to travel expenses for our 18 students participating in the 2024 School Spectacular being held at Qudos Bank Arena

Year 6 Farewell preparations are full steam ahead. Thank you Rachel and Erin for your hard work and dedication to making a special night!

Know Your P&C

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.



Ready for summer and our future Kindies attending orientation

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.

2024 P&C

President
Karina Nowak

Secretary
Ali Storm

Treasurer
Megan Crowe

Magpie Markets BBQ
Cliff Zinbauer and Kylie McDonald

Uniform Committee Head
Rachel Blandin de Chalain

Publicity Officer
Ali Storm

We're still working on getting our chevrons worth \$1000.



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.



YEAR 7 2025
Tuesday 3 December 2024
Orientation Day 10am-1pm

An invitation is extended to all Year 6 students attending Katoomba High School in 2025. The day will be a great opportunity for you to:

- Meet your year group
- Tour the school
- Ask questions about next year and feel a little bit more relaxed about starting high school
- Participate in a mini lesson

Transport will be provided. Students will be picked up and returned to their Primary Schools. Students are asked to bring a pencil case and recess. A barbeque lunch will be provided.

NOTE – If students have a medical condition and / or require medication on the day please contact the school as soon as possible to obtain the necessary medication forms for completion.

Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 3 December 2024
6:30-8pm

An invitation is extended to parents / caregivers of Year 6 students attending Katoomba High School in 2025. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Katoomba High School.

The evening will be a great opportunity for you to:

- Meet other parents / caregivers of Year 7 2025 students
- Meet our: Principal, Deputy Principal and Year 7 Adviser
- Learn more about the subject areas in Year 7
- Find out more about school policies and procedures
- Ask questions

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.





You are invited!

Remembrance Day 11th November 2024

The committee and members of the Lawson Combined Services Club wish to invite you to the 2024 Remembrance Day Service to be held at the Lawson War Memorial.

THE SERVICE: Commences between 1030hrs and 1045hrs in the gardens behind the memorial arch.

Will we see you there?

Please note the Lawson Combined Services Club has no affiliation with the RSL.

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**

Thrive
SERVICES



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Register today play.afl/auskick

Katoomba (After School) Auskick Centre

4 weeks of fun games, new skills and a GIANTS NAB AFL Auskick pack, stacked with footy goodies! Receive a FREE junior membership on signing up, with access to selected GIANTS home games.

Wednesday 13th Nov- 4th Dec 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Katoomba Showground

Contact: Brooke - brooke.bailey@afl.com.au OR 0499 801 455



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

Special One Day Event



CARTOONING

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Penrith Saturday November 23rd



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Saturday November 23rd
South Penrith Guides
Trent Street, South Penrith

BOOKINGS

- ! If using the \$50 Active Creative Kids Voucher first get the Voucher from Service NSW then call our office
- ! If booking directly: www.illustratingman.com.au
- ! Click the **Workshop Button** on our home page
- ! Select **Penrith or Port Macquarie**
- ! Please check junk, spam folders
- ! If using PayPal we will write to your PayPal email



Enquiries: 8.30am - 4.30pm (EST)

Calls outside of these times will be returned the following day

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bookings@cartoonkingdom.com.au

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Mail: Suite 2, 29 Newland St, Bondi Junction NSW 2022





Saturday Cartoon Workshops

Penrith Saturday November 23rd



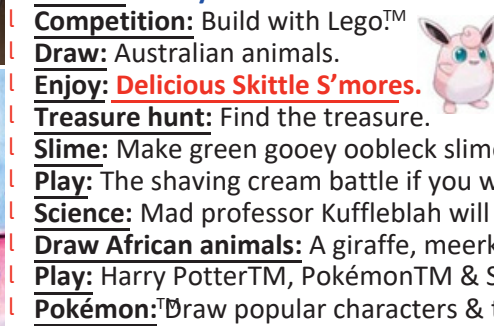
Class 1: 9am 12pm

- Theme:** **Hawaiian.** Wear anything colourful & tropical. Prizes for the best dressed.
- Draw:** A tropical island.
- Draw:** A frog, snake & a turtle.
- Play:** The exciting game 'Charge'.
- Coral reef:** Draw life in the sea.
- Draw:** Animated fruit & vegetables.
- Competition:** Design & win USA candy!
- Enjoy:** **Decorate & eat doughnuts.**
- Draw:** Deep sea predators.
- Balloon squishies:** Play the squishy game.
- Make:** A tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.



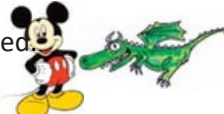
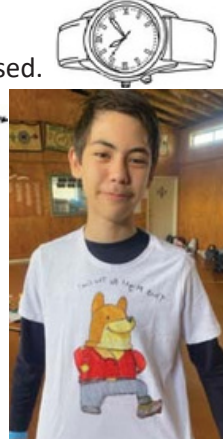
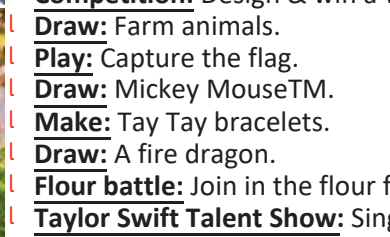
Class 2: 12pm 3pm

- Theme:** **Messy clothes & hair.** Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
- Competition:** Build with Lego™
- Draw:** Australian animals.
- Enjoy:** **Delicious Skittle S'mores.**
- Treasure hunt:** Find the treasure.
- Slime:** Make green gooey oobleck slime!
- Play:** The shaving cream battle if you want!
- Science:** Mad professor Kuffleblah will make mocktails.
- Draw African animals:** A giraffe, meerkat & an elephant.
- Play:** Harry Potter™, Pokémon™ & Star Wars™ trivia for prizes.
- Pokémon:** Draw popular characters & trade your cards. Bring your Pokémon cards.



Class 3: 3pm 6pm

- Theme:** **Barbie™, Disney™, Marvel & Taylor Swift.** Prizes for best dressed.
- T-Shirt Art:** Design a T-Shirt. We'll supply these.
- Pocky™ challenge:** Guess the flavour blind folded.
- Face painting:** Get your face painted.
- Competition:** Design & win a watch.
- Draw:** Farm animals.
- Play:** Capture the flag.
- Draw:** Mickey Mouse™.
- Make:** Tay Tay bracelets.
- Draw:** A fire dragon.
- Flour battle:** Join in the flour fight if you want to.
- Taylor Swift Talent Show:** Sing or dance win Tay Tay Posters.



Class 4: 6pm 9pm Markets best class!

- Theme:** **Dress in dark clothes.**
- Play:** Sock wrestling 'Nerf gun' style.
- Play:** The custard eating game.
- Draw:** Cute manga animals.
- Draw:** Mario™, Sonic™ & Yoshi™.
- Nerf gun battle disco:** Bring in your nerf guns & goggles for a safe battle & disco. Make cubby houses in the hall.
- Play:** **Murder in the dark!** An exciting game with balloons.
- Kingdom Markets:** Everyone prepares a shop for Market Day. It is important that all the children prepare a small shop of things to sell. Make cookies, sell old toys, books, etc... the children buy & sell using Kingdom money they have earned. We'll also give the children \$100 Kingdom dollars.



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AREA TIMETABLE

CLASS TIMETABLE

LOCATION	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
PENRITH Full-Time Centre 1B, 61-79 Henry St, Penrith	5.00 - 5.45pm 6.00 - 6.50pm 7.00 - 8.00pm 8:15 - 9:15pm	9.15 - 9.30am 10.00 - 11.00am 5.00 - 5.45pm 6.00 - 7.00pm 7.30 - 9.00pm	5.00 - 5.45pm 6.00 - 6.50pm 7.30 - 9.00pm	4.15 - 4.45pm 5.00 - 5.45pm 6.00 - 6.50pm 7.00 - 8.30pm	5.00 - 5.45pm 6.00 - 6.50pm 7.00 - 8.00pm	7:00-8:00am 9:00-9:45am 10.00 - 11.00am	9.15 - 9.45am 10.00 - 11.00am
MT RIVERVIEW Mt Riverview Public School Rusden Rd, Mt Riverview				7.00 - 8.00pm			
WINMALEE Winmalee Public School Leslie St, Winmalee				6.00 - 7.00pm	6.30 - 7.30pm		
HAZELBROOK Hazelbrook Public School GWH, Hazelbrook		4.30 - 5.00pm 5.00 - 6.00pm		6.00 - 7.00pm		9.00 - 10.00am 10.15 - 11.30am	
KATOOMBA Katoomba North Public School Mistral St, Katoomba			6.30 - 7.30pm				



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Timetable Legend

- All ages (5+), all grades
- Yojis (3-4yrs)
- Kids class (3-10yo)
- Advanced Class

Timetable Legend cont...

- Ages 16+ or grades orange belt and above for under age 16
- Womens Class

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