

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 3- Week 7 - Term 1

12 March, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Parent Teacher Meetings

I would like to thank the many parents who supported our school by attending the recent Parent Teacher Interviews. Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to the teaching staff for the additional work that they do to support all students at Lawson Public School. If you missed your opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher, please feel free to make an appointment through the school administration to discuss the progress of your child.

Blue Mountains PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 26th February, the Lawson Public School Blue Mountains PSSA Zone swimming squad attended the swimming meet. I would like to congratulate all students on their outstanding effort and positive behaviour on the day. I am so proud of the contribution that these students displayed and the positive school image on display. Thank you to Mr Smith for his organisation and the many parents that supported with cheering us on and transporting the students to the event.

2025 – School Photos

The 2025 Lawson Public School photos will be taken on Thursday 27th March 2025. This is a great opportunity to capture our school for the 2025 school year ahead. Please note that further information will be released by our administration team in the near future.

Harmony Day

On Thursday 20th March, Lawson Public School will be recognising and celebrating Harmony Day for 2025. Students are requested to wear something orange on the day, whether that is a shirt, shorts, hat or even socks. During the day, the school will be conducting a range of rotational activities developed by staff to encourage acceptance and harmony amongst us all. Students are requested to bring a gold coin donation, which will be donated to a Northern NSW school that have been impacted by the recent impacts of Cyclone Alfred.

THE HEART OF THE MOUNTAINS WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

NAPLAN Online 2025 – Year 3 & Year 5 Students

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and in life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between 12th and 24th March 2025

Students can use the public demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests. If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, exemptions or withdrawals, please contact your child's teacher.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

10th March	11th March	12th March	13th March	14th March
		Year 3 Writing Assessment Year 5 Writing Assessment	Year 3 Reading Assessment Year 5 Reading Assessment	Year 3 Conventions of Language Assessment Year 5 Conventions of Language Assessment

17th March	18th March	19th March	20th March	21st March
Year 3 Numeracy Assessment Year 5 Numeracy Assessment				

Regional North Recognition Awards

On Thursday 27th March 2025, Mrs Jacqueline Alexander will be formally recognised for her outstanding contribution towards Public Education and the magnificent work that she does at Lawson Public School. This ceremony will be held at Nirimba Educational Precinct with Mr Tim McCallum, Executive Director Regional North, presenting the award. I would like to congratulate Mrs Alexander and thank her for all that she does for our school.

Parking Patrol around Lawson Public School

Student safety is our number one priority at Lawson Public School. At times, children can be unpredictable and act in a manner out of character. Please be aware that the signage regarding parking is for the safety of all our children and that NSW Police and Parking Rangers do regular inspections of our school area. I appreciate your consideration and support regarding this matter, and I am certain you too would echo my sentiments about keeping our children safe. Additionally, please be aware and considerate of our neighbours when parking near our school to ensure that driveways are not obstructed or blocked.

During the past week, I received a phone call regarding unauthorised parking on the nature strip between Lawson Public School and the Community Centre on Lowden Ln. It has been brought to my attention, from a local Parking Ranger, that this space has been used to park cars, and that this offence brings an on the spot parking fine of \$320.

Please be aware of the concern raised and avoid parking on the grassed space outside the school. Thank you for your consideration.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable fortnight ahead.
My kindest regards,

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

Office News

Term 1 2025

Week 7

Wednesday 12 March - NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Writing Assessment

Thursday 13 March - NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Reading Assessment

Friday 14 March - NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Conventions of Language Assessment

Sunday 16 March - Magpie Markets @ 9am - 1.30pm

Week 8

Monday 17 March - NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Numeracy Assessment

Thursday 20 March - **Harmony Day** - Gold Coin Donation to Wear Orange



Week 9

Friday 27 March - School Photos



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 Bytes App. Should you not have access to this app, please call the front office . **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.



LAWSON PS

RUN CLUB



RUN . JOG . WALK

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

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.



Concession Entitlement Card FAQs for School Administrators

How do schools order Concession Entitlement Cards?

Concession entitlement cards are ordered via the TfNSW [School Portal](#) by uploading a template in CSV format containing student details. Schools will need to enter or copy and paste student details into the template as part of the ordering process.

When will I receive our cards?

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How can I confirm if an application has been submitted successfully?

To confirm if an application has been submitted successfully, log into your [School Portal](#) account, navigate to 'Concession Entitlement Card', go to the 'Actioned Application' tab (top left of the screen) and you will be able to see the status of your application.

What happens if I made a mistake with an application?

The recent portal changes allow school administrators to delete submitted applications and start again with a new application.

I have tried to submit an application but I'm receiving errors. What can I do?

Check that the data you have entered on the spreadsheet is formatted as follows:

- Date of birth should be written as dd/mm/yyyy.
- Students grade column should be in numerical form, e.g., 10, 11 or 12

What should I do if a student has left our school?

I submitted an application for Senior Secondary Student cards but received Proof of Age cards. Why did this happen?

The Senior Secondary Students (SSS) Concession Entitlement cards are issued to students turning 16 within the next 6 months of their birthday or to students who have turned 16. We require the date of birth of the student to be entered on the spreadsheet so our system can determine the type of card to be issued. Students who are under the age of 15 years and 6 months will receive Proof of Age cards which are set to expire on their 16th birthday.



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/school-travel



Blue Mountains Ngarra Wingarru AECG

Meeting Dates for 2025

Thursdays 4pm for 4.30pm start

Meetings

Timing	Date	Location
Term 1 Week 5	27th February 2025	Katoomba High School
Term 2 Week 5	29th May 2025	Lawson Public School
Term 3 Week 5	21st August 2025	Falconbridge Public School
Term 4 Week 2 AGM	23rd October 2025	Katoomba North Public School

Events

Event	Date	Location
Sports Day	Term 3 Week 7 Friday 5th Sept 9.45am to 1.45pm	Katoomba High School
Awards Night	Term 4 Week 6 Thurs 20th Nov 5pm for 5.30pm start	Springwood High School



BLUE MOUNTAINS YOUTH EXPO

**Do you have a young person starting high school?
Find out what's on offer for people aged 12 – 18 years.**

UPPER MOUNTAINS EXPO

Tuesday 18 March

5.30 – 7.30pm
Civic Arcade
81-83 Katoomba St, Katoomba

LOWER MOUNTAINS EXPO

Wednesday 26 March

5.30 – 7.30pm
Blue Mountains Theatre
and Community Hub,
106 Macquarie Rd, Springwood

STALLS | POP-UP PERFORMANCES | BBQ

Find out about:

- sporting and recreational groups
- free youth services and drop in spaces
- free and confidential wellbeing support

**The Expo is free, younger siblings are
welcome, and there's no need to register.**





Photo Credit: Alan Page

Wildlife Real Estate: Homes for Nature

Family Day – Saturday, 22nd March | 2pm-5pm

Mid Mountains Community Centre, Lawson

Step into the wild and discover the hidden homes of our native wildlife!

- **Meet our wild neighbours** with up-close encounters from **Me&Zoo**
- **Uncover the secret life of tree hollows** and why they're vital for possums, birds, and gliders
- **Learn how you can help** protect and create safe homes for wildlife
- **Hands-on activities and fun for all ages!**

A free community event for nature lovers big and small.

Bookings: scan QR code to book.



An initiative of Blue Mountains Conservation Society Inc.

More info: www.bluemountains.org.au

Building Friendships with Lego School Holiday Fun Lawson



**Monday 14th April
or
Wednesday 23rd April
1.30pm - 3pm**

**Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre
Lawson**

Ages 6+ to 12 years

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

Places limited per session.

Snacks provided.



Bookings Essential Via:

02 4759 2592

info@belongbm.org.au

belongbm.org.au



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Connect with Nature

Waterways Walk

with BMCC Environment Rangers

Wednesday 16th April

10am - 12pm

Wilson's Park

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.

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Abstract Portrait Painting Workshop 2 Lawson



Wednesday 23rd April

10am - 12pm

Mid Mountains Neighbourhood

Centre Lawson

Ages 6 - 12yrs

Abstract Portrait Painting

Explore further the art of
creating self-portraits that capture feelings and ideas

Guided by Sharon from Loose Parts Press.

Be inspired by her book

"What Is It?"

No Cost. All materials provided.



Bookings Essential Via:



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Family Fun Day Bullaburra

24th April, 2025
10am – 1pm



Village Green, Noble Street, Bullaburra
**Come and enjoy a morning in the park with
your family**



**Children's activities provided by Belong
Blue Mountains and
Blue Mountains Aboriginal Cultural
Resource Centre (ACRC)**

**Bring a picnic rug and chair and enjoy a
chat with other local families.**



Free BBQ

To find out more contact

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familyandyouth@acrc.org.au

bmacrc.org.au



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LEARN TO PLAY BASKETBALL



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Our Development Programs are the perfect choice for primary school children who are eager to learn the fundamentals of basketball in a safe and supportive environment

Two programs a year:

- Summer: Term 4 to Term 1
- Winter: Term 2 to Term 3

REGISTER

<https://bluemountainsbasketball.com.au/>

SKILL BUILDER (10-12 YRS)

Friday 4.10pm - 5.00pm

LEARN TO PLAY (6-9 YRS)

Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am

COST

Available on website

LOCATION

Katoomba Sports & Aquatic Centre

TO BOOK FREE TRIAL CONTACT

operations@bluemountainsbasketball.com.au



BASKETBALL

COME & TRY

FREE



EVENT

FRIDAY 4th APRIL 2025 | 4-6 PM
KATOOMBA AQUATIC CENTRE

**JUMP INTO THE WORLD OF BASKETBALL, GRAB A MATE AND
REGISTER FOR A FREE AFTERNOON OF FUN!**

ALL KIDS WELCOME | AGES 7 TO 12





SPECIAL GUEST COACH
SYDNEY FLAMES PLAYER CAITLYN MARTIN

REGISTER NOW VIA LINK OR QR Code
<https://bnsw.info/OMOG-Try>





Courses provided FREE to residents of Penrith & Blue Mtns LGAs.
Phone 4720 6500 or email groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Program	Date/Time	Location	Register
Circle of Security Seven week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children (0-12 yrs).	Every Monday 12th May – 30th June 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Little Zak's Academy 14-28 Whitecross Rd WINMALEE	
Tuning in to Teens Six week program that teaches parents to help children (10-18 yrs) understand and regulate their emotions.	Every Monday 19th May – 30th June 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	
Bush Playgroup Six week interactive outdoor workshop for parents & carers and their children aged (3-5 yrs).	Every Friday 23rd May – 27th June 9:30am – 11:30am	Lapstone Public School 1/3 Achievement Ave LAPSTONE	
Cool Little Kids Six week program that gives parents skills to help their (0-6 yr) old children manage their anxiety.	Every Wednesday 21st May – 25th June 10:30am – 12:00noon ** Childcare available ** Must register	Blaxland Uniting Church Hall 72 Old Bathurst Rd BLAXLAND	

Register online at www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



Circle of Security Parenting

8 week parenting program to develop secure relationships and stronger bonds with children.



Term 2
2025

WINMALEE

This 7 week program will teach you how to be a bigger, stronger, wiser, and kinder parent. *Circle of Security Parenting* is based on decades of research about how secure relationships can be supported and strengthened with children aged 0-12 years.

The program will cover:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Help your child feel secure in relationships
- Navigating your role as parent in tough times
- Supporting your child in managing difficult behaviours, tantrums and meltdowns

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 6th May 2025

Register now via our
secure online portal



SCAN HERE



Program details

Where: Little Zak's Academy
14-28 Whitecross Road,
Winmalee

When: Mondays
12th May - 30th June
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cost: FREE for residents of
Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

**For more information or to
register via our website:**

Phone: 4720 6500

Email: groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



We acknowledge and respect the Traditional knowledge holders and custodians of the land on which we work, the Darug and Gundungurra people.





Tuning in to Teens

6 week parenting program that supports you to help your adolescent develop emotional intelligence.



Term 2
2025

ONLINE

This program helps parents and carers teach their teenage children (10–18 yrs) to understand, control and express their emotions in healthy ways.

The program offers tools to recognise, understand and respond to teenage emotions and help parents manage their own emotional responses.

The program will cover:

- Foundations of emotion coaching
- Connecting and emotional acceptance
- Building connection and showing empathy
- Dealing with teen worry, sadness & anger
- Emotion coaching now and in the future

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 13th May 2025

Register now via our
secure online portal



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Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

A SPACE for Us

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



- ? Are you a parent or carer living with a child who requires additional support and care?
- ? Do you struggle to find space in your busy schedule for you?
- ? Are you looking for a safe space to share your experience, listen to others and access support from people who understand?

Join a **"Supportive Parent and Carer Environment"** that provides access to resources, information and guest speakers. You'll have the opportunity to connect with others who can relate to the unique journey and challenges parents face.

PENRITH

Tuesdays 10:00am - 12:00noon

- 25th February
- 25th March

Gateway Family Services Penrith

Cnr Station & Henry Streets Penrith

BLAXLAND

Thursdays 12:00pm - 2:00pm

- 13th February
- 13th March
- 10th April

Blaxland Uniting Church Hall

72 Old Bathurst Rd Blaxland 2774

*Participants are welcome to attend both locations * Afternoon tea provided

For enquiries and registration contact Angie Jackson on 0491 072 762