

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 4- Week 9 - Term 1

26 March, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Harmony Day Celebration

On Thursday of last week, our school participated in the Harmony Day celebration here at Lawson Public School. All classes rotated through a variety of different activities designed to improve acceptance of other cultures and encourage us to work together, across our school, in harmony with one another.

Our school raised \$183.70 which has been sent to support Northern NSW schools following the impacts of Cyclone Alfred. We thank our community for getting behind this event within our school and the many families that made cupcakes for the day and assisted with the sales.



THE HEART OF THE MOUNTAINS WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

Jolly Bops

Last Wednesday, Lawson Public School students participated in the Jollybops science incursion. This was a fantastic chance for children to engage in a variety of experiments and develop a hands on approach to scientific phenomena. We thank the students for their inquisitive engagement and our parents for supporting this incursion.



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, there will be some disruptions to normal classes on the day due to the nature of coordinating the school photo process.

NAPLAN Online 2025 – Year 3 & Year 5 Students

NAPLAN Online has now concluded for another year. I would like to thank the Year 3 and Year 5 students for their efforts and enthusiasm that they demonstrated completing these assessments. Additionally, I thank the staff for their flexibility coordinating and implementing the NAPLAN process. Please note, results of the NAPLAN Assessments will be made available to families later in the year once the school receives them.

School Holiday Period

As we near ever so closer to the conclusion of Term 1, I feel it fitting to remind families that we are currently in an 11-week term. The last day of Term 1 will be Friday 11th April.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

In 2025, Anzac Day will be held during the school holiday period on Friday 25th April. Currently our Year 6 students are participating in a writing competition, at school, on what Anzac Day means to them. This competition is being held across 3 schools, including Lawson Public School, Hazelbrook Public School and Our Lady of Nativity. Winners from each school will be announced in the coming weeks.

The Lawson Public School Anzac Day assembly will be conducted within the first week of Term 2. Additionally, our school has been invited to attend the Anzac Day march and ceremony in Lawson on 25th April. I encourage as many people as possible, who are available, to represent our school at this service. Further information will be forwarded home in relation to this event in the coming weeks.

Easter Hat Parade

The whole school Easter Hat Parade will be conducted on Friday 11th April 2025 from 12pm. We look forward to having as many parents and school community members in attendance to celebrate this enjoyable event. Please note, the P&C will be conducting a raffle on the day and following the parade, opening the canteen to offer hot drinks and snacks to raise money for the school.

School Cross Country Carnival

Several weeks ago, Mr Smith sent out a communication in relation to the upcoming school Cross Country Carnival scheduled for Friday 4th April. If you are available to assist on the day as a course marshal, please pass your details to our administration team so they can be forwarded onto Mr Smith. We are looking forward to another great Lawson Public School community day.

Growth Mindset

Did you know that people with a fixed mindset, believe that their intelligence is set in stone and there is nothing they can do or control that will assist them in their learning? Whereas people with a growth mindset believe that, with practice they can become better at tasks and improve their results. The research shows that learners with a growth mindset are open to taking risks in their learning and even see making mistakes, as an opportunity to improve. People with a fixed mindset are generally concerned with how you'll be judged, while the growth mindset makes you concerned with improving. According to Carol Dweck, the good news is that you can change your mindset! We want our children to be learners. We don't want them to become afraid of challenges. We want them to understand that effort and 'grit' is what makes you smart and talented. Effort is crucial to improving learning – Carol Dweck, Mindset.

School Attendance

It's always wonderful to have our students in classrooms, ready to engage and learn. Our teachers and school staff are committed to fostering growth and opportunity, and we are here to work with you to support your child to reach their full potential. Consistently going to school has countless benefits – from learning, to creating social connections and improving wellbeing through access to support and quality education.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, I'd like to remind our school community that we are here to work with you to support your child to thrive. We know that families experience a variety of challenging circumstances, and we are committed to working with you to address any barriers to regular attendance.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school, like when they are unwell. Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible, and family holidays should be taken in term breaks. If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or our Learning Support team at Lawson Public School. There are also helpful resources for [NSW Department of Education website](https://www.nsw.gov.au/parents-parents-of-the-future). Thank you for being a part of our school community and for partnering with us to ensure students access the endless benefits of regular school attendance.



2026 School Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments and all other enrolments for 2026 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 2026 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,

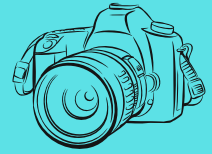
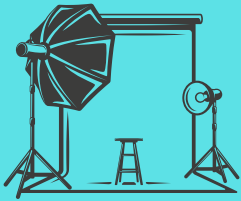
Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

Office News

Term 1 2025

Week 9

Thursday 27 March - School Photos



Week 10

Friday 4 April - Cross Country

Friday 4 April - Assembly - Sports Captains

Week 11

Tuesday 8 April - Lawson History Walk - Lime & Purple

Wednesday 9 April - Lawson History Walk - Pink & Peach

Friday 11 April - Easter Hat Parade @ 12pm

Friday 11 April - Last Day of School for Term 1



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



Lawson P&C Newsletter

Term 1, Week 9

Coming up:

Tuesday 8 April - P&C General Meeting

Friday 11 April - Easter Hat Parade Raffle and Cuppa After the Parade



Can you
help
eggcrease
our prize
basket?

Raffle
drawn
after the
Easter Hat
Parade.

Raffle tickets
will be provided
to all students
to sell.

Together We Succeed

The P&C are seeking donations for our raffle

Donations can be anything...chocolates, toys, vouchers, etc



Donations can be left at the front office.



Make sure your name and contact details are on the donation.



All families who make prize donations will get 3 tickets.



**After the Easter Hat Parade
The P&C will hold our annual
CUPPA AFTER THE PARADE**

Details to come next week

News from our committees

P&C BBQ at the Magpie Markets.

The February markets raised \$1400 profit!

All volunteers get a sausage sandwich and drink!

Uniform shop

Price are rising on some items due to increasing costs from our suppliers.

The 2025 price list can be found on our Facebook Page or at the front office.

Fundraising News

Our Harmony Week Orange Cupcake Stall raised **\$268**

A big thank you to parents from our school community
Linda, Kate, and Zoe for donating cupcakes

P&C General Meeting - Tuesday 8 April

P&C meetings give opportunities for parents and carers to raise any concerns or questions relating to the school in a public forum.

In our last meeting, one of our parents spoke about her concerns with a book in the Stage 2 curriculum and how it represented neurodiverse children. In sharing her concerns during the meeting, she shone a light on the struggles of our neurodiverse children which often go unnoticed. Thank you, Beck.

P&C meetings also give parents and carers the opportunity to be involved in decision making for how we can support the school community.

In our last meeting, it was decided to financially contribute a larger amount than we have in previous years to the Stage 2 and Stage 3 camps to bring down costs for our parents. Thank you Cliff for the suggestion.

We contributed 10% of the total cost of each camp:

Stage 2 received \$2000 (saving \$40 per child)

Stage 3 received \$3500 (saving \$65 per child)

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?

Concession Entitlement Cards will be delivered to schools within two weeks of lodging a successful application.

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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.





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, 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.





National
Road Safety
Week 2025

11-18 May

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SO OTHERS
SURVIVE



TAKE THE PLEDGE
roadsafetyweek.com.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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COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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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COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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

02 4759 2592

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02 4782 6569

familyandyouth@acrc.org.au

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READY-SET-CONNECT



Hello, Blue Mountains!

**FREE NDIS
NETWORKING EVENT**

 Wednesday 30/04/2025

 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

 Katoomba RSL 86 Lurline Street,
Katoomba NSW

WHO?

Support coordinators, support workers, people with disability, teachers, parents and carers are all welcome.

WHY?

Get to know NDIS providers servicing your local area and boost your contacts in a fun and informative networking session.

HOW?

Register at onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect

JOIN US

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Part of the **Night n Day Group**

Transport for NSW

Free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers



Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers Free Online Workshop

To register visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CSYVZ>

Wednesday, 9 April, 2025

6:00pm - 7:30pm

REGISTER HERE



Presented in partnership with the NSW Government





Free activities for children up to 12 years at the Parliament of NSW

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament, learn about democracy in NSW, step inside history with guided tours and get creative in workshops and role plays.

- **Make** craft animals and objects
- **Visit** our heritage rooms
- **Learn** how to vote and make a law
- **Participate** in a committee role play
- **Enjoy** live music and more...



FREE ENTRY

Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION

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

Enquiries P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL








The public café
will be open.

FREE



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

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

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@gatewayfamily
services.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamily
services.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



REGISTER ONLINE



Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Mondays
19th May - 30th June
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Cost: FREE for residents of
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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>





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SUPER CAMP

SPORTS FESTIVAL

* 23 & 24 APRIL

BLAXLAND HIGH SCHOOL, BLAXLAND - \$125- 2 DAYS

* 29TH APRIL- 1 DAY SOCCER- BLAXLAND HS- \$70- 1 DAY

APRIL 2025

KINDY - YR 6

8.30AM TO 3.30PM

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0414 891 802



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FOOTBALL FANATICS

IF YOU LOVE SOCCER

YOU'LL LOVE THIS 1 DAY EVENT!

* TUESDAY 29TH APRIL (STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY)
BAXLAND HIGH SCHOOL, BLAXLAND

\$70- 1 DAY PASS

8:30AM- 3:30PM

KINDY - YEAR 6

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0414 891 802





A SPACE for Us

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



Term 1
2025



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- ? 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