

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 6- Week 2 - Term 2

7 May, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back to another busy term ahead. I hope that you enjoyed the school holiday period with your families and friends.

Lawson ANZAC Day March

The local Lawson Combined Services invited the students of Lawson Public School K-6, to attend the ANZAC Day Parade along Honour Avenue to the Lawson War Memorial on Anzac Day. Our school was represented by many of our students who joined in the march and service. Our School Leaders led our school in the march and represented our school in the wreath laying to commemorate and honour our past and present service men and women.

School Anzac Day Assembly

On Wednesday 30th April 2025, Lawson Public School held our 2025 school Anzac Day ceremony. I would like to thank our magnificent students for their respectful behaviour, staff for your support setting up and running the assembly and a very special thanks to Mr Simon Manwaring who spoke at the service.

Our school participated in a Year 6 Anzac Day writing competition against Hazelbrook Public School and Our Lady of Nativity. I am very pleased to announce to our school community that Lachlan from Orange Class was awarded the Lawson Public School winner, congratulations Lachlan.

School Assembly – Aqua Class

Our school will be conducting the first assembly for Term 2 on Friday 9th May from 1:50pm. We warmly invite our community to join us at this assembly. Aqua class have been working hard in preparation of the assembly and are looking forward to presenting to you.



Playground Upgrade

Throughout the school holiday period our school underwent a great deal of construction works. Below are several photos of the new outdoor area that has been created to enhance the school environment. Additionally, a great deal of construction work has been completed within our support unit. A solid wall has been installed to replace the damaged bifold wall and an egress door has been added to green class.



Mother's Day Stall & Seed Planting

Members of our P&C have prepared a seed planting afternoon on Thursday 8th May in preparation of Mother's Day. Please see further details within the newsletter regarding the timing of the event. Additionally, there will be a P&C run Mother's Day stall on Friday 9th May. We thank our P&C team for supporting our students and families.

Vigilance: Keeping Our Community Safe

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and community, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of vigilance when it comes to anti-social activities in our community.

Anti-social behaviour can take many forms, including vandalism, harassment, and disruptive conduct, all of which can impact the safety and security of our children and families.

We encourage you to be observant and report any suspicious or concerning activities in the community to the local police. Your prompt action can make a significant difference in maintaining a safe environment for everyone. Here are a few ways you can help:

1. **Stay Alert:** Be aware of your surroundings.
2. **Report Suspicious Behaviour:** If you notice anything unusual, do not hesitate to contact the police. They are equipped to handle such situations and appreciate community involvement.
3. **Communicate with Your Children:** Talk to your children about the importance of reporting anything that makes them uncomfortable or scared. Encourage them to speak up and seek help when needed.

P&C AGM Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be conducted from 7pm in the school administration building on Tuesday 13th May. All school and community members are warmly invited to attend. During this meeting all P&C executive positions are open for nominations.

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

LAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOL - Term 2 2025

Term Two	MONDAY 28 April	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN 3 4 May
1	Staff Development Day 1	29 April Staff development Day 2	30 April Students Return Anzac Day School Service 7 May	1 May School Photo Catch Up Recognition BBQ Lunch – Megalong	2 May	
2	5 May	6 May		8 May P&C Seed Planting for Mother's Day	9 May Mother's Day Stall Assembly - Aqua	10 11 May
3	12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May SRC Pyjama Day	17 18 May
4	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May PSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival Assembly - Violet	24 25 May
5	26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May AECG Meeting – Lawson Public School at 4pm	30 May	31 1 June
6	2 June	3 June	4 June Zoo Snooze – Stage 2	5 June Zoo Snooze - Stage 2	6 June Assembly – Blue	7 8 June
7	9 June King's Birthday	10 June	11 June Stage 3 excursion	12 June	13 June	14 15 June
8	16 June Recorder rehearsal day	17 June	18 June	19 June Boccia Day for Support	20 June Assembly – Peach	21 22 June
9	23 June	24 June	25 June	26 June	27 June	28 29 June
10	30 June	1 July	2 July	3 July Blue Mountains PSSA 1500m Carnival	4 July Last day of Term 2 Assembly Pink	5 6 July
Hols	7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	11 July	12 13 July
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Office News

Term 2 2025

Week 2

Thursday 8 May - P&C Seed Planting Afternoon @ 3.30pm

Friday 9 May - Mother's Day Stall

Friday 9 May - School Assembly - Aqua Class @ 1.55pm

Week 3

Sunday 18 May - Magpie Markets @ 9am - 1.30pm

Week 4

Friday 23 May - Zone Cross Country

Friday 23 May - School Assembly - Violet Class @ 1.55pm

Week 5

Monday 26 May Game Changer Challenge - Selected Students only

Wednesday 28 May - Interrelate

Wednesday 28 May - SRC PJ Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation

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
celebrates

Mother's Day



Friday 9 May

P&C Mother's Day Stall



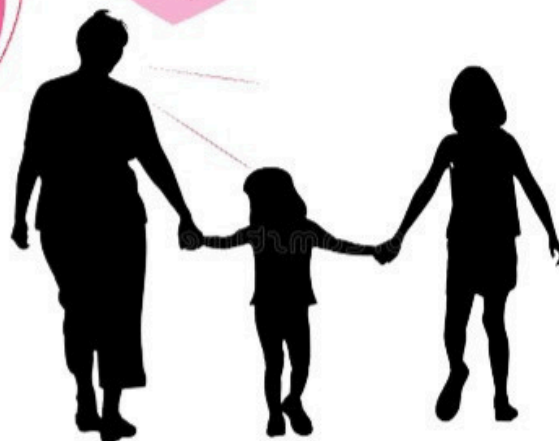
Gifts Will
include

Gifts between
\$1 - \$20



Jewellery
and lots more

Bookmarks
Bags



**Payment Options -
Cash or Eftpos on the day**

Together we succeed

The stall will run between 9am - 11.30am

Each class will be offered a selection of gifts at all price range

Please text Karina on 0403749349 or email lawsonpandc@gmail.com if you're able
to help us with the stall

Lawson
P&C
celebrates

Mother's Day



Thursday 8 May

P&C's Garden Party

3.30pm - 5.30pm



**The P&C are hosting an Autumn
Garden Party to celebrate the
mothers and carers at our school.**



**Bring your green thumbs because we're sowing
seeds in egg carton to plant in your garden.**



All families are welcome to attend.

Tea, coffee, and hot chocolate will be available.

Cost: Gold Coin donation



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.





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2026 Year 7 Enrichment Class Applications

Katoomba High School will be assessing Year 6 students who are seeking to enrol in the 2026 Year 7 Enrichment Class on **Monday 18 August 2025**. Students will be assessed on their skills in Mathematics, Reading & Language and Writing. There will be ONE session this year.

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, School Administration Officer, by **Friday 8 August 2025**.

If you have any questions regarding the testing, please contact Melinda Mungai, Deputy Principal: melinda.mungai@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 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.

Monday, 18 August 2025
Arrive at 9.00am: for a prompt 9.15 am start
Finish: 1.00 pm Parents arrive 12.45



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



National Road Safety Week 2025

11-18 May

DRIVE
SO OTHERS
SURVIVE



TAKE THE PLEDGE
roadsafetyweek.com.au

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





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



A photograph of four teenagers sitting on a wooden bench. From left to right: a person in a green shirt and blue jeans, a person in a green shirt and grey pants, a person in a yellow shirt and blue jeans, and a person in a red shirt and patterned shorts. The person on the left has a skateboard on the ground next to them.

Tuning in to Teens

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



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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



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



Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Mondays
19th 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



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WE'RE LOOKING FOR ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS IN LAWSON

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prepared for anything**

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- Hold a current NSW driver's licence.
- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia.
- Live or work within a reasonable distance from your local fire station.
- Have daytime availability to respond to emergencies.



For more information or
to apply, visit
fire.nsw.gov.au/on-call
or call 02 4784 8300



LIBRARIES



Chess Club

with Sydney
Academy of Chess

Tuesdays 6 May – 3 June
4.30–5.30pm
St Marys Library

Join us for Chess Club in Term 2. Great for beginners wanting to learn, pros looking for an opponent, and everyone in between. Sydney Academy of Chess will lead this 5-week series.

Bookings are essential.
\$65 per child for 5 sessions.



**Scan for bookings
and more information**

U12 GIRLS - GET IN THE GAME!



IS COMING TO KATOOMBA!

Blue Mountains Basketball is launching a fun, fast-paced girls-only 3x3 basketball competition for girls born in 2014, 2015 and 2016! Open to all skill levels — bring a friend and give it a go!

3x3 is modified version of basketball played on a half court with 3 players per team. Great for building skills, confidence, and game sense — perfect for beginners and returning players!

COME AND TRY FOR FREE!!



SATURDAY 3RD AND 10TH MAY @ 9AM
KATOOMBA SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE



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