Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 8- Week 6 - Term 2

04 May, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

SCR Pyjama Day

On Wednesday, 28th May, students from Lawson Public School participated in the annual Pyjama Day. It was a beautiful day at school, and it was so nice to have the chance to conduct our learning in our warm and cosy pyjamas. I would like to thank the SRC team for their organisation in preparing this awesome event, and I appreciate the many families who assisted in baking yummy treats for the school to sell.



Zoo Snooz – Stage 2

Stage 2 students will be heading out this week on the Stage 2 Zoo Snooz Camp. We wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing about their exciting adventures when they return.

King's Birthday Public Holiday

In 2025, the King's Birthday public holiday will be held on Monday, 9th June. Please note that the school will not be open to students and staff on this day. We look forward to commencing Week 7 on Tuesday, 10th June.

Stranger Danger

As part of our commitment to ensuring the safety of our students, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of being aware of stranger danger. It is essential for children to understand the following key points:

- 1. **Stay Alert**: Always be aware of your surroundings and never accept rides or gifts from strangers.
- 2. **Trust Your Instincts**: If something feels wrong, trust your feelings and seek help from a trusted adult.
- 3. **Buddy System**: Encourage your child to walk to and from school with a friend or a group.
- 4. **Safe Places**: Teach your child to identify safe places, such as homes of trusted neighbours or local shops, where they can go if they feel unsafe.

We encourage families to have open discussions about safety and to reinforce these messages regularly. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.

PSSA Upper Blue Mountains Zone Cross Country Carnival

Fortunately, on Friday, 30th May, the Zone Cross Country Carnival finally went ahead. Due to some poor weather over the past several weeks, there were multiple changes to the event. I would like to thank all families involved for their flexibility and Katoomba North Public School for opening their school to ensure the event went ahead. Congratulations to the Lawson Public School Blue Mountains PSSA Zone Cross Country team. We are all very proud of your achievements!

I would like to offer a very special congratulations to Hugo, who finished 2nd and Aurora who finished 4th. Both students will be invited to compete at the Sydney West carnival.



School Assembly - Violet Class

Our school will be conducting our next assembly for Term 2 on Friday, 6th June, from 1:50 PM. We warmly invite our community to join us at this assembly. Violet Class has been working hard in preparation for the assembly and is looking forward to presenting to you.

Futsal Gala Days

Students across Stage 2 and Stage 3 have been involved in the futsal trials and will have the opportunity to represent our school at the upcoming Futsal Gala Days. Congratulations to those students who have been selected, and thank you, Mr. Smith, for your work coordinating the teams. We wish the Lawson Public School teams well. The students will compete on the following days:

- Stage 3 Friday, 13th June
- Stage 2 Monday, 4th August

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	
1	Staff Development Day 1	29 April Staff development Day 2	30 April Students Return Anzac Day School Service	1 May School Photo Catch Up Recognition BBQ Lunch – Megalong	2 May	4 May	
2	5 May	6 May	7 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	17 18 May	
4	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May PSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival - Postponed Assembly - Blue	24 25 May	
5	26 May	27 May	28 May SRC Pyjama Day	29 May AECG Meeting – Lawson Public School at 4pm	30 May PSSA ZOne Cross Country Carnival	31 1 June	
6	2 June	3 June	4 June Zoo Snooze – Stage 2	5 June Zoo Snooze - Stage 2	6 June Assembly – Violet	7 8 June	
7	9 June King's Birthday Public Holiday - No Students	10 June	11 June Stage 3 excursion	12 June	13 June Stage 3 Fustul	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	
Hols	14 July	15 July	16 July	17 July	18 July	19 20 July	

Office News

Term 2 2025

Week 6

Wednesday 4 June - Interrelate
Wednesday 4 June - Stage 2 Zoo Snooze
Thursday 5 June - Stage 2 Zoo Snooze
Friday 6 June - School Assembly - Violet Class @ 1,55pm

Week 7

Monday 9 June - The King's Birthday Public Holiday Wednesday 11 June - Gold Discovery Excursion - Stage 3 Friday 13 June - Futsal - Stage 3 Sunday 15 June - Magpie Upstyle Markets @ 9am - 1.30pm

Week 8

Friday 20 June - School Assembly - Peach Class @ 1.55pm

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 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.





RUN

CLUB



RUN.JOG.WALK

8:15am -8:45am

TUESDAYS

MEET ON THE BASKETBALL COURT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Lawson P&C Newsletter

Term 2, Week 6

The P&C have had some fun and successful fundraising events this year!

For us, success is not just about raising money to support our school community, it's also contributing towards projects improving our school or subsidising excursions to make them more affordable for our families.

This year the P&C have been contributing more funds to school excursions to reduce costs for our families

Total contribution \$6570

Stage K- 2 Featherdale Wildlife Park contribution \$870 \$10 savings per student

> Stage 2 camp contribution \$2000 \$65 savings per student

Stage 3 Camden Park Environmental Education Centre \$200 \$10 savings per student

\$65 savings per student

Other succeses

\$490 contribution of art supplies to be used by students for the Lawson Louvre in Term 3

P&C have now raised \$5000 towards air conditioning installation

Together We Succeed

A great big **THANK YOU!!** to our parents and carers who volunteer their time to help run our fundraising events. Every little bit counts!

We wouldn't be able to do it without your support!

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 <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> 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 <u>local bus operator</u> 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 <u>Student code of conduct</u>. 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	Term 3 Week 7	Katoomba High School
Day	Friday 5th Sept	
	9.45am to 1.45pm	
Awards	Term 4 Week 6	Springwood High School
Night	Thurs 20th Nov	
	5pm for 5.30pm	
	start	



Entries for the National Songwriting Competition 2025 are now open!

School Category Prizes

as well as Individual Prizes

Free to enter and open to all school aged children

The Australian Children's Music Foundation's annual National Songwriting Competition is back for 2025 and entries are now OPEN!

It's the only free to enter songwriting competition for school aged children in the country because we believe every child should have the opportunity to express themselves through song.

All school-aged students from across Australia are encouraged to put pen-to-paper and enter their original song. This competition allows students to reflect and use music and song to find their voice in interpreting difficult circumstances, facing new challenges, or simply expressing feelings whether they be excitement, trepidation, happiness or sorrow.

School Category Prizes -

Students can write and enter their songs as part of class lessons, with the school band or with their school peers.

The School Prize will be awarded to the most creative and original entry.

The winning primary school entry receives \$500 to go towards instruments or a music experience.

There are also year group and overall competition prizes for individuals

Closing Date

All entries must be submitted online no later than midnight on September 15 2025. The ACMF reserves the right to extend this date under reasonable circumstances, at its discretion.

Entry Categories

You can enter either as a school, or independently. All entries, regardless of whether submitted as a school or independently, are eligible for the prizes that correspond to their school year group. Prizes specified as for school groups only will only be awarded to school entries. Entries may be either from an individual or a group/band

Entrants

All entrants must be school students aged 17 or younger (as of the original closing date of the competition, $September\ 15\ 2025$).

The entrant must be a writer or co-writer (with another student aged 17 or younger) of the song entered. Entrants must not have had assistance in the writing of the song from a person who is not a school student aged 17 or younger.

Multiple Composers

Songs may be written by school students working together in a group. If an entry is submitted by a group, the composition must be entered in the grade appropriate to the eldest songwriter.

Number of Entries

There is no limit to the number of individual songs students, bands or schools may enter but the same song cannot be entered into multiple categories.

Each song entered must have its own entry form, and be accompanied by an MP3 or M4A audio file and accompanying song lyrics (lyrics are not needed for instrumental category works).

Eligibility

Entries must be the exclusive original work of the entrant(s) and must not infringe any copyrights or any other rights of third parties.

The use of Artificial Intelligence Applications to generate musical, production or lyrical elements of an entry is strictly forbidden. Entries made using Al will be deemed ineligible.

Entries must not have been previously entered in any competition.

Song entries must have both lyrics and music. Purely instrumental works must only be entered in the instrumental category.

Compositions that have been commercially released and/or are available for sale or monetisation through streaming channels are not eligible for entry.

Failure to properly and honestly complete any required sections of the entry form will make the entry ineligible.







Parenting Programs

TERM 2, 2025

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

FREE

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



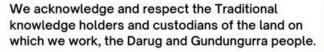
Register online at www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au













Family Fun Day Lawson 7th July, 2025 10am - 12pm



Come and enjoy a morning with other families from the community in the Mid Mtns Neighbourhood Centre courtyard. Children's activities provided by Belong Blue Mountains including face painting and weaving.

Tea & Coffee

Free BBQ

To find out more contact

02 4759 2592 info@belongbm.org.au belongbm.org.au





BELONG BLUE MOUNTAINS

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Building Friendships with Lego School Holiday Fun Lawson







Lower Mountains Neighbourhood Centre, Lawson
Monday 14th July
1.30pm - 3pm

Bookings - 02 4739 1164

or

Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre, Blaxland

Wednesday 16th July

Bookings 02 4759 2592

1.30pm - 3pm

Ages 6+ to 12 years

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

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Places limited per session.

Snacks provided.



Bookings Essential

Find out more at belongbm.org.au/Whats on



Making Music Workshop with Laura King Blaxland



Monday 14th July
10am - 12pm
Lower Mtns Neighbourhood Centre
Blaxland
Ages 6 - 12yrs
Free

Join Laura for a musical workshop exploring music, rhythm, movement, and making your own musical instrument.

Limited Places

Bookings Essential Call: 02 4739 1164









Connect Children and Families

Connect Pathways Program



Our goal is for children to engage confidently in play spaces with their peers and actively participate in their communities

Our team of experienced early childhood specialists are here to help. Accessing support through Connect's Pathways Program is easy—reach out to us today. Call us on 4758 9966 or scan the QR code to visit our website for more information.



Our Supports Include:

Personalised Connections:

Over the phone or face-to-face support, sharing resources and information tailored to your child's unique situation.

Fostering Transition:

Individual supports to help your child access preschool.

Enhancing Participation:

Encouraging play, learning, and social engagement for all children in community early childhood programs.

Community Visits:

We can visit your playgroup or early childhood program to strengthen community engagement.

Navigation Support:

Identifying early supports if you have concerns about your child's development.

Collaboration:

We work together with you and local services in Penrith and the Blue Mountains to provide a community-based team of support.



Connect Children and Families is a Child Safe Organisation

Connect Pathways Program



Is your child not yet in preschool? Are they on a waitlist or facing challenges in accessing the support they need?

Come play and learn! Join us for fun, social, and playbased experiences that support your child's learning and development within their community!

Our Early Childhood Specialists are here to offer:

- Support with accessing and transitioning to early childhood centres and preschool
- Guidance on any questions or concerns about your child's development
- Connections to community resources and information, along with assistance with referrals.



Mondays, 9:30 am - 11:30 am 1 Benang St, Lawson

Leone is at Lapstone Preschool:

Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 10:45 am 9 Explorers Road, Lapstone

During during school terms





Connect Pathways is a free service.



Parenting Programs

TERM 3, 2025

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

FREE

Program

Date/Time

Location

Register

Fear-less Triple P

Six week parenting program to help build resilience in children (6-14yrs) and help them break free from anxiety.

Every Friday

15th Aug - 19th Sept 10:00am - 12:00noon Gateway FS Office cnr Station & Henry St PENRITH

** Childcare available ** Must register



Tuning in to Kids

Six week program that teaches parents to help children (0-12 yrs) understand and regulate their emotions. **Every Wednesday**

13th Aug - 17th Sept 6:30pm - 8:00pm Online via ZOOM



Bush Playgroup

Six week interactive outdoor workshop for parents & carers and their children aged (3-5 yrs). One child per adult. **Every Friday**

8th Aug - 12th Sept 9:30am - 11:30am Lapstone Public School 1/3 Achievement Ave LAPSTONE



Bringing Up Great Kids

6 week program for parents to build positive & respectful relationships with children (0-12yrs). **Every Monday**

18th Aug - 22nd Sept 7:00pm - 8:30pm Online via ZOOM



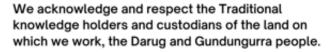
Register online at www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au















This program helps parents and carers of children (0-12) to "tune in" and improve communication and connection with their kids.

Discover practical tools that help you build emotional intelligence in your child and support you to manage challenging behaviour.

The program will cover:

- Foundations of emotion coaching
- Regulating and working through emotions
- Identifying and validating emotions
- How to develop emotional intelligence
- Developing resilience and facing challenges

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 6th August 2025

Register now via our secure online portal









Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Wednesdays

13th Aug - 17th Sept 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@gateway

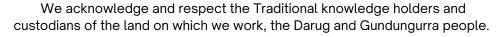
familyservices.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamily

services.org.au











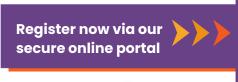
Help your child manage anxiety and become more emotionally resilient.

In this six week program parents will be offered information about anxiety and provided with positive parenting strategies that support the development and behaviour of children (6-14 years) with anxiety.

The seminar will cover:

- Understanding how anxiety works
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for all your children
- Becoming effective emotion coaches
- Understanding the value of flexible thinking
- Managing your children's anxiety effectively

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 6th August 2025





Program details

Where: Gateway Family Services

cnr Henry & Station St Penrith

When: Fridays

15th Aug - 19th Sept 10:00am - 12:00noon

Cost: FREE for residents of

Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

For more information or to register via our website:

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Email: groups@gateway

familyservices.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamily

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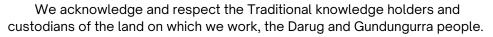
Limited childcare

** must register



Gatewar









This six week program uses ideas of mindfulness and reflection to support parents to review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children (0-12) and teaches self-care strategies.

It promotes respectful interactions and encourages the development of children's positive self-identity.

By the end of the program parents will:

- Know how to build positive and respectful relationships with their children
- Identify how to respond to their children's needs
- Understand their parenting styles
- Understand the messages they give and receive

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 13th August 2025

Register now via our secure online portal





Program details

Where: Online via ZOOM

When: Mondays

18th Aug - 22nd Sept 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Cost: FREE for residents of

Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

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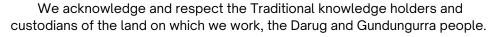
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services.org.au













Bush Playgroup is a 6-week interactive playgroup. The unique outdoor setting provides opportunities for children (3-5 years) to explore nature, socialise with other children, develop fine and gross motor skills and learn about the world around them.

Bush Playgroup sessions run for 2 hours. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Connect with nature and each other through imaginative, sensory, and messy play

Socialise and strengthen family relationships

Learn about local bushland and using natural materials in craft making

Activities include bushwalks, mud kitchen and campfire cooking

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 30th July 2025

Register now via our secure online portal









Program details

Where: Lapstone Public School

1/3 Achievement Ave

Lapstone

When: Fridays

8th Aug - 12th Sept 9:30am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE for residents of

Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

For more information or to register via our website:

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Email: groups@gateway

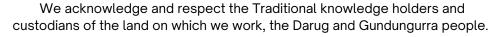
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Programs & activities for families in the Blue Mountains



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











VINNIES IS HERE TO HELP

Join us for the Katoomba Vinnies Expo to learn about Vinnies Support Services in the Blue Mountains.
Katoomba Public School - 18 Merriwa St, Katoomba
Thursday 5 June 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Afternoon tea provided by Vinnies Vans.

For more information, contact Roydon Ng:

M: 0487 001 186 | E: roydon.ng@vinnies.org.au

*Parental or guardian supervision of students is required.





WE'RE LOOKING FOR ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS IN LAWSON

Join the team who are prepared for anything

Comprehensive training is provided for all on-call firefighters, covering all aspects of the work involved to keep your community safe. You'll need to:

- 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