

Lawson Public School

Newsletter



Issue 9- Week 8 - Term 2

18 June, 2025

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Exciting New Arrival to Lawson Public School

It is with great excitement and happiness that I pass on the fantastic news of the arrival of Bowen into the Lawson Public School community. Miss Sarah Henderson gave birth to little Bowen on Tuesday, June 10, 2025.

On behalf of the entire school community, I congratulate the family on the arrival of Bowen. We look forward to meeting him in person in the near future.



Greater Western Sydney Public Schools Concert Band

The Greater Western Sydney Public Schools Concert Band is an ensemble program opportunity that aims to extend the skills of musicians in Years 4 to 12 who attend NSW public schools. I would like to announce and congratulate Archer in Year 6, for successfully being selected for the program. Lawson Public School is very proud of his achievement.

Stage 2 Zoo Snooz Camp

On Wednesday, June 4, and Thursday, June 5, 2025, Stage 2 attended the Zoo Snooz at Taronga Park Zoo. While the weather was cool, we were very fortunate to avoid some of the wet weather that arrived in Sydney on Wednesday afternoon and explored the zoo throughout the twilight and evening, getting up close and personal with many of the nocturnal animals. It was an additional bonus to view some of the Vivid highlights from across the harbour.

I would like to thank the students for bringing their inquisitive minds and positive behaviour, the parents for their support, and the dedicated staff who gave up their evening to be part of the school camp. I am sure that many of the adventures from camp will remain with the children for a long time to come.

School Assembly – Peach Class

Our school will be conducting our next assembly for Term 2 on Friday, 20th June, from 1:50 PM. We warmly invite our community to join us at this assembly. Peach Class has been working hard in preparation for the assembly and is looking forward to presenting to you.

Stage 3 Excursion – Gold Discovery

Unfortunately, the Stage 3 excursion was postponed last week due to shortage of staff and illnesses at the centre we were due to visit. The excursion has been rescheduled for Monday 28th July 2025, Week 2 Term 3.

Futsal Gala Days

On Friday 13th June 2025, the senior futsal teams participated in the annual gala day. I would like to congratulate all students who attended and gave their very best. A special congratulations is for the 11 years boys who won their competition and the 11 years girls who were runners up.

Thank you to all the students and parents who supported us and Mr Smith and Miss Graham for their organisation.

Semester 1 School Academic Reports

In 2025, the Department of Education has introduced a new reporting to parents set of guidelines which Lawson Public School are implementing. We are pleased to introduce new report templates designed to provide you with a clearer and more comprehensive understanding of your child's progress and achievements. We believe that effective communication between school and home is vital for our students' success, and these new templates are a step towards enhancing that partnership.

What's New?

- 1. Streamlined Format:** The new templates are designed to be user-friendly, making it easier for you to navigate through the information. Key areas such as academic performance, social skills, and personal development will be clearly highlighted.
- 2. Individualised Feedback:** Each report will include specific feedback tailored to your child's learning journey. This will allow you to see not just where your child excels, but also areas where they may need additional support.
- 3. Goal Setting:** There is a section dedicated to goal setting, where teachers will outline objectives for your child, encouraging a collaborative approach to their learning. We hope this will inspire meaningful conversations at home about progress and aspirations.

Semester 1 school academic reports will be released to parents on Thursday 3rd July, in Week 10 of Term 2. We look forward to gathering your feedback.

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.

Rural Fire Service School Visit

On Tuesday of this week, we had a very special visit from the Lawson Rural Fire Service and Lawson Fire and Rescue. This was an outstanding opportunity for students to listen to key messaging and sound advice around the notion of fire safety. During their visit, two sessions were conducted in relation to fire safety and being prepared for the potential of fire, as well as a walk-around of the RFS truck.

We thank the Lawson RFS for their contribution visiting our school and sharing the very important message about being prepared.



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	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 High Jump Competition	20 June Assembly – Peach	21 22 June
9	23 June	24 June	25 June K-2 Featherdale Wildlife Park Interrelate	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 8

Thursday 19 June - Boccia Schools Competition

Thursday 19 June - High Jump Competition

Friday 20 June - School Assembly - Peach Class @ 1.50pm

Week 9

Wednesday 25 June - Interrelate

Wednesday 25 June - K-2 Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion @ 8.15 am

Week 10

Friday 4 July - School Assembly - Pink Class @ 1.50pm

Friday 4 July - Last day of term

Term 3 2025

Week 1

Monday 21 July - Staff Development Day - NO STUDENTS

Tuesday 22 July - Students return

Permission Notes

When returning permission notes for school activities it is a legal requirement to complete a **SEPARATE permission note** for each child. All permission notes are now paperless. Please complete permission notes and make payments online through the School Bytes app.

LATE NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please **do not email permission notes to the school email address**. 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.



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.





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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



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 AI 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.

National Songwriting Competition

Free Entry

Open to all school-aged children
& youth. Over **\$30,000** in prizes!



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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



Mid Mtns Neighbourhood Centre, Lawson

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

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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.

Places limited per session.

Snacks provided.

Bookings Essential



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

BELONG
BLUE MOUNTAINS
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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

For further info



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Bush Playgroup

6 week interactive outdoor workshop for parents/carers and their children aged 3-5 years.



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LAPSTONE

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

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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:**

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.





Connect Pathways Program



Connect Pathways Program is a free service supporting families from birth to four years to access early childhood education across the Penrith and Blue Mountains community.

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

www.connectcfs.org.au | connectcfs@connectcfs.org.au

This program is funded by the NSW Department of Education's Start Strong 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 play-based 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.



Kate is at Heatherbrae:

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

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Pathways is a
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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

