

Tuesday 13 March 2018, Week 7, Term 1

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Calendar dates

March 29 – Grandparents' Day / Easter Hat Parade
April 4 – Cross Country
April 11 – Principal's Morning Tea
April 12 – Stage 2 Excursion
April 13 – Last day of Term 1
April 30 – Staff Development Day
May 1 – Students commence Term 2
May 9 – School Photos

Student Wellbeing Update

Principal's Message

Thought for the Week...

"If you find a path with no obstacles it probably doesn't lead anywhere."

~ Frank A. Clark ~

Parent Teacher Interviews

Weeks 10 and 11 have been scheduled for Parent Teacher Interviews. Lugarno PS uses an online booking system for scheduling Parent Teacher Interviews. A note will be sent home shortly with instructions for booking online. All staff will be available for interviews, including Support and Specialist Staff.

High School Expression of Interest

High School Expression of Interest forms are due back to the school on or before **this Friday, 16th March**. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Positive Behaviour for Learning and 'Bounce Back'

What's the focus this week?

Our students are engaging in activities about expectations in our **toilet blocks**. This week, all staff K-6 are reinforcing with students the following expectations:

- Using toilets and washing hands appropriately
- Using the bubblers/taps/toilet paper appropriately
- Respecting others' privacy

Learn at all times	Participate Safely	Show Respect
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Go to the toilet, wash your hands and leave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use toilets, toilet paper, taps and bubblers appropriately	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect others' privacy• Put used toilet paper down the toilet

Please discuss these expectations with your child at home.

In our Bounce Back lessons this term, students are exploring the concept of what it means to "bounce back" and the understanding that it is normal to have good days and bad days and that you can bounce back from difficult times if you try. Students will also learn about the BOUNCE acronym:

Bad feelings always go away again.

Other people can help you feel better if you talk to them.

Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.

Nobody is perfect. Mistakes help you learn.

Concentrate on the good times and have a laugh.

Everybody feels sad and worried sometimes, not just you.

This week, students are exploring the following focus areas:

Early Stage 1 – Growing up and bouncing back

Stage 1 – Respect

Stage 2 – Self-respect is when you like and accept yourself

Stage 3 – We're all unique – it's ok to be different.

Congratulations to our Values Awards Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Values Award last Friday. Well done!

Class	LPS Values Award Recipients – Week 6, Term 1 2018
KR	Samantha R, Christopher P
KA	Cataleya G, Elijah S
1MK	Alexandria C, Leonardo B
1/2C	<i>Due to Miss Collins' absence, the Week 6 1/2C Class Values Awards will be presented in Week 8</i>
2D	Zahra M, Olivia M
3/4A	Summer H, Billy H
3/4S	Eamon H, Anthony K
3/4B	Yushra B, Cooper J
5/6S	Lily J, Sayed A A
5/6H	Jerry C, Natasha P
5/6F	Kelly Y, Alex K

We look forward to you joining us for our next assembly on Friday, 23rd March commencing at 12.15pm in the Hall. This assembly will be hosted by class 3/4A.

Debating Program Update

We have had a great deal of interest in our new inter-school debating program commencing this year which is fantastic. Please note that students who have returned the expression of interest form sent home last week will now be required to present a short 1– 1.5 minute prepared speech this **Thursday from 11.15-12.15pm in the hall. Students who are at the Selective High Placement Test will have an opportunity to present their speech on Friday at 12.15pm.**

Students are to choose one side (arguing “for” or “against”) the topic, “That cats are better than dogs”.

We will be selecting a total of 12 students to make up two teams. Each team consists of four students plus two reserves.

Grandparents' Day/Easter Hat Parade

Our Grandparents' Day and Easter Hat Parade have been scheduled for Thursday, 29th March 2019 (schedule of events for the day was in last week's newsletter).

Please note that the LPS Student Representative Council will be hosting a cake stall at recess to raise money to go towards improving play options for students (eg outdoor chess set, painted hopscotch). More information to come.

Student Travel / Holidays during the School Term

As part of Department of Education policy parents are discouraged from taking students out of school during school terms for the purpose of travel or family holiday, as this can be disruptive to a student's learning.

If it is absolutely necessary for a student to take time off school for this purpose, it is required that an Application for Travel be completed. This form is available on the school's website or from the school office.

Although the form says extended leave, this form needs to be completed for **one** or more days. The form needs to be received and approved by the Principal prior to travel and in ample time to issue a Certificate for the Leave. When travelling overseas, authorities may request to sight the certificate.

NAPLAN ONLINE

NAPLAN is moving online. This means moving NAPLAN from the current paper-based tests to computer-based assessments. The transition to NAPLAN online will commence from 2018. Our school will be one of a number of schools transitioning this year.

Public demonstration site

In advance of taking NAPLAN online, students, teachers and parents are invited to use the demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the type of questions, and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment.

Some of the key features of NAPLAN Online include interactive navigation, timers and drag-and-drop functionality. Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to experience the complete range of question formats and interactive features available in the online NAPLAN assessment.

While it is helpful for students to become familiar and comfortable with the format of the online test, ACARA does not encourage students to study separately for NAPLAN and answers to the demonstration tests are not provided. The demonstration tests only cover a sample of possible questions and do not reflect the range of curriculum content or skills NAPLAN Online will assess.

Follow the link to access the Public Demonstration Site:

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

Accessing the demonstration tests

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform uses a locked down browser (LDB) to help ensure security during testing. Because the LDB may interfere with assistive technology, students with disability are encouraged to try the demonstration tests at their school where the LDB is in operation.

The links below take you to demonstration tests for conventions of language (grammar, punctuation, and spelling), numeracy, reading and writing for each NAPLAN test year levels: 3, 5, 7 and 9. There is no Year 3 writing demonstration test as Year 3 students in 2018 will complete the writing test on paper.

The demonstration tests will work with many devices and browsers but not all. Before starting, check if your device or browser meets the minimum technical requirements to ensure the tests function as intended.

Key Dates for NAPLAN Online at LPS:

Practice Test

All schools participating in NAPLAN Online in 2018 are expected to take part in a practice test between 20-22 March. This will require the participation of the Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts who will participate in a 45 minute omnibus test that includes reading, conventions of language and numeracy. Writing will not be included in the omnibus test. The practice test will provide students with a further opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in NAPLAN Online. The date for our school's practice test will be 22nd March 2018.

The actual NAPLAN Online test window is Tuesday 15th May until Friday 25th May 2018. Exact dates during this window will be confirmed later this term.

An Information for parents and carers factsheet is attached to this newsletter.

Mrs Justine Williams

LPS SPORT NEWS

Another successful week for Lugarno Public School! Not only did the students perform extremely well at the District Swimming Carnival last Thursday, they also demonstrated outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship.





We also have students who have represented the school at District Trials. Congratulations to the following students as they progress into the next stage of trials. We look forward to seeing how you go!

Representing Georges River/ Botany Bay District at the Sydney East Championships:

Bailey L - Australian Football (AFL) and U11's Rugby League

Representing Georges River District at the GR/BB Married Trials:

Olivia B - Girls Football (Soccer)

Miss Stewart

PSSA Results Friday 9/03/18

Girls Cricket Junior	118 - 149	loss
Girls Cricket Senior	120 - 145	loss
Girls Basketball Junior		draw
Girls Basketball Senior		draw
Boys Softball / T Ball Junior	16 - 1	win
Boys Softball / T Ball Senior	6 - 3	loss
Boys Oz Tag Junior	4 - 2	loss
Boys Oz Tag Senior	8 - 7	loss

PSSA Draw Friday 16/03/18

Girls Cricket v Beverly Hills at Gannon's Park 2

Girls Basketball BYE

Boys Softball / T Ball v Oatley West at Gannon's Park 5

Boys Oz Tag v Beverly Hills at Peakhurst Park 1

Notes

Please note that you can download notes from our website. If students need a copy of a note from the office, there will be a charge of 50c.

Money due for excursions etc

Year 6 Polo Shirt - \$35.00 due by 26/03/18

Chinese New Year, Year 1 & 2 - \$11.00 due by 20/03/18

ICAS Yr 2-6 – due by 15/03/18

Costs & Contributions - \$95 due by 5/04/18

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