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Thought for the Week...

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

~ Jane Goodall ~

Welcome back to Term 3!

A warm welcome back to students, staff and parents to what is going to be another busy and productive term at LPS!

Some of the many activities we have coming up this term include: celebrating Education Week and Book Week, the St George Performing Arts Festival, our school's K-6 public speaking program, lesson observations and visit by our literacy consultant, Dr Ann Morrice, a visiting author, Kinder Transition Parent Information Evening, P & C Family Bingo and A-thon fundraiser events, Kinder farm excursion and Stage 3 Camp.

This term we welcome back Ms Jones from maternity leave and she will teach 3/4S with

Calendar dates
July 31 – ICAS English
August 1 – OC Test
August 7 – Author School Visit
August 8 – Dancers Rockdale Plaza
August 9 – Open Day
August 14 – ICAS Maths SPAF – Senior Choir
August 15 – SPAF Senior Dance
August 20 & 27 – District Athletics

Mrs Simmonds this semester. Thank you to Mrs McTackett for all of her hard work on 3/4S during Semester 1. Mrs McTackett will continue to work part time at LPS, providing additional support across the school. She will also replace Mrs Nunn from Week 7 when Mrs Nunn departs on maternity leave. Congratulations Mrs Nunn. Welcome back also to Mrs Maloney who sustained an injury last term, fracturing her wrist. We have missed the valuable learning support Mrs Maloney provides across the school.

We also welcome back Mrs Lutkajtis who is assisting in the office whilst our Senior Administrative Manager, Ms Gilliland, is on leave this week and Monday-Wednesday next week. Ms Gilliland returns next Thursday, albeit briefly. Ms Gilliland has been successful at merit selection in gaining an 18 month contract as an Administrative Officer as part of the School Operations and Performance Division. She will be based at the Miranda office and commences on Monday, 6th August. Ms Gilliland will leave a massive hole at LPS but we are proud of her achievement in acquiring this position. An Expression of Interest has been sent out via the Department's communication channel for someone to fill the Senior Administrative Manager position at LPS.

We also welcome to the school a new staff member this term, Hannah Smith. Miss Smith will commence work as a Student Wellbeing Support Officer following our school's successful application to the Department of Education's Student Wellbeing Support Program 2018-2020. Miss Smith will work at LPS on Mondays and Thursdays. Miss Smith's role will entail:

- Working closely with our school's learning and support team
- Delivering student resilience and wellbeing services
- Supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of students
- Developing relationships with, and referring students to specialist services within the school or externally
- Facilitating community partnership programs between the school and the wider community.

P & C Disco

Our 'Winter Wonderland' P & C Disco was a fantastic way to end Term 2. What a great night we had! Our hall was transformed into a winter wonderland complete with snow! A thank you to the incredibly generous Prisuda family and their team from AV24/7 – what a magical event you created for our students. Thank you to our incredibly hard working P & C and to the many parent volunteers who worked tirelessly preparing for this event, setting up, working in the canteen, as security, on the door, selling merchandise, and cleaning up, to ensure a wonderful night was had by all.

Thank you to Miss Stewart and Mrs Dow for helping out on the night and to our Year 6 students who raised nearly \$200 selling glow merchandise to contribute towards their Year 6 gift.





External Validation

Our school has been selected this year to participate in an external validation process. Each year, a group of schools are nominated to participate. This process provides schools with a valuable opportunity to discuss and reflect upon judgements about their practice – and the evidence that underpins them – with a panel of peers.

Our school executive team are currently finalising our submission as part of the external validation process. Our panel meeting will be conducted in Week 5. We recently shared aspects of our external validation journey, with Anne Ross, Director, Educational Leadership, Georges River Principal Network.



Newsletter Update

As advised in a number of newsletters last term, our school's newsletter will be issued on a fortnightly rather than weekly basis. Our school newsletter will alternate with our P & C newsletter to ensure that important information is not being overlooked within the school newsletter. This change was discussed recently at our P & C meeting and was positively received. The school's newsletter will be issued in ODD weeks and the P & C Newsletter in EVEN weeks.

School Photos

The class, individual and family photos have arrived and will be sent home today.

Band Update

The string instrument program will commence this Friday for those students who have enrolled.

Congratulations to our Values Awards Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Values Award at our assembly in Week 10, Term 2.

Well done and keep up the great work!

KR	Lulu H and Christopher P
KA	Christian M and Simon T
1MK	Chloe H and Taha B
1/2C	Jarvis P and Imogen C-O
2D	Ivana T and Riley T
3/4A	Aiden S and Grace A
3/4S	Alexandra B and Charlie A
3/4B	Ella C and Lilia C
5/6S	Emily W and Blake L
5/6H	Annabelle F and Tristan N
5/6F	Noa T-A and Eirena C

Congratulations to **Monique S (5/6F)** who received a Book Award at the Week 10 assembly.

Next Assembly

Our first assembly in Term 3 will be hosted by the Prefects and is scheduled for next Friday, 3rd August at 12.15pm in the hall. At this assembly, our 2018 Library Monitors will be presented with their badges. Also being presented will be ribbons for Athletics Carnival and certificates for our recent Premier's Spelling Bee finalists.

Opportunity Class Test

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held for students who have applied on Wednesday, 1st August.

Student Wellbeing Update – BE GREAT LIKE GARNO!



Positive Behaviour for Learning and Bounce Back –

What's the focus this week?

This week, LPS students are engaging in activities about expectations for **morning assembly – lining up under the COLA**

Learn at all times	Participating Safely	Showing Respect
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Line up quietly• Listen to and follow teacher instructions• Exit quietly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk on hard surfaces• Stand in class lines and leave an aisle• Keep hands and feet to self	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will be on time• Enter and exit quietly• Listen to speakers <p>Congratulate achievements and acknowledge appropriately</p>

In our **Bounce Back** lessons, students will be doing activities to develop their understanding of the following focus areas:

Early Stage 1 – ‘Honesty’ (to understand what honesty involves and how to be honest);

Stage 1 – ‘We can think differently’ (to understand that everybody is different);

Stage 2 – ‘Responsibility’ (to understand the importance of supporting and caring for animals);

Stage 3 – ‘Fairness and responsibility’ (to understand what it means to be fair).

Enrolments

This is the time of year that we begin to receive our Kinder enrolments for next year.

If you, a neighbour or friend have a child who will be seeking enrolment in our school next year, please contact the school office to collect an application to enrol.

There will be a Kinder Transition Information Evening for parents on Wednesday, 29th August from 6-7pm in the Library.

Education Week

We will be celebrating Education Week with our Open Day scheduled for **Thursday, 9th August**. More details will be sent home tomorrow, including a program for the day. Our dance troupes will be performing at Rockdale Plaza on Wednesday 8th August at 9.30am. A note will be sent home tomorrow regarding this performance.

Have you checked out the Lugarno Public School Facebook Page?

Our school Facebook page is be used to celebrate student achievement and showcase the many exciting things taking place at Lugarno Public School. It is also used to post announcements, events and reminders.

You can locate our page at <https://www.facebook.com/lugarnopublic>

A 'Rules of Engagement' note for interacting with this page can be found on our website.

Student Absence Notes

Just a friendly reminder that all student absences require a signed, written note from a parent/carer, explaining the reason for absence and the date of absence. Absence notes should be provided as soon as a child returns to school.

After school LEGO program returns this term

The After-School Bricks Challenge LEGO Program will continue this term for interested students in K-5. The program commences tomorrow afternoon at 3:00pm in the Hub (Library).

Kids in the Kitchen!

Each fortnight, we will be featuring simple recipes and healthy lunch box ideas from Evie Petropoulos who is the Director of Total Fitness Training. Evie has been working with a number of LPS staff two afternoons a week, delivering group fitness sessions!

Yummy Mandarin and Apple Muffins

Serves 12

Ingredients:

350g self-raising wholemeal flour

1 apple roughly grated (skin on)

2 mandarins roughly chopped (remove seeds as you chop them)

1 tablespoon of chia seeds

¼ cup olive oil

¼ cup honey

¼ cup freshly squeezed orange juice

2 free range eggs

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Method:

1. Preheat oven to 170C fan forced
2. Combine chopped mandarins, grated apple, chia seeds, olive oil, orange juice, vanilla, baking powder, honey and eggs into a mixing bowl.
3. Add flour and mix well while pushing down on the fruit with a spoon,
4. Spoon muffin mix into prepared muffin tins.
5. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until cooked through.
6. Enjoy!

Raising Questions or Concerns with Staff

All staff at LPS are committed to supporting students in all areas of school life. In particular, staff members are more than willing to discuss with parents the academic progress or welfare of their child, school procedures or practices, or concerns about actions of staff or students.

So that LPS staff can give parents an opportunity to raise questions or concerns in an appropriate setting and at a convenient time for both staff and parents, please take note of the following.

We kindly ask that you refrain from discussing issues or concerns during learning time.

Concern	Appropriate Action/Contact Person
The academic progress of your child	Directly contact your child's teacher either by note, by contacting the office or by emailing the school to make an appointment.
The welfare of your child	<p>For minor issues, please arrange a time to discuss by directly contacting your child's teacher to clarify information. For more serious concerns, please contact the office, stating the nature of your concern and a time to arrange a meeting with class teacher or appropriate staff member.</p> <p>To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc, please contact the office. All information is treated confidentially.</p>
Actions of other students	<p>Please contact the class teacher for a classroom or playground problem.</p> <p>Please contact the stage supervisor for ongoing playground problems.</p> <p>It is not appropriate to confront another child or a child's parent about school-related issues.</p>
School procedures or practices	Contact office. Please state the nature of your concern and make an appointment to see the Principal and/or appropriate member of staff.
Actions of a staff member	Contact the office and arrange to meet directly with the Principal at a mutually convenient time.

Our 2018 Stage Supervisors are as follows:

Early Stage One (Kindergarten) – Mrs Carolynne Wilkie

Stage One (Years 1 & 2) – Mrs Athina Malakonakis

Stage Two (Years 3 & 4) – Mrs Allyson Bartley

Stage Three (Years 5 & 6) – Mrs Judy Harris

Justine Williams

PSSA Results Friday 6/07/2018

Girls Netball Junior	4 - 2	loss
Girls Netball Senior	11 - 7	win
Girls Football Junior	3 - 0	win
Girls Football Senior	2 - 1	win
Boys Football Junior	5 - 0	win
Boys Football Senior	6 - 0	win
Mixed Newcombe Ball Junior	3 - 0	loss
Mixed Newcombe Ball Senior	2 - 1	win

PSSA Draw Friday 27/07/2018

Netball v Penshurst at Olds Park 11

Girls Football v Oatley at Riverwood Park 2

Boys Football / T Ball v Hurstville South at Gannons Park 2a

Mixed Newcombe Ball v Peakhurst at Peakhurst PS

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

Stage 3 Camp 3rd instalment - \$100.00 due by 27/07/18

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