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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOCKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

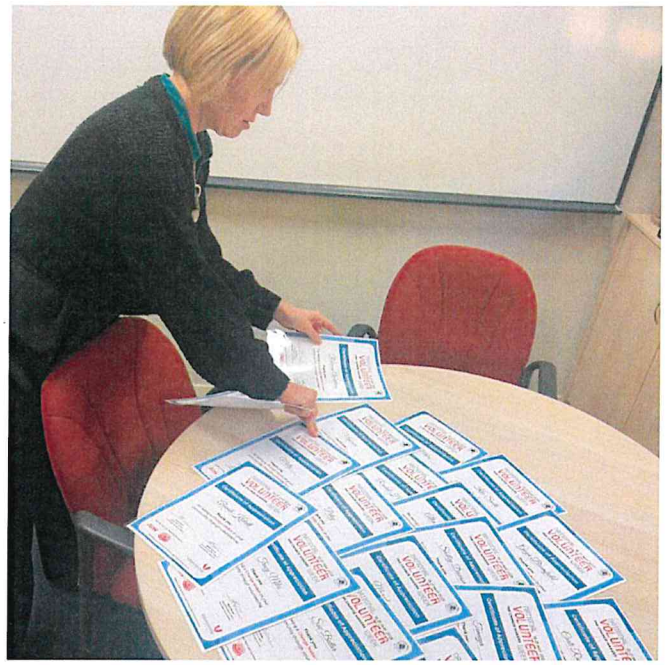
FAREWELL MRS ATHANASSIOU

We recently said goodbye (for now) to Mrs Athanassiou, who is off to have her first baby.

Mrs Athanassiou has been a wonderful educator and leader at our school over the last 6+ years. Her warm, positive personality makes our students feel valued and she is often the chosen one to be visited by students keen to share their work and receive feedback and praise from her.

She has been one of the main reasons our school has shown such improvement in the past few years, as the key driver of the necessary processes to ensure students can best access the curriculum and programs to suit their needs.

We wish her all the very best!



VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

We recently celebrated National Volunteer Week (15-21 May) with a number of small but important individual presentations to the many volunteers who give of their time to support the school.

Whilst there are too many to name, we have a huge number of volunteers who without, our students would be worse off.

We offer our sincere thanks for the role you play in the lives of our students and staff, and the legacy you leave. You never do know the profound impact you can have as a volunteer.

Should you wish to play a more active role in our school, please consider joining our P&C or Mentor Program.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

The weather is starting to turn and for those who like the rain, this is your time!

I have noted a decline in the number of students wearing **school uniforms** over the past few weeks. Whilst we appreciate the cold weather may make washing challenging, we do expect our students to look the part. Our P&C continue to sell uniforms at close to cost, far lower than any other school in the local area we understand. Where students present in a non-school jumper, we ask them to at least swap their uniform shirt to the top layer, so they can still be clearly identified (and show pride) as Lockridge PS students. Feel free to head into the uniform shop should you need any more items.

We are excited to share that planning is underway for some improved play spaces in the playground. Before she left, Mrs Athanassiou successfully gained a $25,000 grant for **playground improvements**, with students already beginning work on what they would like to see. Funnily enough, $25k doesn't go as far as it once did, however, we are sure some of the student ideas, including nature play, cubbies, teepees, ninja warrior, parkour and climbing frames will be part of the improvements. We don't think the pool will quite fit in the budget.

Don't forget the **4-day weekend** coming up, with Friday 2 June being a School Development Day and Monday 5 June being WA Day. Enjoy!

STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL

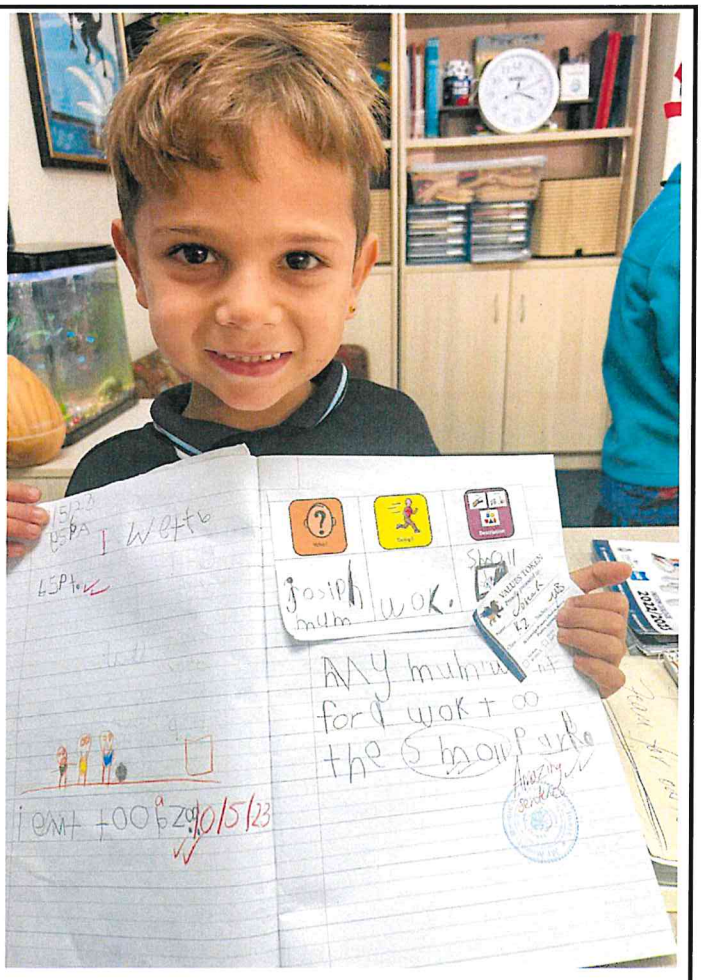
Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

Part of our ongoing commitment to school improvement is a continued and even deeper focus on the academic success of our students.

Data shows our students have developed far stronger social, emotional and behavioural capacity over the past 3-4 years through our focus on values, and whilst there is always work to do in this space, we are excited about our efforts to drive richer academic success.

For us to maximise our outcomes in this space, there must be input from our parents/carers in the academic journey of their children. To help create the necessary time and space to have discussions about your child's academic results and the associated learning behaviours, we are h **student-parent/carer-teacher meetings** on Wednesday 26th July. Our School Council and DoE have endorsed an early closure that day (approx. 12:00pm), allowing a 1/2 day for the meetings.

Keep a look out in the coming weeks for more information on these meetings.



Our student-parent/carer/teacher meetings, also known as 3-way meetings, will help promote deliberate discussions on the academic outcomes of our students, and any plans for the months ahead.

CONNECTED PRACTICE

Mrs Leah Shaw

Late last year, we expressed an interest in being part of the next round of internships for the **WA Centre for Excellence in Explicit Teaching of Literacy (CFE).**

The CFE aims to strengthen and extend the explicit teaching of literacy to primary students and is an important part of the Department of Education's commitment to ensure WA students develop the literacy skills needed for life-long learning.

The work staff have done toward strengthening our Connected Practice Pedagogical Commitment has resulted in our school being successful through the first round of the application process.

Whether we are successful in the process or not, our commitment to ensuring our students are presented with rich, evidence-based teaching will not change.

Next Friday, during our School Development Day, our teaching staff are engaged in a day of professional learning on quality reading instruction. We look forward to the learning ahead.

STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

Mrs Maddy Smyth

We are extremely lucky at Lockridge Primary School to have such strong relationships with stakeholders and external services such as the Child Development Service, Koya, Holyoake and many, many more.

These services are in high demand and so the importance of working together with the school to support your children cannot be stressed enough.

Just a reminder to parents and carers to ensure you attend all appointments with these services so as not to lose your place in the queue. This includes phone appointments, which may be from a private number.

Together we can ensure your child receives the best education possible!

Koya

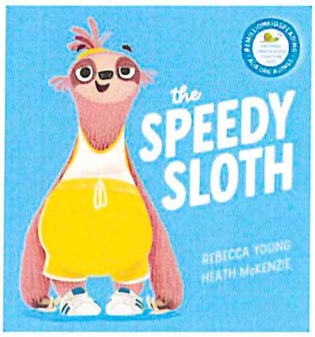
Introducing Dylan and Mark from Koya Multisports. They will be running traditional indigenous sports and games on Tuesday's and Friday's during lunchtime.

All students will be able to join them in playing these games, whilst learning about the history and culture of indigenous sport.

CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT

Mrs Victoria Skeels

This Week Lockridge PS celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime! This means that over two million people all over Australia in libraries, schools, pre-schools and many other places around the country all read the same book at the same time. This year the story was "The Speedy Sloth" written by Rebecca Young and illustrated by Heath McKenzie.



As a whole school, we all listened to Mr Mount Bryson read The Speedy Sloth in the undercover area and enjoyed the illustrations on the projector. The Speedy Sloth as the main character has a strong connection with our school values of believing that "I can" do it even when working on challenging tasks.

Please check in with your child to find out what day their library is scheduled for each week! They need a bag to borrow and to return it each week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st Jun - KARRAK Meeting (NAIDOC planning)
- 2nd Jun - School Development Day (No students at school)
- 5th Jun - WA Day Public Holiday
- 9th Jun - Let's Talk Parenting Workshop
- 9th Jun - LPS @ Eden Hill PS (Senior Soccer & Netball)
- 14th Jun - P&C Glow Disco
- 15th Jun - P&C Meeting
- 15th Jun - Newsletter
- 15th Jun - Year 6 Vegemite Day Fundraiser
- 20th Jun - P-6 Zoo Excursion
- 21st Jun - Interschool Cross Country
- 22nd Jun - Yirra Yaarkin performance
- 23rd Jun - LPS v Guildford PS (Senior Soccer & Netball)
- 28th Jun - Semester 1 Reports sent home
- 29th Jun - NAIDOC celebrations
- 30th Jun - Choir Assembly
- 30th Jun - Final day for students
- 17th Jul - First day of Term 3.

Please note all events are subject to change. Keep an eye out on Seesaw, our socials and electronic board for updates.

FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs Meg Lane & Mrs Katie Evangelista

Before and after school

Students are great at heading straight to the Gryphon Grass when the gates open every morning at 8.20am...well done! In the afternoons we are asking all students from Year 3 - 6 to wait on the Gryphon Grass if their parent/carer is running late.
The office is a small space and cannot cater for the large amount of students waiting for parents to collect them. If you are going to be later than 10 minutes please let the office know and we can advise your child and pop them into the office to wait.

Lunches

We are unfortunately seeing an increase in the number of students consistently coming to the office asking for an emergency sandwich. The reasons seem to be they "don't like what they have been given", "didn't have time to make it" or "left it at home". Also please be be mindful that in cold weather, children tend to be hungrier and please pack an extra piece of fruit or snack.

School Photos

There has been a delay with the process of printing our yearly School Photos, we expect them to arrive within the next 3 weeks. We thank you for your patience :)

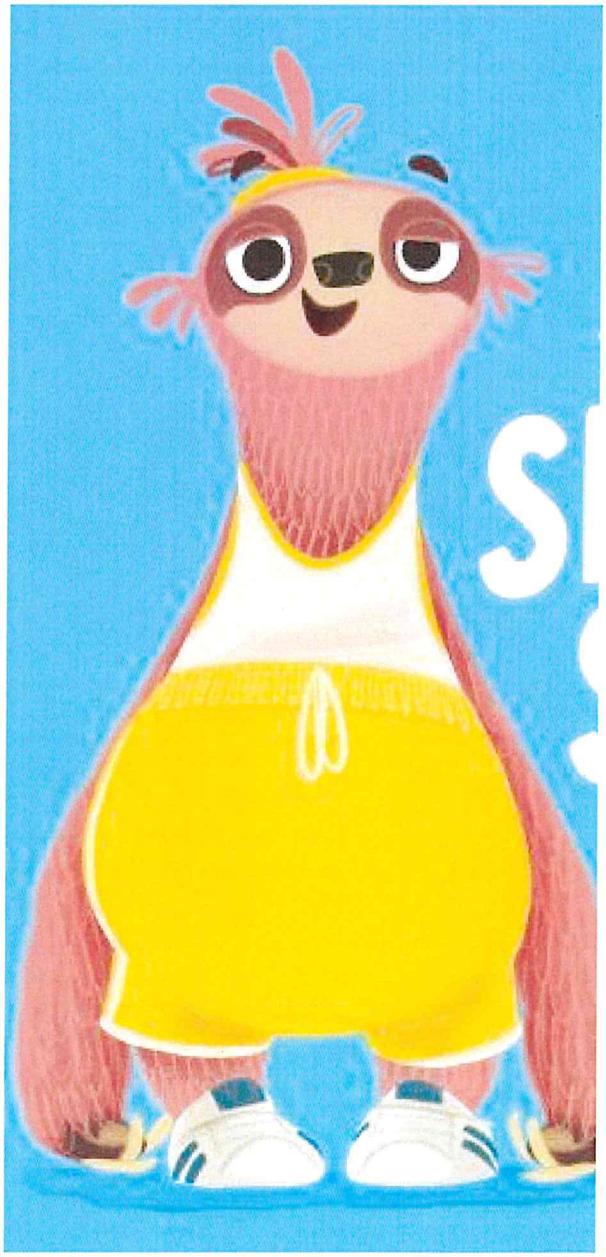
Student Leaders Group Photos

If your child is one of our fantastic Leaders, you have the ability to order a photo online through MSP Photography. Details are on the last page of the newsletter.

Kindy 2024 Applications

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindy in 2024. If your child turns 4 before 30th June 2024, please come into the office for an application form with birth certificate and current immunisation details as supplied by Medicare.

Respect Safe High Standards



The Speedy Sloth was a hit this week!

KARRAK SHIRT DEADLINE

Last chance for 2023 to get your Karrak shirt!

Deadline extended until Tuesday 30th May!

Mrs Leah Shaw

NAIDOC WEEK 2023

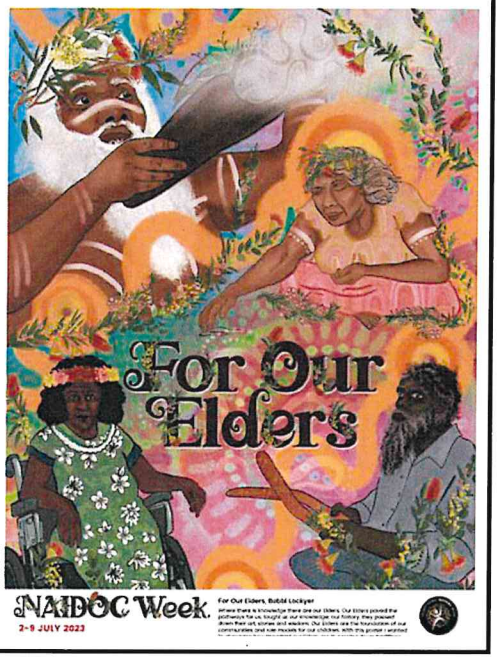
We celebrate NAIDOC Week on Thursday 29th June by again bringing our community together to learn about and experience some of the rich cultural heritage of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Students, staff and families will again engage in a range of activities to celebrate the oldest living peoples on earth, and will hopefully have the opportunity to taste some foods that are synonymous with Aboriginal and TSI culture.

Our Karrak families will meet on 1st June to finalise plans, with staff also working hard to develop culturally rich learning programs for all participants. More information on the activities will be shared in the coming weeks.

Please clear your calendar so you can join us in what is always one of the best days of our school year.

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...

Playground planning

Mother's Day in Kwela

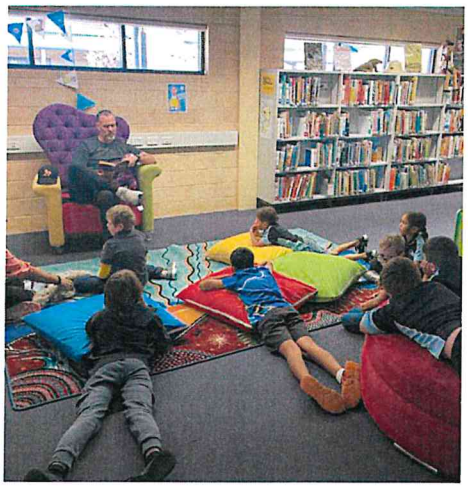
Walk Safely to School Day

READ! READ! READ!

We continue our focus on reading, with it being the key curriculum priority over the next 12 months. Whilst our staff are engaging in professional learning to ensure we are teaching reading via best practice, there is nothing more important than adults simply reading to and with children.

Research is unanimous in that "*reading regularly with children from a young age stimulates patterns of brain development and strengthens relationships. There is evidence that children begin to benefit from regular reading as early as 8 months old. A review of the literature on shared reading found there were increases in the child's oral language, vocabulary, understanding of the conventions of print, phonological awareness, and alphabet knowledge." (Aus Institute of Health & Welfare).*

We ask that you read, read, read with your children regularly, as not only does it have a profound impact on their development, but they are moments you can never replicate when they are older.



Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

FAMILY KADADJINY
THINKING, LISTENING, LEARNING

FAMILY KADADJINY - UPCOMING EVENTS

9th June - Let's Talk Parenting workshop presented by our friends from

MIDVALE HUB

What other workshops would you like to see us host?

MORE RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...

Freeze Frame Opera visit

Maths Extension with mentors

Mother's Day in KindiLink

LPS Student Leader Photos

On the day of the school photos, special group images were captured, including Arts Captains, Values Captains, Faction Captains and Head Girl and Head Boy. These exclusive photos can be viewed and purchased on a unique website specifically designated for this purpose. It is essential to note that this website differs from the platform used for ordering portraits and class photos online.

To place your order online, please follow these steps:

1.**Call Lockridge Primary School to receive the password,** if your child is in the the photos.
1. Visit **https://mspphotography.shootproof.com/**
2. Locate your school's name and select the album titled:
Lockridge Primary School Specialist Groups - 2023
3. Enter the password to access and purchase the album.
(password obtained from Lockridge Primary School)
4. During the checkout process, kindly use your child's name for identification purposes.
5. The images displayed are in their uncropped format but will be appropriately cropped to fit a 10x8 print, as demonstrated by the first image in the gallery.

Key points to remember:
• Online orders will remain open until midnight on Thursday the 20th July 2023, to take advantage of the Bulk Pricing Offer.
• The Bulk Pricing Offer allows each print to be priced at $25.00, and they will be delivered to the school by Class Group.
• After the expiration of the $25.00 pricing, photos will only be available for purchase over the phone at a cost of $40.00 per image, with delivery to a preferred address.

Should you have any queries or require further assistance, please feel free to contact MSP Photography at 9240 8000 or via email at mailto:ordering.perth@msp.com.au

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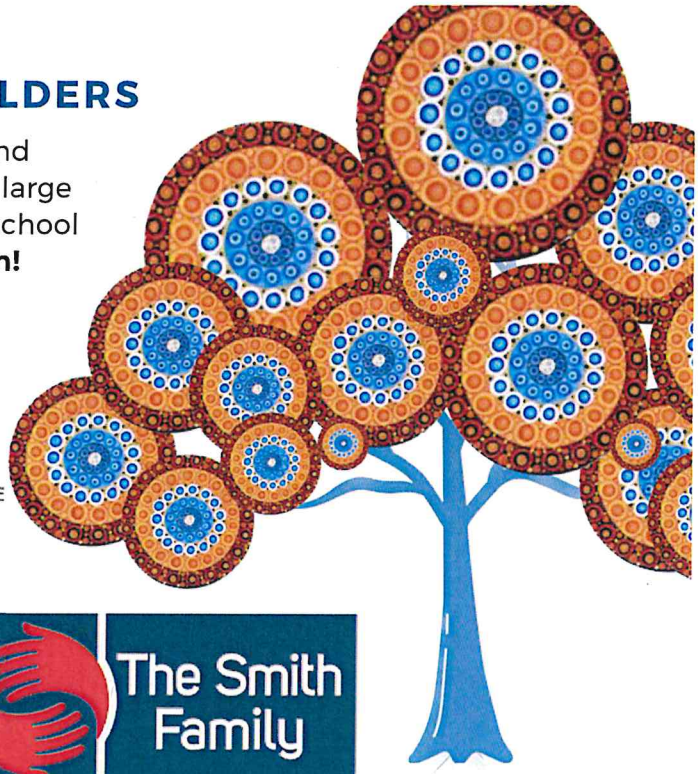
Capturing School Moments

OUR SUPPORTERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

At Lockridge PS, we know it takes a village to grow and raise a child and we are thankful for the support of a large number of groups and businesses who invest in our school and community. **It's great to add KOYA to our team!**



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Thank you

Koya