

THE GRYPHON

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOCKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



BAROO 2 ON SHOW!

Congratulations to Baroo 2 who hosted a wonderful assembly last week, focusing on 'Sizzling Starts'.

A sizzling start is a start to a story that captures a reader's attention immediately, compelling them to keep reading.

Baroo 2 students have been working upon story writing in class and their high standard of work was evident during their assembly when each student shared their punchy and exciting story opening.

We can't wait to read each student's story in full when they are finished!



STAFF WELLBEING FOCUS

We invest heavily in our staff, as we understand that a strong, healthy staff culture allows us to be the best we can be for our students and community.

One of the special things about our staff is their commitment. We have a very small turnover, with staff preferring to remain at Lockridge PS than move. Over the past few years, we have built a staff cohort who get on well, have shared beliefs and who know that collaboration maximises our time together.

This has extended to staff engaging in learning and workshops about their health in general, well beyond the walls of the school. Being a mentally healthy person takes work and shared investment.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

The term is rolling on...

A big thank you to the parents/carers, students and staff who engaged in our **Student Progress Meeting** day a couple of weeks ago. Whilst we acknowledged the positive engagement at the time, the participation rates were higher than we had expected and clearly show that parents and carers are interested in working with us to drive academic success for their children. Parents/carers are invited to provide any feedback they have via emailing Lockridge.ps@education.wa.edu.au, with the heading 'Student Progress Meetings feedback'. We provided staff feedback to the School Council last week and will use any parent/carer feedback to strengthen our 2024 meeting day.

As was shared recently, due to Mr Oliphant's absence, we have had to postpone our **Faction Carnival**. It has been many, many moons since I have organised and run a carnival and whilst we have an amazing staff, we don't currently have the capacity to host a carnival. We are however, still committed to sending a team to Interschool, which will be chosen by staff during PE lessons and Senior Sport. It is hoped that when Mr Oli return's, we might be able to run some sort of event at school for everyone to enjoy.

Finally, as most will know, I recently had a short stint of Long Service Leave. As expected, little change was noticed and everything functioned as normal, which is testament to the amazing staff at our school!

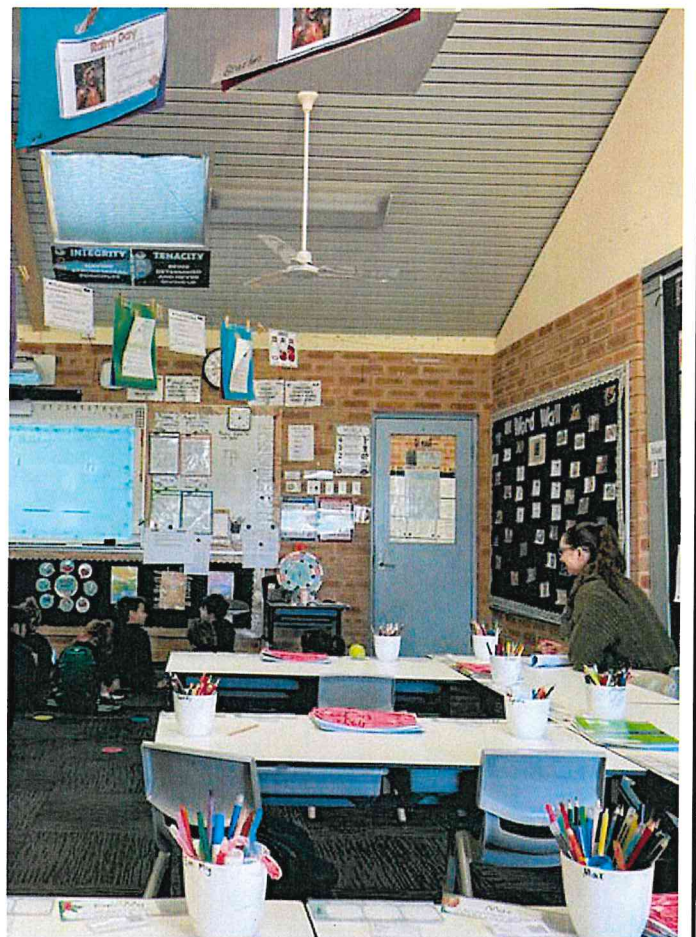
STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

Our School Council is proud of our improvement journey over the past few years and have played an important role during that period. One of their priorities in the 2023-2025 "Reaching Higher" School Plan is to assist us to increase our public profile and highlight the successes we are having.

We believe our selection in the **Centre for Excellence in the Explicit Teaching of Literacy** does this, and I'm excited at my inclusion in the system initiative '**Culturally responsive school leadership program**', which is an opportunity to contribute to creating cultural and systems change. Selection in both these programs, limited to 20 schools (CFE) and 20 principals (CRSLP) are testament to our shared efforts over the past few years and puts Lockridge at the forefront of system direction.

A further exciting opportunity is our selection as only 1 of 2 primary schools to participate in the **Balanginy Project**, which will see us help shape the way the WA Education Department thinks about and measures how Aboriginal students can succeed at school as Aboriginal people.



Miss Prakhoff, as part of our CFE Team, recently visited Greenfields PS, who will support our staff over the next 12 months to develop strong capacity in the explicit instruction of literacy. It's exciting that whilst we visit these high performing schools, our staff are already engaging the same teaching strategies.

CONNECTED PRACTICE

Mrs Leah Shaw

Centre for Excellence

As a part of our pedagogical commitment to strengthening literacy teaching and learning across the school, our Centre of Excellence team will be working with staff at Greenfields Primary School through a mentoring arrangement.

Over the next 12 months, key staff at Lockridge Primary School will be mentored by key staff at Greenfields Primary School to guide and support the redevelopment of our literacy block, paired reading program, spelling programs and literacy daily reviews.

Throughout our 12 month partnership staff will visit Greenfields Primary School to observe explicit literacy instruction and engage in rich evidence based professional learning, and staff at Greenfields Primary School will visit us at Lockridge Primary School to observe our practice and provide feedback to strengthen our teaching and student learning.



STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

Mrs Maddy Smyth

Whole School Reward

Our amazing students earned their first Whole School Reward last week, for consistently demonstrating our school values of **Safe**, **Respect** and **High Standards**.

As promised, as soon as students reached their goal, we actioned it by turning off the siren and enjoying an extended lunch play... staff included!! Well done everyone!



CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT

Mrs Victoria Skeels

This week we have celebrated in the fun and excitement of Book Week! Throughout the week LPS has put on some fun activities to recognise Book Week such as picnic reading, buddy reading, making bookmarks, drop everything and read, and match teacher with their favourite book and baby picture. It has been wonderful walking into all classrooms and hearing from students what their favourite character is or what book they are currently reading. Awesome effort Lockridge!

The LPS Library has invested in a range of picture books and young reader novels that were shortlisted/ winners of the Children Book Council of Australia Book Awards. This was a great opportunity to explain to students that books with the special CBCA stickers (as pictured) have been recognised for being a fantastic and engaging book. It is always a hint that a book is a really good read when it displays one of these stickers! Feel free to jump onto the CBCA website to see the winners from each category.

Lastly, a group of Year 4-6 students were nominated to be active participants in the 2023 CBCA Shadow Judging Project facilitated by The City of Swan. This project provided an opportunity for a group of young people (aged 9-12) to collaborate and justify why a book should win Book of the Year! Maria, Vicky and Lorraine, from The City of Swan Libraries, provided guidance as students worked together to decide an overall winner for the Middle Years Category of the CBCA 2023 awards shortlist as part of the Shadowers' Choice Awards. The overall winners at LPS were: Runt with 5 votes, The Way of the Dog with 3 votes and August and Jones 1 vote. A big thank you to Oliver, Keva, Shams, Isobel, Mila, Tahlia, Suvek and Bendix for their dedication and enthusiasm. The CBCA Shadowers' Choice Awards will be announced and celebrated at the end of the 2023 CBCA Book Week in August- watch this space!

Keep reading!



PRESENTING THE 2023 CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD, WINNER AND HONOUR BOOKS



Premier's
Reading
Challenge

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Term 3

- 25th Aug - Kwela 3 Assembly
- 28th Aug to 1st Sept - Swimming Lessons (K4, K1, B2, M5)
- 4th to 8th Sept - Swimming Lessons (K2, K3, B1, B4, M6)
- 15th Sept - Baroo 1 Assembly
- 18th Sept - Interschool Jumps & throws
- 20th Sept - Interschool Carnival
- 22nd Sept - Footy Colours Day
- 22nd Sept - Final Day of Term 3

Term 4

- Tuesday 10th Oct - First day for students

FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs Meg Lane & Mrs Katie Evangelista

Uniforms - Locko on Top!!

A reminder to families and students that school uniform tops must be worn over jumpers/jackets that are not LPS uniform. Locko on top!

Term 3 Swimming Lessons Reminder

Swimming is fast approaching! We will see K1, K4, B2 and M5 heading off next week. K2, K3, B1, B4 and M6 will be participating in Week 8.

The first bus leaves at 9am, so make sure you are at school on time and ready to go - that means bathers on under your school uniform, and towels, goggles, and medical items ready to go!

Head Lice

Please be vigilant with checking your child/children's hair for head lice and eggs. We have brochures in the office on the most effective ways to treat head lice if you require more information.

The two most common treatments are:

- the 10 day hair conditioner treatment
- insecticide treatments

If the treatments are unsuccessful, please check you have done the following:

- Did the chosen treatment cover the 10 day hatching cycle of eggs?
- Did you check for adult head lice in the comb?
- Were as many eggs as possible removed every day?
- Was hair conditioner put on dry or wet hair?
- Was enough conditioner used?
- If insecticide was used, was it applied as per the instructions?
- Was a fine metal toothed comb used?

If you are unsure please visit the following website for more information -

https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Treating-head-lice

Respect Safe High Standards



Students enjoying our new Music program with Mrs McGhee!

CONGRATULATIONS NAPLAN HIGH FLYERS

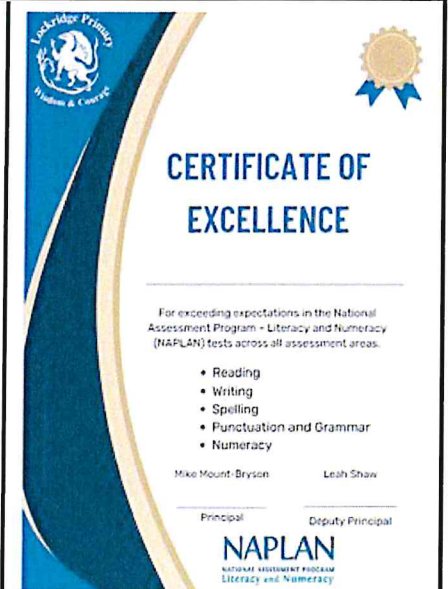
Whilst we celebrate champions on the sporting field regularly in society, it's also important to celebrate our cultural, artistic and academic high flyers when they achieve great things.

Our recent NAPLAN results highlighted a number of students who demonstrated achievement 'exceeding' expectations, putting them well inside the top 20% of students across the country.

From 2023, we will acknowledge these outstanding achievements with 3 levels of award:

- **Certificate of Excellence:** exceeding expectations in all 5 NAPLAN tests.
- **Certificate of Distinction:** exceeding expectations in 3+ NAPLAN tests.
- **Certificate of Merit:** exceeding expectations in 1 NAPLAN test.

Congratulations to the 2023 recipients.



Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

TIMETABLE CHANGE

After consultation with our School Council and seeking feedback from our staff we are excited to be trialling a new daily timetable that will see our students eating their lunch earlier in the day after our first morning play.

Through this restructure of our day we aim to:

- better satiate students by having them eat more food earlier, resulting in greater focus and attention on learning throughout the day,
- increase healthy food consumption as students will eat during a scheduled time whilst under the supervision of staff, with emphasis placed on healthy food choices,
- decrease litter by eating in the classroom, and
- provide a calmer re-entry to learning, post physical activity.

This trial will take place at the end of Term 3 and beginning of Term 4 to see how these changes benefit our students.

Trial times	
Gates open	8:20am
Classrooms open	8:35am
Period 1	8:50am
Period 2	9:50am
Morning Play 1 - Duty	10:50am – 11:10am
Eating (Lunch)	11:10am
Period 3*	11:20am
Period 4*	12:20pm
Afternoon Play 1 - Duty	1:20pm – 1:40pm
Afternoon Play 2 - Duty	1:35pm – 1:55pm
Period 5*	1:55pm
Wrap-up	2:55pm
School Ends	3:00pm

* Period 3, 4 or 5 to include a classroom teacher designated (1) Crunch & Sip or (2) grazing approach

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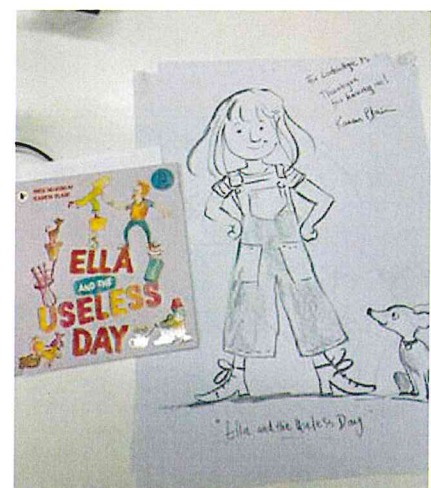
RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...



Book week has been a hit



Reading in Area 1



A new book for the library

2023 NAPLAN RESULTS

At the recent Student Progress Meetings, most parents/carers of students in Year 3 or 5 will have been provided their child's NAPLAN report.

Whilst we have work to do, our 2023 results reflect we are tracking as expected, with some strong improvement acknowledged in key areas, especially in numeracy and writing. There has also been strong improvement in progress between Year 3 to 5, with our Year 5 students achieving higher scores against like schools than in their previous Year 3 tests.

- **Green** = Above Expected - more than one standard deviation above the predicted school mean
- **Yellow** = Expected - within one standard deviation of the predicted school mean
- **Red** = Below Expected - more than one standard deviation below the predicted school mean

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Year 3	Performance
	2023
Numeracy	-0.4
Reading	-0.2
Writing	0.6
Spelling	-0.5
Grammar & Punctuation	-0.4

Year 5	Performance
	2023
Numeracy	-0.3
Reading	0.6
Writing	0.2
Spelling	-0.3
Grammar & Punctuation	0.1



FAMILY KADADJINY - UPCOMING EVENTS

On Friday 13th October, we will once again be hosting our annual **Family Picnic and Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo**.

This wonderful afternoon will begin with a family picnic followed by a variety of wellbeing promotion and awareness activities. We have invited a number of external services to join us including The Smith Family, Midvale Hub Parenting Service, Yorgum Healing Services, the Language Development Centre and the Koya Aboriginal Corporation.



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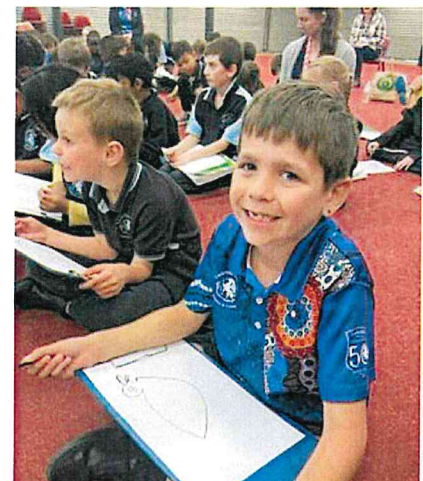
MORE RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...



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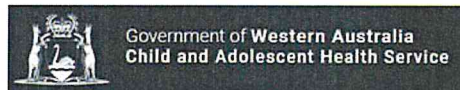
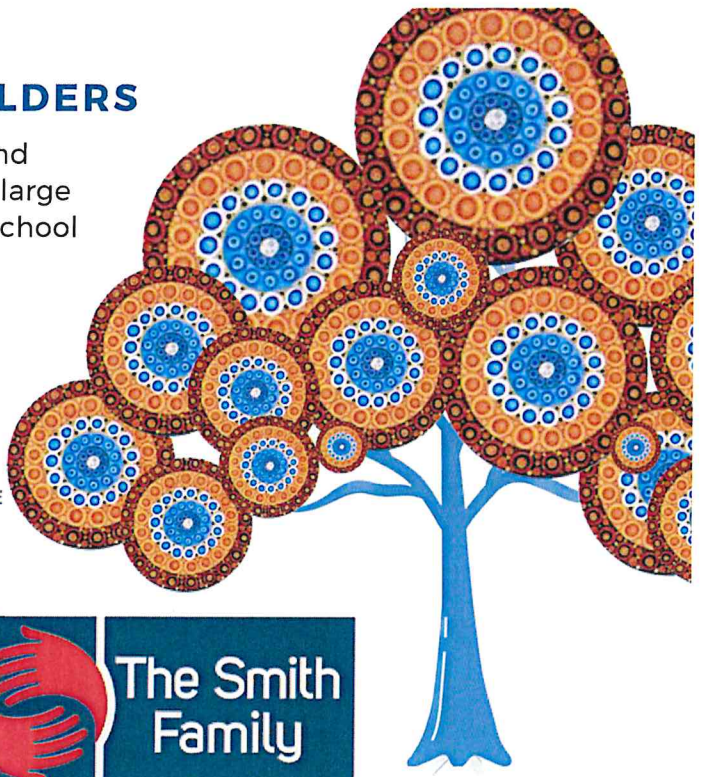
Celebrating Book Week



Karen Blaire author incursion

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.



Thank you

