

THE GRYPHON

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOCKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons are nearing completion for another year.

What a difference we saw in the weather between the two weeks, with students last week enjoying warm, sunny days and students this week subjected to some wind and rain.

Nonetheless, students enjoyed the opportunity to get wet and practise their skills in readiness for summer.

We are pleased that our efforts to negotiate double lessons benefit our students, as it halves the cost to families to only \$25 per child.

In 2024, our Swimming Lessons appear to be around the same time (we have no say over this), so let's keep our fingers crossed for 2 full weeks of sunny weather next year.



OUR AMAZING EA'S!

Last week we celebrated our amazing Allied Professionals. This team of skilled, committed educators are essential to the success of our students and broader school community.

We are fortunate to have 19 EA's as part of our regular staff, with a number of other relief staff who come to school everyday with a strong willingness to help students develop their social, emotional, academic and physical competencies.

They enjoyed a week of surprises and little treats, including chocolates and a beautiful frame celebrating the things that are special about them.

Please take the time to say thank to any of these fantastic educators who positively impact your child's schooling.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

Holidays are fast approaching...

Planning is well underway (some aspects are nearing completion in fact) for the **2024 school year**. Our student numbers have risen this year and we now boast an enrolment of almost 270 students. As is often the case however, we know that some families are moving house towards the end of the year and ask that if you are in this situation, that you to let us know ASAP. Equally, if you know of people moving to the area, remind them to come in to the school so that they can confirm their placement for next year. This is especially important for any incoming Kindy students, as places are limited and those within our boundary are given preference if they get their forms in on time.

Speaking of planning ahead, we have some **exciting improvements** about to begin in our playground, and we are working to strengthen our IT infrastructure and security around the school. In the coming weeks, work will begin on a simple but engaging natural play space, with ideas that came from students in Term 2. The area will have more of a nature feel, with large teepees, stepping stones and hidey holes for students to create imaginative play spaces. Some of this is funded by a grant secured earlier in the year by Mrs Athanassiou, with Mrs Lane then sharing student ideas with landscape architects to begin phase 1 of the plan. We have our next meeting with landscapers in a couple of weeks, with progress to be shared soon after.

STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

Our improvement as a school over the last few years means we are now looked upon to play a role in supporting improvements across the education system. This is something of which we should be proud!

Last week, we had our friends from Koya Aboriginal Corporation with us for our Karrak Meeting, as we engaged in the Balanginy Project.

The Balanginy Project is a journey to shape the way the WA Education Department thinks about and measures how Aboriginal students can succeed at school as Aboriginal people. The WA Education Department has as a priority goal to start measuring and capturing their success in enabling Aboriginal students to succeed as Aboriginal people. Over the next year and half, they will be working with many of our Aboriginal students, parents and carers to explore what enables success in schools from their perspective.

10 parents/carers and 18 students participated in this first opportunity, with more chances for others expected along the journey.



Part of the project called for students to share their story via their own artwork.

CONNECTED PRACTICE

Mrs Leah Shaw

Centre for Excellence

Throughout our Centre for Excellence (CFE) journey, our CFE team will be regularly reviewing our Literacy Daily Review model to improve upon teacher delivery, student engagement, and student academic attainment. Several teachers have been videoing themselves delivering a Daily Review to their class, then viewing one another's videos with a reflective and constructive lens, to improve upon their professional competency within this space.

Through continuous improvement of the Daily Review, we can better consolidate students' understanding and develop their fluency in essential understandings for literacy. We can also increase students' confidence by ensuring that previously taught skills and concepts are reviewed in a sequenced and planned way.

At LPS, the Literacy Daily Review is delivered for approximately 15 mins, 4 x per week and has significantly improved students retention of taught concepts.



STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

Mrs Maddy Smyth

Child Protection Week

This week is National Child Protection Week. This event aims to champion the message 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' and 'Where we start matters'.



At Lockridge Primary School, we work very closely and have positive relationships with various 'Department of Communities' offices. We have been able to utilise these strong relationships to support and benefit the lives of children within our community.

The Midland DoC is currently looking for more families who may be interested in fostering children. If you have the capacity to open your home to a child in need, either for the short or long term, please consider contacting the Midland Department of Communities on 6277 3999, or see the attached flyer.



CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT

Mrs Victoria Skeels

This year, our Book Week 2023 theme, "Read, Grow, Inspire," encouraged students to foster a love of reading, grow through reading a range of different books and related book week activities, and inspire themselves by igniting creativity and imagination through exploring books.

Author Visits:

Year 1 and 2 students had a visit from award winning Western Australian author Karen Blaire. She wowed our students with her drawing talents and enriched our event with her wisdom, sharing her writing and illustrating journey and sparking creativity in our students.

Make a Bookmark:

Our dedicated teachers and staff hosted bookmark making sessions in the library during lunch, with students drawing pictures and using beads to decorate a new bookmark to use at home or school.

Book Week Dress-Up Day:

On Dress-Up Day, students dressed as their favourite book characters, creating a colourful atmosphere and a constant conversation starter throughout the day.

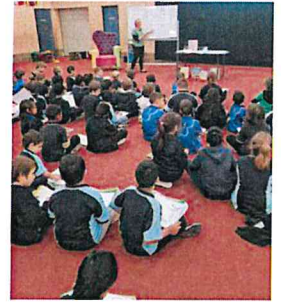
Guess the teacher:

Students had an opportunity to match educator's favourite book and baby photo with their most recent staff photo. All students were very excited and engaged in this learning activity and curious to find out which teacher matched with each baby photo/favourite book. Awesome work to Grace (M5) and Isla (K2) for guessing all 16 out of 16 teachers correct!

We encourage parents to engage in reading activities with your child, reinforcing the importance of reading at home. Let's keep the spirit of Book Week alive by encouraging them to explore new worlds through books!

Premier's Reading Challenge

This week is the last week for The Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations to our 32 students who have participated in the challenge over the last few months! We will acknowledge these superstars at the next assembly!



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

- 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

- 10th Oct - First day for students
- 12th Oct - 2024 Student Leadership Booklet published
- 13th Oct - 2024 aspirant leaders meeting
- 13th Oct - Family Picnic and Mental Health Expo
- 17th Oct - School Council Meeting
- 18th Oct - Kindness Day (Year 6 Fundraiser)
- 18th Oct - Child Australia visit to Kindy
- 20th Oct - Assembly (Choir)



FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs Meg Lane & Mrs Katie Evangelista

Don't Forget Kindy in 2024

Is your child born between 31st July 2019 and 30th June 2020? Or do you have a family member, neighbour or friend that has a child ready for Kindy next year? Please pop into the office and complete an Application Form. Bring along your child's Birth Certificate, Medicare Immunisation History and proof of address. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office 9392 5150.

Year 6 Camp Payments

Camp is quickly coming up in Term 4 and the students are becoming very excited! Please remember that you can make part payments at any time towards this excursion. Please talk to the office if you need more information.

Hats - No Hat No Play

Please remind your children to bring a hat to school. There has been an overwhelming number of students with no hat. The Office only has a limited supply of hats that students can borrow. Remember...No Hat No Play!

Playgroup at LPS

When: Every Friday

Time: 9am till 10:50am

Where: KindiLink Room (M4)

Bring: Hat, water bottle and a piece of fruit to share. For more information please contact us on 9392 5150

Emergency Lunches

Whilst we are happy to provide emergency lunches and food provisions, an increased number of students are presenting to the office claiming to have no lunch. Should you not be able to provide your child lunch, please let the office know and we can help. Please also be aware that when students share that they have no lunch, we may call you to enquire.

Respect Safe High Standards



Look out our wonderful Middle/Upper Primary Team...all wearing their favourite book 'I Spy'.

TIMETABLE CHANGE

From Monday next week, we will begin a 4-6 week trial of a new timetable aimed at:

- supporting students to enjoy their breaks and 'play first';
- helping students fuel up by eating their lunch earlier, straight after the morning break at 11:10am;
- decreasing rubbish in the playground as students will do all their eating under the guidance of their teachers.

Evidence has shown that eating a more substantial meal earlier in the day and post physical activity improves student engagement in learning, regulation of emotions and behaviour, and facilitates healthier eating choices.

We look forward to sharing with you how the students have engaged in our new timetable at the end of the trial period.

Mrs Leah Shaw



Prioritising play is an important aspect of our timetable change

WELCOME SNR SGT MOLLIE STEVENSON

We enjoyed a visit recently from the new boss at Kiara Police Station, Snr Sgt Mollie Stevenson.

We have a long and positive relationship with the Kiara Station, who have supported the learning of students or assisted the wellbeing of the broader school community many times over the years. This has even included a visit from the Police horses.

Snr Sgt Stevenson said she looks forward to continuing and expanding our relationship, and visiting regularly.

Should you bump into her at the school or in the community, please say hello.

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...BOOK WEEK



Reading during breaktime



Our Kwela Team outfits



3 of the best costumes

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

It's on again!!

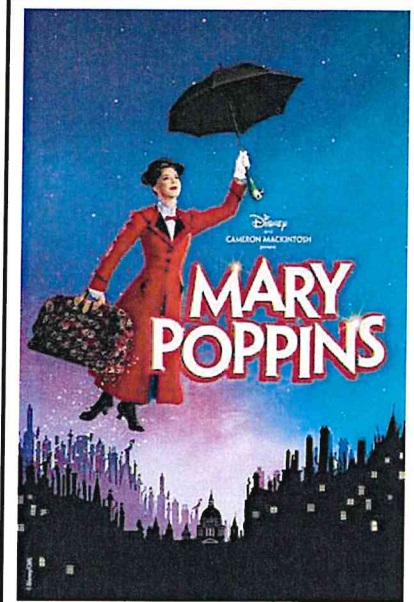
For the past 3 years, we have invited students to experience the colours and spectacle of the theatre, with a show at Crown.

Students have marvelled at Willy Wonka and Frozen in years past, and this year, have the chance to see the amazing Mary Poppins.

Tomorrow morning, a very limited number of tickets (17) go on sale from 8:00am. If your child wishes to attend, they need to bring their completed permission forms (available from the office) and \$50 to the sale desk outside the office.

The event is heavily subsidised by the school, as we value the importance of arts in the community and the potential to unlock skills and passions the students may otherwise not know they have.

Mrs Leah Shaw



FAMILY KADADJINY UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep a look out for our flyer coming home soon with the details of our **Family Picnic and Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo** being held on **Friday 13th October** (First Friday in Term 4).

Bring your family along for a picnic, and then enjoy some wellbeing activities and engagement with agencies from within our local area.

Mrs Leah Shaw

You are invited to join us for our annual
Family Picnic & Mental Health & Wellbeing Expo
When: Friday 13th October 2023

1:00pm-1:30pm: Family Picnic – Join us for a picnic on the grass. Bring a blanket and food to share.

1:30pm-2:45pm: Engage in a variety of wellbeing activities that support the interconnection of mind, body and the environment.

- **Yoga** – Yoga strengthens the body and the mind, while prompting you to focus on your breathing. Control your breathe, control your mind.
- **Dance Fest** – Movement matters! When our bodies move, so do our brains, enhancing mental clarity, improved mood, better brain function, happy hormones released and increased resilience.
- **Make a friendship necklace** – Spread love and joy through a random act of kindness: Write a necklace and give it to someone you care about.
- **Kindness cookies** – The perfect cookie is meant to be shared. Make one for you and one for a friend (Fundraising activity for Yr 6 camp, Gold coin donation).
- **Gratitude chain** – Expressing gratitude is proven to enhance happiness and mood! Add a 'Thank you' link to our gratitude chain.
- **Koya Indigenous games** – Join our Koya invaders in some physical games. A strong body for a strong mind.
- **Mindfulness colouring** – Hold your attention in the present moment with awareness, curiosity and without judgement.
- **Connect with your local community** – Visit a variety of stalls for information and resources to support your mental health and wellbeing.

2:45pm: Students return to class
3:00pm: Dismissal

We look forward to seeing you there!

MORE RECENT HIGHLIGHTS... SWIMMING



Kwela 3



Baroo 1



Kwela kids practising floating