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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOCKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

At the end of Week 1, we enjoyed our 3rd annual Mental Health & Wellbeing Day...and what a day it was!

Over the past few years, this event has grown into one of our biggest and best events, with an increase in both family participation and stakeholder stalls noted this year.

As a school, we prioritise the mental health of our students, staff and families, with us now hosting a range of professionals on-site to support students and in some cases, parents and carers.

Our staff understand the stressors within the community, but we also spend time learning about and strengthening our own mental health, as education is full of complexities.



MARY POPPINS

Last week, around 20 students and a few staff enjoyed a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious experience at Crown Theatre, watching Mary Poppins.

This was our 3rd Arts Leaders Excursion, following on from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (2021) and Frozen (2022).

Mrs McGhee worked with Grace and Kahlifa, our Arts Leaders, to decide the best event for the year, with Mr MB, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Musarra accompanying the students to the wonderful show.

With a few sweet treats in bellies, the whole evening was a delight, with our LPS students singing, dancing, cheering and loving their opportunity to dress up and visit the theatre.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

It's all happening at LPS...

Although 2023 is yet to finish, we are deep into planning for 2024. Last week, staff began constructing draft class lists for next year, with the grouping of students carefully considered on a number of factors. Although parents and carers cannot request a specific teacher, we do invite feedback and **classroom placement requests** regarding the teaching and learning style and friendship dynamics that you feel best benefit your child/ren. These requests can be sent to our Deputy Principal, Leah Shaw via email at Leah.shaw@education.wa.edu.au. Please entitle your email "Child's name 2024 request" so that we can easily distinguish your information against the 100's of emails we get weekly.

We are excited to be hosting the **Faction Athletics Carnival** on Friday 27th October. Whilst it will be a bit shorter than normal, finishing around 12:30pm, there will be most of the regular events, plus a few extra fun ones to get everyone smiling. Students should bring their normal lunch provisions, and there will be a coffee van on-site, with a selection of hot and cold drinks and light refreshments available.

Finally, we will again seek feedback from parents and carers via the **National School Opinion Survey**. A random selection of families will be sent a survey hard copy, which can be completed online using the unique code, or handed in to the office. This survey is anonymous and helps the school learn of ways to validate and improve.

STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL

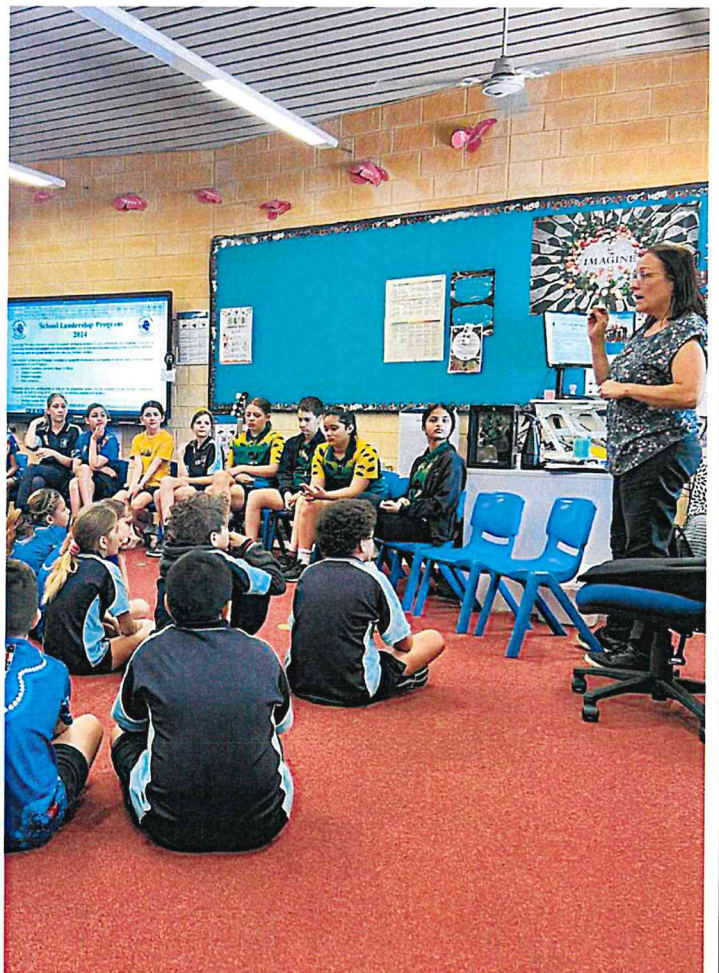
Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

One aspect of our school that has strengthened enormously over the past few years is our Student Leadership Program.

Under the leadership of Mrs McGhee, and supported by Mr Oliphant (Faction Captains), Mrs Shaw & Mr Lukey (Values Captains), the program now boasts an annual leadership day camp, public speaking training, leadership development and opportunities to meet any visiting guests and performers.

The evolution of our Student Leadership Program sees a change in 2024, with our Head Boy and Head Girl to now be reflected as 'School Captains'. This change will also mean that the roles are not mandated as per gender. None of our other captain roles are defined, so we are now aligned across our Student Leadership Program.

This move allows us to re-affirm our belief that the best two students should be rewarded with the top roles in students leadership, irrespective of their gender. We look forward to hearing the 2024 Leaders Speeches on Friday 1st December.



Mrs McGhee and the 2023 Student Leaders speaking with our 2024 aspirant leaders.

CONNECTED PRACTICE

Mrs Leah Shaw

Phonological Awareness Professional Learning

As a part of our whole school literacy improvement journey, we have been investing in upskilling staff in all areas of literacy development.

Last week, our EAs teamed up with Frank, our school speech pathologist, and Cindy from the NEMLDC to engage in rich learning upon how to best support the development of student's phonological awareness.

Phonological awareness is the ability to recognise and manipulate the spoken parts of sentences and words. Phonological awareness is a critical skill for all students' literacy development and a predictor of later reading and spelling success.

Our EAs are looking forward to applying the knowledge they learnt from Frank within small group instructional sessions and targeted intervention to further strengthen student's early literacy skills.



STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

Mrs Maddy Smyth

Mental Health & Wellbeing Expo

What a fantastic day we had at our 3rd annual Family Picnic and Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo! It was fantastic to see so many families gathering together and engaging in activities that promote positive mental health and overall wellbeing.

A huge **THANKYOU** to the services that came along to support our families;

- Midvale Hub Parenting Service
- Smith Family
- Koya Aboriginal Corporation
- Salvation Army
- Earbus Foundation of WA
- Zero2hero
- North East Metro Language Development Centre

Should you have missed visiting any of these services, or would like more information about a specific service, please reach out to us for details.



CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT

Mrs Victoria Skeels

Research suggests that if you read for 10 minutes a night that it will change your life. It is proven that reading with your child increases your child's happiness, makes them feel calm and improves their concentration, memory and focus! Here are 10 tips to try to help make reading fun and enjoyable!

10 tips to read with your child

- Find a cosy place to read with your child or sit out in the sunshine
- Slow down when reading aloud
- Read not just books but menus, food boxes, signs etc.
- Encourage sounding out or breaking it into syllables
- Ask and answer question as you read
- Try reading in different voices and sound levels
- Use the illustrations to create own story
- Read a favourite book multiple times
- Read every single day- build it into your daily routine
- Visit your local library



School Holiday Reading Challenge

Over the school holidays students were invited to engage in a NEW school holiday reading challenge! They had to read for 10 nights and received 10 tokens! We had 43 students engage in the challenge and not only get 10 tokens but were treated to a special lunch on Friday afternoon with the leadership team to acknowledge their commitment to reading. Awesome work to those students!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

- 24th Oct - Taekwondo with Kickstart
- 25th Oct - Music Rocks Australia
- 26th Oct - Interschool Cricket Carnival
- 27th Oct - Faction Athletics Carnival
- 27th Oct - Hampton SHS STEM Challenge
- 30th Oct - Year 5/6 Telethon Incursion
- 31st Oct - Taekwondo with Kickstart
- 1st Nov - Music Rocks Australia
- 3rd Nov - P&C Scholarship opens
- 3rd Nov - Kwela 4 assembly
- 7th Nov - Taekwondo with Kickstart
- 8th Nov - 2024 Kindy Orientation
- 8th Nov - Music Rocks Australia
- 9th Nov - Karrak Family Gathering
- 9th Nov - Year 6 Camp meeting

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

2024 Kindy Enrolments

Is your child born between 31st July 2019 and 30th June 2020? 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 nearly here, please make your payment to the office asap.

Head Lice

Please be vigilant when it comes to checking your child's/children's hair. Head lice love all hair types and the most effective method is the 10-day conditioner and lice comb treatment. Please see the office for more information should you require it.

Late to School?

Just a quick reminder to families that if you are arriving late to school please pop into the office for a last pass. We are then able to mark the role as teachers may have already done so. This will stop you from receiving notifications that your child/children are absent

Updated Contact Details

It is vital that we have current parent/carer mobile contact details for emergency situations, LPS text messages and absence alerts. Please get in touch with the office to update your details.

Lunches for students

Please remember our lunch time has changed to 11.10am - 11.20am. If you are needing to drop off lunches, please do so before this time.

Respect Safe High Standards



Work in our new play space has begun!



Is your Hawaiian gear ready for our carnival?




PBS MATRIX CHANGES

Over the past 6 months, the Student Wellbeing and Engagement (SWE) Team has lead the development of a revised LPS whole school matrix that reflects the current culture and behavioural expectations that exemplify the Lockridge Way.

Our previous matrix laid the foundation for what is now common practise across the school - Showing **respect**, being **safe** and having **high standards**, resulting in remarkable improvements in student behaviour.

Through this consistent and aligned approach to student behaviour management, we are now able to implement a matrix with greater focus upon engagement in learning and achieving academic success **#Lockridgestrong**

Mrs Leah Shaw

At Lockridge Primary School we have a POSITIVE APPROACH			
School Values	We show RESPECT	We are SAFE	We have HIGH STANDARDS
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The Lockridge Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We use manners, kind words and appropriate language. We follow staff instructions promptly and respectfully. We honour all our cultural connections. We take care of our own things, others, and school property. We celebrate our success and the success of others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We keep our hands, feet, and objects to ourselves. We use equipment for its intended purpose. We stay within the boundaries of the school. We work together to resolve conflict in a safe manner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We attend school regularly and arrive before the first bell. We represent our school with pride and wear our school uniform properly ("Locks on top"). We are accountable for our own learning and behaviour choices. We challenge ourselves and strive to reach our goals. We restore and rebuild relationships when our behaviour affects others.
Learning Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We uphold our class purpose. We are cooperative during group learning times. We respect everyone's right to learn. We change our noise volume to suit the task (quiet, partner, group, class). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We walk quietly in draft-free between areas. We politely ask permission to leave or enter learning areas. We keep our learning areas clean and tidy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are ready to learn with our S.L. We partners, have an "I can" attitude, and learn from our mistakes. We remain engaged, focused and stay focused on learning. We seek feedback and ask for help when needed.
Outdoors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We follow the agreed rules of games and play. We ensure all rubbish goes in the bin. We sit and eat in the designated area. We return all borrowed equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We wear our hat and shoes. We walk on paved areas. We stay within play boundaries and use the correct playground. We always walk (sides and corners) on the school grounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are lined up and ready to learn by the second bell. We include others in our play. We show good sportsmanship. We show resilience when faced with playground challenges.

MUSICA VIVA MUSIC PROGRAM

We are excited to announce the addition of Miss Jessica Blunt to our LPS family. Jessica, who studied at the Royal Academy of Music University of London, comes to us via our partnership with Musica Viva. We are one of only 5 schools in WA who will have a musician in residency program for 2023-2025.

Whilst we have always had a strong Performing Arts program, through the amazing drama program lead by Mrs McGhee, she is looking forward to expanding her repertoire by working alongside Jessica.

You can learn more about Jessica at:
<https://www.musicteacher.com.au/jessica-blunt/>

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...



Saturday PL for staff



Chess Club begins



Year 6 Camp Cookie Fundraiser

CONNECT & RESPECT

In 2023, communication comes in many forms and our use of digital platforms, including social media, is important in helping us stay connected. With that, we all have a responsibility to ensure that the communication, whether direct or otherwise, is respectful and purposeful.

The Department of Education has published a new resource "Connect and Respect", which highlights our shared responsibility when communicating, including online.

Our students with access to social media platforms often struggle with this and need their parents/carers to support their understandings about safe online behaviours, as once something is posted online, it can never be taken back.

I urge all within our community to use social media in such a manner that it is not seen as inappropriate, disrespectful, malicious or judgemental. Should there be issues that concern you, and they pertain to the school, you asked to contact us so we can work together to remedy the issue.

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson



Shaping the future

Connect and Respect

Every student, staff member, parent or carer has the right to feel safe and be safe in our schools.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment, free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

What we can all expect:



We will not tolerate:



Shared and respectful expectations and values will enable us to work together in the best interests of our children.



FAMILY KADADJINY UPCOMING EVENTS

We will soon be taking registrations for a 'Building your Child's Resilience' parent/carer workshop to be held on **Tuesday 28/11 from 9am-11am.**

The workshop will be delivered by our friends at Midvale Parenting Hub, with creche facilities available pending need and registration numbers.



Mrs Leah Shaw

MIDVALE HUB PARENTING SERVICE PERTH NORTH EAST

Building Your Child's Resilience

This workshop is for Parents and Caregivers of children 3 to 10 years

Resilience is important for children's mental health. This workshop will explore:

- the brain behind resilience
- ways to foster emotional regulation
- strengthen confidence & nurturing courage
- ways to build a growth mindset in children

Lockridge Primary School (Library)
 Tuesday - 28 November 2023
 9am - 11am

FREE - Registration is essential
 Only 12 Places available.

RSVP to the school - 9392 5150
 by the 17 November, 2023

Creche: may be available
PLEASE NOTE: THIS WORKSHOP IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND

Midvale Hub Parenting Service (Perth North East)
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 Email: parenting@mundaring.wa.gov.au

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MORE RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...



Arm wrestling fun!



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