

THE GRYPHON

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOCKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



FESTIVE SEASON

All of us at Lockridge PS wish to extend a huge thank you to our parents, carers, families and community for the support of our students and staff throughout 2023.

We know this time of year is both fun-filled and busy, and can bring with it added stress, especially in these challenging times. So with that, we encourage all families to enjoy the summer days together, spending time on the things that matter most.

We look forward to 2024, but not before we all enjoy a well earned break, during which we want you all to stay safe and have fun.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see everyone's smiling faces when students return on Wednesday 31st January.



YEAR 6 CAMP FUN

Our Year 6's enjoyed a fun-filled camp earlier this term at Point Peron.

The days were chock-a-block with activities and challenges to push the students mentally, physically and emotionally (in a good way), with team-work and relationship-building a core focus of the 3 days.

Feedback from teachers and parents attending was wonderful, with students acting in a manner that befits our school values and demonstrated to other schools in the camp the quality of our school.

Plans are already in place for the 2024 Camp, with the current Year 5's certain to have as much fun as the group this year. Whilst everyone came back tired, the smiles were clear to see.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

It's mind blowing to think that we are days away from the end of another school year...

2023 has been, in so many ways, one of great success at Lockridge PS. Despite the everyday challenges that present in a school, much like they do in our everyday lives, in 2023, we took significant strides in ensuring we become and remain the very best school we can be. I am proud to say that we are now, more than ever, at the forefront of evidence-based and system thinking, with our school entrenched in programs including the Centre for Excellence in the Explicit Teaching of Literacy, the Culturally Responsive Leadership Program, the Balanginy Project and the Musica Viva Artist-in Residence Program.

Our participation in these, coupled with a strong Public School Review earlier this year, leave us well positioned to continue our improvement journey into 2024, with an increased focus on the academic growth of our students. Strengthening in this space through the school-wide implementation of Daily Reviews, the use of Peggy Lego Handwriting and Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Programs in ECE and the application of Spelling Mastery and 7 Steps to Writing in Middle/Upper classes shows just how far we have come over the last couple of years... and it is really benefitting our students. It is also benefitting our staff in that the alignment we have and are continuing to create allows for richer collaboration, decreased workload and more consistency across classes.

STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

Our School Council is a vital part of the Lockridge PS Governance structure.

We have 3 positions on the School Council beginning in Term 1, 2024, each of a 3-year tenure.

- *Parents/carers concerned with the length of tenure should still consider nominating, as successful nominees can still leave their position during their tenure should they need or should their child move.*

I am pleased to call for nominations from interested parents/carers. If you are considering nominating, please chat with a current School Council Members to learn more. Please note that where the number of applicants exceeds the number of positions, a vote may be required.

An "eligible parent" is each parent (or legal carer) whose name and address has been provided to the school under section 16(1)(b)(ii)(l) of the School Education Act, or if neither parent's name and address has been so provided, each person who is responsible for the student.

Parents/carers wishing to nominate should forward a brief nomination email to mike.mountbryson@education.wa.edu.au by 3pm, Wednesday, 13th December 2023.

NOMINATE FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL



Our School Council have engaged in strategic planning to help drive the school forward and are an integral group to ensure parents, carers and the community have a voice within our direction.

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.lockridgeps.wa.edu.au/school-information/school-council/>

CONNECTED PRACTICE

Mrs Leah Shaw

Classroom coaching and observation

Even as the school year is drawing to a close, our amazing and committed staff continue to work within the curriculum space, engaging in classroom coaching and observation to further develop their knowledge and skill within the literacy learning area.

Teachers have been observing one another's Literacy Daily Reviews and Synthetic Phonics instruction, including the delivery of our Spelling Mastery program.

Our EAs have been observing teachers delivering reading intervention to groups of students, and have also been working with Frank, our Speech Pathologist to increase their knowledge within the literacy intervention space.

We are excited to continue to strengthen our literacy program and delivery in 2024, and continuing to see our students flourish within the English Learning Area.



STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

Mrs Maddy Smyth

Waterplay Day Fun!!

Our wonderful students earned their Water Play Day last Friday! They received this whole school reward for consistently showing **Respect**, being **Safe** and having **High Standards**! It was a fun-filled afternoon, with students engaging in a variety of water-tastic activities including a foam party, colour run and games.



CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT

Mrs Victoria Skeels

As the end of the year is fast approaching, school for 2023 is coming to an end. We have seen huge improvements in the engagement of students reading throughout the year as we continue to strengthen our whole school literacy processes. This year Lockridge had a range of different reading opportunities for students such as LPS Home Reading, Holiday Reading challenges, The Premier's Reading Challenge, Shadow Judging in connection with the City of Swan Libraries, Book Week activities, author visits and the list goes on. A big thank you goes out to all teacher's for helping to support these whole school initiatives and also to our wonderful parent group and community for working with us to develop a love of reading for our students!

Over the school holidays, it is vital for students to continue to engage in reading and opportunities to explore the world of reading. As I have shared this year, reading has a wide range of benefits for our students ranging from increasing imagination and creativity to enhancing knowledge, vocabulary and reducing stress and boredom. We believe as educators that it is essential to continue to keep the habit of reading over the holidays as research states that not reading for an extended period of time can mean losing the knowledge and skills learnt.

Early next week, we would like to share a Summer Holidays Reading Challenge to provide students with a range of different and fun ways to engage in reading over the extended break. We look forward to seeing how many students have participated, with the competition sheet due back at the end of Week 1, 2nd February 2024.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing Christmas holidays and hope you get to spend some quality time with your family and engage in some reading activities or even visit a local library.

READING BINGO BOARD
Competition sheet due Friday 2nd February 2024

Name: _____ Class: _____
Parent/ Carer signature: _____

Visit a local library and borrow a book	Read at the park	Read a book that is your favourite colour
Make a book fort and read	Read a book that is your favourite colour	Read a book that is your favourite colour
READ OUTSIDE	Read a book that is your favourite colour	READ IN THE CAR
READ A BOOK THAT WON AN AWARD	Read a book about an animal	READ A BOOK THAT WON AN AWARD

COMING SOON



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Term 4

- 7th Dec - Transition Day #2
- 8th Dec - 2023 Student Leaders Reward
- 12th Dec - Year 6 Graduation & Excursion
- 13th Dec - 2023 Christmas Concert
- 13th Dec - Semester 2 Reports published
- 14th Dec - Last day of school for 2023

2024 Term 1

- 24th Jan - Office opens
- 25th Jan - Leadership Team returns
- 26th Jan - Australia Day Public Holiday
- 29th Jan - School Development Day #1
- 30th Jan - School Development Day #2
- 31st Jan - Students return
- 1st Feb - 2024 Kindy first day
- 9th Feb - Student Leader nominations close
- 13th Feb - School Council Meeting
- 15th Feb - Welcome to 2024 Family Picnic (TBC)
- 22nd Feb - P&C Meeting (TBC)
- 23rd Feb - First Assembly for 2024 (w/ 2024 Student Leaders announced)
- 29th Feb - Karrak Family Gathering (TBC)
- 1st Mar - School Development Day #3
- 4th Mar - Labour Day Public Holiday



FOLLOW US

FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs Meg Lane & Mrs Katie Evangelista

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year Year!

Booklists - 8/12/23 Last day for online ordering for School Collection

If you are ordering your Booklists online through Campion and choosing School Collection on Wednesday 24/01/24, tomorrow is your last day to do so. If you are choosing Home Delivery, orders placed online before 8/12/23 will be dispatched no later than 19/01/24 at a cost of \$5.

Orders placed online for Home Delivery after 8/12/23, will incur a cost of \$8 and cannot be guaranteed delivery prior to school starting.

2024 LPS Uniform Shop

The P&C will be opening the Uniform Shop for families on Wednesday 24/01/24.

Time: 10.30am - 1.30pm

Looking after Lockridge PS over the Holiday Break & Weekends

If you see anything out of the ordinary happening at Lockridge PS over the holiday break or weekend, please call Ed Security 9264 4632, School Watch 1800 177 777 or the Police 131 444. Lockridge PS has a fantastic strong community and we take pride in keeping our school safe for your children.

Breakfast Club Week 10

Monday only

8:20am to 8:45am

Location - Baroo B3

Uniform Shop Open Week 10

Monday morning not Tuesday due to

Graduation Ceremony

8:30am to 9:30am



Respect Safe High Standards



Fun at the Year 6 Camp

KARRAK & KOYA JOIN FORCES

We are in the early stages of a state-first initiative that will see us join forces with Koya Aboriginal Corporation to have 2 almost fulltime Aboriginal Mentors to work with Mrs Lawson to support student attendance, academic growth and cultural learning.

Our friends from Koya include Max, Kerry, Lucina, Jenna and Angus, all of whom will spend time each week working with Aboriginal students across LPS to develop student capacity in the above mentioned areas.

We are also excited about the benefits for all students, as Koya and LPS together are committed to supporting all students in these areas, with an after school cultural program also part of our future plans.

We thank our Karrak families who last week gave guidance and feedback on how Koya could best support their children and how they could be involved. How amazing would it be if we were able to help this program become so successful that it grew to other schools?

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson



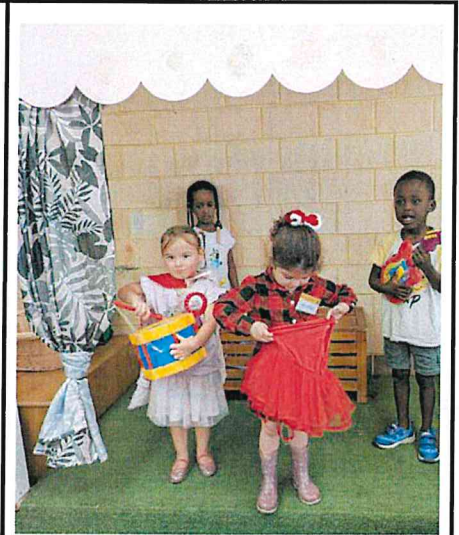
KINDY 'STAY & PLAY'

Supporting our newest students remains a priority at Lockridge PS and there are no group more important than our incoming Kindy students for the year ahead.

Over the past fortnight, we have welcomed our 2024 Kindy group to 2 transition days, whereby they get the chance to experience life at Lockridge PS for the first time.

Current Kindy staff Mrs Murphy, Mrs Moorman, Mrs Pollard and Mrs Moore supported the children through a range of activities, many with their families, to boost the likelihood that they will feel comfortable when they arrive in 2024. Parents and carers even left the room for periods to speak with the Leadership Team, so that their children could interact with their new friends independently.

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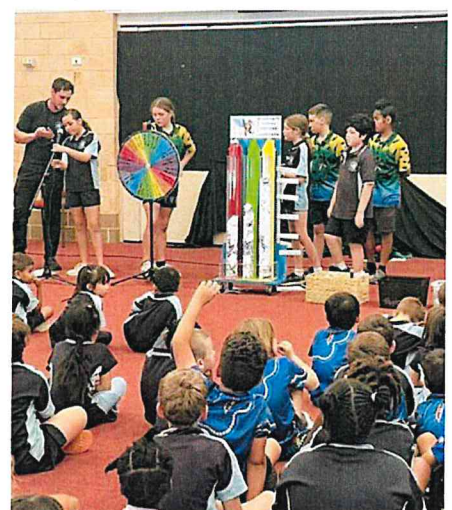
RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...



M3 & M6 Buddies



K2 superstars



Values Leaders

TRANSITION FOR 2024

Transition Days are a Term 4 priority at Lockridge PS, so that students, staff and families can learn of the expected classrooms structures, personnel and groupings for the following year.

We are proud of the fact that we are extremely transparent with our students in that their transition class is likely their class for the year ahead. We feel this is best practice in supporting students to be best prepared and to become excited about the fantastic peers and educators with whom they will get to work. It also allows the staff to build necessary relationships and understandings of student need before students begin in their classroom.

Whilst there are usually some changes, due to new enrolments or students leaving, these are often minor. Even where changes occur, we have a very stable and committed staff cohort, so students will still likely know the educators within their classroom.

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FAMILY KADADJINY - UPCOMING EVENTS



During the year Swan Libraries' staff visited your school to bring every **Kindergarten student** their very own green Better Beginnings Book Pack. Your kindergarten child has received a Better Beginnings green reading pack from Beechboro Public Library. This free pack included a beautiful book and fun activities that you and your child can do together.

The updated Better Beginnings Kindergarten pack also includes a colouring sheet which requires Australian animal stickers for children to complete the picture. The stickers are only available for collection from public libraries. Head down to your local City of Swan library branch, to claim your free sticker pack today!

Your local library has a wide range of books, digital magazines, audiobooks, and streaming movies that you and your children can borrow. The libraries run free activities for babies, toddlers, and primary school aged children throughout the year, even during the school holidays. By joining the library, you are helping your children develop reading and study habits which will see them well into their future.

We look forward to having you visit over the school holiday break :)

Mrs Leah Shaw



MORE RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...



New playground



Waterplay Day



LAC Christmas