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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOCKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



HARMONY DAY 2024

One of the highlights of our annual calendar is HARMONY DAY!

Harmony Day (or Harmony Week as it is celebrated nation-wide) is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Week to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.



2024 P&C COMMITTEE

What a brilliant turnout at our 2024 P&C AGM last week. All positions were filled through an election, with some exciting ideas for fundraising and events coming from the many attendees.

Congratulations to our new Office Bearers:

- President: Kathleen C
- Vice President: Rachel H
- Secretary: Alanah K
- Treasurer: Anne B

Congratulations also to our new Executive Committee members, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator and Fundraising Coordinator.

Thanks to outgoing Office Bearers Tracey M, Gaye B and Becc W and others who have given their time over the past 12 months.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

And just like that, it's almost the end of term. Overwhelmingly, it's been a positive one, with students, staff and families communicating a generally positive Term 1. We noticed very early that the hard work that has gone into establishing structures and routines over the past few years helped our students have a more settled start, allowing them to get down to work.

Term 2 is a long one, with it being spread across 11 weeks. It is also full of activities and events allowing us to come together, or providing students more opportunities to progress and achieve. Highlights include our ANZAC Day Service, Interschool Netball and Soccer for our senior students, National Simultaneous Storytime and NAIDOC celebrations.

Finally, as our main forms of communication, outside of meetings and phone calls are Seesaw, Facebook and SMS messaging, we will now be producing a **newsletter** twice per term. When I first arrived at Lockridge PS, we had a newsletter every fortnight, yet feedback from parents and carers was that communication needed to improve. With the emergence of social media and online platforms, our ability to share information quickly and often has improved, hence, newsletters are not as vital for sharing key information. Newsletters will now go out once in the first half and once in the second half of each term from Term 2 onwards. We appreciate your support in this and urge you to ensure you are connected to us via Seesaw and Facebook.

STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

We are fortunate to have a number of important parent/carer led groups and committees at Lockridge PS, all who look to play a role in supporting our school.

One of these groups is our **Karrak Family Gathering**, who are parents, carers or family members of our 100+ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. I have long maintained that the cultural richness of the Aboriginal families in our school is a genuine strength and last week, our Karrak families came together to engage in discussion and knowledge sharing. Families heard from our friends at Koya Aboriginal Corporation about our shared cultural programs, begun initial planning for our 2024 NAIDOC Day and discussed some potential art projects for around the school.

The comments from our families about our work to support their children were so heartening and greatly appreciated. We are thankful for the chance to work alongside them. We will have our next Karrak meeting in early Term 2, whereby planning for NAIDOC 2024 will ramp up!



Our Karrak families meet 1-2 times per term, helping the school build and sustain cultural responsiveness. This amazing group of parents and carers were the key designers behind our Karrak shirt, which our students wear proudly



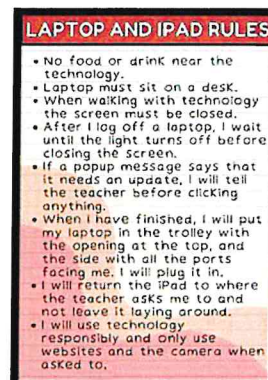
CONNECTED PRACTICE

Mrs Leah Shaw

At Lockridge Primary School we value consistency in routines and classroom procedures as it provides structure and predictability for our students. Students across every class are explicitly taught a variety of whole school practices with the goal that they become automatized habits. The efficient, productive and automatic execution of these routines reduces wasted learning time and helps to free up students' working memory to focus on learning.

This term students have been focussing upon learning the following classroom procedures;

- 5 Ls - An engagement strategies whereby students centre themselves to be learning ready by ensuring they are looking, listening, their lips are closed, their legs are crossed and they are leaving everything alone.
- Book work procedures - Ensuring neat work habits by lining up with correct margins,
- Learning voices - Using different noise volumes to suit the learning task - Silent voice, partner voice, group voice, classroom voice.
- I-Pad and laptop procedures - Agreements made by classes to ensure the safe usage of devices.



STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

Mrs Maddy Smyth

Values Tokens

One of the important roles of our Values Captains is to give out tokens to those students who are demonstrating our school values during play time.

This week, our values focus is on being **SAFE** by keeping our hands, feet and objects to ourselves.

We are so close to reaching our next whole school reward of 20 minutes extra play time!

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to our most recent recipients of LPS Attendance Awards!

Kwela 1 was our class award winner with an impressive combined attendance rate of **95%**

Congratulations also to our individual award winners, **Grace F** and **Jace N**, who got to choose a prize for having 100% attendance!



Our wonderful Values Captain, Haylee

FROM OUR AIEO...PLEASE MEET KADEEJAH

Kaya,

My name is Kadeejah or as all my mob call me Deejah, I am a Ballardong Nyoongar and Seychellios yorga, I was born and raised on Wadjuk boodja.

I am a mother to a deadly little 4 year boy who is not only my boordiya (boss) but my absolute world, I am 1 of 5 siblings and in my spare time I love spending quality time with my little family.

I have previously fulfilled administration roles for multiple mining companies and didn't find my passion until I worked as a student family support officer, providing wrap around support for Indigenous secondary students.

I have recently joined Koya to continue my passion and drive working closely with Indigenous youth and giving back to my mob. In particular, breaking negative generational cycles, maintaining and initiating healthy strong relationships and purely encouraging our koolankas to grow to be Moorditj (strong) maarmans (men) and yorgas (women).

I look forward to working closely with all you and in particular putting in my absolute all to walk alongside your baby ones during their primary school journeys.



Boordawarn,
Deejah 🍷

Mrs Alice Lawson



What's a WASN?

A WASN is the WA student number issued by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) at the time of enrolment.

It is an 8-digit number and is sometimes called a SCISA or student number. This number can be found on school reports, including previous NAPLAN results. It may also be on a secondary student's SmartRider.

SmartRider

SCHOOL NAME
 School Name (e.g. ABC Primary School)
 Address (e.g. 123 Main Street, Perth, WA 6000)
 Phone (e.g. 08 9999 9999)
 Email (e.g. info@abcprimary.wa.edu.au)

NAPLAN results

Student Report 2023 Term 3
 NAPLAN results for 2023 Term 3
 English
 Mathematics
 Reading
 Spelling/Punctuation/Grammar

School report

Year 5/6 Report
 English
 Mathematics
 Reading
 Spelling/Punctuation/Grammar

If you have a SmartRider, you can find your WASN on the back of the card.

WA STUDENT ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

The WA Student Assistance Payment helps parents and carers with cost-of-living pressures associated with sending their children to school.

All Western Australian school students in Kindergarten to Year 12, with a valid WA student number, are eligible for this cost-of-living payment.

You can claim \$250 for each secondary student and \$150 for students attending primary school or kindergarten.

The payment will be available through the ServiceWA app, with parents and carers encouraged to set up or update their ServiceWA account and have an active digital identity.

Claims open on Monday 15 April 2024.

All claims must be received by Friday 28 June 2024.

Mr Mike Mount-Bryson

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...



Music fun with Jess!



Student Leadership Camp



Values Assemblies

FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs Meg Lane & Mrs Katie Evangelista

Last Chance to be in the draw for 4 x \$100 Bunnings Vouchers!

A huge thank you to families that have paid their \$30 per student, Voluntary Contribution! To be in the running to **win one of 4 x \$100 Bunnings Vouchers** please pay via any of the payment options below:

Cash, EFTPOS or direct bank deposit to:
Lockridge PS BSB 016255 ACC 340843004.
Please use your child's name as the reference.

Hats

Students are still asking to borrow a hat at morning and afternoon play break times. We have given out hundreds of donated hats over the last year and have not had any returned. Please ensure you child/children start Term 2 with a hat packed in their bag. Thank you :)

Spelling Mastery Books Yr3 - Yr6

A reminder note was sent out to families who are yet to pay for their students Spelling Mastery Book. If you have not had the chance to pay as yet, please do as soon as possible. We are unable to photocopy the books due to copywrite laws and this is a vital part of your child's educational program, Payment options are: Cash, EFTPOS or direct bank deposit to:
Lockridge PS BSB 016255 ACC 340843004
Please use your child's name and Spelling Mastery as the reference.

WA Student Assistance Payment

Notes were sent home this week with students, advising parents/carers of their individual WA Student Number (WASN), which is required when claiming the payment.

For support and general information about ServiceWA, including assistance to download the app and set up your Digital Identity, visit wa.gov.au/servicewaapp

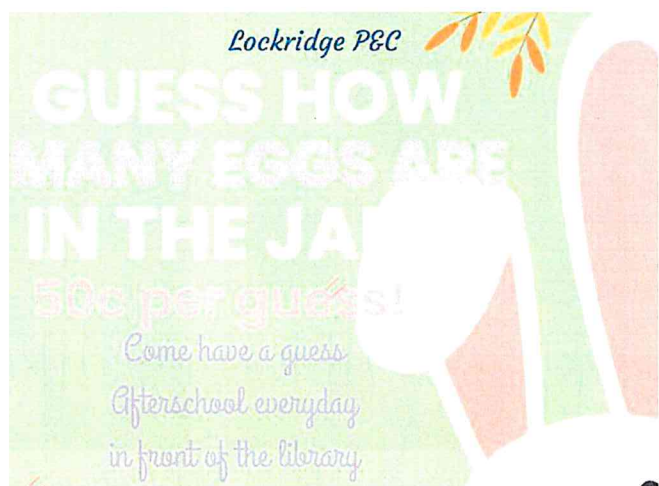
Alternatively, you can call the ServiceWA App Support Team 24/7 on 13 33 WA (13 33 92) or email support@digital.wa.gov.au

Respect Safe

High Standards

HARMONY DAY

Celebrating Australia's Cultural Diversity



FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...

One of the many wonderful services we have supporting our school this year is Ozharvest. Ozharvest provides some of the bread for our breakfast club, fruit for the office and I am fortunate enough to receive some food hampers from them weekly. If you would like a hamper for your family or another family you know of that would appreciate one right now, please come and see me on a Wednesday or Friday in my office (behind the library next to the grass) or see the lovely admin ladies in the office.

Mrs Rachel Wanigasekera



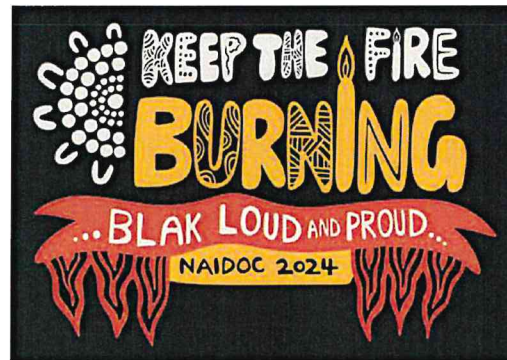
FAMILY KADADJINY - UPCOMING EVENTS



On Thursday 20th June 2024 we will be having our annual NAIDOC celebration.

This much anticipated event sees our school community all come together to share in cultural activities, food and yarning to recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Keep a look out for promotional information throughout Term 2!



Mrs Leah Shaw

MORE RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...



2024 Student Leaders



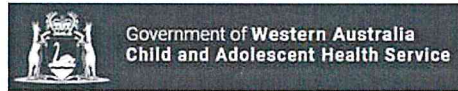
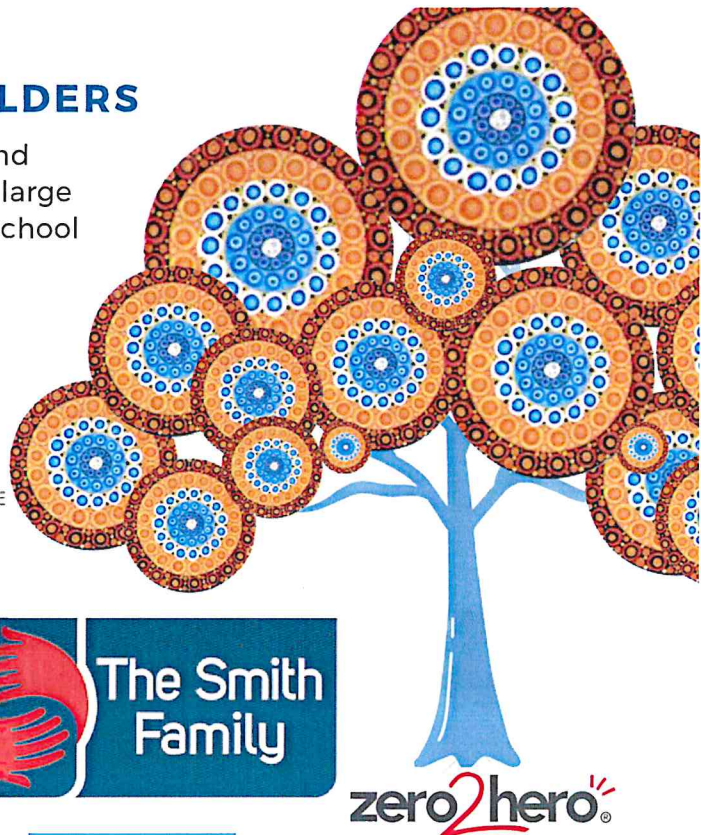
Easter Raffle



ACE Program nominations

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

