



THE VIEW @ LEURA

Newsletter of the Leura Public School Community

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Term 4, 2023

December Edition

PRESENTATION DAY 2023

Thank You! to our community for a wonderful Presentation Day 2023.

Congratulations! to all our student award recipients and thank you to all those teachers and staff members who assisted in the running of the day!

We are so lucky to have a collaborative and collegial community of staff who go above and beyond, ensuring our school events are smooth and successful!

We enjoyed the inclusive model which we implemented this year and are hoping that in 2024, we can repeat this structure.



2024 School Year

Staff Development Days

Tuesday 30th January 2024 and Wednesday 31st January 2024

Students in Years 1-6 First Day

Thursday 1st February 2024

Kindergarten students First Day

Thursday 8th February 2024

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Principal's Report

Term 4 - December 2023 Edition



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wow, here we are at the end of another year! We are so proud as always of the achievement of our students, the work of our staff and the investment of support and love by our parents and caregivers. It has been an amazing 2023!

Our community has enabled our school to maintain its focus on our core business of student-centered learning, as well as providing the incentive and motivation for our staff to continue enthusiastically with their most important job - teaching your children!

All we can say is well done to all and thank you!

Staffing and School Operations

Our planning for 2024 will see 10 mainstream classes and one Multi-Categorical Class. Things can change over the holiday period and several factors may change our current plans. We will endeavour to keep our community updated as Term 1, 2024 begins.

We will commence the start of the year with five Assistant Principals that will be a mixture of part time and full time.

Mrs. Claire Thickett, will remain our AP for Curriculum and Instruction (Monday-Wednesday). Mrs. Daniele Aldred will supervise Years K-2 (Monday-Friday). Mr. Steve Atkinson will supervise Years 3-6 (Monday-Friday). Mrs. Justine Jinks will lead Transitions, Student Voice and Stage 2 Units of Work for the New Curriculum (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday). Mrs. Hannah Bucholtz will lead HPGE across our school (Thursday).

The theme for our class names in 2024 is the Olympics and our classes will be named after Australian Olympians. Our projected student enrolments are 230 and this includes our MC Class enrolments. Student numbers are still fluctuating; hence, nothing is concrete until the start of the 2024 school year when all our students have returned and we have submitted our final numbers to the Department. Our system entitlement is 9 classes, however with Disaster Support funding the school is establishing an extra class. We will therefore have 10 classes in 2024.

Our teaching staff will remain consistent with a mix of permanent and temporary teachers. Currently the teachers allocated to each stage are:

- Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten): Mrs. Jacqueline Thompson, and Miss. Emma Jinks
- Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): Mrs. Daniele Aldred (AP), Mrs. Jacqueline Thompson, Miss. Jessica Colless and Miss. Chelsea Parker
- Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): Mrs. Justine Jinks (AP), Mrs. Haley McGown and Mr. Chris Dodds
- Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6): Mrs. Hannah Bucholtz (AP), Mr. Chris Dodds and Mr. Steve Atkinson (AP)
- MC Class Teacher: Mrs. Kaz O'Donohue

RFF and Support part-time roles are:

- RFF Art (Monday, Tuesday): Ms. Laurice Ghannoum
- RFF Music (Monday, Tuesday): Mrs. Vanessa Cartwright
- Teacher Librarian (Monday – Wednesday): Mrs. Lauren Halse
- Learning and Support Teachers including EAL/D: Mrs. Renee Krasinski, Mrs. Jacqui Crowe and Mr. Patrick Angel
- Exec. QTSS: Mrs. Vanessa Cartwright (Wednesday – Friday) and Mrs. Lauren Halse (Thursday)

School Administrative and Support Staff are:

- School Administrative Manager (SAM): Miss. Di Kipp
- School Administrative Officers (SAOs): Mrs. Catriona Carver, Ms. Jenny McLaren (Principal Support 1 day) and Mrs. Jacky Corio
- MC Class School Learning Support Officer (SLSO): Mrs. Jenny Lawday
- Mainstream School Learning Support Officers: Mrs. Cassandra Music (5 days) and Mrs. Amanda Nelson (3 days)

The first two days of school during Term 1 2024 are Staff Development Days – Tuesday 30th January 2024 and Wednesday 31st January 2024.

Students in Years 1-6 return to school on Thursday 1st February 2024. Kindergarten students will start their first day on Thursday 8th February 2024 with staggered start times. Best Start Appointments are scheduled over a few days before Kindergartens first day. Letters with all the details will be sent to families during the holidays.

Year 6 Farewell and Graduation

I would like to thank the incredible list of volunteers lead by Mrs. Georgia Mike and Mrs. Sarah Dignam and staff member Mrs. Justine Jinks, who assisted in the organisation, planning, and preparation of the Year 6 Farewell, 2023. It was a successful and wonderful evening, and the beach theme was spectacular. Many thanks to ALL involved.

To our Year 6 parents and carers – thank you for getting your beautiful children this far in this leg of their learning journey. You have done an excellent job in supporting, encouraging, caring, loving, preparing, planning and guiding your children each day! Well done in reaching the end of primary school with them and I send you positive energy and strength as you enter high school with your child. As a fellow parent, please know that our school is always here for support and encouragement because we are all in this together.

To our Year 6 students – It has been a privilege to be part of your learning journey at Leura Public School. I want to thank you for displaying such responsibility, resilience and respect. You have demonstrated your responsibility to learning by being reflective, open-minded, adaptive and flexible. These skills and knowledge will certainly be valuable in your future life endeavours. I wish you all the very best for a successful and prosperous future filled with life-long learning, love and support from family and friends, beautiful memories and the mindset to tackle any challenge with an open mind.

Christmas Sing-a-Long and Talent Show

Our Christmas festivities were a huge success. The students were fantastic during the Christmas sing-a-long and our performers at the Talent Show were incredibly entertaining. Thank you to the many staff who supported with all these events. Our whole community appreciated the work and effort for this beautiful day.

Swimming Carnival 2024

Leura Public School will host its annual Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 7th February 2023. It will be held at Lawson Swim Centre. Students will travel by bus to and from the pool. Permission notes have been sent out. Students in Years 3-6 are expected to attend. If you have not paid or returned your permission note please do so as soon as possible.

Students in Year 6 in 2024 who are interested in nominating for Sports House Captain will have the opportunity to speak and be elected on Monday 5th February 2024.

Leura Instrumental Music Program (L.I.M.P.) 2024

During Week 3 Term 1, 2024 our school will commence the Leura Instrumental Music Program. We ask that all parents and caregivers are aware of the financial responsibilities to this program as the school needs to organise and pay for the tutors. The school and the tutors need notice when things change in their program, as this impacts on their availability and schedule when working across schools.

COSTS: Outstanding fees from previous terms must be fully paid for students to continue with the program the following term. All outstanding music fees from 2023 must be paid before students can continue with the program in 2024. Please Note: All fees are payable at the beginning of each term. If a student decides to leave the program, they do so at the end of a school term. The school must be notified of anyone leaving the program by the end of week 9 each term, or you will incur the costs of the whole next term once tutor timetables are already established.

- If absences by tutor reduce our available lessons, the school will adjust fees accordingly. Tutors will contact parents directly in this event.
- Parents are requested to contact tutors directly if their child will be missing a lesson.

Volunteer Induction 2024

During 2024, we will be conducting volunteer induction training for all new parents and carers who wish to volunteer in our school. This training will cover WHS Compliance, mandatory child protection expectations and strategies that can support parents and volunteers when helping around the school. Parents and caregivers who have already completed this training do not need to complete this unless they wish to have a refresher. It is the responsibility of current volunteers to notify the school of any updates or changes to their child protection status. This is required for their approval to be on site working with our students.

All volunteers will be issued with a colour coded badge which is valid for the 2024 school year.

Volunteer induction training will occur during the first few weeks of Term 1, 2024 and will be posted on the calendar in Sentral Parent Portal and communicated early Term 1. All new volunteers need to either submit a copy of a valid WWCC (paid or unpaid from RMS) or fill out a free NSW Department of Education form declaring that working with children is safe.

PSSA Sports Information

If parents or carers are interested in trialling their child for PSSA sports, please email the school leura-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the name of your child and the sport event you are interested in. Permission notes can then be sent home to families with the relevant information at the appropriate time. Dates for Zone Trials and Sydney West Area Championships are attached on the following page.

Sentral Parent Application

At the end of 2023 the school issued personalised letters to all parents and carers which provide instructions on how to download and access the Sentral Parent App. Please note that in 2024, our school will no longer use Class Dojo. Audiri will be phased out too as a communication platform. We hope to begin phasing our families onto the Sentral Parent App before the new school year so that communication can commence using the new application. I will continue to post school wide communication on Audiri until a date is provided to our community, however, this will only occur for a couple of weeks leading into 2024.

Whilst not compulsory the school strongly encourages the use of the Sentral Parent App as parents and carers will be able to view our school calendar for upcoming events and download the necessary documents. The App will also allow parents to book teacher interviews as needed, as well as view and track their child's attendance percentage.

Our school will also be moving to our new finance system with Sentral in 2024. This is why moving onto the Sentral Parent App is critical prior to the new school year. It is hoped that permission notes and payments for events/excursions/activities will all be able to be done through this application, making it a one-stop shop for families.

We understand there can be different family structures within our school so some families may require two keys for access. The school will work through any extra access for families as needed early in Term 1 2024.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year. We are all hoping that 2024 will be a fantastic year for us all.

Kind regards,

May Ptolemy
Principal



ZONE TRIALS & SYDNEY WEST AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS!

IMPORTANT TRIALS INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS AND PARENTS

Boys and Girls	Boys – Monday 26th February, 2024	Boys and Girls	Day 1 – Thursday 29th February, 2024
Cricket	Girls – Tuesday 5th March, 2024	AFL	Day 2 – Thursday 7th March, 2024
	<i>Boys – 15th – 17th October, 2024</i>		<i>Held in Conjunction with Penrith PSSA</i>
<i>Championships Date</i>	<i>Girls – 28th – 31st October, 2024</i>	<i>Championships Date</i>	<i>Monday 11th March, 2024</i>
Boys and Girls	Monday 12th February, 2024	Netball	Thursday 22nd February, 2024
Tennis	<i>Held in Conjunction with Penrith PSSA</i>	<i>Championships Date</i>	<i>Monday 13th May, 2024</i>
<i>Championships Date</i>	<i>Thursday 4th April, 2024</i>	Girls and Boys	Day 1 – Tuesday 27th February, 2024
Boys and Girls	Day 1 – Monday 4th March, 2024	Basketball	Day 2 – Wednesday 6th March, 2024
Touch Football	Day 2 – Wednesday 13th March, 2024	<i>Championships Date</i>	<i>Tuesday 26th March, 2024</i>
<i>Championships Date</i>	<i>Monday 6th May, 2024</i>	Rugby League	Friday 1st March, 2024
Boys and Girls	Boys – Wednesday 27th March, 2024	11s & Open	<i>Held in Conjunction with Penrith PSSA</i>
Soccer	Girls – Thursday 14th March, 2024	ALL OTHER SPORTS	
	<i>Boys – Tuesday 4th June, 2024</i>	<i>Diving</i>	
<i>Championships Date</i>	<i>Girls – Wednesday 5th June, 2024</i>	<i>Golf</i>	<i>The trials for these sports will be</i>
		<i>Hockey</i>	<i>advertised to schools as soon as</i>
		<i>Rugby Union</i>	<i>the dates are confirmed. They are</i>
		<i>Softball</i>	<i>all run by Sydney West PSSA.</i>

TOP BORROWING

TOP CLASS BORROWING

 **849** 

**BOOKS WERE
BORROWED BY
CLASS ALADDIN**

Stage 1: 801 books borrowed by Pegasus
Stage 3: 406 books borrowed by Brave



TOP TEACHER BORROWING

Mrs Aldred **144**
books

Charlotte D (Aladdin) 82

Izabel (Hercules) 79

Aydin (Hercules) 77

Oliver G (Hercules) 75

TOP STUDENT BORROWERS



OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS



400 library lessons taught	1 Scholastic Book Fair held
3 Films shown in FBTE Festival	1 excursion to the KOALA awards
1 Film shown in NSW film by invitation	125 students completed the PRC (up from 66 in 2022)
3 author visits: R.A. Spratt, Sharon Baldwin and Antony Mann	8 Gold PRC certificates
All classes shared Simultaneous Storytime	5 Platinum PRC certificates

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS TRANSFORM LEARNING



School libraries provide equitable physical and intellectual access to the resources and tools required for learning in a warm, safe and stimulating environment.



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LPS LIBRARY



MOST BORROWED BOOKS

IN 2023

2023 STATISTICS

9585 BOOKS ON OUR SHELVES

167 damaged, old, double or un-borrowed books weeded from the collection and donated to classrooms.



NEW BOOKS ADDED IN 2023 **801**



Purchased with Scholastic Book Club funds or from Megalong Books or Booktopia online. Some donated on Grandparent's Day. Accessioned and covered in contact.

1619 Picture Books
1471 Junior Fiction
264 Graphic Novels
1261 Senior Fiction
101 Senior Picture Books
2474 Non Fiction

BOOKS BY CLASSIFICATION



TOTAL BOOKS BORROWED **5,591**



Down from 5743 in 2022.

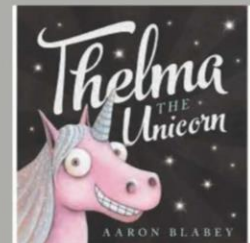
Reading Matters!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF **READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!**

A student who reads 20:00 minutes per day	A student who reads 5:00 minutes per day	A student who reads 1:00 minutes per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and scores in 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and scores in 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests

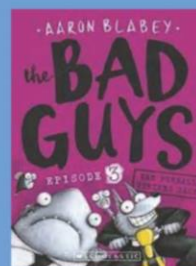
PICTURE BOOKS

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JUNIOR FICTION

THE FURBALL STRIKES BACK (AGAIN)



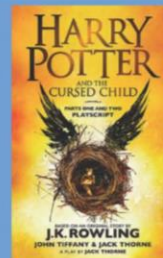
GRAPHIC NOVELS

BRAWL OF THE WILD (AGAIN!)



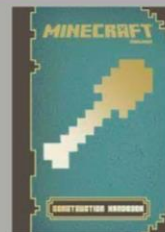
SENIOR FICTION

HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD (PARTS ONE AND TWO)



NON-FICTION

MINECRAFT: CONSTRUCTION HANDBOOK



Bake a Book



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Leura School Library re-design 2024

School libraries are no longer just for storing books and a quiet space for reading. The fast rise of technology and the principles of 21st century teaching and learning have shown a need for school libraries to adapt and evolve in form and function.

To support students in becoming responsible citizens of the 21st century, schools must provide the space and opportunities for them to develop their skills of creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication. A library space that is flexible, adaptable, durable, fit-for-purpose and user-friendly will stimulate these skills (La Marca and Manning, 2007), preparing students for future careers and fostering mental health and well-being.

2024 will see the start of a re-design for the Leura Public School library. The project aims to prioritise the school's commitment to STEM and HPGE, and to draw the wider school community into the library, establishing it as the dynamic and future-focused hub of Leura Public School.



Thornberg's (2013) archetypes of the campfire, watering hole, cave and life for the design of learning environments, offer a versatile framework that enhances the potential for designing innovative and effective learning environments. The campfire represents a central gathering space where learners come together for shared experiences and presentations. The watering hole signifies a more informal, social space where learners can collaborate, interact and foster a sense of community. The cave represents a quiet and introspective space where learners can retreat for focused, individual reading and reflection. The life archetype emphasises the connection between the physical environment and the surrounding world, or the classroom learning and practical experiences, helping students to see the practical relevance of their learning.

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CALMSLEY HILL CITY FARM - KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION 2023



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The P&C would like to thank everyone who helped us this year, through canteen volunteering, uniform shop volunteering, special event volunteering, coming to meetings, supporting us through attending our events or buying our fundraising items down to the tiniest bake sale cookie.

We couldn't do it without you, so THANK YOU!

Spriggy Schools

Introducing Spriggy Schools for online ordering

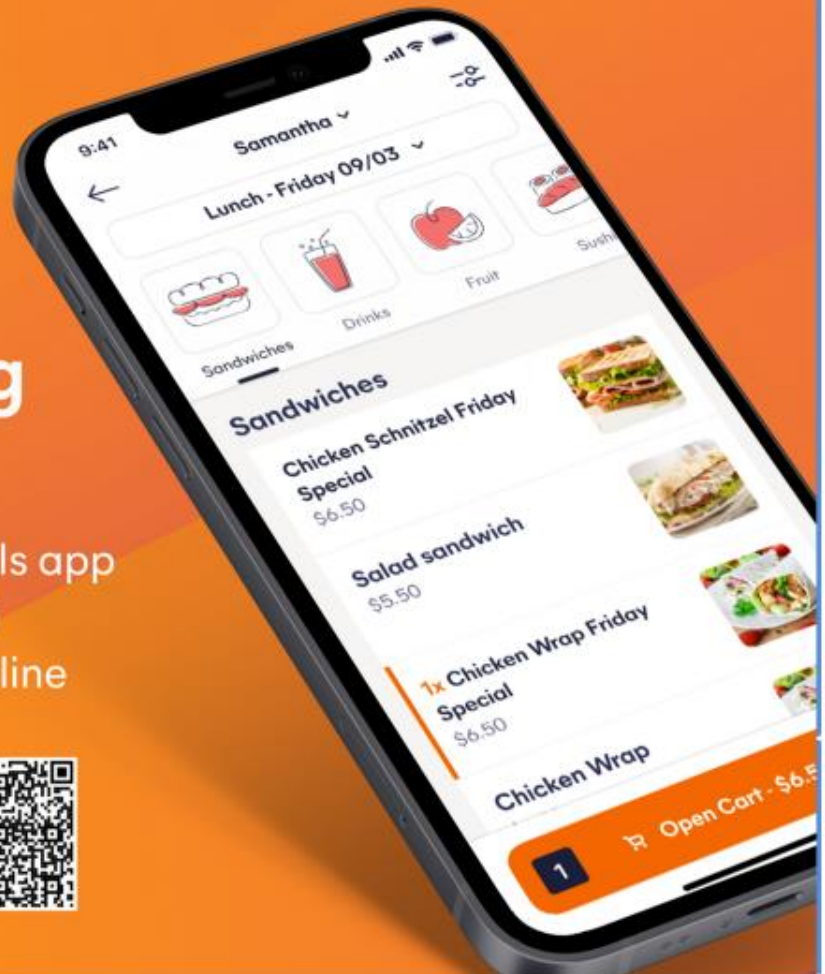
How to get started

1. Download the Spriggy Schools app
2. Create a profile for your child
3. Conveniently place orders online

Download the app now!



Check the T&C's and TMD for further information



CANTEEN IS MOVING TO SPRIGGY

STARTING TERM 1 2024

Download the Spriggy app or use there online portal

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUICKCLIQ CREDIT STILL REMAINING, YOU CAN CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY AND THEY WILL REFUND IT TO YOU.

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WAYS TO

VOLUNTEER 2024

1 EMAIL US FOR ANYTHING YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN

LSPSPC.PRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM
LSPSPC.LEURACANTEEN@GMAIL.COM
LPS.UNIFORMSHOP@GMAIL.COM

2 RETURN OUR VOLUNTEER REQUEST FORM TO THE OFFICE.
AT THE BEGINNING OF 2024 WE WILL SEND OUR VOLUNTEER REQUEST FORM OR BEFORE EVENTS WE WILL PUT CALL OUTS ON AUDIRI. MANY OPPORTUNITES WILL COME UP.

3 CONTACT US ON SOCIAL MEDIA. P&C HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE THAT IS VERY ACTIVE LEAVE A COMMENT OR MESSAGE US WITH ANY ENQUIRIED OR INTEREST YOU HAVE IN VOLUNTEERING.

4 CATCH ONE OF US
MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE KNOWN TO THE COMMUNITY FEEL FREE TO ASK US ANY QUESTIONS OR TELL US WHAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN.



Fun Kids OSHC Vacation Care Program

Monday 15 Jan – Wednesday 31 Jan

7:00am - 6:00pm

0420 590 974

leura@funkids.com.au

<p>Monday Theme Day</p> <p>15/01/2024</p> <p>Summertime Fun!</p> <p>Today we will have lots of fun summer activities planned! Bring a towel, your swimmers, and your hat!</p> 	<p>Tuesday Theme Day</p> <p>16/01/2024</p> <p>A trip to India</p> <p>Join us for International spicy food day as we learn about Indian culture and make delicious food.</p> 	<p>Wednesday Incursions</p> <p>17/01/2024</p> <p>Make my bear Incursion</p> <p>Today we will build our own Teddy Bear, make clothes for them, and play all day.</p> 	<p>Thursday Theme Day</p> <p>18/01/2023</p> <p>Carnival Day</p> <p>Join us at Fun Kids Circus! We will play fair games, learn how to juggle, and have fun!</p> 	<p>Friday Theme Day</p> <p>19/01/2023</p> <p>Glow Disco Party</p> <p>Get ready to dance! Today we will spend the day glowing in the dark while dancing and having fun.</p> 
<p>Monday Incursions</p> <p>22/01/2024</p> <p>Leaping Lizard Incursion</p> <p>Do you love lizards? Join the reptile fun with a NPWS ranger. You will get to explore their habitat and learn how to help protect our reptiles.</p> 	<p>Tuesday Excursions</p> <p>23/01/2024</p> <p>The Edge Cinema Excursion</p> <p>Let's watch a movie together.</p> 	<p>Wednesday Theme Day</p> <p>24/01/2024</p> <p>Let's get wet & wild!</p> <p>Bring your swimmers, a towel, and a change of cloth as we get some relief from the summer heat with water games!</p> 	<p>Thursday Theme Day</p> <p>25/01/2024</p> <p>Holiday Cooking Club</p> <p>Today we will be busy cooking up a storm. From baking cookies to a summer BBQ, get ready to eat!</p> 	<p>Friday</p> <p>26/01/2024</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> <p>Happy Australia Day</p> 
<p>Monday Theme Day</p> <p>29/01/2024</p> <p>Bring your own Device.</p> <p>Join us for a day full of group games. Don't forget to bring your own device, we will play video games together!</p> 	<p>Tuesday Excursions</p> <p>30/01/2024</p> <p>Zone Bowling Excursion</p> <p>Today we are travelling to Penrith for an exciting game of Bowling at Time Zone.</p> 	<p>Wednesday Theme Day</p> <p>31/01/2024</p> <p>Pizza & Movie Day</p> <p>Let's relax on our last day of school holidays with a movie and pizza</p> 	<p>Thursday</p> <p>01/02/2024</p> <p>Back to School</p> 	<p>Friday</p> <p>02/02/2024</p> <p>Back to School</p> 

We are located at Leura Public - School Hall

To book, please contact us for an enrolment form

0420 590 974

leura@funkids.com.au



What we provide:

- Breakfast and afternoon tea

What to bring:

- Morning tea and lunch
- Water bottle
- Hat and an extra layer of clothes for outside play

	Our Fee excluding excursion and incursion costs	You Only Pay after 85% rebates
Full Day 7am to 6pm	\$68.00	\$13.13
Free breakfast and afternoon tea		



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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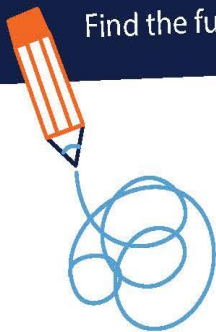
School holiday activities calendar



There are so many free and low cost activities happening across the Blue Mountains these school holidays, for children, teens and the whole family.

We've put together a list of all the Council and community events happening, so you can easily find the best activities to suit you and your family.

Find the full school holiday activities calendar at strongerfamilies.net.au



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