



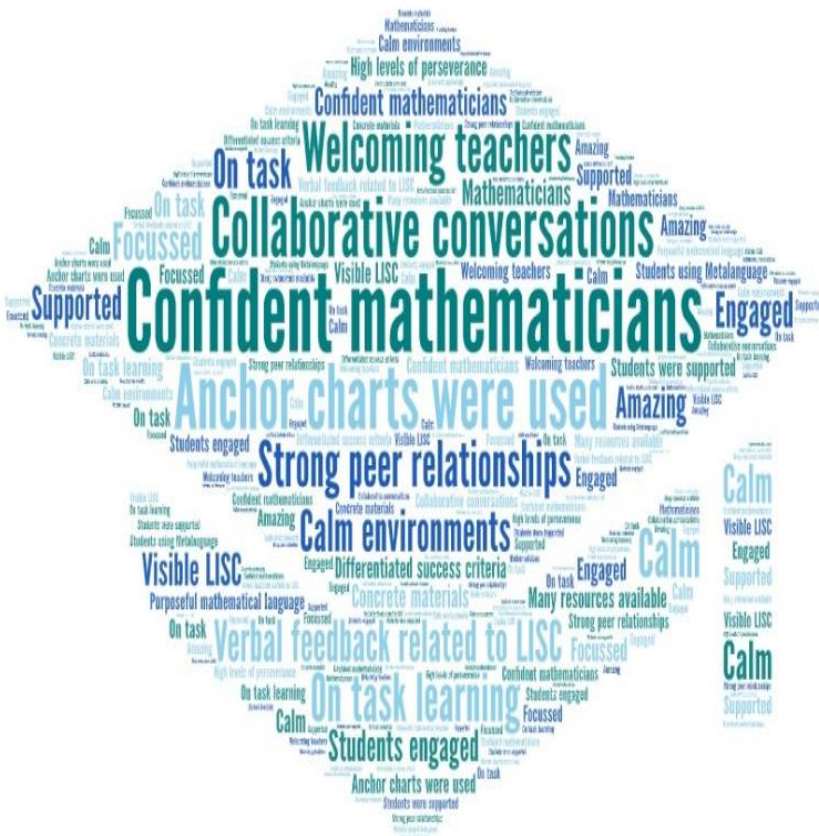
THE VIEW @ LEURA

Newsletter of the Leura Public School Community

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Term 3, 2024

In Term 3 Leura Public School was visited by teachers and principals from our regional network. Together they spent time observing mathematic lessons in all of our classrooms. This Word Art showcases just a few of the wonderful comments they made about what they saw.



Coming Events

TERM 4

Week 1

14/10 – First Day back Term 4
Students & Staff Return

Week 2

21/10 – Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
Girls Combined Dance
22/10 – Kindergarten 2025 Orientation #1
23/10 – Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
Combined Choir
24/10 – Blue Mountains Ngarra Wingarru
AECG meeting
25/10 – Blue Mountains Oral Reading &
Public Speaking Competition

Week 3

29/10 – LPS P&C Meeting
31/10 – Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
Boys Hip Hop
1/11 – Newcombe Ball Gala Day

Week 4

4/11 – Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
Girls Combined Dance, Boys Hip Hop &
Combined Choir
5/11 – Kindergarten 2025 Orientation #2
7/11 – 'Film by' premiere
8/11 – Year 6 Fun Day

Week 5 – SWIM SCHOOL

11/11 – Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
Girls Combined Dance
14/11 – Leadership 2025 Speeches

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yanema Budjery Gumeda (Walk with Good Spirit).

It has been a wonderful Term 3, and both staff and students alike are looking forward to a short break after what has proved to be a big Term. We learned the importance of our school core value resilience, particularly resilience in change. A temporary change in some leadership roles, a change of teacher in Stage 3 and definitely a change in the weather! We said goodbye to an amazing SLSO, Mr. Lawday and wish him every success in his new school. We welcomed back Mrs. Hutchinson and just this week found out that Mrs. Ptolemy is returning mid next term.

In Week 7 we were visited by teachers and executive from several other schools as part of a regional initiative called Instructional Rounds. Our visitors took part in two-day observations and professional learning at LPS. We were highly praised for the work that is being done in the area of flexible strategies in mathematics, an area that is a key focus for our own action research group in this area.

This term, our school took part in two very important safety drills. The first was a lockdown drill and just this week we completed a bushfire drill. These practise events are important so that all staff and students are aware of how to respond in such difficult circumstances, and so that we can evaluate the success of our own processes and implement improvements. This week we also sent out a copy of the Arrangements for the 2024 – 2025 Bushfire Season to inform you of our emergency management arrangements for the upcoming bushfire danger period.

Once again, the fabulous Mrs Halse hosted a variety of events to celebrate Book Week. Her transformation of the library into an interactive place to celebrate the love of reading was top notch. The Soup and Slipper night and special guest illustrator Charmain Ledden-Lewis were topped once again by the creatively splendid Book Character Parade! We are very lucky to have a librarian as passionate as Mrs. Halse and hear that she has some special plans for the library coming up soon.

I would like to share the many events that have happened over the last few weeks, but it would mean this newsletter would turn into several novels. In short then, we have shared the love of learning in many areas, including Schools Spectacular, Nepean Dance Festival, Premiere's and Primary School debating, Festival of Choral Music, Stage 3 Game Changer, K-2 and 3-6 athletic carnivals, Premier's Spelling Bees, Aboriginal Sports Day, regional and state level Futsal, whole school mini Olympics, open classrooms, Stage 3 excursion to Canberra, Early Stage 1 excursion to Calmsley Hill, Stage 1 excursion to Woodford Academy, the Narragunnawali evening performances and a wonderful P&C Movie Night. Just to name a few!

This week we sent out a link to the **Tell Them From Me** parent survey. This can sometimes be seen as a bit of a task, so I have purposefully kept it at four questions, with two as multiple choice. Your feedback is invaluable to us becoming the best version of who we can be as a school, so it is greatly appreciated if you can spend 10 minutes to complete it. [Click here](#)

Whether it be enjoying an activity together, relaxing in the comfort of friends and family, or simply just having the time to stop, I do hope you all have a safe and rejuvenating break.

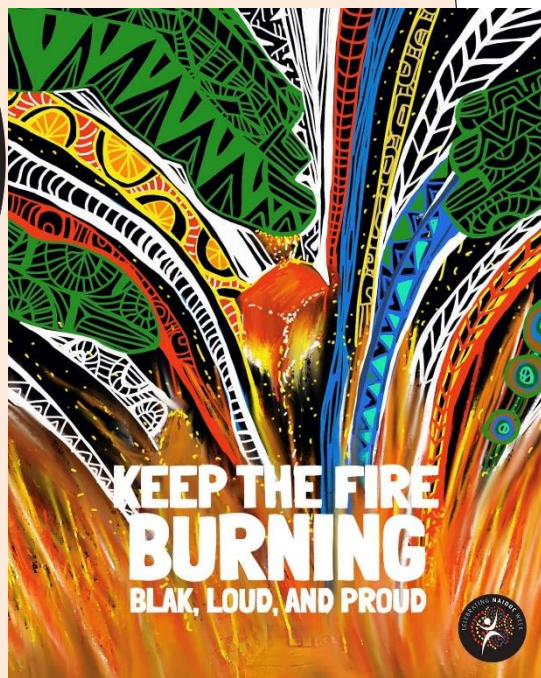
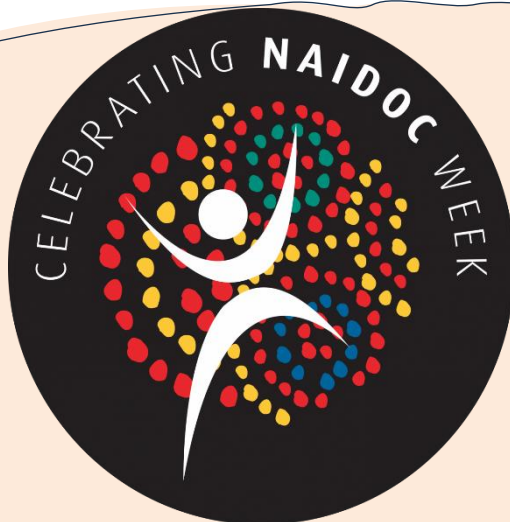
Warm regards,

Mr Steve Atkinson
Relieving Principal





Students from the 4/5/6 choir participated in the Festival of Choral Music at the Sydney Opera House. It was an amazing day and our performance was wonderful. Students were also treated to a special performance from the Tiwi Islands Strong Women group - who wrote one of the songs the choir sang- Wunijaka. It is sung in Tiwi Islands traditional language and it was very special to see these women performing and transferring their knowledge down the generations. A great day was had by all! A big thank you to Mrs McGowan and Ms Cartwright for preparing and leading this group of talented students.



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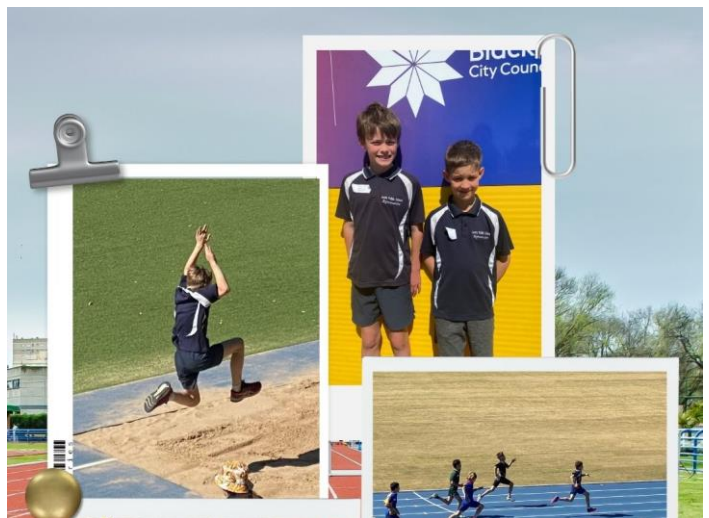
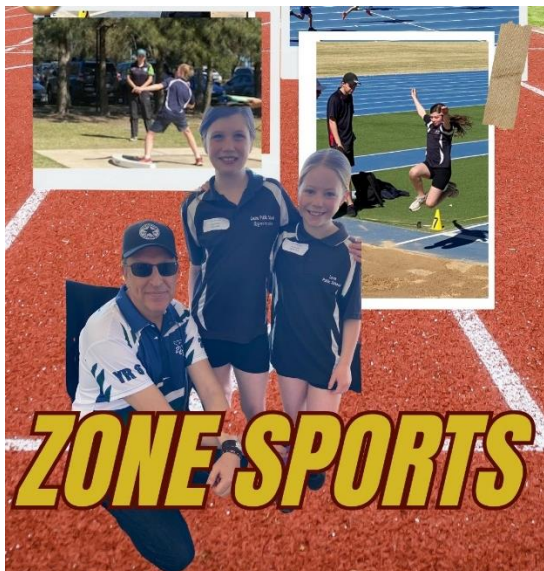
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FUTSAL NEWS



Congratulations to the Stage 3 Futsal team for their outstanding efforts at the Futsal State Championships in Windsor.



Congratulations to all of our students who made it through to the Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sports park. We are very proud of how well our students represented Leura Public School and our core values. Some PB's were broken at the carnival as well!

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STAGE ONE WOODFORD ACADEMY EXCURSION

Our Stage One students took a fascinating step back in time during their visit to the historic Woodford Academy, once a bustling inn and boarding house! The children were completely immersed in how people lived in the past, discovering what daily life was like without modern comforts and experiencing how schools operated long ago. The day sparked their imaginations and gave them a deeper appreciation for history. A truly memorable journey into the past for our young learners.



CALMSLEY HILL EXCURSION

Kindergarten students had an unforgettable excursion to the farm! They got hands-on with some amazing activities, including milking a cow, petting adorable baby animals and riding on a tractor through the fields. The students were also wowed by a talented sheep dog show and an exciting whip-cracking performance. It was a fantastic day full of fun, learning and lots of smiles! Thank you to the wonderful Mrs Jacqui Thompson for organising this trip for the students.



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"Design thinking, teamwork and ideation galore!" says Mrs Bucholtz about this year's Game Changer Challengers. Congratulations to all four teams on their pitches for how to make the world a better place. Outstanding collaboration and creative innovation!



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BOOK WEEK – ILLUSTRATOR TALK

Leura Public school students were fortunate to receive a visit from local artist and illustrator Charmaine Ledden-Lewis to complete Leura Public School's book week celebrations. Charmaine talked about the process of getting a book from the idea stage all the way to our shelves, read her latest book *Ask Aunty: Seasons* and even painted some beautiful artworks for our school to keep in the library. Thank you to our wonderful P&C and teacher librarian, Mrs Lauren Halse.

Congratulations and thank you to Leura Public School P&C Association for staging the Under the Stars Movie Night!

It was another great night, bringing community together. 🙌



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Leura PS dance students performed beautifully at the matinee and evening performances at Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival held at the Joan Sutherland theatre. Congratulations to all our dancers. Thank you to the parents and carers for all their wonderful support.

A huge thank you to the accompanying staff and the amazing Miss Emma Jinks for all her organisation and choreography and to Mrs May Ptolemy as well for the beautiful Stage 3 dance.



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FROM THE ART ROOM



ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2024-2025 BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you to inform you of our emergency management arrangements for the upcoming bushfire danger period.

Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 1 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

This means our school will be non-operational when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares catastrophic fire danger ratings for Blue Mountains NSW Fire Area or as directed by the NSW Department of Education in consultation with emergency services due to local bushfire activity or in higher risk conditions.

Fire danger ratings do not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather the weather conditions pose a high risk if a fire were to start in the area. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

We will inform the school community after 4:00pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist us contacting all families in an emergency, **please ensure you have updated your contact details with the school.**

We recommend you download the [NSW Education Parent App](#) and select to monitor advice from our school, which will send you notifications if the school is non-operational. Up-to-date information is also available on our school website or [School operational status](#).

We also recommend you stay up to date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the [Hazards Near Me app](#)[External link](#) (set a watch zone for your school area) and by monitoring local media.

To continue to support student learning on these days, information for learning from home can be found on the school website <https://leura-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>.

We recommend all our families follow the NSW Rural Fire Service advice and ensure your family knows what to do if there is a fire. Develop a fire plan and discuss it with your family using [MyFirePlan](#)[External link](#).

Please call our school on 02 4784 1251 if you would like more information or have any questions.

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Stage 3 Canberra Excursion



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LPS Canteen Menu

Term 4 2024



Snacks	
Apple Slinky ✓	\$1.00
Milo Banana (Half a banana dipped in milo) ✓	\$1.50
Orange (Fresh or Frozen) ✓	\$1.00
Mandarin (fresh only) ✓	\$1.00
Carrot Sticks with Hummus ✓	\$1.50
Cheese and Crackers (GF Rice Crackers) ✓	\$1.50
Anzac Biscuit	\$0.50
Assorted baked goods	\$0.20
Popcorn (lightly salted)	\$1.00
Grain waves	\$1.50
Mini Bites Rice Snacks ✓	\$1.50
Jelly Cup	\$1.00
Ice Block (99% Juice)	\$1.00

Drinks	
Plain Milk ✓	\$1.00
Milk & Sipaah Straw ✓ (assorted flavours – choose when ordering) Less 50c for above milks if BYO cup	\$2.00
Milk Popper (strawberry or chocolate) ✓	\$1.50
Juice Popper (assorted flavours – choose when ordering)	\$2.00

Sandwiches ▲	
All Sandwiches made on Wholemeal bread unless requested on White or GF bread.	
Sandwich ✓	ea \$3.50
Choose from a variety of fillings Turn any sandwich into a Jaffle or Toastie!	
Plain Vegemite/Jam/Honey/ Cheese ✓	ea \$2.50
Gluten Free Bread	extra \$0.50

Hot Food	
Sausage Roll (egg free, GF available) ▲	\$3.50
Vegetarian Sausage Roll ▲ (egg free, but contains soy & dairy)	\$3.50
Prices above include sauce – collect at the Sauce Stations.	
Fried Rice ✓ ▲	ea \$3.50
One size only, ham & egg or veg & egg options	
Pizza Muffins (tomato base) ✓	ea \$2.00
Topping choices: Ham - Cheese - Pineapple - Chicken	
Hashbrown (1 piece) *	ea \$2.00
Garlic Bread (GF available) *	ea \$2.00

Meal Deal ▲ ✓ \$6.00
Any Sandwich + Popper + Fruit/Snack

Special Hot Food	
Week 2 Chicken or Veggie Burgers ▲	\$4.00 each
Week 3 Newcomb ball Sausage sizzle ▲	starting \$3.00
Week 4 Carnival Mini Hot Dogs ▲	\$3.00 each
Week 6 Nachos ▲	\$3.50 per serve
Week 8 Sushi * ✓	\$4.50ea
SUSHI - Teriyaki Chicken, Tuna, Veggie as well as Veg or Beef Rice Paper Rolls	
Week 10 End of Term Party	TUESDAY - Cakes, rainbow jelly and more prices from .50c - \$2.00

✓ = Great Everyday Choice!
▲ = Lunch ONLY
* = Recess ONLY



* The LPS Canteen will be open as usual on Friday as well as for over the counter sales on Tuesdays for term 4 2024.
* All orders on Fridays must be received by 9:30am Thursday via your Spriggy app or Spriggy online.
* We are a Nut & Sesame free canteen. As we make gluten products all GF food may contain gluten.
* Suggestions, Enquiries or Comments please forward to lpspc.leuracanteen@gmail.com or drop in.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CREATIVE • COMMUNITY • CONCEPTS
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RISE & SHINE
Rising Community Voices

WE SAY NO TO FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
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DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENTS
PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE

SPRING FEST

FOR ALL AGES

LITHGOW

LOCATION: Watsford Oval
DATE: Thursday 03.10.24
TIME: 10.00 AM - 12.00 PM

FREE EVENT - REGISTER ON THE DAY
Please bring hat, shoes & waterbottle

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NOVELTY GAMES
MULTI SPORTS
0-5yrs ACTIVITIES
Refreshments

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Check our website for details and an entry form
Deadline to enter 1 November

'Woman in Blue' by Evangeline Ogden

Things to do in the School Holidays

Come and join the fun with NPWS ranger-guided activities for kids, teens and families. Discover, create, imagine and explore!

Grand Cliff Top Walk guided tour

Join a Discovery Ranger on a 3 hour guided tour along the Wentworth Falls section of the newly constructed trail. Learn about the unique ecosystems and how this spectacular 19km walk on Gundungurra country was created.

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Operates every Saturday during school holidays

Spring 2024

For bookings visit: www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/grand-cliff-top-walk-guided-tour

#NSWParks

Join our team this October for some exciting school holiday activities.

L Living Country 10-14 yrs Navigation - Mapping and Orienteering Tuesday 1 October	B Bush Alive 7-11yrs The Buzz on Bees Wednesday 2 October	J Junior Rangers 7-11yrs Aboriginal Games for Kids Thursday 3 October
B 8-12yrs Spotlight Friday 4 October	J 10-14yrs Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering Tuesday 8 October	B 7-11yrs The Buzz on Bees Wednesday 9 October
B 8-12yrs Spotlight Friday 11 October	Claustal Canyon Virtual Reality \$10pp All holidays	

Grand Cliff Top Walk Guided Tour
Operates every Saturday during school holidays

Holiday activities \$20 per person. Most activities are onsite at Blackheath 10am-12pm. Spotlight is held at Katoomba 6pm-8pm. Grand Cliff Top Walk is held at Wentworth Falls. Meet 15 mins before activity start time.
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