

Luddenham Public School

Newsletter

"The scariest moment is just before you start."

Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a well rested break and is ready for the term ahead. All students have returned settled and ready to learn.

Mrs Wacker and myself are jointly sharing the role of Relieving Principal while Mrs Ellis is enjoying some well deserved long service leave. Mrs Fay Mantas will be joining us for two days a week, working on Stages one and three in Mrs Ellis's absence.

Term two is going to be just as busy as last term with NAPLAN for year 3 and 5 in week three, OLCS BBQ for families, AFL sporting program, Footsteps dance program and Peer Support continuing.

NAPLAN organisation is as follows:

Tuesday 14th May-Language (before recess) with Writing after recess.

Wednesday 15th May- Reading, before recess

Thursday 16th May- Mathematics, before recess

Can I remind you that NAPLAN is a snap shot of your child's learning and classroom teachers continuously test and assess students in their class. The students are prepared and these tests show the school growth in learning. If you have any concerns regarding NAPLAN please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Programs we have this term are, AFL, which started last Friday and Footsteps Dance Program will be starting in Week 5, more information will be coming home shortly.

OLCS are organising a family BBQ on Wednesday 15th May for National Families Week. This is the same day as our first assembly for this term. More information was sent home yesterday regarding the BBQ. The assembly will start at the earlier time of 12:20pm

Peer Support continues this term with the next five lessons. Our senior students are enjoying the leadership roles assigned to them and willingly take on the extra responsibility. Students in these groups are working on strategies based around working in groups, kindness and caring.

Dates to remember.....

Thurs 9th May

P&C Mother's Day Stall

Wed 10th May

P&C Meeting

14th-16th May

NAPLAN

Wed 15th May

OLCS BBQ

K-6 Assembly—12:20pm

Tues 28th May

Stewart house Collection

Wed 5th June

K-6 Assembly

Mon 10th June

Public Holiday

Wed 12th June

Dental Screening

Fri 14th June

P&C Meeting

Wed 26th June

K-6 Assembly

Mon 1st July

Responsible Pet
Ownership K-2

Fri 5th July

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'Kindness and caring.... Two very simple words, but two actions that can change your world and the world around you. They are qualities that, when you practice them, bring happiness not only to others but back to you as well.

In the famous words of Dr Seuss "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not."

Denise Rootes

Instructional Leader

This term I will be working in K/1 and 1/2 implementing TEN time. TEN time is a session each day working on becoming really good at a focused number skill. The students know what they are learning to do and how they can be successful with our Learning Intentions and Success Criteria. We do the work on whiteboards and use dice, playing cards and dominoes. The students have been working hard on getting faster at showing their number skills and trying to improve each session. Take the time to ask your child about what they have been working on in TEN time and they can tell you all about it- they may even show you!

Mrs Genevieve Hogg

Learning and Support

Do your kids struggle to get ready for school? If they do, you are certainly not alone. Many parents and carers struggle with this issue day in day out. School day mornings can be crazy and all too often we find ourselves angry with each other - hardly a great way to start the day. However, don't despair. Listed below are some simple ways to combat this issue. Generally, try not to nag. Rather, encourage the children to be independent and in control. It's been seen time and time again that giving kids more responsibility boosts their self esteem.

*Hang up a visual list of things that need to be done in view of the kids. Older children may benefit from including times. Include a section for ticking off the list. See below for an example.

*Make sure bags are packed, lunches made, homework completed and notes are signed the night before.

*Have a regular wake up and be sure to allow everyone plenty of time to get ready to avoid unnecessary stress and conflict.

*Some families go further and recommend healthy ready made breakfast options to help kickstart the day.

If you have any more helpful tips that work for your family be sure to let me know.

MORNING CHECKLIST	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eat breakfast
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make lunch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shower/bathe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Put on deodorant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get dressed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brush hair and teeth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make bed and straighten room
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack bag for school and afterschool activities/sports
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 minutes before leaving: put on shoes, coat and hat/gloves, if necessary

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Lindy Johnson

Learning and Support Teacher

K-6 Assembly

The next K-6 Assembly will be held in
Week 3 on Wednesday 15th May at 12:20pm.

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Canteen News

Congratulations to the following students who have won Award Vouchers since the last newsletter:

Healthy Choice: Jamal (1/2), Alana (5/6), Chloe G (3/4) Dylan (3/4)

Most Polite: Jesse (K/1), Joseph (1/2)



P&C Mother's Day Stall

On Thursday 9th May, beginning at approximately 9:30am the P&C will hold their annual Mother's Day Stall for students to purchase gifts.

Each class will view and purchase a gift, then it is expected that there will be enough gifts on sale for students to purchase a second gift if they wish.

The children will have the opportunity to buy Mum/ Nan or even Auntie an awesome gift, and at the same time you are helping to raise funds for the P&C so that we can continue to support the school.

Please send in a bag to transport the gift home safely and your child's money in a snap-lock bag with their name on it so it will not get lost.



Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year Woolworths are once again partnering with Modern Teaching Aids to provide free equipment to schools. We can choose whatever it is we need across every category including ICT, science, sports, mathematics, arts and crafts etc. Last time the program ran in 2017 we chose some Dash and Dot robots.

From 1st May to 25th June collect as many stickers as you can if you shop at Woolworths and put them on the sticker sheet your child brought home last week. There are spare sheets available in the foyer, or you can print them off the website at teaching.com.au. Completed sheets should be placed in the collection box in the foyer.



Vegetable Garden

Many thanks to Vince and Rosa Vella from Austral Seedlings for their kind donation of seedlings for the vegetable garden. The students will certainly enjoy planting, caring for and especially harvesting the crop.



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Walk Safely to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 17th May. This event encourages all primary school students, their parents and carers to walk safely to school. The event seeks to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. We understand that it is not possible for a lot of our families to walk to school, but why not park up the street and talk to your children about road safety as you walk to school. This would be a good opportunity to encourage your child to go out of their way to cross at the crossing where it is safe, rather than crossing near the crest of the hill where there is poor visibility.

The objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children
- To promote health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- To help children to create vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicle

P&C News

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 10th May in the library straight after the morning assembly. At the meeting they will be discussing the Election BBQ among other things.

Everyone is welcome!

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

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Student Absence Note

Student Name

Class

Date of absence

Reason for absence

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Parent/ Caregiver signature

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Date

ANZAC Day 2019



On Tuesday 9th April, I had the privilege of taking some students from class 5-6 to the ANZAC Ceremony which was held at the Paceway in Penrith. This ceremony catered for over 2000 students across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains and is the only one held in Australia that caters for students. The sub-branch of Penrith RSL ensures that our youth are well informed citizens regarding the meaning of Anzac Day and what it represents.

Luddenham students were great ambassadors for our school and displayed the utmost respect at all times.



Year 5/6

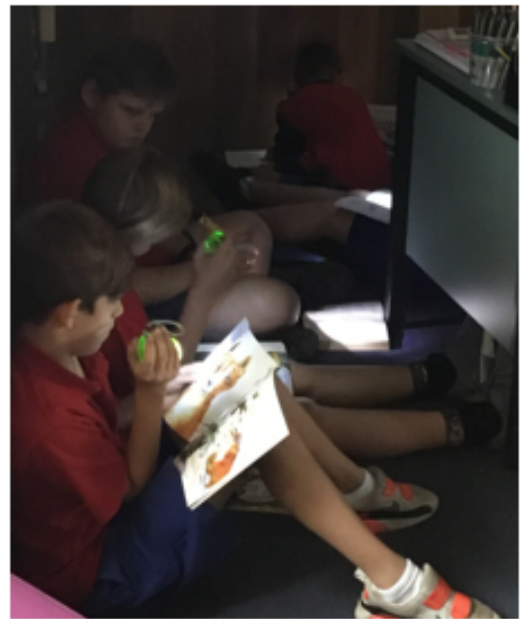
At the beginning of the Term 1 students set goals that they wanted to achieve by the end of the year. All students have been working hard on achieving their goals with some already completed. Students have independently worked out how to achieve their goals through establishing a plan as we know that 'A goal without a plan is just a wish'.





In class, all students have been working extremely hard but we also like to have fun too. Something that they really enjoy is 'Flashlight Friday'. Students get to read a book during silent reading time using a torch.

We have a supply of torches but if your child would like to bring in their own small torch on Fridays then they can.



5/6

K/1 have been learning about ANZAC Day this week and about many different ways that we can remember and respect those who have fought to protect us.



We worked together to make a beautiful poppy wreath, watched YouTube clips of the Gallipoli dawn service and the Sydney ANZAC Day march and made yummy ANZAC biscuits.



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*We have made a poppy wreath to help us remember and be thankful for all those who have fought and still fight for our freedom.
Lest we forget.*



Red poppies were among the first to flower in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium in the First World War.



PIC•COLLAGE



Ingredients

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- 3/4 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate soda
- 2 tablespoons boiling water



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Glenmore Park Learning Alliance Leaders Day 2019



Last term at Glenmore Park Public School we had yet another highly successful **Leaders Day**. There were 100 students attending from 8 participating schools to participate in many team building activities including the construction of a movie trailer.

We have been very fortunate over the past few years to have some outstanding successful leaders speak including Greg Alexander, Tanya Davies, Stuart Ayers, Mark Geyer, Fiona Scott and Emma Husar.

This year the keynote speaker was Murat Dizdar the Deputy Secretary of School Operations and Performance for NSW Department of Education. Murat's powerful message was well received by the audience. He spoke of his upbringing and how hard work and resilience has led to him having a very successful career. Other speakers included Tim Auremi NSW Rugby League Development Officer Penrith District and Kylie Gauci a successful Paralympian in wheelchair basketball.

All students completed an evaluation and the results indicate the day was a huge success with over 95% of positive responses.

Special thanks to GPHS for allowing Brianna Parkin to be the official photographer, SCPS for contacting the Paralympian speaker, all the teachers who attended to assist with supervision, Aimee Honess CT GPPS leading the iPad activity, Craig Denny who coordinated the day and served as the MC and to all students, each one of you displayed exemplary behaviour and great leadership skills.



FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

at the

Fire and Rescue NSW Emergency Services Academy

1-5 Distribution Drive

ORCHARD HILLS

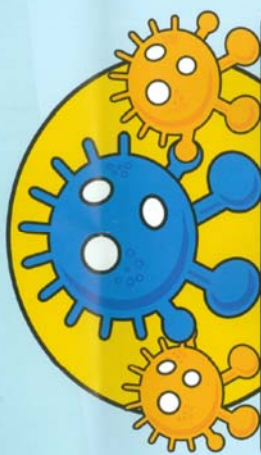


Saturday 18 May 2019

10am to 2pm

Fire Safety Tips - Fire Trucks (old & new)
Museum of Fire - Demonstrations - Ask a Firefighter - Free Sausage Sizzle - Spray Water

ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



WALK SAFELY
TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019



Until they're ten, children must always hold
an adult's hand when crossing the road

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