

A stylized, colorful illustration of a landscape. The foreground features rolling green hills with dark brown soil. On the left, there is a green tree, a purple flower, and an orange flower. A small red bird is flying in the sky. The background consists of layered blue and white hills under a light blue sky.

Luddenham Public School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7

Welcome to our latest newsletter

I'd like to start this newsletter by thanking our school community for all of their support during what has been an unpredictable time. Your understanding around the changes to learning during the recent floods is greatly appreciated. With this newsletter going out a week later than anticipated, the next edition will be going out on Friday of Week 10.

In this edition of the newsletter we will be covering a few up coming events such as Harmony Day, Life Education and our Meet the Teacher afternoon, so let's get started.

Assembly Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners!

Every student in our school is doing a fantastic job of being a safe, respectful and responsible learner.

	<i>Class Award</i>	<i>PBL</i>	<i>Luddenham Award</i>	<i>Luddenham Legend</i>
<i>K/2</i>	Marcus Princi Alexander Fox	Sebastian Ingrassia		
<i>3/4</i>	Mason Ingrassia Isaac Fox	Lee-Anna Lane		Nate Jobson
<i>5/6</i>	James Lane Dylan Darmanin		Cooper Patterson	Orion Owen Chaise Willmington

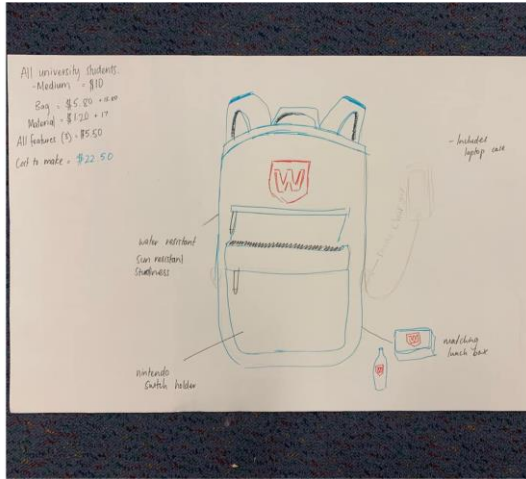


Around Our School





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Here are some photos of what has been taking place around our school over the past few weeks.





Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 9 February, Noah, Chaise and Taylah represented our school at the small school swimming carnival at Warragamba Pool.

Congratulations on representing our school with so much pride and passion, we are all so proud of the effort you showed.

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P and C Report

P and C News

Bunning's BBQ: Tomorrow on the 12th of March, the P&C are holding a Bunning's BBQ. If you are in Penrith, please stop into the homemaker centre and say hello and purchase a sausage and drink to help raise funds for our school. "Your support is appreciated". I would like to thank the Chetcuti family, Tito family, Jobson family, Diemich family and Mrs Jansen, without these volunteers it would not be possible to hold this event.

Canteen: Every Friday we open the canteen for all students to enjoy a hot meal, fresh salad, Sandwiches or wraps. To make sure we stay open, we are looking for volunteers to help in the canteen. If you are available any Friday from 9am – 11am please leave your name and date availability at the office. We would love to open our canteen for special lunch days so if you are unable to do Fridays, please let us know if you are available any other morning from 9am-11am.

P&C Meetings: We encourage all Luddenham families to come along to our general meetings held every second Friday of each month to determine the needs and aspirations of the school as well as develop an understanding of what's happening in our school with Mr Holmes. Come along and have a say in the development of our school activities such as excursions, camps and curriculum. Everybody is welcome to learn more about what our P&C does for our school. We would love to see new members and fresh fundraising ideas to help our school get much-wanted additional resources.

Sharen Darmanin

P&C President

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A message from our office

Office Information

We are always looking for systems which will help you to be aware of what is happening at school and to help you with making payments for excursions, sporting programs etc. We will always try to give you at least two weeks notice whenever a payment is required.

We have an online payment system where you can log onto the school website and make a payment. This will make it easier for parents who are used to paying their bills online. Instructions for the Parent Online Payment system or POP is available on our school website.

Payment methods: At the moment, you are able to make payments by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the school office. You are also able to make a payment online using the Parent Online Payments feature on our school website. Being a small school with limited administration staff, our preferred method of payment is the Parent Online Payment feature.

Communication: We do our best to communicate with our community in lots of different ways to keep you informed about what is happening in our school. Please ensure you regularly check for information so that your child does not miss out on any programs offered throughout the year.

Absentee Notes: If your child is away from school, they should bring a note explaining their absence on the day they return to school. You can: · Reply to the automatic SMS message sent out when a student is absent · Use the absence form the school website · Write a note, remembering to include your child's name, class, date of absence and reason · Send an email.

Everyone has busy lives these days, so we hope that the systems we are putting in place are useful for you. Please do not hesitate to call the school if you have any concerns.

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Principal's Report

A stylized landscape illustration featuring rolling green hills in the foreground and background. The hills are rendered in various shades of green. In the upper left, there are blue and white wavy bands representing the sky. On the left side, a tree with a brown trunk and a large, rounded canopy of purple and pink leaves stands on a small patch of orange ground. The overall style is modern and graphic.

Goodbye Mrs Rootes

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to our 3/4 teacher, Mrs Rootes, in the coming weeks. Mrs Rootes has taken a position, for the rest of the year at Buxton Public School and her last day will be Friday 18 March. We would like to wish her all the best at her new school, she will be dearly missed by everyone at LPS.

Mrs Rootes will be replaced by Mrs Nicole McGuiness. Mrs McGuiness is currently teaching at Kemps Creek Public School and will begin teaching at our school on March 23. Mrs McGuiness has come highly recommended, and we are look forward to working closely with her for the remainder of the year.

COVID Update

Visitors are allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. We have upcoming events such as Harmony Day, Meet the Teacher and the Easter Hat Parade. These event will proceed at our school in a COVID-smart way. We will keep you updated on what this will look like for each of these events.

Harmony Day

Harmony Week is a week to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. It is an opportunity for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. Harmony Week is a community celebration. Our cultural diversity in Australia is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are.

On Monday 21st March the whole school will be involved in activities related to Harmony.

The school is seeking parents who would like to come to the school and talk about their culture. The children would love to see different artefacts and perhaps listen to some music or learn a dance from a different culture.

On Monday 21st March your child can either come dressed in orange or wear their national dress. We encourage parents to also dress in their national dress or to wear orange for our Harmony Day assembly.

The children are preparing a special item so we would love the community to be able to join us under the COLA at 2pm.

We look forward to welcoming you into the school for Harmony Day.



Life Education

On Wednesday 30 March, our students will be visited by Healthy Harold and Life Education. This unique program and learning experience engages students with age and stage specific content, equipping them to make safer and healthier choices in life. Our students will be doing the following modules:

K/1/2 – Harold's Friendship: This module teaches students about feeling and emotions, safe places to turn for help, safe and unsafe situations and how to build friendships and care for others.

3/4 – Bcyberwise: This module teaches students how to how to recognise, react and report unwanted contact, bullying or predatory behaviours as well as responsible and respectful behaviour when using communication technology and exploring the role of bystanders.

5/6 – Relate Respect Connect: This module focuses on understanding how to respect ourselves and others, strategies to help maintain positive online and offline relationships, identifying characteristics of positive relationships and how to recognise, react and report unwanted contact, bullying or predatory behaviours.

A note will be going out shortly with more information regarding this program.



Meet the Teacher Afternoon

We will be having a meet the teacher afternoon on Tuesday, March 29. This is a great opportunity for parents to develop an understanding of how their child's classroom runs from day to day. Supervision will be provided under the COLA for students during this time. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Details are as follows:

K/1/2 – 2.45pm

3/4 – 3pm

5/6 – 3.15pm

* Please note, this is not a parent / teacher interview, they will take place in Term 2.





Koala Man Visit

On Friday 18 March, Marcus from Koala Retreat will be coming to visit our school. Our students will be assisting Marcus with planting trees in our school that will be used to help feed rescued koalas. We are encouraging all students to wear some clothes that they won't mind getting dirty as well as some gardening gloves and a watering can. It is fine if your child does not have any of this equipment, we will supply this on the day to any student that needs it. Please do not go out and buy this equipment if you don't have it at home.

NAPLAN and Check-in Assessments

This year, our students will be participating in NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5) and a Check-in Assessment (Years 4 & 6). These assessments are used to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. If you have any questions at all regarding this, feel free to contact your child's teacher to discuss any queries you may have.

Special Interest Clubs

You may have seen that we have started a variety of special interest clubs within the school. The clubs are as follows:

Glee – Mrs Laing

Music – Mrs McCarthy

Environment – Mrs Mitchell

Minecraft – Mrs Jansen

Craft – Mrs McPherson

If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer to assist with a club or run a club of your own in our school, please contact our school office.

Adams Road Closure

Western Sydney Airport (WSA) is upgrading a section of Adams Road (closest to The Northern Road) and all of Anton Road, Luddenham.

Works are being completed by WSA's Major Earthworks contractor, the CPB Acciona Joint Venture.

The upgrade will allow for heavy vehicles to access the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport site during construction and when the airport is operational, as well as improving safety for motorists traveling along Adams Road.

When will work commence?

The closure of Adams Road will commence at 7.00am on Thursday 17 March 2022 and will continue for up to six months, weather permitting.

How will you be affected?

While works are being undertaken, a full road closure on Adams Road will be in place. During this time, motorists are advised to detour via Elizabeth Drive and the Northern Road. Please see the map overleaf.

Electronic message boards will be placed along Elizabeth Drive and the Northern Road to inform road users of the road closure on Adams Road and changes to traffic conditions.

Residents will continue to have access to their properties via temporary accessroads during the road closure.

Access to the Hubertus Club will also remain open during this time, via Elizabeth Drive.

For further information or enquiries regarding these works or other airport construction activities, please contact our information line on 1800 972 972 or send an email to info@wsaco.com.au.

Legend:

Detour marked in red

Work area marked in green



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	14	15	16	17	18 Koala Man Visit
Week 9	21 Harmony Day	22	23	24	25 Dental Visit
Week 10	28	29 Meet the Teacher Afternoon	30 Life Education	31	1 Mufti Day Easter Egg Donation
Week 11	4	5	6	7 Easter Hat Parade	8

Calendar

The following calendar has upcoming dates for the rest of this term. For regular updates about what is going on around our school, please check our school Facebook page.

Stay Safe

In a fortnight that has thrown up many obstacles for our school, we can't thank you enough for your patience and understanding. While we understand that school closures and having minimal staff onsite is not ideal, the safety of our students and staff is paramount. Please be careful and don't forget that a 'road closed' or a 'road flooded' sign means that road is unsafe to travel on. Find alternate ways which are free from floodwater or wait until the 'all clear' is given for that road. It is safer to turn around than to enter floodwater.

Never drive, ride or walk through floodwater – if it's flooded, forget it.

Our thoughts are with those that have been affected by this disaster. Take care and stay safe.

Sean Holmes

Principal