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Week 8 Term 4



LUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome to the newsletter for week 8.

My sincere thanks for everyone being so supportive and patient as I took time off last week with COVID. Staff and students pulled together and the school ran like clockwork in my absence – awesome job. Whilst I'm still feeling the fatigue, (and the loss of my sense of taste is bizarre), I'm eager to get back to routine for the last three weeks of school.

Semester 2 reports are busily being written at the moment and will be ready to go home on Monday 11th December. While we are not quite in December just yet, it's starting to look a lot like Christmas!

Final preparations are underway for the year 3-6 school camp next week and I will be speaking with all students attending on Thursday. We will look at the camp website, accommodation plans and activities etc. Please remember that the school mobile phone will be taken to camp next week so if you have a student in years K-2, or a Little Lue, and you need to get a message to school, you **MUST** ring the school landline phone, not the mobile

Our door is always open if you have any questions regarding your child's learning at school. Please contact me at school if you have any queries.

Caron McDonald (Principal)

Empowering students through excellence in education to
DREAM of a bright future, **BELIEVE** in themselves and others, and
ACHIEVE their full potential.

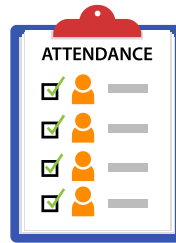


WHAT'S HAPPENING TERM 4 WEEK 8

MON 27th	STEM expert robotics demo Senior class	Swimming K-6	
TUE 28th		Swimming K-6 (weather permitting)	
WED 29th	Swimming K-6 (weather permitting)	Mudgee High School orientation Cooper	
THUR 30th		Camp info session Y3-6	
FRI 1st	50c Fridays Sausage rolls	Little Lue's transition	

Attendance

Thank you for helping us to help your child. We appreciate you keeping your child home when they are unwell, particularly as we deal with another increase in the number of COVID cases locally. Please make sure you ring school to let us know as soon as you know they will not be attending, we are unable to accept reasons from siblings. If we do not hear from you by 10:00am, we will always make a courtesy call, (part of our attendance policy), just to check everything is OK. Students who have attendance tracking below 90% will be monitored on a daily basis until such time as their attendance rises above 90% again.



TYLER

Tyler is preparing himself for his transition to high school next year.



BROOKLYN

Brooklyn is a caring member of the class and always tries to help her teacher and her friends



High School Orientation Day



Different High Schools hold their orientations days on different days but on Wednesday, it is Cooper's turn to spend the day in High School. It's such an important opportunity to learn about routines, expectations, find their way around and, of course, make new friends. Such an exciting time in their lives!

Swimming at School

We have started swimming this week but it is absolutely dependent on the weather. Swim kits are to be brought to school on Monday and left at school until Friday when they can be taken home again to be washed. We hang the items up after swimming to dry them out before the next lesson.



Port Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp

On Thursday afternoon, I will be discussing the school camp with all students in years 3 to 6. We will look at the camp website, accommodation blocks, a list of the activities they will be participating in and some of the possible menu items. Another reminder of what to pack will be sent home at the end of the week. For younger students, it's always a good idea to pack a small cuddly toy.





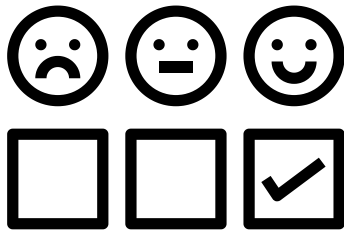
Student of the Week badges

Please check at home to see if your child has any student of the week badges lying around. We had 12 and are now down to the last 2 so there are some that have been left at home. If you find them, please return them to school.



Parent questionnaire

I have attached the parent questionnaire to this newsletter again. Thank you to those families who have already returned one. If you have yet to do so, please complete and return it this week. Your input is always valued and drives our school improvement.



A brief look at the last week of term

As I will be away next week with students in years 3 to 6, I thought it would be a good idea to run through what the final week of term for students will look like.

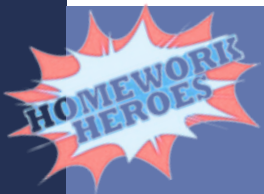
Monday 11th – Swimming at school, bronze badge morning tea, Semester 2 reports go home.

Tuesday 12th – Swimming at school, silver badge pizza lunch, gold badge ice cream sundaes

Wednesday 13th – Year 6 farewell buffet lunch at 12:30pm. Families of our year 6 students are invited to join us to say farewell to our outgoing year 6 students and enjoy a buffet lunch with students and staff.

Thursday 14th – Mufti day – class parties and fun day (pool open, inflatable course on the grass), Little Lues invited to join us.

Friday 15th – mufti day – last day for students for 2023. Little Lues at school. Christmas celebration and 2023 awards presentations 5:30pm to 7:30pm at school. P&C providing a BBQ dinner, families are invited to bring along a side or dessert to share. Students should return for the awards presentation in their school uniforms please.



Well done to the following students who submitted their homework on time on Friday Eden, David, Sadie, Elleigh, Alirah, Brooklyn, Leon and Knox. These students will all receive an extra sticker on their charts towards merit certificates.





FROM THE JUNIOR CLASSROOM

ANOTHER PRODUCTIVE WEEK IN THE JUNIOR ROOM!

This week, we started our unit of work on art. We followed a directed drawing of a cartoon styled koala. Students then had to use their imaginations to decide what their background would look like. Many students chose to put their koalas in a gum tree, while others chose to put theirs near a river. We then used water colour pencils to colour in our works, then used water and a paint brush to turn the pencils to paint. Once they were dry, we used black and dark blue gel pens to go over our lines and add the finishing touches. I was impressed to see how well students concentrated and really took their time to include intricate details.

Our final session with Harry was a lot of fun! All students have improved their ball control, gross motor and teamwork skills. The juniors gave Harry a handmade card to thank Harry for coaching them and organising so many fun games!


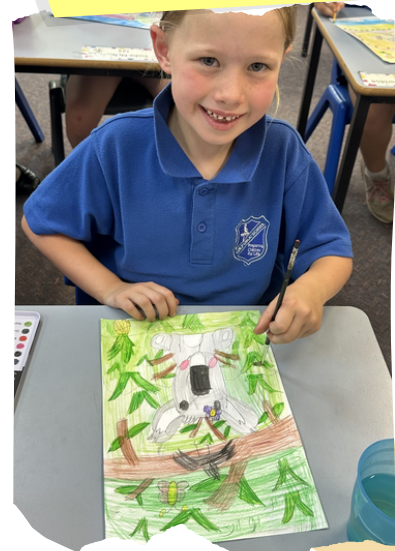
Friday was great with our Little Lue's! I am proud of how helpful students in Kindergarten and Stage 1 have been towards our Little Lue's!



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LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

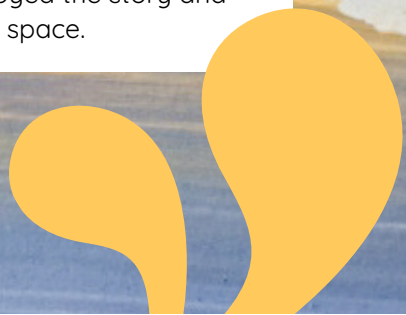


PLEASE REMEMBER
YOUR SWIMMERS
AND TOWL FOR
SWIMMING.



Students have been completing a lot of tasks on computers lately to build their technology skills. All students can log in on their own and navigate familiar websites and programs. We have been working on making sure that we shut down the laptops correctly as well. All students are making sound progress on Typing Club and are becoming faster at typing which is an important skill to develop.

In Literacy, we are going to be finishing our unit on 'How to Catch a Star'. This unit has been a lot of fun and all students have enjoyed the story and learning about space.



FROM THE SENIOR CLASSROOM



This week, students in the senior class will complete their post spelling tests as we will be away next week. Most assessments are now completed and the data is being used to support Semester 2 report writing. During English lessons, students will finalise their pocket books and complete their digital versions using the book creator app. It's also time for students to look at work stored in TEAMS folders or in Google drives and on their desktops on laptops - very often they have saved multiple copies of the same document or presentation and need to clean up their digital workspaces.

In Mathematics, students will examine the big idea that what needs to be measured determines the unit of measurement. Students will be provided with opportunities to: measure and compare lengths of objects and locations using kilometres, metres, centimetres and millimetres, identify and measure the perimeter of shapes, objects and locations and read and represent analog and digital time.



We always try to make a creative Christmas centerpiece in the senior class that involves multi step processes and will start the design on those this week.







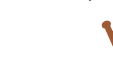





















Year 6 students will be writing their speeches for their year 6 farewell, thinking back over their years at Lue Public School and what have been the stand-out moments for them.

Depending on the weather, we may head to Kandos Pool on Thursday for distance swimming practice - something we can't do in our school pool. Given that the MSSN swimming carnival is only two weeks into the new school year in 2024, we need to get that practise in!

Always busy, never a dull moment!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	 27/11 STEM specialist visit with Senoir class  Swimming	28/11 Swimming 	29/11 Mudgee High School orientation   Swimming	30/11	1/12 Little Lue transition 
9	4/12 	5/12  Swimming Year 3 - 6 Port Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp 	6/12  Swimming 	7/12 Swimming 	8/12 Little Lue transition 
10	11/12   Swimming Bronze badge morning tea	12/12    Swimming Silver badge pizza lunch Gold badge ice cream dessert	13/12  <i>farewell</i> Year 6 Farewell Buffet lunch	14/12 Class Christmas party and fun day little Lues Welcome 	15/12 Last day for students, Term 4 presentation assembly and Christmas celebration 
	18/12 Staff development day 	19/12 Staff development day	20/12	21/12	22/12
	25/12 	26/12 	27/12	28/12	29/12
	1/1  New Year's Day	2/1	3/1	4/1	5/1
	8/1	9/1	10/1	11/1	12/11
1	29/1	30/1 Staff development day 	31/1 Staff development day	1/2 	2/2
2	5/2 Swimming 	6/2 Swimming 	7/2 Swimming 	8/2	9/2

HOLIDAYS
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