



LUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome to the newsletter for week 5. How on earth are we half-way through term 4 already?

There were so many highlights last week with the RFS excursion, Zoo Snooze and Musicaviva at Hargraves. It would have been a very tiring week for our K-2 students and staff. I was especially proud to hear of the exemplary behaviour of our K-2 students while they were on their very first overnight excursion.

There are only a few more weeks of term ahead but we still have so much to pack into those few weeks – sport, scripture, swimming, high school orientation, Little Lues transition, Year 2s transition, Beach to Bush event, high school visits to Lue, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond badge rewards, Year 6 farewell, Term 4 presentation evening and Christmas concert, PBL rewards day at Laser Skirmish, Christmas Craft and class parties. These are all in addition to quality teaching and learning happening every day in the classrooms and Semester 2 reports going home. It's going to be a very tight squeeze to get it all in!

Have a wonderful week!

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 5

MON 11th



Library Van



TUE 12th

PBL reminder -Pool



WED 13th



Soccer coaching K-6

Scripture K-6



THUR 14th



Senior class dance



FRI 15th

50c Fridays
Party pies

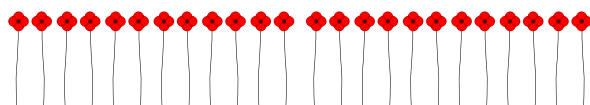


Little Lues transition



Attendance

Well done to all of our students and families for really helping us to meet our attendance targets this term. Individual week 5 attendance letters will go home with all students on Thursday so you can see how your child is tracking in relation to our target.



Remembrance Day

Today all students participated in our Remembrance Day event around the flagpole at school. Students in the senior class gave readings about why it's important to commemorate this special day, the origins of The Ode and why we lay wreaths.



Swimming at School



Our school-based swim school program will commence next week. Students will swim on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, (weather permitting), in pairs or a group of 3 for 25-20 minutes. Swimming is part of our dedicated Sport program and is not a choice option. We are so very lucky to have the pool at school and commit to making the very most of it.

Students will need to bring their swim kit (in a separate bag please) on Tuesday and take it home for washing on Thursday each week. Swim kits should include: swimmers, rash shirt or tshirt to wear in the pool, towel, thongs, goggles (if your child wears them). All students will be expected to apply sunscreen to their faces before getting into the pool (sunscreen supplied at school).

For our older students, (turning 8 and older), who will be able to participate in competitive swimming at the MASN Swimming Carnival in February 2025, there will be additional opportunities for distance and speed swimming practise at Kandos Pool.

PBL rewards day at laser Skirmish in Bathurst

On Monday 16th December (week 10), all students have the opportunity to attend a fun PBL (positive behaviour for learning) rewards day (at no cost to families). The day will involve bus travel to Bathurst, two games of laser skirmish, fun park play and McDonalds lunch before heading home.

This excursion is a REWARD for positive behaviour. Whilst I do not want any students to miss out on such a fabulous day of fun, students are all aware that if their behaviour is not meeting our expectations, they will be unable to go. I have a teacher booked to be at school on that day should anyone be unable to attend the excursion and I will remain firm on this. I'm hoping this is not needed so please help us by chatting with your child/children about appropriate respectful behaviour, both in actions and words, whilst at school whether inside the classroom or outside when playing.



KNOX

Knox is working hard to develop problem solving skills.



ZARA-ANN

Zara-Ann is really enjoying her Friday transition into the senior classroom.



Swap it program

We often hear students complaining that they don't like something that has been packed in their lunchbox for them. We do try to encourage them to eat whatever has been packed for them. Getting them to help when deciding what to put in lunchboxes means they are more likely to eat it. The warmer weather also means that we are trying to avoid toasting sandwiches etc now but are still happy to heat up leftovers if needed.

The SWAP IT program has some great ideas for simple healthy lunchbox ideas. Check it out at: www.swapit.net.au/ideas



Get your kids packing everyday lunchboxes

When children help plan and pack their own lunchbox, they are more likely to eat it.

Encourage them to swap:

- Muesli bar to wholegrain cereal bites
- Pre-packaged cheese-dip and crackers to wholegrain crackers and cheese

SWAP FROM   **SWAP TO** 

Cheese dip & crackers Wholegrain crackers & cheese



Congratulations to Brooklyn who received a Principal award and her diamond badge today (20 merit awards). Well done, Brooklyn – a fabulous effort.

Water bottles at school



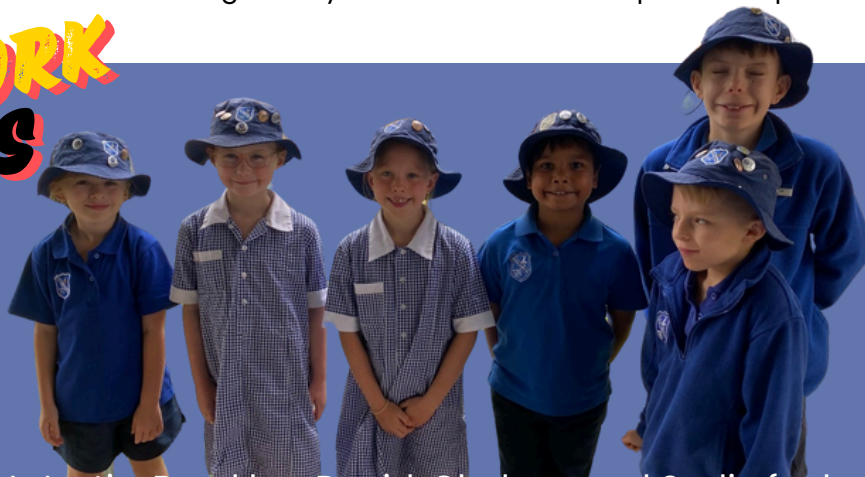
Please make sure your child has a refillable drink bottle at school each day. They can take them home every day or leave them on their desk to take home at the end of the week. It is essential that students remain hydrated in this warmer weather and the best way to do that is to have quick access to drinking water to sip in the classroom. It can be quite disruptive for students to leave the classroom to get a cup of water so having the drink bottles to hand in class helps to maximise learning time.

Christmas Hamper donations

To support our P&C in putting together a fabulous hamper for the lucky door prize at our presentation evening, we are asking every family to supply a 'Christmas themed' item to go in it, eg box of mince pies, Christmas cake, some festive tinned goods etc. Please send items to school and we will put them in storage ready for the P&C to make up the hamper nearer the time.



HOMEWORK HEROES



Well done to BJ, Justin, Brooklyn, David, Chelsea and Sadie for handing in their homework on time last week. Each student gets an extra sticker on their charts.

FROM THE JUNIOR CLASSROOM



The Juniors had an amazing time at their overnight excursion to Dubbo Zoo last week. They were all very well behaved, had lots of fun and coped very well through the heat and humidity.

This week, in English students are exploring how more information about character traits can be drawn from illustrations as well as the written text. They will also be practicing the use of pronouns instead of repeating character names and identifying verbs in sentences.



In mathematics, students are learning how to collect different types of data and interpret their results. They will engage in a range of activities on the smartboard using ICT, using concrete manipulatives using hands-on learning, and written form to record data.



From the Senior Classroom



I can see some students are starting to feel the drain of the end of year approaching and we have had many discussions about doing our best to stay focused and remain on task. There have been a few niggles both inside the classroom and out during breaktimes and, once again this week, students will be reminded of our PBL expectations – especially when a different teacher is teaching for the day. A chart has been drawn up which indicates any negative incidents for a student but there are no names on the chart, only numbers. I know which number relates to which student but they don't. I'm hoping it serves as a reminder to be safe, respectful and responsible so that they can all participate in our end of year PBL reward day.

This week we will continue to read our class text, chapters 4 and 5 this week. Students have been comparing different characters and looking at how the personality traits of a character changes along the way when faced with challenges to overcome.



In Maths, we are looking at the relationship between multiplication and division and, how really knowing our multiplication tables can make division easy to do. Students have started a personal artwork they will be working on over the next few weeks on a canvas. They painted their background and took a photo of themselves last week, this week they transfer that image to the canvas and add to the background. It will be lovely to see their work build over the weeks.

Their dance routine is coming along nicely and I look forward to them being able to show it to you all at our term 4 presentation evening!

Add in our very last soccer session and it's a packed week once again.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	11/11 Library Van	12/11	13/11 Scripture Soccer	14/11	15/11 Little Lues 50c Friday
6	18/11	19/11 Beach to Bush presentation Swimming	20/11 Scripture Swimming	21/11 Swimming	22/11 Little Lues 50c Friday
7	25/11	26/11 Swimming	27/11 Scripture Swimming	28/11 Swimming	29/11 Little Lues 50c Friday
8	Kandos High School full transition day Kandos HIGH SCHOOL	3/12 Swimming	4/12 Scripture Swimming	5/12 Swimming	6/12 Little Lues 50c Friday
9	9/12 Library Van Bronze & Silver badge rewards 	10/12 Gold badge reward Swimming 	11/12 Swimming Scripture Year 6 farewell	12/12 Diamond badge reward Swimming 	13/12 Christmas concert and presentation evening Little Lues
10	16/12 PBL reward day	17/12 Christmas crafts Little Lues welcome)	18/12 Class parties last day for students (Little Lues welcome)	19/12 Staff Development Day	20/12 Staff Development Day
	23/12 	24/12 	25/12 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26/12 	27/12
	30/12	31/12 New Year's Eve	1/1 2025	2/1	3/1
	6/1	7/1	8/1	9/1	10/1
	13/1	14/1	15/1	16/1	17/1

SUMMER HOLIDAYS