Dear Parents and Carers

Reports - Teachers are currently in the process of writing reports. Reporting student achievement to parents provides a significant element of communication between schools and their communities. Parents have consistently indicated that they value highly the work of teachers in reporting student achievement each year. For many parents this is a vital source of contact with a school.

A key feature of the reports is the use of the five point achievement scale (A–E or equivalent word descriptors: Outstanding, High, Sound, Basic and Limited) developed by the NSW Board of Studies. This scale provides a consistent reporting scale and language to describe student achievement that will help develop consistent standards within and across schools. Exceptions to the use of the scale exist for Kindergarten students, students with learning disabilities, some ESL students and VET subjects.

As part of the reporting process at Lawson Public School, parents/carers will be invited to meet with their child’s teacher on Monday 20th July. This year we will again use the online method of booking interviews. A login will be provided in the Week 10 Newsletter. Should you be unable to make an interview at this time, teachers will be more than happy to organize another mutually convenient time.

Timebanking - If you like to volunteer and give time to your community, Timebanking may be for you. Timebanking can help you build a network of support within your neighbourhood or community as Timebanking creates connections through sharing skills. You also earn time credits for giving your time and sharing your skills to help another member. You can then use these credits to receive services that are useful and valuable to you. Lawson Public School has registered with the service. For more information, please log on to timebanking.com.au.

Merit Awards - Congratulations to last week’s award recipients – Ethan, Shaylee, Cameron, Ezekiel, Emily, Grace, Majenta, Sarah, Mitchell, Mahalia, Tate, Isabel, Ella, Alira, Marcus, Patrick, Annie.

Sydney West Cross Country - A huge congratulations to Natalie N who proudly represented Blue Mountains PSSA and Lawson Public School at yesterday’s Sydney West Cross Country Carnival. There were amazing competitors from all over the district running the difficult course at Eastern Creek. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Nat every success in her running career and we look forward to seeing her compete again in the future.

Warm regards,

Corinna Robertson
Acting Principal

Wednesday 10 June 2015
Term 2 Calendar

Week 9
TBA ICAS Writing test
16 June ICAS Spelling test

Week 10
26 June Last day of term

Term 3 Calendar

Week 1
14 July Students return to school

Week 2
20 July Parent teacher interviews
22 July OC class placement test (Yr 4)

Week 3
Education week

Creating a Time for Parents and Carers

MyTime groups are FREE for parents and carers of children with a disability, special needs or a chronic medical condition

Join us for a cuppa and chat in a friendly, supportive environment. MyTime provides a calm space to share experiences, issues, parenting concerns and offers time out from a busy week.

Occasional guest speakers are invited to attend and topics relevant to your needs may be discussed.

Suitable for families with preschool or school aged children. Preschoolers are welcome to come and play in a safe and stimulating space.

Please note it is still possible to come without children, as this is time for you!

MyTime meets on Fridays, at 2 West End St Katoomba.

Term 3 Group, 2015… July 24th – Sept 11th

Connect Child and Family Services will be delighted to welcome you to our group which meets on Fridays, 9.30 am to 12 pm.

For more information, please phone Connect on 4758 9966 or email the Group Facilitator Natalie.Dash@connect.asn.au
P&C meeting
When? **Wednesday, 17th June, 7pm**
Where? Support Unit (K-6S classroom)

P&C meetings are a good opportunity to get informed, and have a say about what’s going on at our school. Come along to hear what is happening in our school, and have your say!

magpie markets
Our next markets are this **Sunday, 21st June 2015**. It is classes KH and 1/2P turn to help with the BBQ.

A note was sent home to these classes, giving families an opportunity to volunteer. Information is available through your class parent rep. Your help will be **greatly appreciated**. It’s also a fun way to meet others and help raise funds to support our school community.

fun food day
Fun food day is coming up on Friday 19th June. Notes were given to students last week, with details of the super soup available on the day.

Don’t forget to return order forms and payment for lunch by Tuesday 16th June so your children don’t miss out!

We are also looking for volunteer help in the following ways

a) **Providing snacks for the children to buy at recess.** If you are able to make/donate some snacks that we can sell for 50c each, bring them to the Stephanie Alexander kitchen on 19th June (morning).

b) **Help serve on the day.** We need helpers in the kitchen from the morning until the end of lunch to prepare and serve food. If you are available for an hour or two on the day, your help would be appreciated. Come to the kitchen any time from 9am to join the team.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Lawson Public School on 4759 1196.
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ON BUSES

It is every student’s responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

**BEHAVING APPROPRIATELY**

✓ respect the needs and comfort of other passengers (e.g. no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking—except water— unless the bus operator gives written permission)
✓ give up seats to all adults and disabled passengers
✓ adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses
✓ obey reasonable directions from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
✓ keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus
✓ refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency

**RESPECTING PROPERTY**

✓ protect bus property
✓ ensure that buses are not vandalised
✓ report any vandalism e.g. graffiti and window etching

**HOLDING PASSES**

✓ show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and when requested
✓ use the travel pass only for its intended purpose
✓ ‘swipe’ or ‘dip’ passes in ticket readers if available when boarding
✓ Keep your pass for your own use—you should not lend your pass to other students or borrow one from them.

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of school bus travel passes and/or prosecution.

What are the consequences of inappropriate behaviour?

✓ If a student misbehaves on a bus, the bus operator concerned will contact the parents and the school.
✓ Depending on the gravity of the offence, students may be required to give up their school bus travel pass or may be refused travel on the bus for a period of time determined by the bus operator.
✓ Heavier penalties may apply to students involved in group misbehaviour.
✓ School principals have the right to take additional disciplinary action against a student under the school’s discipline code or student welfare policy for any breach of the Code of Conduct.

The bus operator must provide written notification to the parents, guardians or carers before a student’s school bus travel pass can be withdrawn.
UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR such as using offensive or racist language, disobeying reasonable directions from the driver, smoking, spitting, damaging property, eating on the bus, distracting the driver with persistent noise and failing to show the travel pass

May lead to the loss of subsidised school travel privileges for up to two school weeks for a second offence, and up to ten school weeks for subsequent offences. Permanent suspension of school travel privileges or banning from travelling on buses may apply for repeated offences.

DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR such as seriously bullying or harassing other passengers, fighting, letting any part of your body protrude from the bus, throwing objects inside or outside the bus, using matches and lighters, carrying dangerous items and group misbehaviour.

May lead to lead to the loss of subsidised school travel privileges for up to four school weeks for a first offence and up to ten school weeks for subsequent offences—or if group misbehaviour is involved, permanent loss of school travel privileges. Permanent suspension of school travel privileges or banning from travelling on buses may apply for repeated offences.

HIGHLY DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR such as interfering with safety equipment, pushing students out of the doors or windows, assaulting the driver or other passengers and destruction of bus property.

May lead to the permanent loss of subsidised school travel privileges, and possible court action or police prosecution. Students may be banned from travelling on buses.
CHILD AND FAMILY COMMUNITY HEALTH
There are seven Community Health Centre's within the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District that provide child and family services.

- Penrith 4732 9400
- Cranebrook 4730 5100
- St Marys 9833 6800
- Springwood 4751 0100
- St Clair 9834 0500
- Katoomba 4782 2133
- Lithgow 6350 2750

A range of services at various locations are available. These include:
- Counselling
- Postnatal follow-up, parents support and early childhood development checks
- Hearing (3 - 12 year olds)
- Speech Pathology (0 - 7 year olds)
- Occupational Therapy (0 - 7 year olds)
- Playgym (2 years to school age)
- Orthoptics (0 - 12 year olds)
- Aboriginal Maternal Child and Family Service (antenatal - 5 year olds).

To make a referral to Community Health Services or to book into a group please contact our

REFERRAL SERVICE
1800 222 608

Referrals and bookings are taken between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays.

HEALTH INFORMATION LINE
Healthdirect Australia
www.healthdirect.org.au
1800 022 222

HEALTH CARE INTERPRETER SERVICE
A free and confidential Health Care Interpreter service is available 24 hours 7 days a week. Ask our staff to arrange an interpreter for you, if required.
Auslan Interpreters are also available

All NSW Health facilities are smoke free
This means that smoking is not permitted anywhere on the grounds or inside the buildings. For assistance to quit call the NSW Quitline on 137 848.
There is no cost for counselling.

Overcoming Depression
A six-week group for women and men

Experiencing depression, help during the evening.

Reparenting
A six-week program for foster and kinship carers.

Experiencing a healthy way. Evolving and day groups are

Parenting
A six-week group for parents to understand their

Enjoying your Toddler
A six-week group for parents of toddlers, 18 months.

Tuning in to Kids
Offered.

Positively Parenting Programs (Triple P)
Offered.

Our councillors can help you work through issues

Our counselors are all qualified and

Can work with these issues:

Sometimes our wellbeing and daily activities are

Counselling Services

• Trauma
• Adulteration
• Pre and postnatal depression, anxiety
• Child and loss
• Conselling
• Family and other relationships (not couples)
• Domestic and family violence
• Depression
• Child emotional and emotional concerns
• Anxiety

Issues can include the following:

Coordinated and supportive environment.