



Term 1 Week 6 2022

Principal's Message

What an incredibly wet week we have had! It certainly has been difficult navigating the growing puddles throughout the school. The students have been inside for the majority of the week. We are hoping for improved weather in the coming weeks to help everything dry out, although it may be at least a week before we can get back onto the oval. I hope everyone in our community has remained safe and well and not been too heavily impacted by the significant rain we have experienced.

Zone Swimming Carnival



Congratulations to all those students who competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Griffin, Miss Wall and Ms Topia who accompanied the team on the day. They reported the students strived to do their personal best and displayed excellent behaviour. Well done to them all!

P&C Meeting

With things starting to return to more normal settings, we have scheduled a P&C Meeting for Thursday 10th March in the LMPS Staff Room. The meeting will start at 6pm. Please come along and be part of a fabulous organisation and help to plan great things for the school. Remember, many hands make light work and just a small amount of time given can make a huge difference.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We are looking forward to welcoming parents back into the school for the Parent Teacher interviews being held next week. We ask that you:

- register your visit by using the QR code at entry points in the school
- socially distance at all times
- head directly to your child's classroom - a map will be available at the front gate if you are unsure of where you are going
- sanitise as you enter and exit the classroom.

Bookings are available on the Sentral Parent Portal.

Stage 2 Team

This year Stage 2 has two Year 3 classes, two Year 4 classes and a Year 4/5 class. Stage 2 consolidate and build on foundational skills taught in the K-2 section of the school. Teachers on Stage 2 are Mr Law, Assistant Principal and teacher of 3L, Miss Cookson, teacher of 3C, Ms McCann, teacher of 4M and Mr Wales, teacher of 4W.



1 - Mr Law - 3L - Assistant Principal



2 - Miss Cookson - 3C



3 - Mrs McCann - 4M



4 - Mr Wales - 4W



5 - 3L Fabulous Artworks



6 - 3C Fabulous Artworks

NAPLAN 2022

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2022.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between **10 and 20 May 2022**.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will also be participating in practice tests. The practice test is a trial run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN in May. It is not an assessment of student ability, and the tests will not be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. Students can use the [public demonstration site \(https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site\)](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in NAPLAN.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Attendance

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

| When your child misses just... | they miss weeks per year | and years over their school life |
|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 1 day per fortnight  | = 4 weeks  | = Over 1 year missed |
| 1 day per week  | = 8 weeks  | = Over 2.5 years missed |

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Zone Swimming Carnival









Upcoming Events

28 Feb - 18 Mar NSW Health Mobile Dental Program

March

08 Young Leaders Day

15 Harmony Day

18 National Day of Action against Bullying

29 PBL Rewards Day

April

01 Assembly of Recognition

04 - 08 Scholastic Book Fair

08 Easter Hat Parade

Last Day of Term 1

27 Students return Term 2

PBL Awards

| | Respect | Responsibility | Personal Best |
|---------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| K-6R | | | |
| K-6S | | | |
| K-6B | | Hudson | Charlie |
| KJ | | | Mason |
| KM | | | |
| KW | | | |
| K/1Z | Andy | Charlie | Francesca |
| 1S | Benjamin | Maddison | Jimmy |
| 1/2N | Trey | Calli | Liam |
| 2V | Elena | Elfie | Kobe |
| 2C | | | |
| 3C | Mason | <u>Kyden</u> | Rosie |
| 3L | Jackson | Ivy | Brooklyn |
| 4M | | | |
| 4W | Jerzy | Anna & Claire | Sienna |
| 4/5L | | | |
| 5M | Bella | Eli & Jasper | <u>Livlah</u> |
| 5/6R | Amelia | Jed | Koen & Kobi |
| 5/6C | Melia | Preston | <u>Kupa</u> & Dylan |
| Library | | 5/6C Phoebe <u>Ziggie</u> | 1S Lucy |
| RFF | 5/6C Kaprice | | 2C Sydnee |

Canteen News

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We were super excited and I think the kids were too, this week to come visit the canteen again. It was nice to see everyone's smiley faces during the breaks for the over counter sales.

We are now excepting Cash payment Lunch orders if you wish to order this way, please ensure these are handed in at the canteen by 9:00am.

Just a friendly reminder All highlighted items including ice blocks slushies, frozen juice cups, hot or cold Milos all need to be collected from the canteen by the students with their lunch order bags after they have eaten their yummy Lunch.

LOOK out for our breakfast items at the counter in the mornings we have Ham and Cheese rolls, hash browns, cereal cups, fruit, yoghurt, and hot chocolates.

Keep updated on our flexischools app and Facebook page (Lake Munmorah Public School Canteen, Little lunch Box Catering) for Weekly News, updates and weekly special.

WEEK 7 SPECIAL- Mexican Wrap
(chicken, cheese, salsa & Greek yoghurt)

\$4

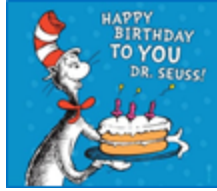
Thanks Renee
(Canteen Manager)

Library



Just wanted to say **WELL DONE** to all the students who have already been borrowing and returning on a regular basis this year so far!! Woo hoo! Keep up the good work 🎉 And if you haven't started yet...it's not too late – just bring a library bag!

Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who ordered from the first Book Club of the year. The orders arrived at school earlier this week and have been distributed to all students. Enjoy your new books. There will be another issue of Book Club out soon.



This week in library we celebrated Dr Seuss' birthday on 2nd March (1904-1991) with lots of chat about his crazy rhyming texts. Some of his most iconic ones – Horton Hears a Who, The Cat in the Hat, How the Grinch Stole Christmas (all in 1957) and Green Eggs and Ham (1960) are still relevant and popular today.



It was also World Wildlife Day on the 3rd March, so we talked all about the animals around us, different types wildlife, how they survive (some using camouflage) and their habitats. Classes discussed what animal they thought was Australia's biggest native land animal. Suggestions included: Red Kangaroo, Crocodile, Emu, Cassowary, Wild Pig, Dingo, Goanna, and Snakes.

You might like to feed the neighbourhood birds, or give your pet a treat in celebration of World Wildlife Week.



This term there will be a **BOOK FAIR** in the library:

Friday 1st April to Friday 8th April (last week in Term 1)

A wide variety of books and stationery items will be available for students to buy at the Fair. The Book Fair will be open on the day of the Easter Hat Parade (Friday 8th April), which means parents/family members will be able to visit the library after the Parade to purchase books.

Happy Reading
everyone.

Julie Treharne

Community News

Family Support Newcastle and Swansea Community Cottage
invites parents/carers and grandparents to:

Raising the Growing Child Parenting Program



Topics covered:
Reconnecting to your Parenting Goals and Dreams
Supporting your Child's Growing Brain
Supporting your Child's Development, Emotions and Behaviour
Enjoying Calm and Connected Conversations
Looking After Yourself

When: Thursday 24 & 31 March & 7 April 2022
Time: 10.00am – 12noon (3 x 2-hour sessions)
Where: Swansea Community Cottage
228-234 Pacific Highway, Swansea 2281

To make a booking or for further inquiries please call:
Roger 0490 798 622 or roger@nfss.org.au
Reception: 4926 3577


FREE CHILDREN'S GROUP AVAILABLE ON PREMISES
Please register when booking for program.

The Men and Family Relationships Project is funded by the Australian Government and
supported by Family Support Newcastle.




Stepping Up - Understanding Masculinities

Ask your young man: what
is important about being a
man?



For more info
visit our website!



Our Resources / Top Blokes Foundation /
New South Wales Government
Respect and Non-Violence for Safe and Connected Men
with your young man.

7 - Top Blokes is a program we have running in the school. Each week, discussions are based around relevant topics that encourage our boys to grow and strive to be the best version of themselves

This week the group talked about what does it mean to be a man. Healthy and unhealthy stereotypes of being male and the different influences that make up those stereotypes.

Masculinity is a social construct; it exists because as a society we agree that it does.

History and different cultures allows us to see that the definition of what being a man is, is a changing concept and can look different to everyone.

We at Top Blokes believe that being a man is about being a good person, honest, respectful, loyal and trustworthy.

Have a conversation with your young man about positive male traits they possess or think that they should. Let us know below.

For more information and a handy ebook on engaging boys and other great free resources visit us at <https://www.topblokes.org.au/resources> or E: info@topblokes.org.au P: 1300 450 850

Before and After School Care vouchers

Did you know you can claim a **\$500** voucher per child for before and after school care?

The BASC Voucher Program is an exciting initiative that offers families with a \$500 voucher per child, to support the cost of accessing BASC services.

Families can claim the voucher from Service NSW between 28 February and 30 September 2022, and must redeem the voucher at a participating before and after school care service by 31 December 2022.

Claim the voucher from 28 February via the Service NSW app on your smartphone device, or by following the verification steps as outlined on the Service NSW website: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc-voucher> External link.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the BASC team at bascreform@det.nsw.edu.au or on 1300 244 145.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for these vouchers?
Families with a child enrolled in a before and after school care service.

Can the BASC Vouchers be used for Vacation Care?
Yes, the vouchers can be used to cover the cost of the parent gap fee for before and after school care and vacation care sessions.

How do families claim the vouchers?
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How do families redeem these vouchers?
To redeem the voucher, your before and after school care service provider must be approved to participate in the BASC Voucher program with Service NSW and the Department of Education.

When will families be able to redeem the voucher?
Families can apply for the vouchers from 28 February 2022 via the Service NSW app, online or at a local Service NSW Centre. Families will have until 30 September to claim the voucher via Service NSW, and must redeem the voucher with their before and after school care provider by 31 December 2022.

How do Before and After School Care providers scan vouchers?
Vouchers can be scanned with a mobile device or tablet using the [MyService NSW Business App](#). Unique, single use codes will be issued for each voucher and can be entered manually via the [MyService NSW Business App](#).

Is there a non-digital offering? How do families access this?
Families who choose not to apply digitally are able to apply for their voucher at a local Service NSW Centre or Mobile Service Centre. Upon successful application, families will be offered the opportunity to print their vouchers.

What happens when care is shared between separated parents?
Under the Program, only one voucher can be issued for each child. This means that the first parent to apply for the voucher is the parent who will be issued the voucher for that child, and we encourage parents to come to an agreement in relation to how to use the voucher in their circumstances.

Who can I speak to for more information?
If you have any questions, please reach out to the BASC team at bascreform@det.nsw.edu.au or on 1300 244 145.