



# PRINCIPALS BLOG

A weekly update on everything at New Lambton South Public School

TERM 1 WEEK 2

5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY

- 8<sup>TH</sup> PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS COMMENCE
- 18<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING
- FINAL DAY OF PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
- 19<sup>TH</sup> SWIMMING CARNIVAL
- 24<sup>TH</sup> ZONE PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL
- 25<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING

### MARCH

- 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING
- 11<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING
- 18<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING
- 19<sup>TH</sup> HARMONY DAY
- 25<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING

### APRIL

- 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING
- K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE
- GRANDPARENTS DAY
- CROSS COUNTRY
- LAST DAY TERM 1

## ***FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...***

### **WEEK 1 WELCOME**

Welcome back to the 2021 school year!

Students have settled into their new classes well and it has been a very calm start to the year. As a result of slightly reduced student numbers we only have 18 classes this year. A small rise in the number of enrolments could however see the number of classes increase. We think that this is unlikely but could be a possibility.

2021 promises to be a big year with the full scope of school activities being planned for. These include camps, sporting events and carnivals, Easter Hat Parades and of course the whole school performance.

I am sure it will be busy but a lot of fun also!

### **PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS**

Parents of students in grades 1-6 will have been sent links for parent teacher interview times.

These interviews will occur via Zoom.

This is an opportunity for you to let the teachers know any relevant information about your children.

Teachers will not be reporting on academic progress during these interviews.

## ATTENDANCE

Our school has been set an attendance target of having greater than **88% of students attend school for greater than 90% of the time**. Please help us to achieve this target by sending your students to school every day that they can attend. All non-attendance will be followed up by school staff and unfortunately students whose attendance is not satisfactory must be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer. Students can very quickly slip below 90% attendance as follows.

1 day absent per week = 80% attendance

1 day absent per fortnight = 90% attendance

2 week holiday during school term = 90% attendance

Every day counts for a child's learning. If a child takes a two week holiday every year of their schooling they will have missed three terms of learning!

Current percentage of students who have greater than 90% attendance = 91.5%



## BAND

Being part of a musical ensemble or learning an instrument is a fantastic way to expand your child's literacy, numeracy and aural skills. Your child will grow in confidence and self-esteem, increase their team working and co-operation skills and learn to read and play the language of music and of course, have fun!

NLS has a Senior concert Band for students with experience (rehearsals: Monday/Tuesday – 8:00am) and a Junior Band (Wednesday – 8:00am) for students starting with no experience.

Music tuition is offered at school during lunch, recess and after school in OOSH hours.

If your child has shown an interest or you would like to give your child the opportunity to learn music the Music Program note is available at the office or please feel free to contact me directly 0425 255880.

Gina Caban

Band Director

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual swimming Carnival is planned for Friday 19th February at New Lambton Swimming Pool.

Parents are able to attend this event but will be asked to abide by the venues COVID safe guidelines. Part of these guidelines means that parents are not to mingle with students and staff during the day. A section of the venue will be allocated for parents to spectate. Further to this we would ask for some parent volunteers to assist with timekeeping. Volunteers will need to contact Mr Hawke via the school email: [newlambtos-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:newlambtos-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) Volunteers will need to assist for the duration of the day and numbers will be limited due to COVID.



## NEWCASTLE CITY PSSA REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Newcastle City PSSA will hold selection trials for representative teams throughout terms 1 and 2 in the below mentioned sports.

If your child competes in any of these sports at a **representative or extremely high level outside of school**, you may nominate your child by emailing the school office with the subject line: Newcastle City PSSA Rep Team Nomination. [newlambtos-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:newlambtos-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

Your nomination email should include the following information: your child's name, age, chosen sport(s) and level of competition they compete in with regard to their sport(s).

This will be forwarded to Mr Hawke who will receive information from Newcastle City PSSA throughout the term. Please note that this is not a school-based team. Newcastle City emphasises that attendees to the trials are only for the most skilled students who compete regularly in representative level competition. The cost to trial varies between sports and ranges from \$10.00 to \$20.00 and is payable in cash to the Hunter convener on arrival at the trial. The levy covers the cost of the venue hire.

The sports and trial dates are as follows:

<b>Tennis:</b> Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February \$20.00	<b>Soccer (Boys):</b> Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March \$10.00
<b>Cricket (Boys) :</b> Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March - \$10.00	<b>Hockey:</b> Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March \$15.00
<b>Basketball (Boys):</b> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March \$10.00	<b>Soccer (Girls):</b> Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March \$10.00
<b>Basketball (Girls):</b> Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March \$10.00	<b>Netball:</b> Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March \$10.00
<b>Rugby League (Opens):</b> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March \$10.00	<b>Rugby Union:</b> Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May \$10.00
<b>Rugby League (11's):</b> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March \$10.00	<b>Touch Football:</b> Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June \$10.00
<b>AFL:</b> Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March \$10.00	<b>Softball:</b> Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June \$10.00
<b>Cricket (Girls):</b> Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March \$10.00	<b>Golf:</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June \$10.00 – \$20.00

## COMMUNICATIONS

There are a number of ways that the school communicates with parents. We are always looking to improve our communications systems and this will be a focus for 2021. Currently the following platforms exist:



OPEROO: Whole school announcements via email and excursion permissions.



SENTRAL SMS: Attendance SMS's if your child is absent from school



SEESAW: Ongoing platform for interaction with the classroom teacher



SCHOOL APP: Event Alerts and reminders



FACEBOOK: Celebration of Good News stories



WEBSITE: Department of Education updates and basic school information. [newlambtos-p.school.nsw.gov.au](http://newlambtos-p.school.nsw.gov.au)

## COVID RESTRICTIONS



Unfortunately COVID restrictions are still in place. We thank parents for their patience and support with these. For the foreseeable future parents are asked to drop students at any gate of a morning. There is always staff there to greet the kids. Afternoon pick-ups are from specific gates based on student sports houses.

If you need to enter the school grounds you may do so through gate 4 and proceed directly to the administration office.

## **CHESS CHAMPION**

Our school has a tradition of high performance in Chess having taken out a number of competitions in the past. 2020 saw our Chess team continue to be coached online. During the Summer Holidays Max M competed in the NSW Country Championships. In a close fought battle Max took out the final being named NSW Country Champion! Huge Congrats to Max!

### CONGRATULATIONS MAX



## **LEGO LEAGUE**

Late last year our Lego League Team competed in the Recovery and Dance competitions.

This competition was conducted across NSW via Zoom.

Our Dance Team was awarded First Place!

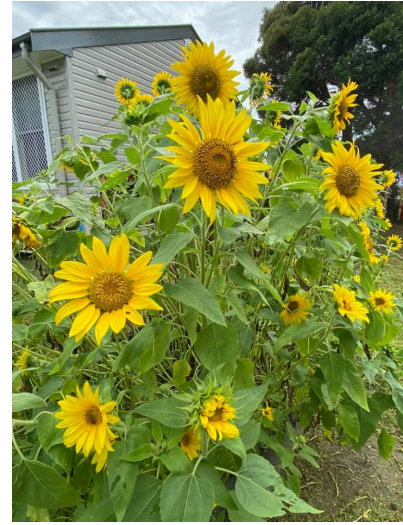
# Well done Team!





## GARDEN

Thanks to Mrs Drinkwater and a small but dedicated group of students who spend a lot of time caring for our school garden. It is looking absolutely beautiful. What a great space for the kids, we really appreciate this work you do!



## SCHOOL FEES

In the coming weeks parents will be issued with invoices for school fees and school excursions/incursions. It is important to note that school fees are voluntary. However, through the collection of school fees we are able to enhance our learning resources and our physical environments. There is still a considerable amount of money outstanding from 2020 and we do ask that these fees are paid.

Further to this, payment for school excursions/incursions are not voluntary. Students who have not paid for excursions or technology/online learning platforms or licences will not be able to participate in or access these platforms that incur an additional cost.

## BUS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

For parents and students wanting to check their route and timetable, it is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

- 1 - Visit: [newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services](https://newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services)
- 2 - Type your school name into the search field
- 3 - Select your school bus route to download the PDF timetable.



Please remember that there were **some timetable changes** made to regular route services and some school route services on **Monday 14 December, 2020**. As always, we encourage students and parents to **check their trip** ahead of the new school year.

For parents and/or students that have questions about school services or need help planning their trip, they will need to contact our Customer Service Team on 131 500 or using our customer portal on our website at [newcastletransport.info](https://newcastletransport.info), so we can follow up immediately.

## HATS IN THE PLAYGROUND



A review late last year of the NLSPS Memorandum of Understanding between the P and C and the school, found that the community felt that stronger enforcement of the wearing of hats was required at school. To that end it is a rule that all students must wear hat for outdoor play and lessons.

During Term 4 2020 the expectation was that any hat could be worn. The expectation in 2021 was that school hats would be worn with a review of the current hat to be undertaken. However, there are significant supply issues and as such the timelines for the implementation of the wearing of school hats needs to be extended. For Term 1 2021, students may wear any hat to school or they will be directed to the library.

Enjoy your weekend..

Mr Pryce  
Principal

## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at New Lambton South Public School is held on Mondays from 12:05pm to 12:55pm, starting on 8 February 2021.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.





## Lambton Jaffas Junior Football Club 2021 Player Registrations NOW OPENED!!

### To Register to play

1. Apply for NSW Government \$100 Active Kids Voucher at Services NSW for 5-18yrs  
To Redeem your voucher number, log into:-  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>
2. Then log on to Play Football website, follow the prompts & register with **Lambton Jaffas Junior Soccer Club**  
<https://www.playfootball.com.au/>

2021 Registration fees to play at the Jaffas are

Category	Age Group	Cost	With Active Kids Voucher
Mini Roo Teams	U/5 to U/7	\$135	\$35
Junior Teams	U/8 to U/11	\$160	\$60
Youth Teams	U/12 to U/18	\$210	\$110
Senior Teams	AAM, AAW, O/35	\$315	\$315

If you have any questions or just wish to meet the Committee, come on down to one of our **INFORMATION DATES** below at Harry Edwards Oval

Day	Time
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	4.30pm to 6.00pm
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am to 12.00pm
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am to 12.00pm

For any further queries you may have, please email the club at:-  
[lambtonjaffasjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:lambtonjaffasjuniors@gmail.com)

or

Jump onto our Facebook Page “**Lambton Junior Soccer Club**”

OR CONTACT

**Club Registrar:**

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