



PRINCIPALS BLOG

A weekly update on everything at New Lambton South Public School

TERM 1 WEEK 5

26th FEBRUARY 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY MARCH

- 4TH YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING
- 11TH YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING
- 18TH YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING
- 19TH HARMONY DAY
- 25TH YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING

APRIL

- 1ST TUTORING
- K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE
- GRANDPARENTS DAY
- CROSS COUNTRY
- LAST DAY TERM 1

APRIL

- 20TH FIRST DAY TERM 2

CANTEEN REMINDER

Please remember lunch orders must be submitted by 8.30am.

The canteen can no longer accept late orders via the office.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

NAPLAN EQUATING STUDY

Our school has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2021 Equating Study.

Key information about the NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study:

- The Equating Study has been conducted each year since 2009. Each year a different selection of sampled schools is needed. The sample ensures a diverse range of student backgrounds and abilities is represented. Participation is essential to ensure the representative sample is maintained.
- The purpose of the equating tests is to enable the results for each year's NAPLAN assessment, in this case the 2021 NAPLAN assessment (paper and online), to be reported on the same national NAPLAN measurement scales.
- The Equating Study will involve classes in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from a national sample of schools. New Lambton South Public School has been chosen as one of the sampled schools.
- Although the precise details will vary slightly depending on the individual school, it is expected that one class of **25 students in each applicable year level from our school** will participate.
- Participating classes will complete one test only in either Reading, Language Conventions or Numeracy.
- The equating tests are paper-based tests only (even for schools administering the NAPLAN tests online in May 2021).
- The timeframe for the study to be conducted is from **Monday 26 April to Friday 7 May 2020**.

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 = 86%



FAIRFIELD AVENUE CROSSING GUARD

This week we welcome Wayne as our new Fairfield Avenue crossing guard. A second crossing guard for our school has been a long time coming and we are sure our students and families using the Fairfield Avenue crossing will appreciate the safety Wayne will provide.

The local highway patrol has also reviewed the safety of children on Fairfield Avenue this week and has made recommendations for flashing 40 lights and an extension of the double lines. These measures will hopefully do more to keep our children safe.



PSSA ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday, 39 New Lambton South students competed in the Newcastle City Zone PSSA swimming carnival.

Through intermittent rain, our students gave their best and represented our school with great pride.

Special mention must go to Ryan Taylor who finished in the top 3 for Senior boys Backstroke and Senior boys Butterfly. He will now progress to the Hunter Region Carnival and represent Newcastle City Zone.



MESSAGE FROM ADMIN – ABSENCES AND EARLY LEAVERS

When submitting your child's absences via the school app, please remember to double check the dates. We have recently experienced a number of absences submitted have been sent in for the incorrect day.

If you require to collect your child early you have a few options:

- Early leavers requests can be submitted via the School app on morning of the day required
- An email can be sent to the school email address
- You can call the office and notify them

We understand last minute situations do occur where you will not be able to do any of the above however it would appreciated if requests could be submitted with as much notice on the day as possible. This will help us ensure your child is waiting or on their way to the office at your nominated time.

NEWCASTLE CITY PSSA REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS SUCCESS

During Term 1 we have had representative-level student's trial for the Newcastle City Zone Rep teams in Tennis, Cricket, Basketball and Rugby League.

With some sports still remaining to have trials, so far New Lambton South have had Alex L selected for Tennis, Logan C and Finn C selected for under 11's rugby league. Congratulations also to Isla R for being selected in the PSSA Newcastle Regional Girls Basketball Team. She will now go on to compete at Maitland on Tuesday 9th March.

Congratulations also go to Travis T, Toby M, and Harry M on their selection in the boys PSSA zone basketball side!

CONGRATULATIONS!!



HARMONY DAY / NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

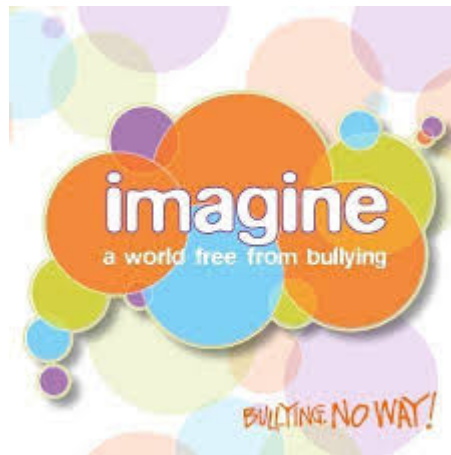
Each year our school celebrates and supports Harmony Day and the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. This year we are excited to have *Backflips Against Bullying* perform at our school!

Backflips Against Bullying utilises parkour and acrobatics to engage students in learning about bullying. Important messages such as Empowering the bystander and exit strategies for the victim are addressed. Each Stage group will watch a one hour performance, followed by specific and related lessons and activities. The Backflips performers will also roam the playground with the students during recess.

We are asking for a \$5 donation per child from our families.

You can see more about the performances and links to syllabus outcomes here:

<https://www.actioneducation.com.au/#Home>



CRICKET

Mr Roffey will be conducting Cricket trials for our PSSA cricket side next week. All students are welcome to trial however it is most likely that senior students will be selected to represent the school.

We play our first match against New Lambton Public School in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL LEADERS

Our School Leaders will be busy over the coming weeks organising our Harmony Day celebrations and our National Day of Action against Bullying activities. These days will be held conjointly on 19th March.

CLARIFICATION FOR FAMILIES REGARDING UNWELL OR SICK CHILDREN

Students must not attend school if they are unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms including fever, cough or sore throat. Students need to be symptom free and a negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school prior to their return to school. These results must be emailed to the school admin email: newlambtos-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Students who have seasonal allergies rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition.

Isolated incidents of sneezing or coughing may not indicate that a student is suffering from an illness. Staff should talk with students about how they are feeling to determine if a cough/sneeze is an isolated

incident or whether the student is unwell. Where a student is unwell arrangements should be made to send them home.

COVID-19 testing for very young students or students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools are to ask the parent/carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not indicated, a medical certificate must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to the school environment.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS ARE STILL IN PLACE FOR 2021

Just a reminder that COVID-19 protocol are still in place

- Parents are still not permitted on the school grounds or at school events without invitation.
- Drop off and collection procedures are still in place with children meeting parents at their house group gate.
- All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) while on site, including at pick up.
- All visitors to the school are required to go directly to the office. You will be required to sign in as an external visitor as well as sign in using our Service NSW QR code

P & C FACEBOOK HAT SURVEY

Following on from discussions at last week's P & C meeting there is now a survey on their Facebook page. If you would like to have some input on the proposed additional style of hat please head to their page and have a say.

<https://www.facebook.com/nlspspandc/posts/3605512766228218>



Enjoy your weekend..

Mr Pryce
Principal



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NEWCASTLE APRIL CAMP 2021



APRIL

15th – 16th 2021

8:30am – 3:00pm



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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 for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.