



# PRINCIPALS BLOG

A weekly update on everything at New Lambton South Public School

TERM 1 WEEK 6

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MARCH

11<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 6 MATHS TUTORING  
SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST  
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> TUTORING  
K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE  
GRANDPARENTS DAY  
CROSS COUNTRY  
LAST DAY TERM 1

20<sup>TH</sup> FIRST DAY TERM 2

## FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK...

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be a focus at New Lambton South Public School.

We have been set an attendance target of having greater than **88%** of students attend school for greater than **90%** of the time. Absences from school all add up with 10 minutes every couple of days quickly adding up to days over the course of your child's schooling. If your child takes a two week holiday during the school term every year of their schooling they will have missed three terms of learning!

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

## % OF STUDENTS WITH OVER 90% ATTENDANCE PER GRADE YEAR TO DATE

Kinder	85.70%	Year 4	69.84%
Year 1	75.40%	Year 5	70.85%
Year 2	74.66%	Year 6	67.90%
Year 3	68.85%		

*Every day*  
**COUNTS!**

School success starts  
with attendance

## **CRICKET TRIALS**

This week Mr Roffey held the cricket trials for our school PSSA Knockout team. There were a lot of boys going for the limited positions on the team and with so many talented players it was a tough call. The selected team have since been practicing their batting, bowling and fielding skills every lunchtime in preparation for their first round against New Lambton Public School. This match will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.



## **INCIDENT AT MACKIE AVENUE PARK**

It has been brought to the schools attention that last week in the park, between about 7 and 7.30 pm an ex student was approached by two teenagers aged approximately 15 - 17 years. The teens who asked the ex-student him if he had any money, then demanded his phone, pushed him around, forced him to change his lock code and threatened to hurt him more if he told anyone about it. The police are involved. If you have any information regarding this incident please contact local police.



## **SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST**

Next week a number of our students will be sitting the Selective High School examinations. We wish them the best of luck in their aspirations.

## **TECHNOLOGY AND BYOD UPDATE**

Last year there were significant difficulties in purchasing technology and replacement parts due to supply chains being impacted by COVID-19.

For the school this highlighted some issues with the use of technology in the classroom. The school is completing an audit of its current technology requirements and also conducting due diligence on the benefits of BYOD. The use of technology in classrooms may be different from grade to grade and these requirements will be communicated to parents shortly. Thank you for your patience while we work through this.

## PARKING ZONES

Please do not park in the no stopping zones around the school. There are significant fines for people who do so and the highway patrol are increasing their vigilance in the area. More importantly, it makes seeing our children and ensuring their safety very difficult as they cross the roads and leave the school.

Increased fines and demerit points apply for certain school zone offences, with illegal use of mobile phones and speeding among those included in **double demerit periods**. Transport for NSW has more information on fines and demerit point offences [HERE](#)

**Kids look to you to keep them safe**  
For more information call **4974 2000** or visit **www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au**

# Always obey the signs

		
<b>You can stop here for 2 minutes only</b>	<b>You CANNOT stop here</b>	<b>You CANNOT stop here unless driving a bus</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You can drop off or pick up your child here but you must either stay in the car or within 3 metres of the car</li><li>Stop as close to the head of the zone as possible to allow easy access for everyone</li></ul>	<p>You cannot drop off or pick up your child here</p>	<p>You cannot drop off or pick up your child here</p>



If your child is having a lunch order on a FRIDAY, please remember you can order via Flexischools at any time. There have been technical issues with Flexischools, usually overload of orders nation-wide, on Fridays that are beyond our control. Orders must be submitted before 8.00am daily and the canteen will no longer accept late orders via the office or over the counter lunch orders with cash.



## 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>



## 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





## GUIDED PLAY

This week during guided play we drew inspiration from the Newcastle 'Chalk the Walk' display in town. Many young NLSPS artists worked on large and small artworks that decorated the walls and grounds of our school. It was great to see the teamwork and imagination involved.

Next week we are going bigger and better, aiming to take photographs out of the upstairs windows, to show some tricky and descriptive perspectives.



Enjoy your weekend..

Mr Pryce  
Principal





**ACTIVATE SPORTS  
CAMPS**



*Keep active with Activate!*

**NEWCASTLE APRIL  
CAMP  
2021**



**APRIL**

**15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**8:30am – 3:00pm**



**NEW LAMBTON  
SOUTH PUBLIC**

**St James Rd, New  
Lambton, 2305, NSW**



**2 days of Multi-  
Sports activities  
and games!**



**Expert coaching by  
top-grade  
players/primary  
teachers**



**All-inclusive  
activities for boys  
and girls aged 6 –  
12 years!**



**Safe, supportive  
and fun  
environment**



**Save up to \$30  
per child when  
booking online  
for 1 or 2 extra  
days!**



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