



TERM 2

WEEK 3

15 MAY 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to our second newsletter for the term. I hope that all our mothers in the community enjoyed a restful and pampered Mother's Day and I know that many of our students were brimming with tales of Mother's Day events and a fun day. I am sure that with some government restrictions having been relaxed, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with family and friends.

I would like to thank Maxine Petty and the Events and Fundraising Committee for providing an innovative and wonderful Mother's Day Lucky Dip for children to purchase for their Mums on Mother's Day. It was a very successful event.

The number of students attending school has been steadily increasing, with the attendance rate of 90% for the last couple of days. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our parents and other family members who assisted students with home learning. We have seen evidence of wonderful work completed by our students over this time and an enthusiastic commitment to learning from those who have returned.

The Department of Education sent out an update yesterday relating to students attending school. The update stated:

"As of Monday, 18 May 2020 all students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home.

This means students are either:

- *at school;*
- *have a medical referral to learn from home;*
- *unwell and stay at home; or*
- *recorded as absent if they do not attend.*

If a student does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided a learning program."

Accompanied in the school newsletter is a parent letter from the Department of Education via the school principal. This letter outlines student attendance at school as well as requirements for students who are unable to attend school due to medical conditions.

Unfortunately, the restrictions for parents and caregivers not entering the school grounds still remains, however, I would like to thank the school community for adhering to this policy. I would like to thank the parents who bring their dogs while walking to school for keeping them under control. There was some concern about dogs barking and scaring some of the younger children, especially in the junior school pickup area, however, the owners are now aware of this and are picking up their dogs or calming them down if they become agitated. Thank you to the dog owners who pick up their dog's excrement, as if it is left on the oval, it will be a problem for our children who use the oval daily for play and physical education lessons.

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 4

Tuesday 19 May

Assembly rescheduled to Term 3

Thursday 21 May

Be You Meeting, 5pm

WEEK 5

Tuesday 26 May

Junior Assembly (Rm3)

Thursday 28 May

Dental Checks – PP, Yr3, Yr6 TBC

Friday 29 May

Newsletter (Rm 20)

WEEKLY

Uniform Shop CLOSED

Orders can be made. Place completed forms in P&C box.

Canteen OPEN Tues & Fri

Place orders via QuickCliq by 8:30am on the day.
NO lunchtime window sales.

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS
Pack a waste free lunch each Wednesday

The school accepts batteries and Nescafe pods for recycling



Keep informed and download the Skoolbag App



During the week we had two very successful meetings, the School Council meeting on Monday night and the School P&C meeting on Wednesday night. They were very constructive meetings and both were held online with video conferencing tools to not only discuss items but to also present documents and information. Thank you to the School Council and School P&C for being so innovative and flexible. At both meetings, the results of the Lathlain Primary School Community survey were presented. The results of the [school survey](#) are posted on the newly developed School website. We will continue to build the site throughout the term to ensure it provides up to date and accurate information about what is happening at Lathlain Primary School.

Starting next Monday, our students from Years 1-6 will be participating in online standardised assessments. Due to NAPLAN online testing being halted with COVID-19, we have implemented a series of Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) to provide additional information about student learning and achievement at Lathlain Primary School. The areas being assessed will be:

- Mathematics (Years 1-6)
- Reading (Years 1-6)
- Science (Years 3-6) and
- Writing (Years 4-6)

The results from these assessments will provide the teaching staff with additional information for reporting to parents later this term.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Ian Bersan

A/Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Over the last number of months, Lathlain Primary School has been involved with the preparation for attaining Independent Public School (IPS) status.

An Independent Public School is a public school that has demonstrated its capacity to use its increased flexibilities and responsibilities to make local decisions across a range of school operations to enhance education outcomes for students.

Each Independent Public School has a school board. The school, in collaboration with the board, establishes a vision for the school that reflects the aspirations and needs of the community. The board can have an important influence on the direction of the school, with members bringing ideas and lending their expertise to strategic planning and community partnerships.

We are currently in the process of constructing a narrative which we will present to a panel of IPS principals later this term to successfully become an Independent Public School.

Thank you.

Mark Wallace

School Council Chair

2021 ENROLMENTS

Kindy enrolments due by 30 July.

If your child was born between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017 they are due to commence Kindy in 2021. To apply to enrol please complete an application form and submit the application along with supporting documentation to the school office or by email to lathlain.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

Information on how to obtain an Australian Immunisation Register can be found at [HealthyWA](#).

Pre-Primary 2021

The school will send information regarding 2021 Pre-Primary enrolment home to current Kindy students from Week 5, Monday 25 May.

Application form

The application for enrolment form is now available on Skoolbag and the [school website](#).

LOST AND FOUND

Is your child missing their hat or school jacket?

The lost and found bin has been moved to the front office and will be placed outside the office school gate at the end of each day to allow parents to look for lost items.

If your child has lost glasses, please contact the office. We are holding a number of reading glasses and sunglasses.

CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM IN CHILDREN

Self-esteem and self-confidence has a big impact on a child's day to day life and their relationships with both themselves and others. Having positive self-esteem leads to:

- Improved relationships with others
- Ability to face stress and life's challenges
- Better control of emotions and behaviour
- Less fear and anxiety
- Improved self-worth



Ways to increase a child's self-confidence:

- Avoid harsh criticism after making a mistake or making poor decisions - If they make a mistake or a poor choice, let them know you're upset with the *choice* they made but not with who they are
- Practice positive self-talk with them "I can't do this" = "I can do this"
- Give them 'special tasks' to help you out (age-appropriate of course)
- Join them in their play and let them lead
- Improve your own confidence
- Encourage them to set and achieve goals – achieving (realistic) goals helps them feel more capable, and as a result confident
- Ask for their advice or opinion
- Schedule quality time together
- Encourage them to try new things to develop new skills. Let them make mistakes and celebrate their mistakes by acknowledging their courage in trying something new!
- For a great resource visit 'U R Strong' for information for both parents and children on developing confidence and friendship skills <https://urstrong.com/>
- Big Life Journal has some great information and resources on children's self-esteem and boosting their confidence: <https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/tagged/self-esteem>

The School Chaplain
Briarna Popis

Online meeting success!

We hosted our first online meeting this week on Microsoft Teams. At this stage the next meeting in Week 7 will also be online unless current circumstances change. If you would like to attend the online meeting you are very welcome. We ask you to express your interest to our secretary Brian Tombleson who will add you to the mailing list to invite you to attend. Email him at secretary@lathlainps.org.au

New P&C website

The P&C has set up a simple website to share relevant information with the broader Lathlain Primary community, in particular meeting minutes and associated documentation.

The initial goals of the website are to:

- Make the operations of the P&C appropriately visible (minutes, agendas, reports, etc).
- Make funding proposals visible for further discussion.
- Provide general information about the P&C that is easily accessible and referenceable.

We will be adding content to the website throughout the year, including providing further information on P&C roles, uniform, canteen etc.

To read our reports and minutes from the previous meetings visit

<https://sites.google.com/lathlainps.org.au/public/home>

Easter Raffle and Mother's Day stall

Congratulations to the Events and Fundraising Committee for running an amazing Easter Raffle and online Mother's Day stall to provide our families with some sunshine and love during this time.

P&C Day 22 May

Friday 22 May 2020 is P&C Day WA, which celebrates all the contributions P&Cs make to school communities. Follow us on Facebook as we introduce the Executive Committee members and thank them for their efforts in running our P&C.

Jenny Beer
President
Lathlain Primary P&C

Mothers Day 2020 - The same but different!

A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting this year's Mother's Day 'Stall'.

While we couldn't run our usual school stall, the P&C received over 250 Mother's Day 'lucky dip' gift bag orders for students to take home for mum. What lucky mums! 😊

Thank you to the P&C mums Kat, Carla, Jen, Jade, Tina, Fi & Bec who shopped, organised, packed, distributed and delivered all our gorgeous gift bags.

Thank you also to our Principal Mr Bersan for his support, and a huge thank you to the Wirrpanda Foundation who kindly gave us a space to fill up with Mother's Day trinkets while we packed and labelled gift bags.



UNIFORM SHOP – ORDERS BEING PROCESSED

The Uniform Shop is closed until further notice, however, families are able to place orders.

Completed order forms can be placed in the P&C Box in the school office or emailed to lathlainprimaryuniformshop@gmail.com.

Order Forms are available on Skoolbag or from the school office.



Long Sleeve Polo shirts

Long sleeve polo shirts are due to arrive in June. We apologise for the delay, however, as they are coming from overseas it is taking longer than usual due to Covid19.

LATHLAIN LUNCHBOX – CANTEEN UPDATE

The LATHLAIN Lunch Box



The canteen staff were thrilled to be able to reopen this week with a slightly modified menu.

Our menu still includes some delicious home cooked meals and a few old favourites and we will expand into our new Winter Menu very soon with some warm and toasty lunches to keep everyone going through the cold weather. We are also working towards having our lunchtime window service back up again very soon.

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to help out again this term. Our first service this week went off without a hitch with lots of orders and yummy food leaving the canteen. We appreciate the support and kind words we have been receiving from the school community while we have adjusted to the changes taking place.



Have you considered online music lessons?

Places are still available for Term 2!

Online lessons are still available **via live video link** directly to one of our PMI tutors, so students can learn their instrument from their own home, just like this:



Here's some feedback from one of our parents:

"My daughter is not missing out on keyboard lessons now because they are online. Well done PMI!"

Please enrol via our website: www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au Or for any enquiries, email admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au

or Phone 1300 362 824

Tuning into Kids

South East Metro Parenting Support Service

For parents and carers of children 3-12 years

6-Sessions (Online)

Workshop Overview

This interactive online workshop will help parents and carers teach their children to understand and regulate their emotions. Children with good emotional intelligence often have better emotional, social and physical functioning, as well as fewer behavioural difficulties.

Tuning into Kids is a parenting program that aims to give helpful ways of teaching children the skills of emotional intelligence.



BOOKINGS



9251 5777



parenting@communicare.org.au



DATES

Wednesdays

20, 27 May and
3, 10, 17, 24 June 2020



TIME

12.30pm - 2.30pm



LOCATION

Online
Zoom link will be
forwarded after
registration



COST

Free



CRECHE

Not applicable

 COMMUNICARE



Save the Children



The South East Metro Parenting Support Service is funded by the Government of Western Australia Department of Communities. South East Metro Parenting Support Services are delivered by Communicare in partnership with Save the Children.

ROOM 1

Our focus in Science this term is **Biological Sciences**.

In Year Two students describe how living things grow and change through different stages of their life.



All students in Room 1 have made their own sprout house for their broad bean seed they are growing.



We have started growing our own vegetables from seeds.

Once they get to the seedlings stage we will be planting them in our class vegetable garden.

Then hopefully make some yummy food using our own school grown vegetables.



We found it interesting comparing the different seeds.

