

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya / Welcome to the latest edition of School News. We have given the newsletter a revamp in 2023 to try to make it more relevant to feedback received. I trust that families will find this both more informative and of interest.

PARKING

I am currently working with the Town of Victoria Park to have the area designated as "Bus Zone" on Howick Street re-signed to be a kiss and drop. Once this has occurred, parents will be able to use the zone for this purpose. I remind parents that kiss and drop means the driver must stay in the vehicle at all times and keep the flow going, even if that means going around the block.

The Town of Victoria Park ranger has been around many times already this term, so please ensure that you are following all parking signs at all times. Also please ensure that cars are not parked over the footpaths, in order to allow clear access for pedestrians, including those with prams.

NAPLAN 2023

NAPLAN testing has been moved to Term 1 from 2023 onwards. This change means that students from Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking the testing in weeks 7 and 8 of this term.

Students will be given the opportunity to undertake practice tests prior to this time.

SCHOOL BOARD

Your School Board met for the first time in 2023 on Monday of this week. There will be a School Board parent representative election for 2 vacancies. Voting

forms will be sent out via Seesaw to all families during the next couple of weeks. The voting form will be electronic and will contain the names of those parents who indicated their interest in the Board in Term 4 of 2022.

UNDERCOVER AREA

In exciting news, I have approved the covering of the concrete / paved area immediately outside the undercover area, back to the grass in front of the Arts block. This will significantly increase the space available for assemblies and other events. It also weather proofs this area for when we hold such events.

ENROLMENTS

Currently we have 625 students enrolled at Lathlain PS across all year levels. This is a number that has just continued to grow since the beginning of the school year. We welcome all new families that have joined our school community since the last newsletter.

CANTEEN

A reminder that the canteen is open every Wednesday and Friday for recess and lunch. The canteen relies on volunteers to support the paid staff to ensure that service to our school community is possible.

CLUBS

Our school staff offer students many different clubs before , during and after school. These are voluntarily run by staff and provide additional opportunities for children.

Have a great fortnight!

Rick Walters

UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 21 Feb	Junior Assembly @ 9am	Thurs 9 March	K1, K3 & K5 Incursion
Thurs 23 Feb	BeYou Action Group @5pm	Fri 10 March	K2 & K4 Incursion
Tues 28 Feb	Senior Assembly @ 9am	Tues 14 March	Junior Assembly @ 9am
Mon 6 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday	Wed 15 March	NAPLAN starts Years 3 & 5

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Welcome back to start of a new school year. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a big year ahead. It's hard to believe we are already halfway through February.

It is a well-researched fact that regular attendance at school is extremely important for your child's academic success and overall well-being. There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement. If your child is missing school often, they may fall behind, struggle to keep up with their peers, and have lower levels of motivation and engagement with their schooling. This can also have long-term effects on their future, in fact research shows that students who are often absent from school are likely to earn less than their peers as adults.

Taking holidays during the school term is not recommended. This can disrupt the learning process and have a significant impact on a child's learning, development, and self-esteem. Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers to ensure your child learns what they need to. In term holidays can cause students to miss important lessons, make it difficult for them to catch up on missed work and demotivate them to return as they can feel left out or left behind academically and socially. We understand the importance of spending time with your family and taking breaks, but

we strongly advise that you plan your holidays outside of school term and to minimise the impact on your child's education.

Let's work together to make this school year the best one yet for your child. Regular attendance at school is essential for their academic success and overall well-being, it's important to prioritise their education and ensure they attend school regularly. By avoiding taking holidays during the school term, we can help ensure their learning and development stay on track.

Interesting Facts:

- Missing one day a week of school from Year 1 to Year 11 is the equivalent of missing two years and one term of schooling.
- Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is equivalent to missing one year and one-and-a-half terms of schooling.
- Being absent five days a term from Year 1 to Year 10 adds up to more than one year of missed schooling.

CELEBRATING STUDENTS

Room	Honour Certificate Winner	Room	Honour Certificate Winner
1	Michael S	14	Luke S
2	Mikayla S	15	Christiana Y
11	Bethany C	16	Joseph B
12	Mathilda A	19	Declan H
13	Za-khan E	20	Kaya G

Room	Student of the Month	Room	Student of the Month
1	Zoe D G	14	Max W
		15	Jensen B
11	Esther W	16	Vincent H
12	Saoirse N	19	Archer V
13	Lily T	20	Tessa S

Room	Community Value Winner	Room	Community Value Winner
1	Abi N	14	Miranda D J
2	Ella M	15	Benjamin K
11	Emily D	16	Sofie R
12	Autilia G	19	Roisin W
13	Ava H	20	Aurora S

OTHER SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

Payment of 2023 Fees and Charges:

Thank you to those parents who have made payment of Fees and Charges via the COS stationery orders. The office is now ready to receive 2023 payments.

The board approved contributions for 2023 are:

Voluntary Contribution \$60

P&C Contribution \$30

Statements will be sent home soon and will include the school BSB & account details for direct deposit. Payment can also be made by EFTPOS or cash in the school office.

Please do not pay contributions if you have already made payment through COS.

When making direct deposits, it is essential that the **student's surname and first initial** are included in the comment. Where possible please also **list the items you are paying**.

Update your contact information:

Student update forms will be sent home next week. Please check the information carefully and make any necessary changes, or alternatively, tick the box indicating no changes are needed.

It is imperative contact details are kept up to date as this information is used should the school need to call you in an emergency situation or if your child is unwell. The school requires at least three to four emergency contacts.

Stationery Requirements Feedback:

The school used a new stationery requirements provider to supply the 2023 stationery. We would appreciate feedback on the stationery list and the provider, COS. To complete the short [survey](https://forms.office.com/r/3APx5CJbjn), please use this [link: https://forms.office.com/r/3APx5CJbjn](https://forms.office.com/r/3APx5CJbjn).

Gate Closure Times:

Children who arrive at school prior to 8.40 am are expected to sit on the benches or verandah outside their classroom until classroom doors open. There is limited supervision available prior to this time. Students are not permitted to play on equipment or run around the quadrangle. Please do not drop children at school before 8:15am.

All students who arrive after 8:50am are required to be signed in and need to collect a late pass from the office.

The school gates are locked from 8.50am – 2:45pm. During these times parents are asked to enter the school via the front office. All visitors are required to sign in as a visitor using the iPad. When collecting your child early please sign your child out and give the class teacher the early leave slip.

End of the school day:

All students are to be collected at 3pm. Students who are not collected at 3pm will be taken to the office and parents will be called.

TheirCare and Cuddles offer before and after school care for parents who cannot make the 3pm collection.

Hello families

Welcome to 2023 at Lathlain Primary!

Your P&C for 2023

We had a great start to the year with our AGM and first general meeting held Wednesday night. It was wonderful to welcome some new members this year, we look forward to your support.

The following amazing people have put their hands up to be your committee for this year – thank you!

President Fiona Henderson

Vice President Jenny Watts

Treasurer Carla Elliot

Secretary Janie Blomfield

Communications Coordinator (incl Class Rep coordinator) Amelia De Groot

Executive Committee Fiona Henderson, Jenny Watts, Carla Elliot, Janie Blomfield, Wendy Harrison, Amelia De Groot, Jade Wallace, Cirsten Werndly

Events Committee Amelia De Groot, Fiona Henderson, Nicole Ireland-Naughton, Sarah Hill, Janie, Blomfield, Jeanine Weir, Amanda Capitani, Kaidee Arnold, Kyle Hammond

LADS (Lathlain Association of Dads): Cirsten Werndly, Matt Blomfield

Canteen Committee: Wendy Harrison, Tracey Vermeulen, Natalie West, Jenny Watts

Outgoing president Jenny Beer

The P&C would like to say a massive thank you to our outgoing President, Jenny Beer.

Jenny has been a stalwart of our P&C for nearly a decade and has been the driving force behind so many of the wonderful initiatives our school now benefits from. In her many and varied roles with the P&C, Jenny has co-ordinated class reps, MC-ed countless quiz nights, packed lunch orders, organised dozens of fundraisers and amazing events for our students and families, bundled raffle prizes, chaired meetings, and cooked more sausages than she'd like to think about.

Just as importantly, for the last 3 years as president, Jenny has steered the P&C through the unprecedented challenges of Covid and built connections in the school community which supported and welcomed our school families during this difficult period. Jenny has worked tirelessly for our school community, and we have benefited enormously from her enthusiasm, passion and joy.

While we will miss her drive and can-do attitude on P&C, we are grateful Jenny will continue to play an active role in our school community. Thank you, Jenny!

Fiona Henderson

Lathlain Primary School P&C President

P & C NEWS



CANTEEN NEWS

Lathlain Lunchbox is your P&C run school canteen and we're open for service Wednesday and Friday. We offer recess, lunch and after lunch window service. We aim to provide a variety of choices for students to enjoy, as I know first hand how picky kids can be!

Our menu items may change seasonally to adapt to stock supply limitations or issues, and sometimes items may disappear from the menu without much notice due to this, so we apologise in advance for the inconvenience.

If it's your first time using the canteen, you will need to create an account through our online ordering system at quickcliq.com.au. The cut off for online orders is 8.30am on the day of service. If for some reason you miss the cut off, you can call the canteen by 9am and we will make sure your child doesn't go without. Please check out the menu and if you have any questions or suggestions, please get in touch.

I'd like to remind parents to ensure they receive confirmation for the orders placed through Quickcliq. If for any reason an item is unavailable it will be taken off the menu temporarily. In some cases numbers for certain items will be capped and once they reach the quota, they will disappear from the menu for that day.

We honestly couldn't do what we do without the support of our volunteers. Student numbers are rising and some days we've seen daily order numbers top 300. This is great! We have allocated each week as a guide, but please pop your name on any week you're available to assist. No experience necessary, even if its for a couple of hours. We really appreciate it.

[Canteen Volunteers \(signup.zone\)](https://signup.zone)

I'd like to thank some of our local suppliers for their support and supplying us with quality product.

- Grain Bakery supplies our rolls for our cheesies, fresh salad rolls, and burger buns.
- Sushi Sushi in Vic Park is the supplier of our Sushi on Fridays.



Any questions or ideas, please contact us on canteen@lathlainps.org.au

The 2023 Canteen Menu can be found on the school website: <https://lathlainps.wa.edu.au/parent-info/canteen/>



Crackers & Homemade Hummus



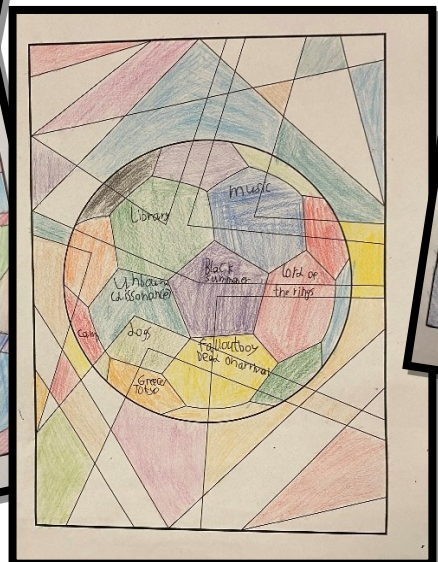
Nachos (Homemade Vegetarian Salsa)



Lunches made, prepped and ready for packing



We look forward to seeing you in the canteen soon!



'A Ball About Me'

The Year 6's in Room 20 all completed an abstract art display about their interests, hobbies and goals for the year. It was a great way to learn a little about everyone at the start of the year.



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Perth Goju Karate teaches karate classes in your local area.

A special offer for the school's students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!

Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment.

We also teach classes for teens and adults and they are fantastic for fitness, wellbeing and of course, self-defense.

Classes continue over the school holidays (with a short break over the Christmas period) which makes it perfect for the kids who are looking to try something on the holidays.

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Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial.

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NETBALLERS FOR THE:

2023 WINTER NETBALL SEASON

Does your son or daughter want to play Netball this season?
We are looking for new players to join existing teams already at
your school. All ages and abilities encouraged and welcome.

**SIGN UP
TODAY**

Games are played Saturday mornings at the
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