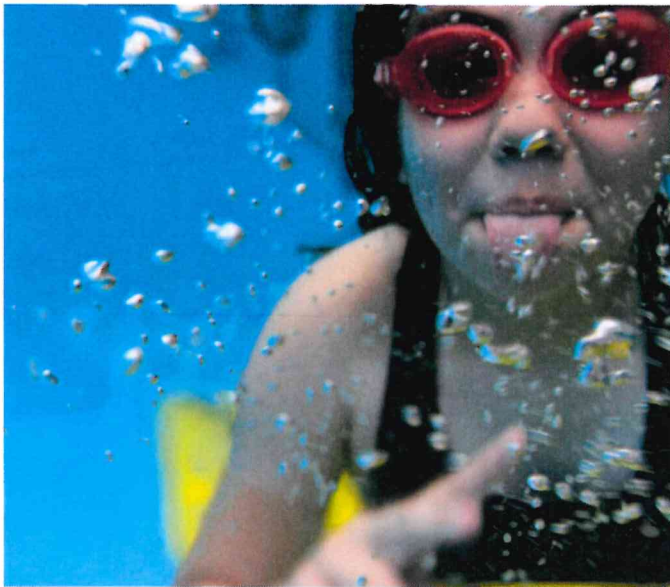


# THE GRYPHON

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOCKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming Lessons have come and gone over the past two weeks, with students revelling in the water, despite the stormy weather outside.

Swimming weeks are usually extremely busy, with the lesson being just one of the tricky things students and staff have to navigate. Lost socks, goggles and underwear are one of the other hazards!

Feedback from staff and Swan Active team has been very positive and included: *"The kids are doing great. The staff are very hands-on, supportive and always willing to assist as needed. I have been a swimming co-ordinator for a long time and your school has come so far from the Lockridge of 10 years ago!"*



## FATHER'S DAY FUN

Well done to our P&C for their efforts in again hosting another successful Father's Day Stall and raffle.

The Mother's and Father's Day events are always a highlight and this year, there was an amazing range of goodies to make the men in the students lives feel special.

Rumour has it that our P&C raised over \$2000 from the event, which go into support programs including the Year 6 Graduation gift and subsidising events for students like swimming lessons and camp.

It was also wonderful to welcome so many special men at the Kindy event this week, where their children treated them to lots of fun activities.



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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Mr Mike Mount-Bryson*

Term 3 to date has been a positive one at LPS, with a range of activities and event enriching the education of our students. The **School Council** spearheading our nomination in the WA Education Awards and the **P&C** Take-out Days and Father's Day Stall have been great examples how our families play a positive role in our school.

Although we celebrate many good things, we also have to confront challenges, with one of the biggest in our community being **online safety**. Much time is going into supporting students in this space, yet, we regularly field concerns from families about online behaviour on apps like Snapchat and Discord. I appreciate that these apps may be unknown to us 'older folk', but it is our responsibility to know the dangers.

We have even been gathering some informal data and have found that a large number of our students have access to websites, apps or content that are not intended for them. We also found a number of students have experienced communication or imagery that made them uncomfortable, with only a handful having told their parents/carers.

We must work together on this and sometimes make hard decisions, to keep our kids safe online. This includes limiting screen access to times when adults are present, turning off the wifi, setting time limits for activities like gaming and, if necessary, taking the device away entirely. We need to remember, we are the adults, and it's our responsibility to help keep our kids safe online.

## STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL

*Mr Mike Mount-Bryson*

Our Karrak Family Gathering is embarking on a bold plan to create a Yarning Circle at Lockridge PS.

After their successful venture to design our Karrak shirts, of which we have now sold more than 350, they are excited to again lead a project to leave another positive legacy for our students.

Next week, any interested Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents/carers are invited to join us on a trip to observe some Yarning Circles at other schools. Whilst our students, staff and families will all get the chance to share their thoughts and ideas, having an understanding of the work involved with be important for our Karrak families.

Feedback and ideas will be shared at the next Karrak meeting, as well as at staff, School Council and P&C meetings so as to keep everyone in the loop of this exciting development.

**KARRAK FAMILY GATHERING**

**BUS TOUR**

*Our Karrak are embarking on a project to design and create a Yarning Circle at Lockridge PS. We plan to visit a number of schools to help develop our ideas.*

**Places are limited**  
**No students/children**

**FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**LEAVING APPROX. 10:00AM**  
**RETURNING APPROX. 2:30PM**

Please RSVP to 9392 5150 by  
Wednesday 11th September.

Alice Lawson  
AIED

Mike Mount-Bryson  
Principal

*Would you like to join us?*

# CONNECTED PRACTICE

*Mrs Leah Shaw*

As a part of our school improvement journey, and the success we have achieved within the literacy learning space, we have recently been approached by a number of schools looking to learn about the high impact teaching strategies we use within our literacy block.

This term, we have had staff from a local school come across to LPS to observe our teachers deliver a Literacy Daily Review, Spelling Mastery lesson, and ?

Next term, we will be hosting a number of other metropolitan schools, who are also invested in strengthening their processes within the literacy learning area.

We are very grateful to our skilled staff for supporting their wider collegiate group, as it is through the sharing of knowledge and expertise that we can continue to strengthen literacy education across Western Australia.



# STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

*Mrs Maddy Smyth*

It's National Child Protection Week, and this year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters", is a timely reminder of how powerful everyday chats with children can be - especially when it comes to their online lives.

The online world offers incredible opportunities but also has its share of risks we need to educate children about. Think of it like teaching a child to ride a bike. You wouldn't send them off without practice or a helmet. The same goes for the online world - we need to ensure children are prepared and protected before they start navigating it on their own.

So, what can you do? The good news is that as parents and carers, you can take practical steps to make a real difference. Research shows that when we strengthen the support systems around children, we give them the best chance to stay safe online.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND  
ACCESS TO PARENT RESOURCES, VISIT  
[ESAFETY.GOV.AU](https://esafety.gov.au)**



# CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT

Mrs Clare O'Sullivan

## Book Week 2024

The magic of reading brought an enchanting experience to Lockridge Primary School during this year's Book Week celebrations. Classrooms were taken over by witches and wizards, while Scooby-Doo's gang solved a few mysteries around the school.

Thanks to our friends at Midland Library, we had two fantastic authors, Chenee Marapodi and Sally Murphy, share their writing experiences with students as well as a very SPECIAL visit from Dewey Dex. Students also enjoyed participating in a colouring competition hosted by our local MP Dave Kelly and completing our own school scavenger hunt which resulted in over 40 books being won.



## Shadow Judging

From June to August, a group of year 5/6 students engaged in the Shadow Judging project. This group read and judged a number of books on behalf of their peers and along with 250 other groups across the country, voted to determine category winners. The students excitedly chose their winner—**Scar Town by Tristan Bancks**.

## The Premier's Spelling Bee

A big round of applause for the 47 incredible students who took part in this year's Premier's Spelling Bee! Their hard work and resilience were truly inspiring as they tackled challenging words with confidence and determination. It was great to see a pleasing number of students take part in the challenge, and we hope even more will sign up next year.



**DID YOU KNOW THAT AUDIO BOOKS ARE A GREAT WAY TO SHARE STORIES WITH YOUR FAMILY?**

**Sign up for free to your local library and access numerous titles either online or in person and begin building your knowledge and imagination from your lounge or on road trips.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note all events are subject to change. Keep an eye out on Seesaw, our socials and electronic board for updates.



### Term 3

- 13/9 - YR 6 PJ Day Fundraiser
- 13/9 - Moodja 6 Assembly
- 16/9 - Interschool jumps and throws
- 18/9 - Interschool Athletics Carnival
- 20/9 - Music Rocks Assembly
- 20/9 - Final day of Term 3

### Term 4

- 10/10 - Year 6 Passport to Success begins
- 11/10 - Aspirant Student Leaders Meeting
- 18/10 - Family Picnic and Mental Health Expo
- 24/10 - Interschool Cricket Carnival
- 25/10 - Baroo 2 Assembly
- 31/10 - Year 1-3 Barking Gecko Excursion
- 31/10 Karrak Family Gathering
- 1/11 - Faction Athletics Carnival
- 6/11 - 8/10 - Year 6 Camp
- 15/11 - Kwela 4 Assembly
- 19/11 - NRLWA Rugby Carnival
- 26/11 - Interschool Dodgeball Carnival
- 29/11 - Kindy Assembly
- 6/12 - 2025 School Captain Speeches
- 6/12 - Water Play Day
- 9/12 - 2024 Graduation
- 11/12 - 2024 Christmas Concert

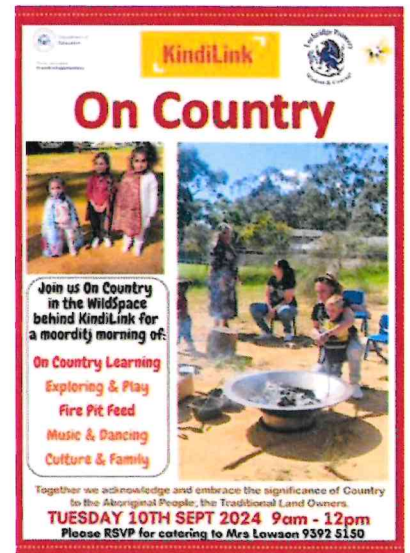


**FROM OUR AEIO...**

On Tuesday 10th September 2024 from 9am - 12pm, we invite our KindiLink families to engage in our annual On Country event being held in the wild space behind KindiLink.

Mrs Lawson, Mrs Moorman, Kadeejah and Max (Koya staff) will be providing a variety of experiences such as cooking, didgeridoo playing, art and craft, and yarning to further immerse our littlest people and their families in their Aboriginal culture.

Please come along and join us in celebrating this very special event.



Mrs Alice Lawson



**FROM OUR P&C...**

Our P&C are thrilled with the effort and work that our members have been able to produce so far this year. We have had some amazing events including the Anzac refreshment table, Popcorn give away at the cross country and the Mother's Day stall.

We have been working hard to reintroduce the canteen facilities by providing regular "Takeout Fridays". The positive response has been overwhelming by not only students but parents and carers. We are proud to provide such a popular occasion for everyone.

In Term 3 we held our Father's Day stall and raffle. Congratulations to the winners of some awesome prizes! To finish the term, we are the host school of the Interschool carnival on Wednesday 18th September. If anyone can donate towards a cake stall, please get in touch with one of our friendly members.

Term 4 is going to be jam packed with fun events for everyone, so please keep an eye out for more information about these. Thanks to everyone for supporting our P&C, don't forget to follow our socials and reach out if you would like to join us.

Kathleen Carr - President

**RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...**



P&C Raffle



Kindy at Kiara College



Book Week record!

## FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs Meg Lane & Mrs Katie Evangelista

### Looking after Lockridge PS over the Break

If you see anything out of the ordinary happening at Lockridge PS over the holiday break, please call Ed Security 9264 4632, School Watch 1800 177 777 or the Police 131 444. Lockridge PS has a fantastic strong community, and we take pride in keeping our school safe for your children.

### Updated Contact Details

It is vital that we have current parent/carer mobile contact details for emergency situations, LPS text messages and absence alerts. Please get in touch with the office if you need to update your details.

### Students and Hats

We still have a large number of students with no hat. Please supply your child with a hat as soon as possible.

### Lunches

If you are needing to drop off lunches, please do so before 11.10am and let your child know to come to the office to collect it.

### Crunch and Sip

Crunch&Sip is a primary school nutrition program, developed to increase the amount of vegetables, fruits and water being consumed by Western Australian children. It is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy during class time!

The Crunch&Sip break is not designed to replace recess and must occur within class time. Students bring vegetables and/or fruit in a reusable container to school each day for the Crunch&Sip break.

**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A HEALTH CONCERN?**

**WHERE IS THE CLINIC ?**

- Lockridge Primary School
- Conference Room!!!

**WHO CAN ATTEND:**

- Medicare card Holder
- Students of Lockridge Primary school and children living in their households (aged up to 17 years)
- Accompanied by a parent or guardian

**WHEN IS THE CLINIC?**  
Tuesday : 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**COST:**  
All Appointments are **BULK BILLED**

**HOW TO BOOK ?**  
Pre-book an Appointment by Calling 0438 299 924  
OR  
Arrange **ON THE DAY**



**FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...**

Let your creativity flow and enter YouthCARE's (School Chaplaincy organisation) annual Art Competition today!!! WIN amazing prizes and the opportunity to feature in our 2024 Annual Report.

To win, create a piece of art that reflects what **COURAGE** means to you. Any size artwork and medium can be submitted.

Submit your entry to Chaplain Rachel or by scanning the QR code on the posters around school by Friday, 18th October 2024.

Look out for posters around the school and see me at school for any questions.

*Mrs Rachel Wanigasekera*



**FAMILY KADADJINY - UPCOMING EVENTS**

Keep a look out for our flyer coming home soon with the details of our **Family Picnic and Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo** being held on Friday 18th October (Second Friday in Term 4).

Bring your family along for a picnic, and then enjoy engaging within some wellbeing activities delivered by a number of our local community partners.

This is an afternoon not to be missed, so please do save the date!



*Mrs Leah Shaw*

**MORE RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...**



*Seed Bombs in Science*



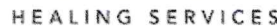
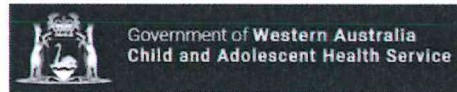
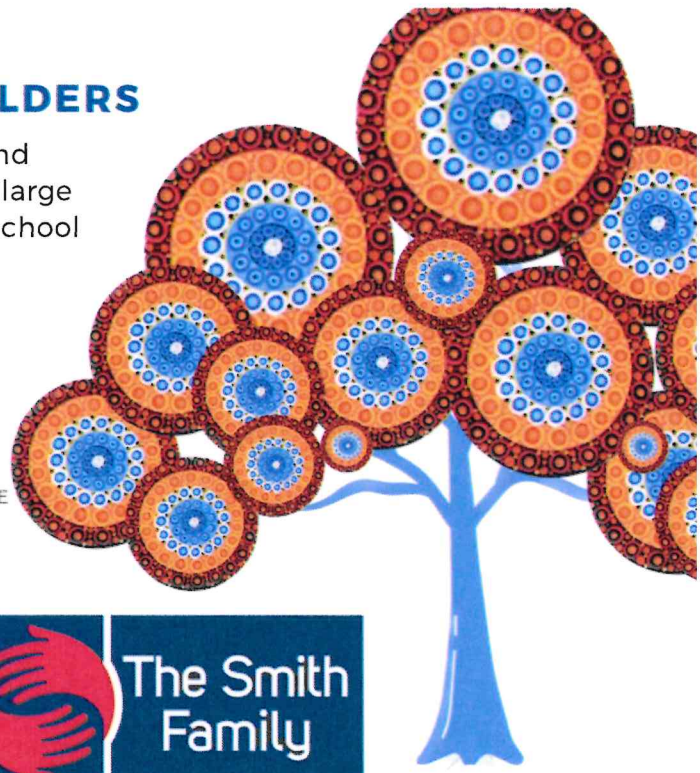
*Karrak shirts arrived*



*64 brand new laptops*

## OUR SUPPORTERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

At Lockridge PS, we know it takes a village to grow and raise a child and we are thankful for the support of a large number of groups and businesses who invest in our school and community.



Thank you

