

# THE GRYPHON

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LOCKRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## WA EDUCATION AWARDS

What an amazing outcome for Lockridge PS at the recent **WA Education Awards**.

We thought being a finalist in 2 categories was amazing (Excellence in Wellbeing and Learning & Excellence in Leadership), but to actually win a category and be deemed the best in WA was such an overwhelming result.

As we have said multiple times over the past month, such a result couldn't be possible without an outstanding group of staff, working with a wonderful group of families, assisted by an amazing group of supporters, to help our fantastic students.

We can now say, Locko are truly on top!



## LEAVERS CEREMONY

What a spectacular **Leavers Ceremony** to mark the end of Primary School for our Year 6 students.

This special group of students were acknowledged and celebrated by a huge crowd of family and friends, a wonderful group of staff, and a strong contingent of special guests. Further, our P-5 students looked on, knowing that one day, this day will be all about them.

Our congratulations to all Year 6 students, with special mention to our award winners. Further, a big thank you to Mrs Schotte and Mr Lukey (and helpers) for their amazing scoordination of the event.



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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Mr Mike Mount-Bryson*

Staggeringly, we now say goodbye to another school year. 2024 was again full of complexity, challenge and hard work, but with it came great successes, achievements and growth.

As exciting as this time of the year is, it also comes with sadness as we say goodbye to a number of students, in particular our Year 6 students. This is a special group of students, with so many of them being accepted into specialist programs or in some cases, very prestigious schools for their secondary schooling. The Leavers Ceremony was a wonderful way to celebrate their time at LPS.

Whilst we again have minimal turnover of staff, which is a wonderful reflection on our school, I am saddened to share that the amazing Mrs Prakhoff is heading off for a country teaching adventure up north. Though we lose her, we gain 2 wonderful new teaching staff in Amy Northcott (ECE) and Alyssa Smith (MUP), who join us for 2025. Both have spent time at LPS previously, completing highly successful practicum, so they know our context, students and values very well. We wish Mrs Prakhoff all the very best and look forward to seeing what Ms Northcott and Miss Smith add to our school community.

## STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL

*Mr Mike Mount-Bryson*

We have 2 positions open on the School Council, beginning in Term 1, 2025

- 1 x 3 year tenure (2025 - 2027)
- 1 x 2 year tenure (2025 & 2026)

\*Parents/carers concerned with the length of tenure should still consider nominating, as successful nominees can still leave their position during their tenure should they need or should their child move from LPS.

I am pleased to call for nominations from interested parents/carers. If you are considering nominating, please chat with a current School Council Members to learn more. Please note that where the number of applicants exceeds the number of positions, a vote may be required.

An "eligible parent" is each parent (or legal carer) whose name and address has been provided to the school under section 16(1)(b)(ii)(I) of the School Education Act, or if neither parent's name and address has been so provided, each person who is responsible for the student.

Parents/carers wishing to nominate should forward a brief nomination email to [mike.mountbryson@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:mike.mountbryson@education.wa.edu.au) by 3pm, Friday, 7th February 2025.



*Our Year 6's had a blast at their camp, earlier this term.*

## CONNECTED PRACTICE

*Mrs Leah Shaw*

Across 2024, staff at LPS have been invested in our Literacy improvement journey, which has seen significant student progress and achievement within the English curriculum area.

Throughout the year, staff engaged in various professional learning sessions including working with Julie Scali from Literacy Impact, engaging in the Centre for Excellence in the Explicit Teaching of Literacy, and participating within the North East Metropolitan Language Development Centre's Language Leadership School Series.

The commitment, dedication and hard work of our staff to strengthen literacy teaching and learning for all students across the school is to be admired. Students are also to be commended for their continued efforts within the literacy learning area.

Well done to all on a fantastic year of achievement and success within the English curriculum area this year. We look forward to seeing continued growth in 2025!



## STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

*Mrs Maddy Smyth*

Congratulations to our students on achieving the ultimate PBS reward, our highly anticipated Water Play Day! What a fun afternoon we had, engaging in a variety of activities such as Sponge Dodge and Steal the Gold, and culminating in our Colour Run and Foam Party!!



# CURRICULUM IMPROVEMENT

Mrs Clare O'Sullivan

## 📖 READING IS OUR SUPERPOWER IN 2024! 📖

This year, Lockridge Primary School has been buzzing with a love for reading! With a strong focus on improving literacy through a range of exciting programs, we've seen incredible growth in student engagement and reading achievement.

## ★ A HUGE SUCCESS: THE READING ACADEMY!

Our Reading Academy has been a standout, achieving remarkable results thanks to the dedication of our students, staff, and volunteers. A huge thank you goes to all our parent and student helpers, with special recognition to Kathleen Carr for her unwavering commitment and support.

## 📖 PARENT POWER

The Parent Workshop: Reading with Your Children was another fantastic highlight. The wonderful turnout demonstrated a huge commitment from families eager to learn new ways to support their children's reading journey at home.

## 🔍💡 THE MASTER COLLECTORS: A YEAR 3/4 ADVENTURE

Our Year 3/4 students also made the most of an exciting opportunity through our partnership with Barking Gecko Company. Over 5 weeks, students participated in The Master Collectors, a unique program that sparked curiosity, responsibility, and plenty of laughs. Through the four pillars of Observation, Investigation, Classification, and Imagination, students explored creative thinking in fresh and exciting ways.

## 📖🌟 WHAT'S NEXT? SUMMER HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE!

Get ready for more reading adventures! Don't miss The Summer Holiday Reading Challenge! With exciting rewards on offer, it's the perfect way for students to dive into their books and keep young minds engaged over the break.

## 📅 17 LOOKING AHEAD: MORE PARENT WORKSHOPS IN 2025

Stay tuned for more parent workshops in 2025 as we continue our mission to build strong readers and lifelong learners.

## Term 1 2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 30th Jan - Office opens for 2025
- 3rd Feb - School Development Day #1 (no students)
  - *please note office closed due to offsite PL*
- 4th Feb - School Development Day #2 (no students)
- 5th Feb - Students begin for 2025
- 14th Feb - Student Leader nominations close
- 14th Feb - Family Picnic & Open Day (TBC)
- 20th Feb - P&C AGM (1:00pm)
- 28th Feb - Student Leaders Excursion

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



**FROM OUR AEIO...**

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our school community for a spectacular 2024.

This year has been filled with so many wonderful cultural learning activities and events, of which are only possible due to the ongoing commitment, dedication and support of our families, staff and students.

In 2025, we look forward to continuing our Breakfast Club program, KindiLink program, NAIDOC celebration, Home Reading program, EarBus visits, Karrak Family Group, and working towards our proposed yarning circle.



*Mrs Alice Lawson*

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

We have had some exciting news about Uniforms moving to online and a preorder system being put in place. Just a reminder to place preorder forms in the blue p&c bin in the office and pay cash or card on collection day, alternately you can order and pay online. To get in for the start of next year your orders must be in by December 6th. We appreciate your cooperation and support as we make this transition. Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we encourage you to share any suggestions or concerns to help us improve our services.

Do not miss the Christmas raffle! This is a great opportunity to win some fantastic prizes, tickets are on sale outside the library 5 for \$10 or \$2 each. Your participation makes a significant difference, and we are grateful for your continued support.

We are also excited to share that our efforts have paid off tremendously, resulting in enhanced engagement and participation from our school community. Our various events and initiatives have not only raised much-needed funds but also fostered a sense of unity and collaboration among students, parents, and staff. Takeout Fridays, in particular, have been a resounding success. This initiative has brought families together, providing a delightful end to the school week with diverse culinary options and a warm, communal atmosphere. The positive feedback we have received is a testament to the program's popularity, and we are committed to expanding and improving it in the upcoming year.

As we reflect on the remarkable achievements of the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and enthusiasm of our community. Together, we have created memorable experiences and laid the foundation for even greater accomplishments in 2025.

A massive Thank You to all P&C members, your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed, and your contributions have made a lasting impact on our community. Each one of you has played a crucial role in our achievements and nothing would be possible without you all.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM on February 20th, 2025 at 1:00pm. Let's make the upcoming year even more successful!

*Kathleen Carr - President*

**RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...**



*Frankie visits*



*Reading Workshop*



*Mrs MCGhee and Joe Brumm*

## FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs Meg Lane & Mrs Katie Evangelista

### Second Hand Uniform Donations

Thank you to those families that donated LPS uniforms that they no longer need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. 😊

### Hats

Over the school holiday break, please ensure your child/children have a hat to bring with them to school for the first day.

### School Start Dates 2025

Students return to LPS on Wednesday 5th February 2025.

- Gates open 8.20am
- Classrooms open 8.35am
- End of Day 3.00pm

### Booklist Collections from LPS

If you ordered your Booklists online through Campion, and opted for collection at LPS, they can be collected from the Undercover Area on:

- Thursday 30th January
- 11.00am - 12.00pm
- Orders needing to be paid for, must be done so by credit/debit card only
- If you opted for delivery to your home, they will be delivered by 28th January (if order placed on or before 6th December)
- Any queries, please call Campion on 6240 2778

### Merry Christmas to Everyone!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students, families and community a Merry Christmas and safe, relaxing New Year.



**FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...**

I want to wish the LPS Community a happy and safe Christmas and holiday break! It's been a privilege to work with so many wonderful students and families this year. I am looking forward to continuing to work in the wellbeing space again next year and find ways that we can continue to build on the strong wellbeing culture that we have here. If families are after some hampers for the Christmas season, please pop in and see myself or the front office- we have many organisations who can help!

Rachel



*Mrs Rachel Wanigasekera*



**FAMILY KADADJINY**

Over the past 15 months we have had the privilege of having two Aboriginal school based mentors from Koya join us for 4 days a week at LPS.

Max and Kadeejah quickly became valuable members of our school community, supporting staff, students and families within the Aboriginal cultural space. Their dedication and commitment to strengthening cultural understanding through the sharing of language, histories and traditions, along with the importance of family and connection to country, is to be admired.

We thank them both for their time and investment across this year, and wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

*Mrs Leah Shaw*



**MORE RECENT HIGHLIGHTS...**



*Kindy Assembly*



*LAC Christmas Celebration*



*Reading Academy Awards*

It is with sadness that we share the following letter from our friends at Koya.

Due to situations beyond our control, Max and Kadeejah will not be with us in 2025. I take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts, friendship, collegiality and cultural leadership over the past 15-18 months as we strive to be a culturally responsive school.

*Mr Mike Mount-Bryson*



## KOYA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION ABORIGINAL PRIMARY SCHOOL ACADEMY PROGRAM

### NOTICE TO PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear Parents and Carers

We regret to inform you that our Aboriginal Primary School Academies program will no longer be running in 2025. Unfortunately, we have been unable to secure the necessary funding to continue providing this valuable program.

We understand the importance of this program to your children and our community. We are deeply grateful for the support you have shown and the positive impact the program has had on our students.

We are committed to exploring other opportunities to continue supporting our students' educational and cultural journeys. We will keep you informed of any developments or alternative initiatives in the future.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind regards

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