



LOWESDALE LIAISON

Lowesdale Public School newsletter

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"Individuals can make a difference"

Term 2 Week 10
29 June 2022

Industrial Action – Tomorrow Thursday 30 June

The NSW Teachers Federation has directed its membership to take industrial action in the form of a 24-hour strike on Thursday 30 June 2022. As a result of this strike, our school will be non-operational on this date and no student supervision will be available. This means you will need to make alternative care arrangements on this day for your student/s. To support learning from home, resources can be accessed on the department's Learning remotely hub.

The department has been negotiating with the NSW Teachers Federation since October last year to reach an agreement on the new Teachers Award.

As a department we are considering this change in relation to the Teachers Award, which is next before the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) on 29 June 2022. Dates have been reserved in October 2022 for the Teachers Award matter to be arbitrated by a full bench of the IRC, and I am hopeful for a swift outcome after this process.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this short period of disruption.

End of Term 2 – Happy Holidays!



Term 2 has been an interesting term in many ways. As well as our in class learning activities, we have had several other events. We have had musical performance excursions to Corowa and Oaklands. We have participated in Sporting Schools Programs in AFL, golf and hockey. The Sustainable Schools Program included the Buraja Field Day and follow up lesson with Jennifer. Corowa Landcare visited to show us their local frog online resource.

Mufti & Pies to celebrate!



Students are able to wear mufti clothing to school this Friday to celebrate the end of Term 2. *Note that we will have our final AFL Sporting Schools lesson from 11-12pm so clothing and footwear needs to be suitable for sporting activities.

***If your child would like to have a hot pie for lunch this Friday, please send \$2 per student.**

Welcome Mr Southam

We had a visit today from Mr Southam who will be teaching full-time with Mrs Strachan at Lowesdale Public School for Terms 3 & 4. Mr Southam was previously a staff member at Lowesdale during 2009 – 2014. He has recently been teaching at Khancoban Public School.

The 2021 Annual Report is available on the school website .



Final Events Term 2 2022

Wed 29 June	Logan to AFL Griffith
Thurs 30 June	Industrial Action – School non-operational
Friday 1 July	Sporting Schools AFL lesson @ Lowesdale Public School
Friday 1 July	Last Day of term Mufti Day & Pie Day

Sporting Schools Hockey Lessons

The students finished off their last hockey session with Glenn on Monday.



The students demonstrated improved confidence and skills during the four-lesson program. They finished with a modified game where they needed to pass the ball and attempt to score a goal by hitting it over the back line of the opposite team.





Week 10 Assembly Awards

Merit Awards:

- Oliver M for doing good learning in science.
- Harrison for good effort on his shapes mandala.
- Ollie P for having lovely manners at school.
- Edie for speaking respectfully to other students and teachers.
- Jonathan for sharing his knowledge about plants during science.

Library Award:

- Ned for being a keen reader in library lessons.

Music Award:

- Jonathan for improving all the time.
- Ollie P for doing really well.

Environmental Award:

- Albie for carefully collecting sports equipment from the bushes

Sports Award:

- Edie for great sportsmanship in hockey.

School Leaders' Award:

- Logan for playing fair in the playground.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Charlotte for being a kind and helpful class member who tries her best during activities.



An Interview with Charlotte

What activity have you enjoyed doing this term...

- Charlotte enjoyed the Sporting Schools Hockey program.

What are you looking forward to doing in the school holidays....

- Charlotte is looking forward to riding and spending time with her horse Rupert.



Upcoming Events Term 3 2022

Monday 18 July	Staff Development – no students at school
Tuesday 19 July	Students Return for Term 3
Sunday 24 July	Lion's Club Public Speaking (selected students only)
Thurs 28 July	Year 4 Opportunity Class Test @ LPS
Friday 29 July	Small Schools Athletics Carnival @ Corowa High School
Friday 5 Aug	Term 3 P&C Meeting at 3.30pm

Reducing the risk of illness this winter



All students, staff and their families should follow NSW Health's advice to reduce the risk of not only COVID-19, but also other illnesses that may affect our schools this winter such as the flu. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:

- staying home if unwell.
- getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result.
- practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water.
- taking a RAT before visiting vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.
- It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19. Rapid antigen tests can produce false negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.

For positive COVID-19 cases

If there is a positive case in your child's class, year or other grouping, your child can continue to attend school in line with NSW Health advice.

If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT test, they need to:

- record the positive RAT result through the [Service NSW website / External link](#) or [Service NSW app / External link](#) – please add details of your child's school or early childhood education centre when prompted
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- follow [NSW Health advice / External link](#) to isolate for 7 days. Registering your child's positive RAT with Service NSW is a requirement of the Public Health Order and helps NSW Health track COVID-19 in schools and address any public health issues early on if required.