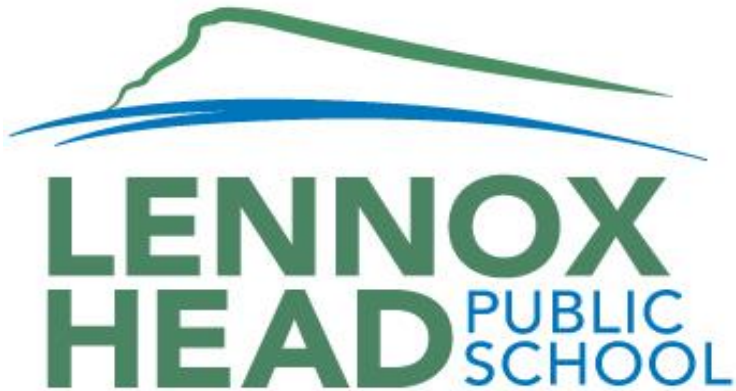


Welcome to Lennox Head Public School Kindergarten 2023

RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | INTEGRITY



A dynamic and caring learning community

Acknowledgement Of Country

- ▶ We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Bundjalung people as we recognise their connection to the land, waters and culture. We also pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and emerging. Their stories hold the link to the past and the path to the future. This always was and always will be Bundjalung Land.

Our School Today

- ▶ 475 students at present, in 2023 it is expected to remain approximately the same
- ▶ 20 classes.
- ▶ 6 executive staff
- ▶ 4 office staff
- ▶ Other support staff:
 - ▶ Teacher Librarian
 - ▶ Learning and Support Teacher (LaST)
 - ▶ Relief from Face to Face (RFF) - Currently PD/Health and Library(History/Geography)
 - ▶ School Counsellor – 2 days a week
 - ▶ School Learning Support Officers (SLSO)

Our Healthy Canteen



- ▶ Our canteen was the first in the state to be approved under the Healthy Canteen Strategy, when it was released 3 years ago.
- ▶ Our canteen is open everyday
- ▶ Lunch orders need to be in by 9:30am if doing in person. If ordering on the Spriggy APP(our preferred method), needs to be done before 9am.
- ▶ The menu is available on the Spriggy App
- ▶ You can order online using the spriggy schools app, download to your phone. When you know your child's class next year you can add them.
- ▶ Our canteen operates with the assistance of parent volunteers, please see our canteen supervisor, if interested. Our current canteen supervisor is retiring this year, so we will have a new supervisor next year.

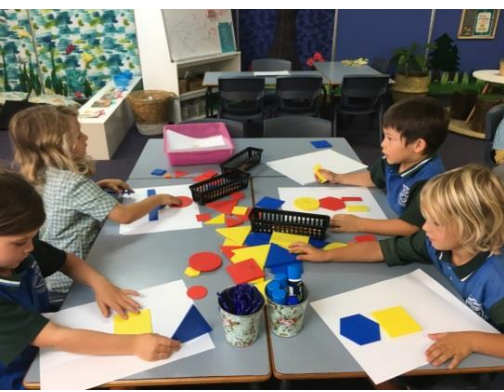
Food For School

- ▶ Each day students will need a healthy lunch.
- ▶ Please provide cut up fruit or vegetables in a separate container for crunch and sip.
- ▶ 2 water bottles – one for classroom – one for outside – labelled.
- ▶ Lunch box with food for lunch eg sandwich, wrap etc and food for 2nd break eg possibly some fruit, or other healthy option.
- ▶ Maxine from NSW Health is here to provide some further advice.

P&C

- ▶ Great schools only operate with great parents helping out.
- ▶ P&C meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm at Club Lennox. We encourage you all to come along to one of the meetings to see what occurs. You don't need to be worried about getting a job, it is a fantastic way to understand how the school operates and to get to know some of the other parents.

Core Business Literacy and Numeracy



New K-2 English and Maths Syllabus 2023

- ▶ The English and Mathematics K–2 syllabuses are the first new syllabuses of the K–12 NSW Curriculum Reform. They are essential to establish foundations for future learning success, particularly the development of oral language, reading and writing skills, and mathematical knowledge and skills.
- ▶ Years K–2 are sometimes referred to as ‘the early years of school’.
- ▶ Teachers at our school have been involved in additional professional learning in 2022 and have trialled many components of these new areas, this ensures that teachers are ready to implement these in 2023

Key Learning Areas (KLA's)

- ▶ NESA – NSW Education Standards Authority
- ▶ <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home>
- 1. English
- 2. Mathematics
- 3. Science and technology
- 4. Geography/History
- 5. Creative And Practical Arts
- 6. Personal Development, Health and Physical Education



Classes and Teachers in 2023

- ▶ In 2023 your child will be placed into one of our 3 Kinder classes with one of my amazing Kinder teachers. Mrs Dyer, Mrs Thomas, Miss Somerville
- ▶ You will not get to choose the teacher of your child's class, nor who they will be in a class with. Please don't call the school requesting this.
- ▶ We talk really closely to the local preschools and use our Best Start data to determine the make up of our classes.
- ▶ Every year students will be placed in a different class with a different teacher and different students.
- ▶ Wherever they end up – they will make new friends within their class!
- ▶ They will still mix with other students in the playground and other activities and they will be perfectly fine.



School Times



- ▶ School starts everyday at 9:30am
 - ▶ Children are able to be at school from 9am
 - ▶ Children aren't to be at school before 9am as there is no teacher supervision in the playground.
 - ▶ Before and After School Care does operate on site
- ▶ School finishes at 3pm for Kinders for the first 4 weeks then they will finish at 3:20pm – 5 minutes prior to the rest of the school. Please be on time to collect your children as they do tend to get upset if you are not on time. Pick up will be at the school gates.
- ▶ If your child is catching the bus home the teacher on duty will walk them to bus lines and supervise them until the bus leaves.
- ▶ Children going to After School Care are picked from the classrooms by the staff and taken to the After School Care room.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

- ▶ If your child arrives late, you will need to go via the office with them to be signed in.
 - ▶ Remember being late = lost learning time
- ▶ Establish a pattern with your child/children so that they get here on time every day
- ▶ If you need to pick your child up early, you will also need to go to the office first to sign your child out. If possible arrange appointments for outside school hours, however we do realise this is not always feasible

Messages to Students

- ▶ If you would like us to get a message to your child please call the school before 2.30pm if possible so that we have time to locate your child and deliver the message in time for the home bell.

Communication with Teachers

- ▶ There may be times when you need to contact your child's teacher. If so please contact the office via phone or email to make a convenient time to see them or a message for them to return your call. Teachers' will try to respond to you within 24 hours in most instances.
- ▶ If you feel there is still an ongoing concern after speaking to the teacher, you can make an appointment to see the Assistant Principal, beyond that you can then make an appointment to see the Principal if necessary. But please always go to the classroom teacher first any concerns.

SchoolStream and Communication

- ▶ Our school uses the SchoolStream app. We are aiming where possible to use less paper. All notifications/reminders are now being delivered by this system directly to your mobile phone. You will still receive permission notes on paper so it's good practice to check students bags daily.
- ▶ The app is a free download available via the App Store/Google Play.
- ▶ We would like everyone to download it now if not already done as we will notify parents of any updates through this app. We will also notify through here re when bookpacks are on sale to purchase online. You will need to get one of these.
- ▶ If you don't have it, you will be missing out on vital school information!
- ▶ In 2023 we will be using the Parent portal through Sentral – more information regarding this in the new year.
- ▶ There is also a lot of information on our school website.
- ▶ You may also like to consider joining the P&C Facebook page – this is a closed group – but another avenue for communication with parents.

Absences

- ▶ If your child is away from school, you are required to provide us with a valid reason. We are required by law to record why your child may be away from school. Rolls are marked daily, if your child is absent you will be sent an SMS.
 - ▶ Simply respond to the SMS with the reason – there is no necessity to phone or email the school as well.
 - ▶ If your child is unwell, please don't send them to school. Illness spreads quickly in little people and often then to teachers. If unsure, always err on the side of caution.
 - ▶ If your child is going to be away for a period of more than a couple of days eg; a family holiday please let us know beforehand. There is a form that is required to be completed before they leave which is available at the office. If you are travelling overseas we do need a copy of your travel itinerary. You do require approval to travel and once completed we issue you with a certificate to travel that you take with you. If you take your children out of school it is still recorded as an absence.
- ▶ Where possible, it is best to travel in the designated school holiday periods. However if this is not possible please discuss with your teacher regarding proposed dates as it is best if it doesn't clash with assessment and reporting periods.



Payments

- ▶ To streamline office procedures we would really appreciate payment at the same time as handing in permission notes. If your child is paying at school they should place the permission note and payment in a zip lock bag with their name on the bag into the silver Office Deposit box at the rear of the admin building.
- ▶ Our preferred method of payment is Parent Online Payment or POP. Go to the school website -www.lennoxhead-p.schools.nsw.gov.au & click on 'Make a Payment' on the left hand end of the blue banner at the top of the screen. Simply follow the prompts on the screen to make a payment. You can also pay by eftpos in person, or make cash payments in person. Prompt payment for any activity is greatly appreciated.
- ▶ **Please avoid paying for activities on the day if possible as the office environment can become extremely busy in this situation and the management of payments, travel, class lists and rolls are done prior to activities.**

Positive Behaviour Awards

Respect, Responsibility and Integrity

- ▶ Children are given green cards by their teacher for following and the school's Three Key Values of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity.
 - ▶ Please keep these in a safe place! When your child has collected ten, bundle them together and give them to the class teacher. These must be handed in by Thursday to be presented at the Friday assembly. Your child will then be issued with a gold card at the Friday assembly.
 - ▶ Then ensure you keep the gold cards safe, when they have 10 of these they also need to give these to the teacher, for the next award. This process continues to the next award and so on.

Green Card and Gold Card



GREEN CARD

Name:

Class:

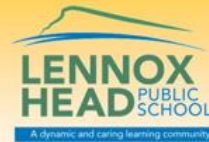
Term:

You have demonstrated aspects of our Key Values
RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - INTEGRITY

Signed:

CONGRATULATIONS

Gold Card



Presented to.....

For: *Ten Achievement Awards*

Class.....

Date.....

Principal: Deborah Langfield

Weekly Awards Assemblies

- ▶ Weekly assemblies are held on Fridays in the hall at 12noon. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have their assembly on even weeks of the term and Years 3-6 on odd weeks. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.
- ▶ Class achievement awards are presented – 2 per class
- ▶ Students eligible for Gold cards and other awards are also presented at this assembly.
- ▶ One student is chosen as the Student of the Week



Best Start Testing

- ▶ You will receive a letter the mail before the end of the school year regarding the testing time for your child. Testing will commence during the first week of Term 1 starting Tuesday 31 January 2023. The test takes approximately 40 minutes. If you will be unable to bring your child at the allocated time, you will need to contact the office and they will try to adjust. If possible it makes it easier if you can attend on the time given.
- ▶ First official day of school for Kindergarten will be following all children's Best Start tests which will be Friday 3 February.
- ▶ On the first day the start time will be 10am. You will enter the school via the Byron street gate or the rear gate depending upon the colour group you are in. You will be informed of this at Best start testing.



Starting School

- When arriving at school in the morning, you can take your children to their classroom. Put their bag in their designated spot, then direct them to the kinder playground at the front of the school. We then ask you to leave promptly.
- Kinder students will have this area at the front of the school as their own playground, just to get them used to school. This will not be for a long period.
- Of an afternoon they will be brought to the gates at the rear of school or Byron Street – you will be notified which gate your child's class will be coming to.

Items For school

- ▶ Please purchase a large size back pack as it does have to be able to fit plastic folders, lunchbox and a jumper.
- ▶ Provide 2 drink bottles – one for use in the classroom – the other outside. These are to be filled with water only.
- ▶ Crunch and sip for each day should be in a separate container or bag that can be placed in the front of the bag.
- ▶ School Uniform – all school uniform items are available from School Locker.
- ▶ **Please label everything!**

Building Your Child's Resilience

- ▶ Coming to school is very different to being at home and/or at pre-school. It is very normal that your child will take some time to get used to new routines and being around a lot more people
- ▶ Making children resilient is one of the greatest gifts you as a parent can give them. We simply can't and shouldn't step in to solve everything for our children – but teach them these skills themselves – obviously assist and advise when we need to. We will do lessons with students regarding this as part of our PDH program.

New school /Site

- ▶ You are no doubt aware that Lennox Head Public School will be getting a brand new purpose built school on a new site.
- ▶ We hope to inform the community of where this will be and an exact timeline by hopefully early next year.
- ▶ The school will remain on this site until the new school is completed.

Questions

- ▶ This has been a very brief outline of many school related things.
- ▶ There is also a short video you can watch on our school website titled Kinder Orientation 2022 video, which you may like to watch. Although recorded last year – it is all still relevant.
- ▶ Next year there will be more information sessions to help you out. If you are ever not sure just ask!
- ▶ The most important thing is to remember to read everything that comes home. Such as reminders that appear on SchoolStream and any notes that come home in your child's bag – stick them on the fridge!
- ▶ Any questions – please ask.