



16 July 2021

Welcome to Term 3

It has been a challenging start to the new school term—we're asking all our families to abide by the current rules to help us return to normality as soon as possible.

If a parent HAS to come into the school they **MUST** sign in and out using the QR code on the office door and comply with mask wearing requirements.

Parents are asked **NOT** to congregate at the front gate of the school, but to maintain social distancing or remain in cars and staff will walk children to the cars. Masks must be worn by parents outside the school gate area.

Staff are encouraged to wear masks while indoors but **students do not need to wear masks.**

Students **MUST** follow the hand sanitising instructions of staff.

At this stage we do not know if some of the planned out-of-school activities for Term 3 will go ahead. We will try to keep everyone updated as circumstances change.

School Attendance and Absences

Regular attendance is important but please keep your child at home if they are unwell. **Please let us know if they won't be attending school.** All absences, regardless of sickness, family business or unforeseen emergencies must be explained. This can be done via email, phone, in person or written note.

**** If your child has a cough, cold, runny nose or other flu-like symptoms, they MUST NOT attend school. Proof of a negative Covid test is required before a student can return to school after exhibiting any of the previous signs.**

School Times

A reminder to all about school hours.

Supervision of children begins when the first bus arrives at 8.10 am. Children dropped off before this time will not be supervised unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher on duty.

School finishes at 3.15 pm. We ask that parents collecting children do so promptly.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival—Friday 23rd July—At this stage we are not sure if the carnival will be held. We will keep you informed when a decision is made.

TERM 3—2021 CALENDAR

2	19	20	21	22	23 Small School Athletics Carnival
3	26 Education Week	27 P & C meeting	28	29	30
4	August 2	3	4	5	6 Zone Athletics Carnival Mudgee
5	9	10	11	12	13
6	16	17	18	19	20 Science Day at Lue school
7	23 Cricket Skills Day	24 Book Week TBA dressing up day	25	26	27
8	30	31	1 September	2	3 Western Region Athletics Carnival
9	6 Recorder players leave for Sydney	7 Banksia Concert for primary recorders players	8 Recorder players return	9 Green Day for primary	10 T20 cricket
10	13	14	15	16	17 Last day of Term 3

Education Week

The theme for this year's Education Week to be held in Week 3, 26th – 30th July is "Lifelong Learners".

Students across the Lithgow Network have been invited to create a piece of writing with the theme "Lifelong Learners". There will be prizes awarded in each Stage for the best entries. Our primary students have been busy working on their entries.

Term 3 Science—Years 4-5

The students in Years 4-6 are studying 'Change Matters' for Science this term. They will examine reversible changes of state and irreversible chemical changes with practical investigations and experiments.

They will also consider the significant environmental challenge of separating e-waste into valuable components for re-use.



Above: Wednesday's lesson involved observing the changes on the outside of a glass jar filled with ice, salt & food dye to then explain that the water appearing was condensed water vapour from air.

Term 3 Geography—Years 4-6 The Earth's Environment

This term our Geography unit is The Earth's Environment. We will explore climate, natural vegetation and native animals through a comparison of Malaysian and Australian environments. We will examine the importance of natural vegetation and natural resources to the environment, animals and people.

We will identify the effect of our actions on the environment and evaluate sustainable practices.

K-3 People and Places

This term in Geography we are exploring places across a range of scales within Australia and Australia's location in the world. Students will use maps and create their own map to find local, state and national places. We will also investigate and describe how people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are connected to places.

Technology

Mr Bray is currently on leave for the first two weeks of this term and Mrs Glisic is taking his place. The students enjoyed designing using the Lego WeDo this week in their Technology lesson. We saw buggies, trucks, windmills and a variety of other creations.



Art with Miss Lawson

The class learnt about Andy Warhol's iconic art by creating their own versions of Pop Art. Using multiple photos of themselves, the children coloured their hair, clothes and background to create their own masterpieces.

