



LAKE WANGARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 1

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**WEEK 3
SWIMMING
LESSONS**

**WEEK 4
SWIMMING
LESSONS**

**TUESDAY 18TH
FEBRUARY
ACQUAINTANCE
NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH
FEBRUARY
PRESCHOOL DAY**

**WEEK 9
FRIDAY 28TH
SPORTS DAY**

**WEEK 10
PARENT/TEACHER
/STUDENT
INTERVIEWS**

NAUO COUNTRY

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Staff,

Welcome back to Lake Wangary School for an exciting new year in 2025. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday break. I would like to make a special welcome to our new Preschool children Bonnie, Sadie, River, Huntley, Benjamin, Caspian and Benny, our new Reception students Harri, Jethro, Wren and Xavier. We also like to welcome the Taylor family Declan in Reception and Kayden in Year 3 we hope your learning journey at Lake Wangary School is enjoyable and successful. As we embark on this new term, we have several important updates and events to share with you.

Term 1 Notifications & Highlights

Yellow Bus: Welcome Zach Lienert to the Lake Wangary School team as our new bus driver. We are extremely thankful that Zach has offered his time to this job and means we have access to a bus at all times.

Hat Policy: As part of our commitment to sun safety, all students are required to wear hats during outdoor activities in Term 1. Please ensure your child has a suitable hat each day.

Swimming Lessons: We are pleased to offer swimming lessons in Weeks 3 and 4. These lessons are a valuable part of our physical education program, and we encourage all students to participate. Notes will be coming home soon and some via EdSmart.

Acquaintance Evening: Held on Tuesday 18th March, Week 4 at 5:30pm. This is a great chance for parents/caregivers to visit classrooms, meet and talk with staff, join our Governing Council and enjoy a BBQ tea. During this evening we will call for nominations for Governing Council, present our School Captains, House Captains and SRC badges to students.

Student Free Day: Please note that Monday, 24th February, Week 5, will be a student-free day for staff professional development.

NAPLAN: Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing from Week 7 to Week 9. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Sports Day: Join us for Sports Day at the Marble Range Community & Sports Centre on Friday, 28th March, Week 9. It promises to be a day of fun and friendly competition.

Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews: These will be held in Week 10 from Monday, 31st March to Wednesday, 2nd April. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and set goals for the remainder of the year.

Attendance Points System: Our attendance points system will continue, with house team rewards at the end of Week 5 and at the end of the term. These points also go toward the end of the year House Shield. We encourage all students to strive for excellent attendance.

Leadership Effort Achieve Respect Nurture



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Governing Council

First of all, thank you to those parents who have been on our Governing Council for many years. Your contribution to the betterment of our school has been invaluable. Now we are calling for expressions of interest from parents who would like to join our Governing Council this year. The main role of Governing Council is to work with site leader (principal) to help set and monitor the direction of the school. We meet twice a term at the school with meetings going no longer than 90 minutes. We are more than happy for those of you who wish to nominate to do so before the Acquaintance Evening.

School Vision and Values

At Lake Wangary School, our current vision is to Nurture Leadership and Achievement through Effort and Respect.

Our core values are:

- Leadership: Encouraging students to take initiative and develop skills to lead themselves and others positively.
- Effort: Promoting a strong work ethic and perseverance in all aspects of learning and personal development.
- Achievement: Celebrating academic and personal successes and striving for continuous improvement.
- Respect: Fostering a culture of mutual respect, understanding, and appreciation for diversity.
- Nurture: Providing a supportive and caring environment that promotes the well-being and growth of every student.

With the new Department for Education's public education strategy, which emphasises Learner Agency, Wellbeing, Effective Learners and Excellence & Equity, we are seeking feedback from parents to ensure our values and vision continue to resonate with our community, support our students' success and align with our local context and the DfE public education strategy. Your insights are invaluable in helping us create a safe, supportive and effective learning environment.

Open Classrooms Trial for Semester 1 (Term 1 & 2)

To ensure parents and caregivers are engaged with their children's learning we are inviting you all into our classrooms. Classrooms will be 'OPEN' 30 minutes before each assembly for students to showcase their work to all parents, caregivers and extended family. We hope you take this opportunity to find out what is happening at Lake Wangary School in each class, instead of the age-old response to, 'What did you do at school today?' 'Nothing!'

We look forward to a productive and rewarding year ahead. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,

Clint Beard, Principal

WELCOME BACK TO LAKE WANGARY SCHOOL



What a great bunch of little people in our Preschool Class!



Students having fun at lunchtime playing tennis, soccer, climbing trees and just chatting!



SCHOOL REMINDERS

School Hours

Classes start at 8:50am. Recess: 10:50am to 11:10am Lunch: 12:50pm till 1:30pm. Dismissal time is at 3:10pm. School staff are responsible for the safety and behavior of children between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child/ren have their water bottles filled up each day.

No Hat, No Play

In Term 1 and 4, our No Hat, No Play policy is put in place. Please ensure that your child has a broad brimmed hat with no cords with them every day.

Breakfast Programme

There is breakfast available at the school on Tuesday mornings from 8.30am. Fruit, toast, & orange juice are on the menu. Please return the parent roster if you are able to help.

Student Absences

Please remember to contact the school if your child is absent. You can use the Seesaw app, text the school's mobile number or ring the front office.

Technical Devices

We don't encourage students to bring electronic devices such as mobile phones and smart watches with messaging capabilities to school. However, if they do need to, they are to pass them into the front office for safe keeping during the day. The school takes no responsibility for these devices.

Communication

Please remember to check your child's bag/communication book/diary/blue reader bag, each night for important notes home. While we have our Facebook page, SMS messages, and Seesaw, notes being sent home are still a part of our communication.

All administration staff and class teachers use the SeeSaw app to send photos and information. Please ensure your app is up-to-date.

This year we are using EdSmart to email annual forms, excursions and general notes to parents / care givers. By using this method we are not printing out notes and they can't get lost between school and home.

Student Sign In/Out Book

Please note all students arriving late or leaving early must come through the front office and be signed in or out.

Uniforms

Hats, beanies and preschool shirts can be purchased from the front office. All other uniform items are available online through Ace Uniforms located in Port Lincoln. Please name all uniform items including hats.

Please contact the school if you have any queries.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY!

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

2.20PM CLASSROOMS OPEN
2.50PM IN THE GYM

EVERY WELCOME

STUDENT FREE DAY
WEEK 5
MONDAY 24TH
FEBRUARY



BREAKFAST CLUB- TOASTIE TUESDAYS

We are seeking a volunteers
for Term 1.
Please contact the school
if you can help



SPORTS DAY
SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

MORE INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW SOON

FOODY FUNDRAISER

Week 5 - Thursday 27th February

Beef/Chicken Schnitzel Burgers

Order forms will be sent home in week 2



LAKE WANGARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL

Are you keen to join the Governing Council?
We need you!

Does the Governing Council run the school?

The Governing Council is NOT responsible for the day to day running of the school – that's the job of our very capable Principals.



Do I need special qualifications?

No! Any parent or guardian of a child at the Junior Primary and/or Primary School, or any person over 18 who is passionate about children's education can be a member of the Governing Council.



How often do I have to go?

Meetings go for about an hour. There are 2 meetings per term.

*Our meetings are child friendly!
All ages welcome!*



Aren't governance and meetings out of date?

No... Shaping the future excellence of a school is so rewarding and governing boards are more dynamic than ever – especially in our current time. We are looking to recruit people that represent every student of any and all cultural backgrounds, social demographics, disabilities and neuro-diverse student of our schools.



What will I learn?

You will stay up to date with your child's learning and school programs.

Teachers, Curriculum Leaders and Principals (both schools) and guest speakers will share current learning and news from the classrooms and school.



What could we do?

The opportunity to fundraise for our students so we can continually improve our facilities/ equipment.

Add parent perspective and support to whole school events.

Share and promote the great things that our schools do for our kids.

Be more informed and involved in our children's education.



What do we do?

- Oversee and contribute to the schools' Site Improvement Plan
- Review and update current school policies (eg- Uniforms, Anti-bullying, Behaviour Procedures etc.)
- Oversee operations of our Canteen.
- Oversee our school's finances, budgets and actuals.



ACE SCHOOL UNIFORMS

All school shirts, jumpers, hoodies and shorts are available in store and online through Ace Uniforms:

<https://theacegroup.au/collections/lakewangary-as>

School Shirts - \$35.00

Zip Hoodies - \$42.00

Hoodie - \$40.00

Shorts - 30.00

Items available for purchase from the front office:

School Hats - \$9.00

Beanies - \$22.00

Preschool T-Shirts - \$25.00

Please order uniforms online ready for next year.

Some items are kept in stock and are available to try on for size.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

A collection of various colored LEGO bricks (blue, yellow, orange, white) scattered on a light-colored surface.

PORT LINCOLN LIBRARY


STEM CLUB

WEDNESDAYS DURING
TERM TIME 3.45-4.45PM
FOR AGES 5-12



 **Libraries
SA**
PORT LINCOLN LIBRARY

Bookings through
eventbrite


A grey LEGO Technic baseplate with the word 'LEARN' spelled out in large, colorful letters made from Technic bricks. The letters are: L (red), E (blue), A (yellow), R (white), N (green), A (orange), R (red), N (black).

***@ The Port Lincoln Library
TUESDAYS 3:30-4:30pm during term time***



TERM 1 20 25 PLANNER

Version 1
31/01/25

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
Week 1	27 Jan AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	28 Preschool	29	30 Newsletter Preschool	31	Feb 1	2
Week 2	3	4 Preschool	5	6 Preschool	7	8	9
Week 3 Swimming Lessons	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Week 4 Swimming Lessons		Preschool		Preschool			
Week 5	17	18 Acquaintance Night	19	20	21	22	23
		Preschool	Preschool	Preschool			
	24 STUDENT FREE DAY	25	26	27 Newsletter Preschool	28	March 1	2
Week 6	3	4 Gov Council AGM	5	6	7	8	9
		Preschool	Preschool	Preschool			
Week 7	10 ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	11	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN	15	16
		Preschool		Preschool			
Week 8	17 NAPLAN	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN	22	23
		Preschool	Preschool	Preschool			
Week 9	24 NAPLAN	25	26	27	28 	29	30
		Preschool		Newsletter Preschool			
Week 10	31 PARENT, STUDENT, TEACHER INTERVIEWS	April 1	2	3	4	5	6
		Preschool		Preschool			
Week 11	7	8	9	10	11 Assembly 1.45pm LAST DAY OF TERM 2.10PM DISMISSAL	12	13
		Preschool		Newsletter Preschool			



Breakfast Program - Term 1

31/01/2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you to the many parents who have supported the running of the Breakfast Program over the years. We are now seeking helpers for Term 1. The Breakfast Program runs on Tuesday mornings and takes 1 hour from 8:10am to 9:10am. To run the program all that is required is cooking & preparing toast getting out juice for the students and cleaning up at the end.

If you are able to help please indicate below by writing your name in 2 boxes to enable options. If you can only do 1 that is still ok. Please return to school asap.

The Breakfast Program is highly valued by the students and we hope that you can support it to continue to run.

Regards

Clint Beard

Lake Wangary School Term 1 Breakfast Program

Name: _____

Please write your name in the week(s) that you are able to run the Breakfast Program and return to school. Thank you.

Week 1 - 28/01/25	Week 2 - 04/02/25	Week 3- 11/02/25
Week 4 - 18/02/25	Week 5 - 25/02/25	Week 6 - 04/03/25
Week 7 - 11/03/25	Week 8 - 18/03/25	Week 9 - 25/04/25
Week 10 - 01/04/25	Week 11 - 08/04/25	