

# Community Newsletter

Week 9, Term 1 2022



## From the Principal's Desk



WOW! What a ride it has been since our last newsletter. The level 2 very high case load protocols have posed significant disruption to your child's schooling. Through all

this though I must say I am impressed with how flexible and resilient Lakelands staff have been through difficult and uncertain times. Through positive cases, household close contacts and severe lack of relief teachers, the staff at Lakelands have managed to ensure each class has had a teacher in front of it. Compliments must also go to our community in the way they have followed the health directions to ensure the safety of their household and the wider community. Parent's quick response to notify the office and isolate has seen the minimisation of the spread of the virus that other schools have not been able to do. The stars of this pandemic have been our students, their resilient nature and care for each other has been a highlight for me to observe while talking to the students during classes and break times.

The communication of positive cases in your child's class is ever evolving and it's important that parents are aware that we do not notify the whole school, however parents will be informed of a positive case through email, note home, Seesaw and receive a text message to check your email for the information, only if it includes your child's class. This is true for Kindy to Year 2 because the students don't wear masks. If your child is in Year 3-6 you will be informed of the positive case but if your child wears a mask at school, they will not be considered a close contact and will not have to isolate. If we are notified of a positive case over the weekend in addition to those communication methods mentioned above, we will also use the school's Facebook page to reach out to those families. Therefore, it is vitally important to ensure your contact details are up to date. In the event of a household close contact there is no requirement to notify the class as the student isolating was not infectious while on site.

If you are one of our families who are isolating either through a household close contact or recovering from a positive case, please access the following links for some

online home learning activities related to the WA Curriculum.

[Learning from home - Department of Education](#)  
[Resources for Kindergarten students](#)  
[Resources for Pre-primary students](#)  
[Resources for Year 1 students](#)  
[Resources for Year 2 students](#)  
[Resources for Year 3 students](#)  
[Resources for Year 4 students](#)  
[Resources for Year 5 students](#)  
[Resources for Year 6 students](#)

Our Tell Them from Me (TTFM) surveys have now closed, and I'm pleased to report that we had an increase in the number of parents take the time to complete the survey. In 2022 we had 170 parents participate in the survey, up from 142 last year. The TTFM information collected is valuable information for us to plan with but also to celebrate the improvements we have made based on feedback from previous years. Significant gains were seen in the following survey questions:

Parents are Informed and Parents feel welcome  
Considering the current climate covid with parents not permitted in classrooms, this is a pleasing result.

Bradden Mitchell  
Principal

## Voluntary Contributions

At the start of the school year Lakelands Primary School collects voluntary contributions from its enrolled families. The cost of the voluntary contributions in Term 1 are discounted by 10% to \$54. The funds collected through voluntary contributions go a long way to improving the education of your child, through improved access to technology, books and sporting equipment. Last year we had less than 25% of our school population pay their voluntary contributions. You can pay your voluntary contributions via the front office or through the school's bank account BSB 016 745 Acc # 190756561

## School Board

Megan Cleary - Board Chair  
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## Canteen

We now have freshly made Sushi available on Tuesdays! Ordering is by 11am Mondays for delivery Tuesdays, easy to do on Quikcliq.

## Waste Wise Containers for Change

It has been fantastic to see so many students recycling their drink containers, our bin is getting very full! Every Tuesday morning, students and parents can bring in containers from home to recycle outside the undercover area. Alternatively, use our scheme ID, C10566570, to recycle them at your nearest centre. All money raised through our containers for change program will be going towards our Year 6 camp.

**Waste Free Wednesday** On Wednesdays we are doing our part to be sustainable and help the environment by encouraging students to bring a waste free lunch. This means that lunch boxes include multi-use containers and contain no single use plastic. We recycle juice boxes, so lunch boxes that contain these are still classed as waste free. Please help us by packing a waste free lunch on Wednesdays.

## School Camp

Letters will be going home this week regarding the year 6 camp for 2022. Please keep an eye out for these or pick one up in the office.

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## Outstanding Achievement

Two of our student councillors made it to the top 5 of the City of Mandurah Youth - Junior Council. Sydney and Campbell prepared a speech and competed against 21 other students from the Mandurah area, competing for the chance to become Junior and Deputy Mayor of Mandurah. Both students made it to the top 5 in the voting process. It was a huge achievement for both of our student councillors, and we were extremely proud of how they conducted themselves and delivered their speeches online. Both Sydney and Campbell represented Lakelands showing our Values and we are extremely lucky to have councillors with such dedication and passion towards their jobs. Congratulations to Sydney, who was elected as Deputy Junior Mayor for 2022!

## Masks in School

We encourage all families to please remember to send children in year 3 and up to school with their own masks and for all parents and visitors to please wear a mask on school grounds. Younger children are welcome to wear masks to school if they would like to.



## Community Spirit

A big Thank You to Year 4 student Heidi, who actively sought to keep the school looking clean and tidy by picking up rubbish from around the school grounds. It is so wonderful to see our students caring for their community environment, keep up the great work Heidi!



## School Uniform

Lakelands school uniform is in stock at Perm-a-pleat on Reserve drive, Mandurah. Please also note that the school accepts donations of old school uniform. If you have uniform you no longer need, please bring it into the school office.

**MAGGIE DENT IN PERTH**

Australia's 'queen of common sense', Maggie is an author, educator, & parenting & resilience specialist. She is a dedicated advocate to quietly changing lives in our families and communities.

**PARENT SEMINAR: Saturday August 20, 4 – 6pm Pan Pacific Hotel**

**Real Kids in an Unreal World: Building Resilience & Self-esteem in Today's Children**

Are you a parent or grandparent? Are you sometimes challenged, confused or concerned about parenting in today's world? Do you want to be the best parent or grandparent you possibly can be? Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage their life as it unfolds. Maggie Dent presents an experience based, common-sense, practical approach to raising kids, reassuring parents that what we have always known to be important in the early years of a child's life is still important today. This seminar will offer practical ideas and strategies to make small changes in your home that will make a big difference in your children's cognitive, physical, psychological, emotional and social health as their little lives unfold.

**TICKETS:** <https://event.me/dKR3yb?RefId=ECEEVENTSMAGGIEDENT>

**ENQUIRIES:** [hello@earlychildhoodeducationevents.com.au](mailto:hello@earlychildhoodeducationevents.com.au)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION EVENTS

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## Go Green Team



Congratulations to our wonderful Go Green Team for 2022 - Grace, Beau, Emily Rose, Kyra, Violet and Shayla. They have had a wonderful start to the year taking on some great sustainability projects in our school. This role is a voluntary position where the students willingly give up their time before school and at recess time. Each Tuesday, they are responsible for emptying our red paper recycling bins. They are the enthusiastic students seen in their green vests, so if you see them, please acknowledge the awesome work they are doing. It would be appreciated if parents can refrain from parking in the area near our waste bins, (in the staff carpark beside the oval) to allow for easy access, and more importantly the safety of students and staff involved. On Wednesdays, it is 'Worm Day' and the team are rostered on to assist with emptying 'Crunch and Sip' waste into our worm farm, clean the buckets and work with the junior students in this area. A big reminder to families of our other recycling projects the Go Green Team are involved in. Please support by recycling the following items at home and have your children bring into school. Drop off points are in both the Science and HASS (TB 5.1) rooms. Please have your items sorted in separate bags and empty into the correct boxes.

- Ring pulls from drink cans
- Plastic bread tags
- Plastic lids from bottles e.g. milk bottles, orange juice etc. (These must be washed first please) (HASS room only)
- Batteries
- Mobile phones

Cans and plastic bottles for the Containers for Change are also recycled in the school.



Our last trip to the recycling centre



115 lids to make this dish



450 lids used to make this pot & tray

We recycled these bottle lids last week. These have been collected in Term 1 at LPS and we have another huge box filled already! Let's keep these out of landfill and have them turned into useful items.

We appreciate your support with these projects. Our aim is to educate all our students in good recycling habits to make our world a better place. Happy recycling!

Mrs Burrage and Mrs Theo  
Go Green Support Teachers

