

# Lutheran School Wagga Wagga

# NEWSLETTER

2 June 2021  
Term 2 Week 7



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

[This week's video message](#) is based on a podcast that inspired me earlier this year. *Freakonomics* podcast featured an episode called [In Praise of Incrementalism](#). What do Renaissance painting, the American Civil Rights Movement and Olympic bicycling have in common? None of them happened all at once. Rather, the big changes happened as a result of smaller events (little 1% changes) that result in exponential growth over time.

The podcast is made for adults, but the message to students is the same: The little gains you make in reading, mathematics, music and sport seem small, but they result in tremendous growth over the seven years of primary school.

If there are changes you want to make as a family, consider negotiating a 1% change at a time. For example, you might negotiate five fewer minutes on the iPad each night to take a walk around the block. A week later, you might do 10 minutes less screen time and walk two blocks. What 1% changes can you think of that can make a big difference long term?

### Principal's Awards

Congratulations to the students (right) who received Principal's Awards at Assembly last Friday.

*Ella Labens 2K*  
*Marcellina Ghabrial 2K*  
*Zara Balding 3T*

*Emily Chu 2D*  
*Derrick Daniel 2D*  
*Cameron Hathaway 2D*

*Nancy Awad 4G*  
*Lachlan Tracey 5R*  
*Sophie Baldock 6E*

Janet Moeller

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### SRC News – Nude food lunch day

Our SRC team have been discussing for a number of weeks the idea of a 'Nude food' lunch box. In an effort to raise awareness of being more sustainable and reduce the packaging found in lunch boxes, each student from each class will be encouraged to bring in a lunch with a minimal amount of packaging. The 'Nude food' lunch box day will be on Tuesday, 15 June. Ms Moeller and I will be judging which class in K-2 and 3-6 has the best 'Nude food' lunch box. There will be a prize awarded to each class in K-2 and 3-6. Students, start thinking about how you can start to reduce the packaging in your lunch box!

Dylan Evans

## MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

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**TONIGHT**

7pm in the school hall

**ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS ARE WELCOME**

(not just for Lutheran School parents)

### MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PARENT SESSION

hosted by Lutheran School Wagga Wagga

**WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE, 2021**

7pm in the school hall/chapel

Parents and carers are invited to hear from Mr John Dean, District Clinical Leader and Registered Psychologist at MLHD. Learn strategies to help talk with children about their distresses and develop their coping capacity. Includes information around self-harm, suicide and managing social media.

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## FROM THE CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

### ICAS Assessments

Lutheran School will be participating in the ICAS assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment.

ICAS Assessments are now online. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

#### Online parent payment

In 2021 students have the opportunity to participate in the subjects listed (right).

The cost per test is \$17.05 including GST, excluding the Writing test, which is \$21.45.

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed, please [click here to visit the Online Parent Payment system](#)

(<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>)

and make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The payment system is a simple and secure service specifically for payments to purchase ICAS Assessments.

Subject	Sitting Date
Digital Technologies	Tuesday 10 August—available to Years 3-6 only
Writing	Thursday 12 August—available to Years 3-6 only
English	Tuesday 17 August
Spelling Bee	Tuesday 24 August
Science	Thursday 26 August
Mathematics	Thursday 2 September

#### Important Notes:

- **Our access code is AXB650.** You will not be able to register without this code.
- Please enter your child's name accurately, including capital letters, as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.
- Online payment closes on Friday, 23 July 2021. No late entries will be accepted.

#### Spellmaster

The second round of Spellmaster was held yesterday. The students who have progressed from the top 80 to the top 40 will complete round three next Wednesday. Congratulations to all the students who have entered this year.



#### Tournament of Minds

On Monday, we held an information session for the 2021 Tournament of Minds competition (Years 4-6). If your child was interested, they took home a 'student nomination form' which has more information about the competition. The nomination requires your child to design an invention that will 'change the world'. Student nominations are due back by Friday, 11 June.

Auditions for TOM will be held in Week 9 in the school hall, with Mr Evans and I observing students completing a series of challenging, collaborative tasks to determine our TOM teams. Successful students will be notified in Week 10.

#### One Day Chess Tournament

A reminder that permission slips are due by this Friday. Late entries will not be accepted.

Karri von Mengersen



Tournament of Minds

*Challenging the World*

## LLL BANKING

### LLL Banking

Interest is added to LLL accounts on 31 May. Please send passbooks in to the school office during the next two weeks so that we can send them to Adelaide for interest update.

## NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN

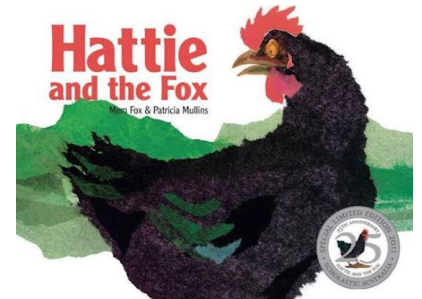
In Kindergarten last week, we were very excited to have Dr Alex MacLennan from Moorong Veterinary Clinic, Wagga Wagga visit our classrooms to discuss the importance of pet health and to introduce us to Xavier and John, their family chickens.

In Kindergarten we are focusing on the Quality Text '*Hattie and the Fox*' by Mem Fox. Dr MacLennan was able to introduce their family's two pet hens and let us pat each of them. The students were able to ask questions about chickens and experience a hands on learning experience.

As the cold weather sets in, we have been reminded of the need to keep ourselves healthy by having our vaccinations. Dr MacLennan discussed the importance of looking after our pets by making sure they have their vaccinations. Mrs Macleod's new puppy, Ruby the Spoodle, was also brought into the classroom to demonstrate the importance of looking after our pets at home.

We thank Dr Alex MacLennan and her sons, Finn and Hugo, for helping their mum bring in their pet chickens.

Tash Macleod (Kindergarten teacher)



## NEWS FROM OSHC

Our program has been very busy over the past few weeks with the children decorating their afternoon tea, playing party games including musical chairs, taking part in dance offs and enjoying the new swing in the garden. The children have loved swinging and pushing each other on the swing and showing wonderful examples of patience and care as they wait for their turn.

### Vacation Care

The *Winter Vacation Care Program* is available now from the school office or OSHC room. Please be sure to book early as we places do fill up quickly. Planned activities for Vacation Care include Laser Tag, dressing up as our favourite movie or book character and Painting like Picasso.

If you would like a copy of the program please email me [ooosh@lpsww.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ooosh@lpsww.nsw.edu.au). Parents and caregivers are reminded that bookings are made through the 'My Family Lounge' app.

Bec Cameron (Coordinator)

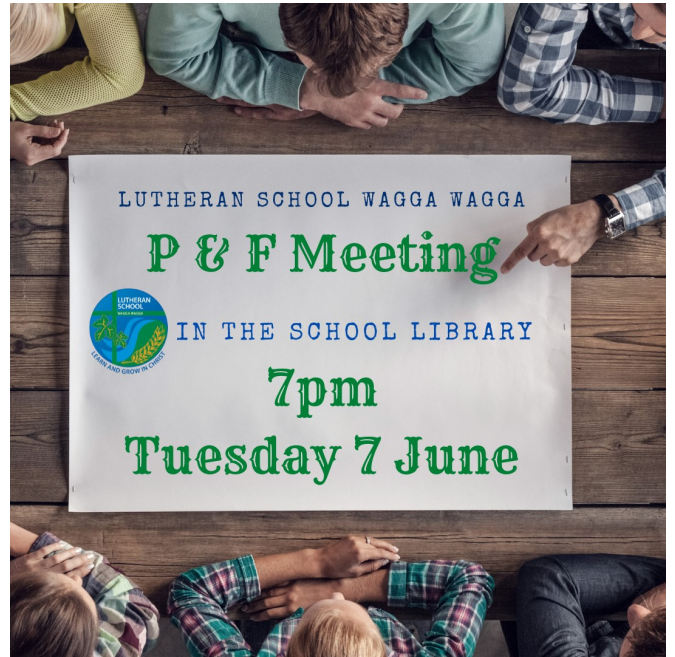


## DIARY DATES AND INFORMATION

DATE	EVENT
2 June	7pm Mental Health Education Parent Session in the school hall
4 June	Peer Support
8 June	Spellmaster round 3
8 June	7pm P&F Meeting (Library)
10 June	CIS Cross Country Championship
11 June	2:40pm Assembly
14 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15 June	Spellmaster round 4
15 June	Nude Food Lunch Day
17 June	Spellmaster oral round
17 June	Math Olympiad and Games
18 June	Todd Woodbridge Cup (Stage 2)
18 June	Mufti Day
18 June	Peer Support
21 June	Spellmaster Final 2pm in the school hall
22 June	Mortimer Shield Finals (Stage 3)
22 June	Year 2 and Year 4 Excursion (Civic Theatre)
25 June	End of Term Sausage Sizzle Lunch
25 June	2:40pm Term 2 Closing Chapel

### UNIFORM SHOP

Orders are accepted via the e-form purchase request on the school app, or by phone call/text message to Tegan Peel 0401 665 640



**KINDER PARENTS ARE INVITED TO**  
**TAPAS & DRINKS**  
 AT  
**MECCANICO**  
**7PM**  
**FRIDAY 18 JUNE**

**RSVP BY 10 JUNE TO**  
**CHRISTA 0448 053 970**  
 OR  
**JENNA 0409 167 774**




**YEAR 3 MUMS**  
*catch up*  
*Wednesday 16 June*

**AT THE BIRDHOUSE**

**RSVP BRIONY SEAMAN 0407 220 758**




Lutheran School Values
respect
compassion
courage
JUSTICE
forgiveness  
service
quality
humility
love
hope
APPRECIATION

2021 Term Dates	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
	Concludes 25 June	13 July—16 September	5 October—9 December



**LCA Standards of Ethical Behaviour**

If you feel that you have reason to complain about any type of harassment, abuse or bullying within the LCA, please contact the Manager of the LCA Professional Standards Department (PSD) Telephone 1800 644 628 or write to the Manager of the PSD: Confidential, Professional Standards Department, PO Box 519, Marden, SA 5070 or email [complaints@lca.org.au](mailto:complaints@lca.org.au)