

Principal's Message – Natasha Doyle

Welcome back to Semester 2. Hopefully all families spent time reading reports reflecting on your child's achievements and areas for growth. At Landsdale Gardens we strive to achieve our Mission of 'nurturing **all** students to embrace learning and reach their **full potential** by providing a safe and inclusive learning environment driven by **high expectations**' to achieve our Motto of 'Growing Lifelong Learners'. In a rapidly changing world where technology is beginning to take over, it is important for our next generation to have the skills to be able to learn and change in that environment to be successful citizens.

On the first day back, our staff participated in the hands-on component of a two-day First Aid course provided by St John WA. They had already spent 1 day during the holidays completing the online component. First Aid training promotes a sense of safety and makes staff more capable of managing incidents, allowing them to take care of injuries promptly. Learning these vital skills will help to protect our students.



Over the holidays, Paul Deej completed two of our block murals in Bain and Taaruk reflecting the flower that the blocks are named after. These will be sealed over the next few weeks providing an eating space that is protected from the weather and easily cleaned. I'm sure you will agree that they look amazing and add a pop of colour that makes this space more vibrant. We are planning to have the remaining murals completed over the remainder of the year.



Our newly installed gates in the early years provide much needed access from the north and easy access from the kiss & drive on Amistad. We will be transitioning into accessing the classes in Cara Block at drop off and pick up to the outside verandah to allow staff to set up the equipment and reduce unsupervised morning play.



Please remember that we have our Early Years Carnival scheduled for this Wednesday 31st July starting at 8.30am. Come along to support your Kindy or pre-Primary child with many exciting activities. Bring along your picnic morning tea and support the P&C by purchasing a morning tea pack and buying a coffee from the coffee van.

Book Week is in Week 5. You still have time to make your costume for the book week parade being held on Monday 12th August. Don't forget to bring your book! Our open night learning journey is being held on Thursday 15th August.



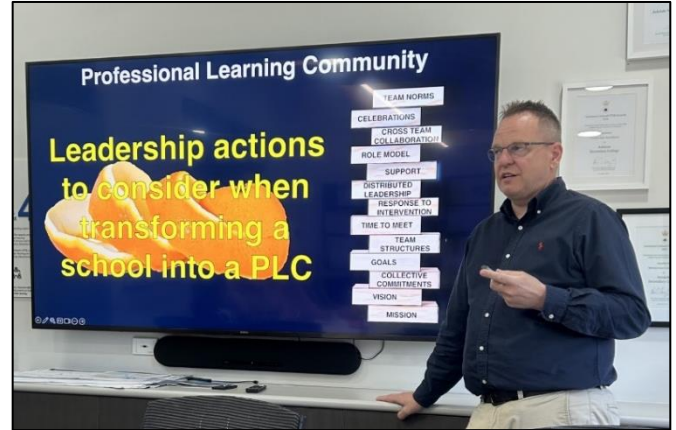
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Gavin Grift PL

Gavin Grift was a classroom teacher and a foundation staff member in two schools. Since 2010, he has been instrumental in transforming schools across Australia by championing the power of a Professional Learning Community (PLC) approach. As the head of a pilot program in Adelaide, Melbourne, and Canberra, he guided educators in creating high-performing collaborative teams to improve outcomes for all students. Gavin emphasises strategies for fostering a relentless focus on learning, motivating colleagues, and addressing challenges.



On Tuesday 16th July, Jake and I had the pleasure of joining leaders from our Ashdale Cluster schools to listen to Gavin discuss the importance of a clear Mission, Vision and Values that are fully embedded and understood in the community. He then explained how high functioning schools have an embedded culture of distributed leadership through Professional Learning Communities. His messages were timely, with us setting up the Landsdale Gardens school culture from scratch. Later that afternoon, Gavin presented a session to our staff, unpacking what a Professional Learning Community is.

Gavin first worked with the Ashdale Cluster in 2017 and continues to empower our cluster and community to thrive as a cohesive unit committed to school success.

Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our first food drive at Landsdale Gardens. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. On Wednesday, June 26th, The Food Pantry collected all the donations. They were immensely grateful for our support, especially during these challenging times for many families in our community. Thank you to Mrs Walker and the student leaders for coordinating this event.



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Meet our New Staff

My name is Tracie Inkpen. I live locally to Landsdale Gardens Primary School with my husband Jason and my 3 teenage children Olivia, Ryan & Zac. My children have all gone through their Primary & Secondary schooling within the cluster and I have been an Allied Professional for 10 years at my previous school. My family and I are all pet lovers, and we have 2 dogs, 3 cats, 2 rats and 3 axolotls. I enjoy reading, going to the movies, going out to dinner and spending time with my family. I feel very grateful and privileged to have joined the amazing team at Landsdale Gardens Primary School and I look forward to many years of supporting & nurturing the children of the school and contributing to such a wonderful school in my local community.



My name is Michelle MacLeod, and I am delighted to be joining Landsdale Gardens Primary School as an Education Assistant. I have been an EA for over 4 years, working at various schools across different year levels in both a Mainstream and Special Needs capacity. I am passionate about supporting students to reach their full potential, achieve their goals and believe in an inclusive environment. I love travelling, cooking, and spending time with my husband, two girls, family and friends. I look forward to being a part of the Landsdale Gardens Community and establishing new relationships with my colleagues, students and families.



My name is Martina Kenna. I am very excited to have joined Landsdale Gardens Primary School as a mainstream education assistant. I have worked in this role for over 20 years both here and in Ireland. My goal is to support students with their academic, physical, social and emotional needs. I believe in an inclusive and caring environment where all students feel supported. I look forward to working with students, staff, and the families of Landsdale Gardens Primary school.



My Name is Leslie Cottone. I am thrilled to have transitioned from my role in ECE at Landsdale Gardens, and into Special needs education. This exciting chapter will allow me to continue my love of working with children, while having new opportunities to make an impact on children who benefit greatly from tailored support. When I'm not at school, I love spending time with my family, reading, overindulging in delicious food, and going for coast walks.



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AEDC – Ivy Nguyen

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a nationwide initiative that measures the development of young children in their first year of full-time school. Conducted every three years, the AEDC provides valuable insights into the strengths and challenges faced by

children in their communities. This data helps schools, governments, and community organisations to support early childhood development and improve educational outcomes for all children. By participating in the AEDC, our school contributes to a better understanding of how to nurture and support our youngest learners. The data collected indicates that our students are progressing well in five key domains: physical health and wellbeing, social competence, emotional maturity, school-based language and cognitive skills, and communication skills and general knowledge. We look forward to comparing this data with the results from the next AEDC assessment in 2027, which will be conducted by our Pre-Primary teachers.

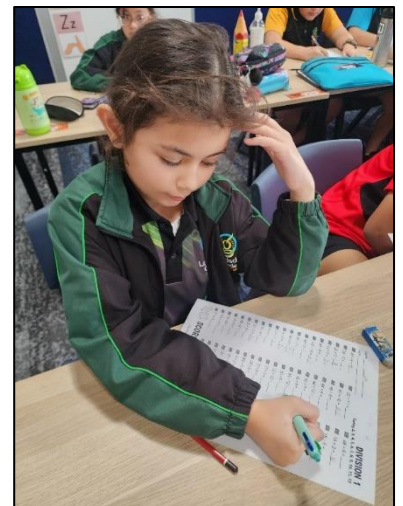
Wellbeing and Engagement Census (WEC)

As part of Strategic Priority 4 in the Business Plan we are committed to making decisions based on the opinions of our students. Our Year 5 and 6 students completed the WEC survey last Wednesday as part of our annual commitment to measure the wellbeing of our students and to support Priority area 4 of the Business Plan. Wellbeing positively influences student learning outcomes and success in learning enhances student wellbeing. As educators, we know about the reciprocal relationship between wellbeing and learning. Wellbeing involves much more than just physical health. The results from this survey are analysed and discussed with our cluster schools (Madeley, Landsdale, Carnaby Rise and Ashdale Secondary College).



TT Rockstars – Natalie Miles

We are delighted to announce the launch of TT Rock Stars at our school! The children have been eagerly engaging with both the online and paper versions of the program, refining their multiplication skills in a fun and interactive manner. They are particularly excited about earning their rock status and seeing their names climb the leader board. This competitive yet supportive environment has motivated everyone to enhance their times tables knowledge, transforming learning into an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Students from Year 1 to Year 6 have been actively participating, with each year group demonstrating remarkable dedication and progress. Their enthusiasm is palpable as they eagerly challenge themselves and their peers. We are already looking forward to the end-of-year TT Rock Stars 'Rock Concert,' where we will celebrate their hard work and achievements in true rock star fashion!



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Teddy Bear's Picnic in Pre-Primary

On Wednesday, June 26th, students in Cara 4 and 5 proudly showcased their "Chairs for Bears" STEM projects to their parents. To celebrate the end of a busy term, we held a teddy bear's picnic and extended the invitation to the other kindergarten classes. Both students and parents enjoyed sharing their creative projects, indulging in delicious food, and participating in a variety of exciting activities. It was a delightful day filled with fun and learning for everyone involved.



Cara 4 and Cara 5 Celebrate 100 days of School!

Can you believe it? We've already been in school for 100 days! To celebrate this milestone, students in Cara 4 and Cara 5 transformed into 100-year-old versions of themselves. The day was filled with activities centred around the number 100, making our 100th day of school a memorable and fun-filled event.



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P & C News -

On the last day of Term 2 the students had a Free Dress and Odd Socks Day, raising \$277. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this fun and successful event.

You may have seen the blue bins for Containers for Change around the school. These bins were generously donated by Bunnings Wangara, and we received a fundraising toolkit from Containers for Change. The kids have been actively using the blue bins at school, and we have already made our first deposit from their 10c containers adding to our fundraising efforts!



This month we have been selected for a Local Matters jar at Grill'd Kingsway. It's only there until the end of July so there's still time to grab a burger and support the P&C! 1 burger = 1 vote but mention you are from LGPS and get double tokens! The winning team receive \$300 from Grill'd. We look forward to hearing the outcome soon!

Do you need some personalised name labels for your children's belongings? Purchase from Stuck on You and 20% comes back to the P&C. See our Facebook page for our unique code and details on how to order. This is valid all year so stock up ready for next year!

We are planning a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Wangara for Sunday 22nd September. We need lots of volunteers to help or this can't go ahead. We are currently gauging volunteer interest via our Facebook page and signup sheets outside classrooms. Please let us know if you can help for a 2-hour timeslot during the day.



Upcoming Events:

- Junior Sports Carnival: We've been hard at work putting together delicious morning tea packs for the Kindy and Pre-Primary students for this event.
- P&C Sausage Sizzle at the School Open Night on Thursday 15th August: Grab some dinner and support the P&C.
- Senior Sports Carnival: We're excited to offer a pizza lunch from Pizza Hut for Years 1-6.

Follow us on facebook to stay up to date on all that's happening with the P&C - Landsdale Gardens PS P&C



 **Monday, 5 August**  **6 pm**  **Ashdale Secondary College**

Protecting children in their digital worlds is an ever-evolving task for Australian families. Now more than ever, parents are looking for guidance in managing screen time and navigating the world of games and social media.

We are therefore pleased to help our parent community by offering a crucial and engaging education session with **ySafe**, Australia's leading provider of online safety education. This practical, strategy-rich session will cover the most important points that all families need to know about **online safety**, essential information about **social media and gaming**, screen time recommendations and step-by-step instructions on **setting up a cyber-safe home for children** of all ages.

If you've ever struggled with getting your children off their games and into bed, worried about the content of the games they are playing or concerned that your child was spending too much time in the digital world, **this workshop is for you!**

