



Principal's Message – Natasha Doyle

As part of Strategic Priority 1 in the Business Plan, we have a focus of developing and embedding high impact teaching pedagogy theory and practice across the school. One part of this is a focus on reviewing information daily until it is grasped and stored in the long-term memory. We then push students beyond passive absorption of information, encouraging them to actively construct new knowledge by linking new concepts with what they already know, deepening their understanding and fostering a creative and critical thinking mindset.



At Landsdale Gardens, we have high impact teachers that have high expectations for all students. They work together to measure their impact and are clear with their students about the content and goals of their learning. We prioritise working collaboratively, professional learning and the development of a positive school culture. Staff have continued to work with Luke George to create statements of expectation for clarity of purpose, process, people, communication and reflection. These statements will support new staff to understand what is expected of them when they join Landsdale Gardens.

As I walk around the school each day, I am inspired by the Landsdale Gardens staff that work tenaciously and maintain high levels of energy, focus and enthusiasm in each of their roles. The first impression people make as they walk into the school is so important and we are blessed with Vanessa Pierre and Lisa Catchlove who make a huge difference in the front office, creating a positive culture at our school. Our staff are very good at what they do and are passionate about their work at the school.



Safety of our students is a priority, and it is disappointing to see some of our students not safely restrained in a car seat as they leave the school grounds or wearing helmets when they are riding home. Please remember that car seats are required by law according to the following rules;



- Aged 6 months to under 4 years are restrained in either a rear or **forward-facing** child restraint with in-built harness.
- Aged 4 years to under 7 years seated in either a forward-facing child seat or booster seat restrained by a fastened seatbelt or child safety harness.
- Children seven years and over can be restrained in an adult seatbelt or booster seats.

If a child is not wearing a seatbelt or a suitable child restraint as required by the law, then you risk being fined and incurring demerit points. You must not drive your vehicle with unrestrained children in it. Please remind your child that it is illegal to ride a bicycle without a helmet.

This Friday, 20th September is the last day for Term 3. I hope that you all have an enjoyable two-week vacation, spending valuable time together as a family. Term 4 resumes on Monday 7th October. For those of you that would like to plan a small getaway, we have a pupil free day on Friday 25th October.



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Merit Awards

Congratulations to our merit award recipients. As I walk around the school each day, I am thrilled to see our students working hard to achieve their personal best.



Swimming Lessons

A reminder that we have our in-term swimming lessons starting after the Term 3 holidays on Wednesday 9th October. This is an 8-day series at Swan Active Ballajura. To attend, a payment of \$47 needs to be made through the Compass App or through the front office.



Voluntary Contributions & Charges

Thank you to the families that have already paid their voluntary contributions and ICT levy this year. Final reminders were sent home last week, and we would really appreciate payment. Money collected through Voluntary Contributions and the ICT levy will supplement school expenditure to provide important equipment and materials to enrich the opportunities for our students.



Attendance

We know that every day at school contributes to learning, which leads to better engagement and higher academic achievement. Taking holidays during the school term is detrimental and creates gaps in your child's learning. We recommend planning ahead and booking holidays during the allocated school vacation time to ensure your child does not miss important skills and concepts.



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C5's Ocean Assembly – Miss Nguyen

On Friday 6th September, Cara 5 had their assembly. They looked fabulous wearing their class-made T-shirts! The students spoke about their favourite sea creatures and shared some fascinating facts. The class shared a recount about their excursion to AQWA and did such an amazing job. Miss Nguyen would like to thank all the parents with assisting with the assembly preparation leading up to the day and the students for their hard work with the rehearsals.



GROW Values

Congratulations to these fabulous students for demonstrating our values both inside and outside the classroom.



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Reading Certificates

Reading is an essential skill for 'Lifelong Learning'. We are very proud of our junior students for reaching 100 nights of reading and enjoying their milkshake reward. The senior students have also been working hard to achieve a Lexile Certificate for demonstrating their comprehension skills.



Sean Avery Author Visit

On the 29th August, the Years 1-6 students participated in a whole school workshop led by famous local teacher/author/illustrator Sean Avery as part of our Book Week celebrations. The students listened to some of his stories and heard about his journey to becoming a famous author. They were then instructed how to draw some of the characters from his books. He will be back in 2025 to run further sessions.





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Faction Carnival – Mr Simpson

During weeks 7 and 8, LGPS students excelled in various athletic events, including the T-ball throw, long jump, long-distance running, sprints, relays, and team games. Despite the Athletics Carnival being postponed due to unfortunate weather, the students returned with remarkable resilience, competing with pride and representing their faction colours. A particularly inspiring moment was witnessing the students cheering not only for their own factions but also for other teams, embodying the true spirit of sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all the individual championship award winners, including the many ties, which highlight the depth of athletic talent at LGPS. A special congratulations to Dobitj for securing the victory, winning by a narrow margin of just 15 points!

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, family members, and teachers for their support and assistance over the multiple days, whether by helping or simply cheering on the students during their events.





Art with Mrs Lee

The Year 1 students have jumped into the world of Aboriginal bush medicine with an engaging art project. They started by learning about local plants and their traditional uses, as well as why these natural remedies are important. In their art sessions, students have been making colourful backgrounds inspired by gum leaves, experimenting with warm and cool colours and blending techniques to capture the different shades found in nature.

Our Year 2 and 3 students have embraced the winter season with a fantastic art project, illustrating their very own winter bears! Each student has added intricate details to their bears' fur to create a unique texture, while also designing vibrant winter sweaters with imaginative patterns and shapes. The diversity in each bear's design reflects the wonderful creativity of our young artists, showcasing their individual styles and inventive expressions.

Year 4 and 5 students have recently embarked on an exciting clay project inspired by the renowned artist Wayne Thiebaud. Drawing from Thiebaud's iconic paintings of colourful desserts and everyday foods, students have been creating their own clay versions of delicious treats. This hands-on activity involved sculpting and decorating clay to replicate the vibrant and whimsical food items Thiebaud is famous for. Through this project, students have not only developed their fine motor skills and artistic techniques but also gained an appreciation for Thiebaud's use of colour and form.

Our Year 5 and 6 students have recently delved into the world of 3D art, designing their stunning cube drawings! These projects highlight their understanding of tone, shade, and value as they skilfully manipulate light and dark colours to represent different shades and textures on their cubes. By adjusting the intensity of their colours, our young artists have created depth and dimension that truly capture the effects of light.



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Father's Day in Kindergarten – Miss Pracilio and Mrs Bihary

Kindy hosted a FABULOUS Father's Day event down in ECE!

It was lovely for our dads, grandads and loved ones to experience all the activities with their child/grandchild. The afternoon commenced with the children signing a song to their loved ones titled, Skidamirink a Dink a Dink, and then the children presented a gift and card to their dads and granddads. The children then grabbed their loved ones by their hand and took them around to an assortment of activities ranging from craft making a bow tie, painting, Lego construction, icing biscuits, face shaving, photo prop picture taking, playdough fun and more. It was so lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves and spending precious time together being involved in the fun activities.





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Father's Day in Pre-Primary

On Thursday 29th August, Cara 4 & 5 celebrated all the wonderful dads and male figures just in time for Father's Day. We had an afternoon of fun and exciting activities such as biscuit decorating, arts and crafts and sports activities. It was such a great afternoon seeing so many happy faces.





Bain 1 Excursion

Our Bain 1 class recently embarked on an enriching excursion to the Canning River Eco Education Centre, where we connected our classroom learning about River Rangers with real-world experiences. Throughout our writing lessons, we explored the vital role River Rangers play in protecting our local environment and the diverse wildlife that calls it home. During the excursion, students had the opportunity to observe animals living along the Canning River and participate in hands-on activities, such as searching for traces of these creatures in their natural habitats. This outing not only deepened our understanding of environmental care but also inspired us to appreciate and protect the beautiful ecosystems around us.

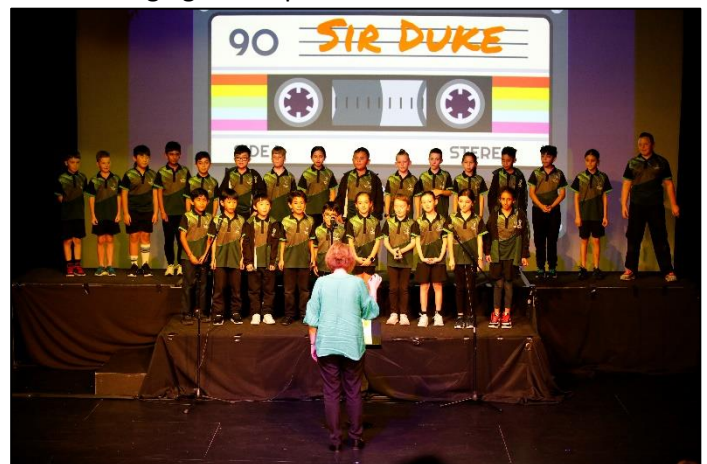


Ashdale Cluster Muster – Mrs Bojanich

Well done to all Year 3s who performed outstandingly at the this year's Ashdale Secondary College Cluster Muster on Monday 2 September.

The annual Cluster Muster is an opportunity for Ashdale Secondary College feeder primary schools to showcase performing arts talent. It was obvious to all that we have a lot of musical talent at Landsdale Gardens Primary School with two amazing Year 3 performances. Our first performance was of the song "Whisper" which demonstrated a lot of skill singing in two parts and the second song got everyone grooving to Stevie Wonder's song "Sir Duke". The concert finished with all schools singing "Shotgun" at the end of the performance.

Thank you to all parents who kindly transported students to and from Ashdale Secondary College, as well as supporting us by coming to watch the performance. Mr Slavin, Miss Jacovic and I were so proud of the student's overall behaviour and performance on the day, they were a credit to our school. Well done Year 3s.



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Interschool Carnival

During Week 9, students from Years 1 to 6 had the exciting opportunity to compete in the Interschool Athletics Carnival, facing off against neighbouring schools over two days—Tuesday and Thursday.

The weather cooperated beautifully, with the sun shining as younger students took part in sprints and team games on Thursday. Meanwhile, selected Year 3 to 6 students competed in additional events such as long jump, T-ball throw, 400/800m races, and relays.

Despite being a smaller school compared to the competition, our students represented Landsdale Gardens PS with pride, teamwork, and smiles, embracing the challenge of a competitive sporting environment. Teachers and parents were incredibly proud of the students' achievements across both days.



Some notable star achievements below:

Y3 Arianna Scaffidi	3rd place T-ball throw
Y6 Mekhias Pongas	4th place Long Jump
Y1 Charlie Gate	2nd place Sprints A division
Y1 Isaiah Mawa	1st place Sprints B division
Y1 Jaxon McDermott	4th place Sprints C division
Y1 Arie Music	3rd place Sprints D division
Y3 Matthew Phayakh	4th place Sprints B division
Y6 Malak Akrawy	4th place Sprints C division



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Help keep your kids safe in the water with the WA Government's free VacSwim lessons and pool entry these December and January school holidays.

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