

NEWSLETTER

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Week 7 2026



A1 ASSEMBLY



B7 ASSEMBLY



OUR VISION at South Lake Primary School is that all members of the school community will work together to achieve their full potential, becoming self-motivated life-long learners through an inclusive and empowering education.



Strive • Believe • Achieve

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for our recent assemblies. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the exciting events and activities taking place at SLPS, presented by our dedicated student leaders.

For our first assembly of 2026, our talented Year 3 and Year 4 students from A1, dressed in their brightest outfits, performed the song *Kindness* by The Juicebox Jukebox. This upbeat children's song reminded us that kindness is simple, free, and has the power to make the world a better place. It encourages us to practise small, everyday acts of kindness through both our words and actions.

Kindness can be shown in many ways – sharing a smile, including someone in a game, giving a compliment, or helping a friend who may be having a tough day. Even the smallest act can make someone feel seen, valued, and supported.

As an Act Belong Commit school, kindness is an important way we show that we care for one another. It is how we include others and look out for each other in our school community. Let's continue to choose kindness every day and be the reason someone feels like they truly belong.

Our second assembly, coordinated by Year 2 and Year 3 students from B7, was the perfect segue for Harmony Day. B7's special assembly celebrated something very important – that we are all different, and we all belong. At SLPS, everyone is unique. We may look different, enjoy different things, or be good at different subjects, but we all belong. This means we feel safe, happy and accepted for who we are. By showing kindness and respect, we help everyone feel welcome in our school community. B7 sang "*Better Together*" by Pevan and Sarah, sharing a wonderful message about diversity and belonging:

Just like the fish, you and me

Our world is full of diversity

No one's better, no one's wrong

We come from different places but we all belong.

Their performance was a lovely reminder that our differences make our community stronger, and that we are always better together.

Thank you once again for your support and involvement in our school community, and congratulations to all Merit Certificate recipients and Stars from both assemblies.

SOCIAL MEDIA MINIMUM AGE

The Australian Government has taken world-leading action to reduce online harms experienced by young Australians by introducing a minimum age to access social media. The new law started on 10th December 2025 and requires social media platforms to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 from having a social media account.

This change reduces access for young people to the harmful parts of social media, such as algorithms that recommend content, infinite scrolling, and other features designed to keep users continuously engaged. The eSafety Commissioner considers Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, Twitch, X and YouTube to be age-restricted social media platforms. But the law doesn't stop young people from staying in touch with

friends online, playing games, learning new things and being entertained. In fact, they can still access messaging apps (such as WhatsApp and Messenger), gaming, professional networking and professional development services, and services that are primarily for the purposes of education and health support. For more information and tips for helping under 16s adjust to the change, visit the [eSafety website](#).

VISION AND EYES

Good vision is important for learning and quality of life. Watch for any of the following in your child:

- covering/closing one eye when reading
- holding books very close
- complaining of eyestrain or headache
- complaining of double vision or blurred vision with reading or board viewing
- complaining of words moving on a page
- losing place when reading, or skipping words and lines
- inattention or short attention span when reading, or rubbing the eyes.

If you have any concerns, vision and testing for colour blindness can be performed by some General Practitioners (GP), eye specialists, or optometrists.

GENEROUS DONATION

Our sincere thanks go to Coles Lakes Shopping Centre for their extremely generous donation of \$650 to the South Lake Primary School Breakfast Club initiative. The funds will be of enormous benefit to purchase food items for our Breakfast Club that operates 5 days a week, providing a healthy breakfast to students from across the school.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS INCENTIVE

Thank you to all families who contribute to the school through the \$60 Voluntary Contributions. Your generosity directly enhances learning opportunities for our students, and we are very grateful for your ongoing support.

Families who wish to discuss payment arrangements are encouraged to contact our Manager of Corporate Services, Mrs Redfern, who is available to assist with flexible payment plans. To acknowledge and thank families for their support, all Voluntary Contributions received by Monday 30th of March will be entered into a draw to win a \$100 gift voucher—just in time for an Easter treat.

There is a lot planned for the coming weeks so keep an eye open for important notes in your child's school bag, or on our Audiri App. Have a great fortnight and if we don't see you at our Harmony Day assembly on 26th of March, we hope to see you at our Easter Hat parade on the 2nd of April.

Kind regards
Leigh Liley





Thank you to Ms Sook Yee Lai, MLA for presenting SLPS with our new flags at the week 4 Assembly



Little Green Beans

In B10, our students have been learning all about the number one. Through stories, games, and hands-on activities, the children have been exploring what "one" looks like and how we use it in everyday situations.

As part of this learning, we are also encouraging students to show responsibility by taking one item at a time when using classroom materials. This helps the children practise counting while also learning to be thoughtful about not wasting resources.

It has been wonderful to see the students proudly counting "one" and making responsible choices during their play and learning. These small steps are helping them develop important early numeracy skills and positive habits for the classroom



Congratulations to our Merit & Star Awardees

A1	Aaliyah, Whole Class
A2	Chanel, Harry
A3	Setayesh, Sharazade
A4	Andy, Devlin
B2	Luna, Tyler
B4	Beriyth, Edie
B6	Chayse, Zaliyah
B7	Evaliesha, Rania
B8	Billie, Emirah
B9	Miley, Minari



A1	Eshika
A2	Eli
A3	Hibatul
A4	Ann
B2	Reem
B4	Titan
B6	Azalea
B7	Scarlett
B8	Tenuun
B9	Ellie

Congratulations to our Merit & Star Awardees



A1	-
A2	Nafis, Nike
A3	Braxden, Connor
A4	Chemy, Orlaigh
B2	Oliver, Scarlet
B4	Cayden, J'hzius
B6	Li-Gang, Marilyn
B7	Isla, Sulaiman
B8	-
B9	Abigail, Harley



A1	-
A2	Mark
A3	Mason
A4	Siyabonga
B2	Leo
B4	Inara
B6	Cody
B7	Dima
B8	-
B9	Ruby-Rae

A2



Clean Up Australia Day!

The A Block Buddy Class and B4 teamed up to take part in Clean Up Australia at SLPS. Check out our brand new gloves as we helped keep our school clean!





'Everyone Belongs'

South Lake Primary will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 26th March 2026 with a Harmony assembly.

During assembly our entire school will come together to perform a vibrant Torres Strait song called "Sesere Eeye". During Harmony week students will also be involved in classroom Harmony activities.

On the day, 26th March, students are invited to dress in cultural dress or the colour orange, this signifies unity, mutual respect and freedom of choice.

We are proud to be part of a rich multicultural and diverse community that makes our school special.

Act-Belong-Commit Tips of the week!

Surround yourself with like-minded people

It's no coincidence we are naturally drawn to people with similar interests. Like-minded friendships help to improve our sense of identity and belonging, which in turn boosts our happiness, mental health and overall well-being.

Are you into health and fitness? Or perhaps you're passionate about a type of music? Or maybe you are a film fanatic or an environmentally conscious individual? Reach out and connect with people with the similar passions and aspirations. You could even join a group – either online, offline or both!

Act-Belong-Commit actbelongcommit.org.au



Don't forget to sign up to our School App & stay up to date with important information & dates.

2026 Term One

7	16	17	18 Book Fair → Kindy Blue	19 Parent Interviews Half Day Close	20
8	23 Book Fair School Board Meeting	24	25 Kindy Green	26 Harmony Day Assembly Harmony Uniform Shop Open	27 Summer Carnival
9	30	31	Apr. 1 Kindy Blue	2 Easter Hat Parade Newsletter Last Day of Term	3 Good Friday

Our PBS Focus Areas:

Week 7 Be Resilient:

We complete all work neatly and to a high standard.



Week 8 Be Safe:

We line up calmly, quietly and sensibly.



Week 9 Be Safe:

We walk around the school with care and consideration for others.



EFTPOS available in the front office for Voluntary Contributions and excursions.



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