

# NEWSLETTER

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**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.



# From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe how quickly the term has passed, Easter is already here! Thank you to everyone in our school community who participated in our wonderful Easter Hat Parade assembly. Our undercover area was filled with vibrant, creative hats and headpieces of all shapes and sizes, creating a joyful atmosphere that truly captured the spirit of Easter. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff. Your ongoing commitment and professionalism continue to enrich South Lake Primary School and make a meaningful difference to the academic and social-emotional outcomes of our students.

## OUR SPECIAL HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY

Our super talented SLPS choir treated us to a beautiful performance at our special Harmony Day assembly. The first song, "**Sesere Eeye**" (se-se-ree-ye), tells the story of a kingfisher bird diving into the water to catch a fish. Sung in a mix of languages from the Torres Strait and South Pacific Islands, it was both captivating and culturally rich.

The choir then performed "**Ubuntu**", a song written for *One Big Voice (2025)* by Kiki McCormack and Brendan O'Brien. "Ubuntu" – which translates roughly to "*I am because you are*" in the Zulu and Xhosa languages of South Africa – celebrates caring for one another and working together to grow.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cornes and our amazing choir for their dedication, hard work, and rehearsals. What a wonderful way to celebrate Harmony Day!

Congratulations to all our Merit Certificate recipients and Stars of the Fortnight for their outstanding achievements. Your efforts and commitment to learning are something to be very proud of.

## PARENT INTERVIEWS

Our recently held Parent-Teacher Meetings on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were very well attended. On behalf of all South Lake Primary School staff, we would like to thank the parents and carers who were able to attend the interviews and take the opportunity to visit the SLPS Book Fair.

We have received very positive feedback from parents and carers. Staff also noted that the meetings provided valuable insights, helping them gain a deeper understanding of their students and the hopes and aspirations parents have for their children.

## REPORTING TO PARENTS

In 2025, a change to the configuration of the school day policy was announced to allow schools, from 2026, to be able to change the school timetable for up to two full days for parent/carer reporting meetings.

In alignment with recommendations by the Education Department, SLPS will suspend the normal school timetable for a full day on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026** to conduct parent/carer

meetings for reporting to parents/carers. More information will follow in Term 2.

## SOCIAL MEDIA MINIMUM AGE

As noted in our last newsletter, Australians under sixteen are no longer allowed to sign up or keep social media accounts. The new law delays their access to the most harmful parts of social media (hello, predatory algorithms) and gives young people extra time to develop real world connections and digital literacy skills.

Talk to your kids about the changes and encourage them to stay connected with friends in other ways, such as using messaging apps (like WhatsApp or Messenger), gaming, or catching up in person. For more information and tips for helping under 16s adjust to the change visit [www.eSafety.gov.au](http://www.eSafety.gov.au).

## COMING UP IN TERM 2

Term 2 commences on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April and already it is shaping up to be a busy period. On Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 9:00am we will be conducting an ANZAC service that parents, carers and relatives are invited to attend. The Opera returns in Term 2, and other special events for the Term include: Reconciliation Week; NAIDOC; Winter Lightning Carnival; and fabulous assembly items.

## SCHOOL SECURITY

During the school holidays, if you notice any suspicious activity or any anti-social behaviour occurring within the vicinity of South Lake Primary, please report it immediately by telephoning: School Watch on 1800 177 777 Or Police on 131 444.

## VOLUNTR Y CONTRIBUTIONS INCENTIVE

The winner of our special Easter \$100 gift voucher was the Boxall family. If you missed out, don't worry, you can pay SLPS Voluntary Contributions next term and go into the draw for a \$50 voucher! Our Manager of Corporate Services, Mrs Redfern is happy to discuss payment plans for these contributions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our canteen staff, P&C volunteers and many therapists for the enormous contribution they continue to make to South Lake Primary School students. We are committed to ensure all students are safe, supported and able to continue their learning, whether at school or home.

I hope you can join us for our first event of Term 2 that is our ANZAC service, 9am Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Take very good care of yourselves and families and have a wonderful break, everyone. Happy Easter!

Kind regards  
Leigh Liley



# Congratulations to our Merit & Star Awardees

A1	Ayla, Jhih-Yun
A2	Kiran, Matty
A3	Gypsie, Owen
A4	Henna, Keira
B2	Ivory, Sedra
B4	Grayson, Mackenzie
B6	Finley, Lacey
B7	Sophie, Xavier
B8	-
B9	Jay, Lily



A1	Jasmin
A2	Aleena
A3	Sienna
A4	Cowen
B2	Izaiah
B4	Ariyah
B6	Ava
B7	James
B8	-
B9	Bethesda

# Easter Hat Parade





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Premier's  
Reading  
Challenge

Reading can take you  
*anywhere*



Log your weekly reading  
for a chance to win prizes!  
[premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au](http://premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au)

Registrations are now open for the 2026 Premier's Reading Challenge!

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop a love of reading, explore new books and build their confidence as readers.

Students can read a range of books at their own level and log their progress from **23 March to 12 June 2026**, working towards achieving a certificate of recognition signed by the Premier. Students who log their reading achievements each week also have the chance to win exciting prizes!

We would love to see as many of our students involved as possible. Parents can sign their child up online and support them by encouraging regular reading at home.

Let's make 2026 a year full of reading!

## Act-Belong-Commit Tips of the week!

Act – walk, swim, read, dance, do a crossword puzzle...

Belong – join a club, go to a community event, chat to a neighbour, take a class

Commit – take on a challenge, get involved, volunteer, learn something new...



Act-Belong-Commit [actbelongcommit.org.au](http://actbelongcommit.org.au)

### Once you have downloaded audiri and signed up, you can....

- Receive important/urgent information
- Keep up to date with the school calendar using the Calendar Events icon on the bottom bar
- You will find all the features under the RESOURCES tab From this screen you can:
  - \* access forms to submit absences
  - \* access and manage the
  - \* groups you are subscribed to
  - \* manage your profile
  - \* get help/give feedback



**!! School resumes on Monday, 20th April.**  
We look forward to seeing students back in the classroom then for Term 2 !!



# 2026 Term Two

1	Apr. 20 Students Return	21	22 Kindy Green Returns	23 ANZAC Ceremony	24
2	27 Public Holiday	28	29 Kindy Blue	30 Assembly B6	May. 1
3	4 P&C Meeting	5	6 Kindy Green	7	8 Opera Incursion
4	11 Photo Day	12	13 Kindy Blue	14 Assembly A3	15 Kindy Green Photo Day
5	18	19	20 Kindy Green	21	22 Dental Insursion (B2 & B4)
6	25	26 National Sorry Day	27 National Reconciliation Week Kindy Blue	28 Reconciliation Assembly	29 Pupil Free Day
7	Jun. 1 Public Holiday	2	3 Kindy Green	4	5 Youth Care Event
8	8 School Board Meeting	9	10 Kindy Blue	11 Assembly B9	12
9	15	16	17 Kindy Green	18	19 Winter Carnival
10	22	23	24 Kindy Blue	25 Assembly NAIDOC	26
11	29	30	Jul. 1 Kindy Green	2	3 Last Day of Term