

LINCOLN GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

2022 NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 11

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Thank you for your support during term 1, it has been a very different start to a year with COVID. I have appreciated families keeping their children home when sick, notifying us if they have tested positive or are a close contact and keeping the learning occurring at home.

We finish the term with a change of SA Premier which has resulted in a newly appointed Chief Executive; Martin Westwell. His message to us:

- By working together in partnership across our public education system, I truly believe we can make Australia the best place in the world for a child to be born and grow up.
- We will build on our successes by working together across the system, combining the world's best evidence with the professional judgement of our educators and leaders.

We look forward to working with him.

In Week 9 I attended a presentation Children's University. The Children's university is a child-directed, meaning each



individual voluntarily choose how to be involved and what they would like to participate in. Children are encouraged to explore and discover new ideas, concepts and experiences. Each student is issued with a 'Passport to Learning' where hours of each activity are recorded. These hours are accumulated and when the hours needed to graduate are reached, children are awarded certificates at a formal graduation ceremony. Graduation levels range from Bronze Award level 30 hours of learning to Doctorate for 1000 hours of learning. Students can complete the hours by participating in activities such as Minecraft club,



Principal Sandra Spencer

SRC meetings, lego club, football training, scouts etc provided they are in the students own time eg during recess, lunch after or before school.

I think this would be great for our students to be involved in as it means that they will get to graduate from a University, this may then lead to further education down the track. It would be only for students who choose to be part with their parents consent. Please let me know if you think the school should be involved in the Children's University.



We recently received Indigenous Literacy Foundation Books for this year. These books are to support student attendance, students choose a book and once they have attended 20 days they receive the book. When they reach the achievement we celebrate by taking a photo and texting it home. Please support your child to reach their 20 days by ensuring they come to school each day.



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WELLBEING LEADER AMANDA PARKER

The Garage

What is The Garage?

You may have heard children talk about 'The Garage' or maybe you have even seen the area. The Garage is the space that I work from and it is a space that is used to assist children to identify and manage their emotions and help them improve their interoception skills.

The Garage was initially established in 2019 when the school received a grant from the Department for Education. The name The Garage came from a program called 'The Alert Program', which encouraged students to "check their engine".

This year The Garage has had a refresh and is now also used after time spent in the focus room to get children into a positive mindset and be ready to re-enter the classroom and engage in learning. There has also been lunch time activities set up in the outside area of The Garage on Tuesdays & Thursdays this year which the children have been enjoying.

The Garage - A safe & supportive space where all feelings are welcomed!



Why do children attend The Garage & what happens during Garage time?

The reason for children being referred to The Garage and having a regular Garage time is so they can access additional 1:1 interoception sessions. Also engage in learning that will help them achieve their social and emotional One Plan goal and be ready for learning. Some students have regular Garage time, this means they have set sessions a few times a week with myself .



The Garage is available for all students to access when they feel like they need it, they simply need to ask their classroom teacher for a Garage ticket and they are able to come up and see me. When they enter the room I take their pulse and record it, they then choose an interoception activity from the display board that I complete with them followed by a calming/sensory activity for 10 minutes, when they leave I take their pulse again and we compare the pulse rates. Children frequently report they feel happier, calmer and ready to learn after time spent in the Garage.

If you would like to come and see The Garage or learn more about the Interoception program feel free to contact the school and make a time with Amanda Parker.

SPORTS DAY 2022



On the 29th March, the Lincoln Gardens Primary School undertook Sports Day. We were greeted by beautiful blue skies and the perfect temperature. Kids from Tulka and Proper came wearing their yellow and blue respective colours, and most importantly, a smile!

The events undertaken including individual sports such as sprints, long jump, high jump, accuracy throw and long kick. Team events included relays, team walkers and tug of war. The final events of the day were the whole school events such as tunnel ball and the puzzle hunt.

All students were impressive, their attitudes toward giving all events a go, many even surprising themselves with how well they went.

Jessop Walley-Bryant and Mavis Coleman were the senior student Sports Day champions. Trevor Dickenson and Harper Coleman were crowned the junior champions. The runners up were Edward Betts Benbolt and Sheliah Nelson for Seniors and Ivanah Walker and Tyrell Peel for Juniors. These students were rewarded for their outstanding performance in each event they undertook by achieving frequent wins or placings.

Overall, it was a fantastic day. The most impressive thing to see was the kindness that students showed toward each other in challenging times and the support they provided to their friends regardless of which team.

LGPS and its staff would like to extend an enormous thankyou to all the family members who made the effort to come out and support as well as spending time ensuring their kids were donning their teams colours on the day.



2022 SPORTS DAY WINNERS TULKA!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!



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Wishing you, your families and friends a Happy Easter!!

Don't forget we finish early on Thursday at 2pm
Enjoy the school holidays and we will see everyone in Term 2.



Dates to remember

Thursday April 14th last day of Term 1
early dismissal at 2pm

Monday May 2nd Student Free Day

Term 2 starts 8.45am Tuesday May 3rd

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