

Lake Albert Public School

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Principal's Message

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Our dedicated staff enjoy strong partnerships with our students to ensure that every day we aim to reach our full potential. All students have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of arts, sports and interest activities. Teaching and learning is delivered in a highly caring and supportive environment that is committed to student engagement and achievement.

Our school is always open for our community, and you are always welcome to be part of our school or to come and visit when there are events and activities happening. We aim to communicate and share the great things we are doing via our school Facebook page and through our School Bytes app.

We look forward to you, your child and your family being part of our school.

Mr Damien Eyles

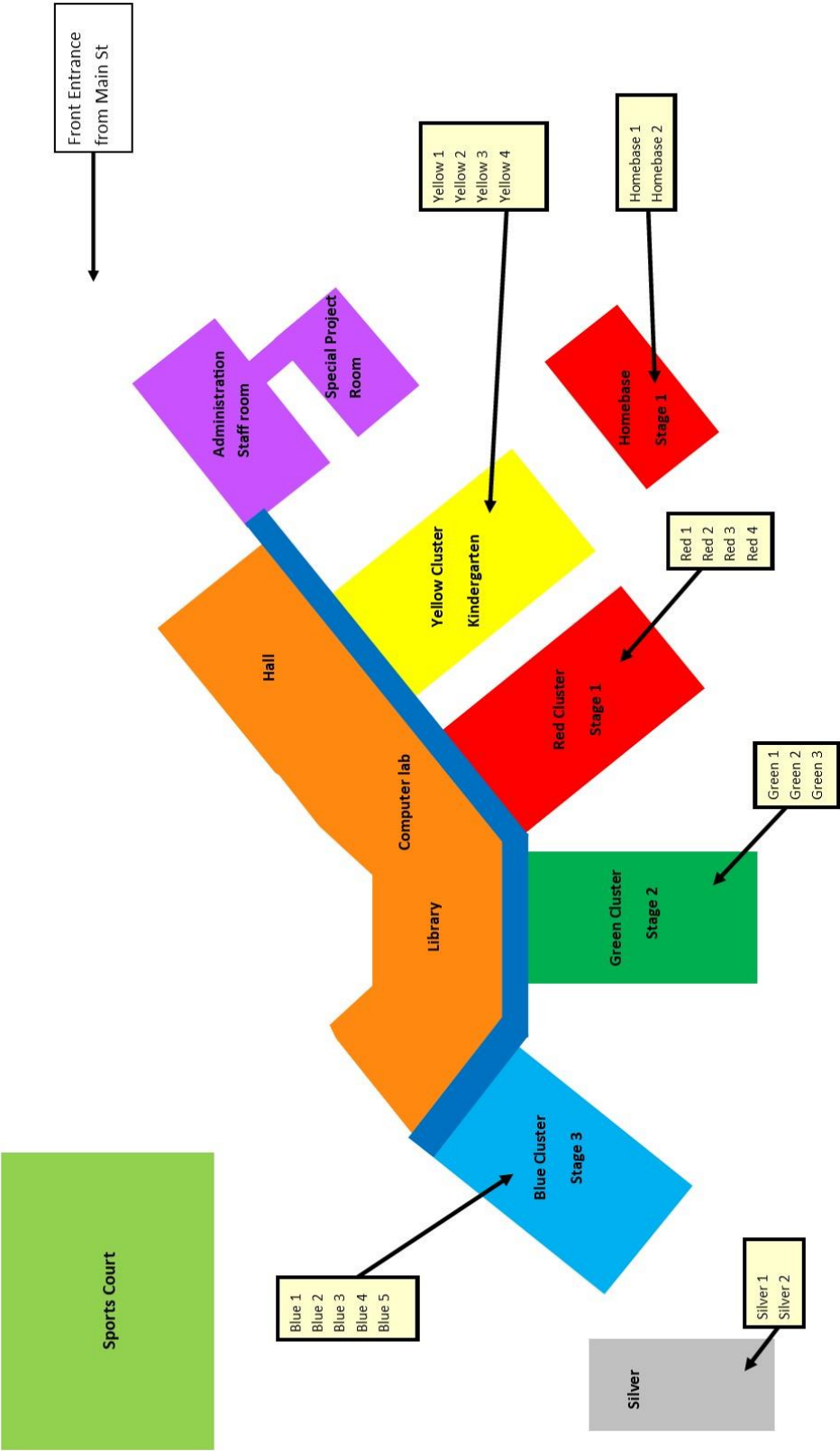
Our School Values and Vision Statement



MAKE IT COUNT!



School Map



(not to scale)

School Times

8:45am	Playground supervision begins
9:15am	Morning assembly and messages
9:20am	Morning learning session
11:30am	Lunch eating time
11:40am	Lunch play
12:20pm	Middle learning session
1:50pm	Recess eating and play
2:15pm	Afternoon learning session
3:15pm	Final bell and home time

School Term Dates 2025

Term 1	Kindergarten start – Friday 7 th Feb Years 1-6: Tuesday 4 th Feb – Friday 11 th April,
Term 2	Wednesday 30 th April – Friday 4 th July
Term 3	Tuesday 22 nd July – Friday 26 th September
Term 4	Monday 13 th October – Friday 19 th December



School Uniform

At Lake Albert Public School, we encourage all students to wear their school uniform to encourage a sense of community and belonging.

Girls

Summer

- ⌘ Blue and white checked school dress.
- ⌘ Royal blue shorts or skirt and royal blue shirt with logo and yellow stripe down one side.
- ⌘ Footwear: Black shoes, white or black socks.

Winter

- Royal blue pants or tracksuit pants
- ⌘ Royal blue shirt with logo and yellow stripe down one side.
- ⌘ Royal blue school jumper with logo.
- ⌘ Footwear: black shoes, white or black socks.

Boys

Summer

- ⌘ Royal blue shorts and royal blue shirt with logo and yellow stripe down one side.
- ⌘ Footwear: Black shoes, white or black socks.

Winter

- ⌘ Royal blue track pants.
- ⌘ Royal blue shirt with logo and yellow stripe down one side.
- ⌘ Royal blue school jumper with logo.
- Footwear: Black shoes, white or black socks.



Sports Uniform (Boys/Girls)

- ⌘ Blue school polo t-shirt.
- ⌘ Royal blue sports shorts/skorts.
- ⌘ White or black socks.
- ⌘ Royal blue tracksuit pants.
- ⌘ Royal blue school jumper with logo.
- ⌘ Footwear – black joggers.

Headwear (Boys/Girls)

- ⌘ LAPS bucket hat
- ⌘ LAPS beanie (winter)

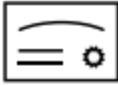







Award System

At Lake Albert Public School, we reward our students and their achievements using our merit award system.

Your child's efforts and achievements can be acknowledged with a number of different awards throughout the year. Your child has the chance to move progressively through our award system and receive varying awards as they reach each award 'level'. Please see below for more information about these levels.

You will be informed by the class teacher when your child is receiving an award at assembly. We hold up to three K-2 and 3-6 assemblies a term and you will be given the dates of our assemblies at the start of the year.





	<p>CLASS MERIT AWARDS Class awards to be handed out each week at Stage based meetings, not at K-2 or 3-6 assemblies.</p>
<p>3 CLASS MERIT AWARDS EQUAL</p> 	<p>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AWARD Handed out at K-2 / 3-6 assembly</p>
<p>6 CLASS MERIT AWARDS EQUAL</p> 	<p>PRINCIPAL AWARD Handed out at K-2 / 3-6 assembly</p>
<p>9 CLASS MERIT AWARDS EQUAL</p> 	<p>BOOK AWARD Handed out at K-2 / 3-6 assembly</p>
<p>12 CLASS MERIT AWARDS EQUAL</p> 	<p>MEDALLION AWARD Handed out at K-2 / 3-6 assembly</p>
<p>15 CLASS MERIT AWARDS EQUAL</p> 	<p>HONOUR PIN Recognition certificate handed out at K-2 / 3-6 assembly. Honour pin handed out at end of year Presentation Day.</p>

School Sporting Houses

Lake Albert Public School has four sporting houses: **Angel** (blue), **Brunskill** (green), **Graham** (yellow) and **Blamey** (red). Students wear their house colours for sporting events such as the Athletics Carnival, Swimming Carnival and Cross Country. Your child will be placed into a sporting house on enrolment.

The origins of our house names are:



-  *Henry Angel*: An early district explorer.
-  *Elizabeth Brunskill*: Pioneer family who owned the school area.
-  *Eddie Graham*: Member of State Parliament and ex-pupil who gave valuable assistance to the school.
-  *Sir Thomas Blamey*: Australian Army General in WWII who was a former teacher at the school.

Our School Song and Creed

Students and staff sing our school song and recite our school creed at their K-2 or 3-6 assembly.

School Song

Men and women who've gone before us
You have built an image for us
So we sing this rousing chorus
Strive and you'll succeed

Angel trekked o'er bush and river
And the Brunskill family never
Shrank from challenge or endeavour
Always gave the lead

By grim determination
Blamey led the nation
And Graham served his fellow men,
Whatever their creed or station

Lake Albert School your memory's keeping
Proudly the battle of life competing
No retreating, always seeking
Leaders in thought and deed

School Creed

This is our school,
Let peace here dwell,
Let the school be full of contentment.

Let love abide here,
Love of learning,
Love of one another,
And love of life itself.

Let us remember,
That as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school.

About Our School

Absences

If your child is marked absent for the day, you will receive a text message from the school in the morning. Please reply back to this message via the link in the sms, to provide a reason for absence. Reasons for absence can also be given prior via , via the School Bytes app, or an email or phone call to the school, or a note to the classroom teacher.

Assemblies

We hold school assemblies on a Friday afternoon in the school hall from 2:20pm to 3:00pm. Parents/carers and families are all welcome to attend. We have separate K-2 and 3-6 assemblies up to three times a term. You will receive information about the dates of these assemblies at the start of the year.

Before and After School Care and Vacation Care

LAPS Before and After School Care operates in the school hall from 7am to 9.00am and from 3.15pm to 6.00pm each day. It also provides vacation care. For information, please contact 6926 3122 or email lakealbertOSHC@hotmail.com.

Buddies

Kindergarten students are paired with a buddy during Term 1 when they start school, who can help them to get to know the school and connect them with other students. Buddies help Kindergarten with things like art, sport and reading. Year 6 students love getting to know their buddies and enjoying helping them at school.

Canteen

Our canteen is run by our Canteen Supervisor Cindy Murphy. Our canteen is 'Healthy Canteen' certified and has plenty of healthy, delicious options for students to choose from. We are very lucky to have our canteen run at recess and lunch every day and the best way to order is by downloading the QKR app (students can also make snack purchases over the counter). We are always looking for canteen volunteers, so if you are able to, please volunteer a very small amount of your time at our canteen – no experience necessary! You can also follow our school canteen on Facebook by searching for 'Lake Albert Public School Canteen'.

Chess

We have a strong chess team at Lake Albert Public School, with competitions held between local schools. Students in our chess team range in age from Year 1 to Year 6!

Contact Details

Please ensure parent/carer and emergency contact details are regularly updated with the front office, especially any changes in address, phone and email. This is extremely important that your details are up to date with the school.



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Clothing Pool

Our P&C run a clothing pool from just inside the main building on a Friday from 8:30 – 9:30am. EFTPOS is available if needed. School hats and beanies can be purchased at any time from the front office.

Communication Between Home and School

The school will communicate with you in a number of ways such as using our School Bytes app, Facebook page and email. If you would like to contact your child's teacher, you can do so by contacting the school office via phone, or email.

Debating

Students at LAPS have the chance to learn and practise the skill of debating through joining our debate team. This opportunity is usually offered to Stage 3 students, who will have the opportunity to participate in competitions held between local schools.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Students are supervised on the playground from 8:45am and we ask that they are not dropped off before this time unless attending OOSH. When picking up your child at the end of the day, please meet them at the front of the school either at the gate or on the grassed/paved area outside the front office or meet them at the oval.

Finances

Although school fees are not compulsory, we do have a voluntary school contribution that is requested for each year. The amount of this contribution goes towards covering the cost of essential classroom resources such as exercise books, rulers, pens and pencils. If money for specific purposes such as excursions is required, this will be communicated via an electronic permission note. Money can be paid to the letterbox at the school office or online, by visiting our school website or by clicking on the School Bytes link.

Fruit Break or Fruito

Students at LAPS will be given the opportunity to have a 'break' for fruit in the morning session at a time determined by the class teacher. Students will need to bring **fresh** fruits or vegetables that can be eaten quickly (cut into bite-sized pieces or pre-peeled if students are unable to peel their food themselves). Please provide fruit/vegetables in reusable containers, if needed, to reduce plastic waste. Students should not be bringing second lunch boxes or large containers for their fruit/vegetables – this is a very quick chance to eat a small amount of fresh fruit or vegetables to refuel the brain and body during learning time.



About Our School

Homework/Home Learning

Homework or Home Learning will be dependent on your child's grade and needs. Any work that is sent home to be completed will be designed to reinforce what is being taught at school and provide an additional chance to practise skills, without taking up too much time. If you find that this work is too difficult or you have questions, please contact your child's teacher. Home learning is an optional activity and families can opt out of completing home learning by contacting their class teacher.

Labelling

Please label anything that your child owns that comes to school – lunchboxes, hats, jackets, gloves, etc. It is next to impossible to return belongings to your child if they are not labelled.

Late arrivals and Early Departures

Students arriving late to school are to report to the administrative office to collect a late note. Students must have a note explaining the reason for the late arrival or be accompanied by a parent/carer. If a student needs to leave school early, they will need to be signed out at the office and the office staff will contact their classroom to inform their teacher and have them sent up.

Library

We have a fantastic library with a huge selection of books. Our skilled librarian Miss McKenzie will help children to explore books and borrow them to take home if they have a library bag. Class teachers will inform you of your child's library day.

Medical Needs and Medication

Your child should not attend school if they are sick. You will be contacted to collect your child if they become sick at school. If your child requires medication at school, you must contact the school office to discuss requirements *before* the medication is sent into school. If your child requires an asthma puffer, they must have an Asthma Plan that is shared with the school. They will carry their asthma puffer in their bag and take it with them when necessary. If your child has a medical condition, please communicate this prior to them starting school. They may be required to have a health care plan completed.

Music Tuition

Students can learn music during school time through the Riverina Conservatorium of Music. There are a large range of musical instruments that can be explored and all are taught by trained music teachers. There are additional costs for this and students typically start to learn music lessons at school from Year 3 onwards. Please contact the school office for more information.



About Our School

P&C

Our dedicated P&C meet twice a term on a Tuesday in Weeks 3 and 7. They welcome all parents to attend and look forward to new members and ideas. You can find our P&C on Facebook by searching 'Lake Albert Public School P&C Association'.

Peer Support

Peer Support is a whole school program that our students participate in for one term each year. It is a valuable chance for students to meet other children in different grades. It also provides an excellent opportunity for our Year 6 students to develop their leadership skills as they lead their groups.

Religious Education/Ethics

The combined churches of Wagga Wagga provide Religious Education. The classes are non-denominational. If you do not wish for your child to attend these classes, a written request for exemption should be provided. Ethics classes can also be offered to students each week, in place of Religious Education, provided we have ethics teachers available. Please contact the office should you wish to enrol your child in these.

Reports

Reports are sent home at the end of Term 2 and Term 4 each year. These are a formal record of a child's academic progress. You are welcome to discuss your child's report with the class teacher and formal parent teacher interviews will occur in the weeks after reports are sent home. The School Bytes app is used to make parent teacher interview bookings.

Sports

At LAPS, our students have opportunities to participate in a huge range of sports such as netball, tennis, cricket, AFL, rugby league and soccer. We have both gala days and representative sporting teams for many sports at our school, with dedicated teachers and often parent helpers coaching teams.

SRC and School Leadership

Students from K-6 will be offered the chance to run for Student Representative Council. This allows students to develop their leadership skills and confidence and get to know other students across the school. Students are elected by their peers (or selected by their teachers if in Kindergarten). We select SRCs in Term 1 and Term 3.

When students are in Year 5, they will have the opportunity to be nominated and possibly elected as School Captain, Vice Captain or a School Prefect. Year 5 students start this process in Term 4, in preparation for their final year at school.

Suggested Equipment

Students will be provided with a stage specific list of suggested equipment that they will need for their learning. Please contact the school office if you need a copy of this list.



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Sun Safe School

LAPS is a Sun Safe school all year round. This means that students must wear a school hat if they are going to play in any uncovered areas of the playground. They must also have a school hat for participating in physical education lessons.

Transport

Other than walking to school or being dropped off, bike racks are provided for students to ride their bikes or scooters, as long as a helmet is worn. Students can also catch buses to and from school. More information regarding bus travel can be found on our school website.




Young Communicators

Each year, students in K-6 have the opportunity to be involved in our public speaking competition the *Young Communicators*. Students will prepare and present a speech about a topic of their own choice, with the possibility of being chosen to represent their class and year at the school finals. We have found this program to be valuable for developing students' confidence, communication and public speaking skills.

Staying Updated

The following apps and pages can help you stay updated on the latest LAPS information!



-  Lake Albert Public School
-  Lake Albert Public School P&C Association
-  Lake Albert Public School Canteen



Download this app to make online canteen orders.



Download the **School Bytes** parent app and register using your details. Follow the prompts to link your student.

