

Newsletter

Lindenow South Primary School



Newsletter #11
Term 3, 25/08/2025

Upcoming Calendar Dates

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| Wednesday 23 rd July – Wednesday 17 th September | Whole school swimming on Wednesdays 12 noon |
| Monday 25 th August | Newsletter |
| Thursday 28 th August | MARC Van visits |
| Wednesday 3 rd September | Assembly 3-3:15pm |
| Monday 8 th September | Newsletter |
| Thursday 11 th September | MARC Van visits |
| Wednesday 17 th September | Assembly 3pm-3:15pm |
| Thursday 18 th September | School Council Meeting |
| Friday 19 th September | Final Day of Term 3 - 2:15pm finish |

Assistant Principal Report

There's always so much happening at our school, and the important dates above are just a glimpse of what's coming up. Thank you to families who have already connected with us through our uEducateUs platform. If you haven't yet set up your account, we encourage you to do so, as it is our main way of sharing updates, event details, and important information. Please contact the office if you need any support getting started.

This fortnight, students enjoyed a range of wonderful opportunities:

- **Planting fire-wise trees** under our big gums with the support of Landcare – a fantastic hands-on experience that will benefit our school for years to come.
- A visit from the **Smile Squad Van**, ensuring our students' dental health is well looked after.
- Time with **Brad Kenny**, who worked alongside some of our Koorie students to explore and share their family history.
- **Book Week Fun** – The dress-ups were fantastic, and students enjoyed joining in a range of exciting literacy activities.

It has been a week filled with learning, connection, and community spirit.

Kind Regards,

Stephanie Hoekstra
Assistant Principal

Tree Planting Day

Date: Friday 15th August

Planting Fire-Wise Trees at School

We were lucky that the weather held off for a wonderful afternoon of planting fire-wise trees under the shade of our big gums. A huge thank you goes to Phil and Ray from Landcare for joining us, lending their expertise, and supporting our students with the planting. Phil also gave a fantastic demonstration, explaining what makes a plant “fire wise” and why these trees are such a valuable addition to our school grounds.

The students thoroughly enjoyed getting their hands dirty, planting and watering the trees, and learning more about caring for our environment. It was a great afternoon of teamwork, learning, and connection with nature.



Book Week Parade

Date: Monday 18th August



Book Week was a huge success!

Our students and staff looked fantastic in their costumes on Monday 18th August. The day was filled with parading, dancing, a scavenger hunt, prizes, and each student received a special bookmark celebrating this year's theme.

Assembly Awards

Date: Wednesday 20th August

Congratulations to our Student of the Week award winners – **Oliver** and **Amelia**. Keep up the great work!



Jenny's Birthday

Date: Thursday 21st August

Happy Birthday, Jenny!

We celebrated Jenny's "23rd" birthday (her words, not ours!) as a school with delicious cake, some bubbles, and lollies to take home.



Kitchen Garden Program

Date: Friday 22nd August (Seniors)

Senior Class Treat

The senior class baked some delicious muesli bar slice, which we enjoyed at recess today.

Kitchen Garden Program

Date: Friday 22nd August (Juniors)

The junior class are very excited about earning their wheelbarrow licences and can't wait to help create a beautiful garden in the front corner of the school. This week they also showed fantastic teamwork and persistence as they carefully followed directions and measured ingredients to bake a batch of delicious cookies. These were proudly shared with everyone who joined us on Friday.



Junior Class –

Junior Class Explores Space

Our junior class has been busy learning all about Space and creating some amazing artwork to go with their discoveries.



Breakfast Club –

Our program now runs **Wednesday to Friday from 8:30–8:50am.**

Please note that **Monday is still the only day** students can bring lunches to be heated. Thank you for your support in helping us keep things running smoothly!

Lindenow South Primary School Student Wellbeing & Learner Diversity

Parent Learning Series: Supporting Our Children

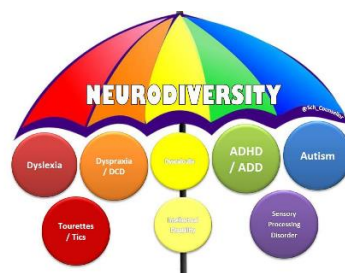
Each week we'll explore a different topic together to support our children in learning and life. Over the coming weeks we'll be looking at **neurodiversity**, **anxiety**, **screen time**, and practical strategies to help our children thrive.

This week, we begin with a quick recap of what *neurodiversity* is. In the following weeks, we'll explore:

- **Embracing Neurodiversity**
- **Why it's Important to Embrace Neurodiversity**
- **How to Embrace Neurodiversity in Family Life**
- **How to Embrace Neurodiversity in the Community**
- **How Schools Can Embrace Neurodiversity**

After this, we'll move into a focus on **anxiety** and then **screen time**, unpacking each topic in small, practical ways.

We look forward to learning together and sharing ideas that can make a real difference for our children.



Neurodiversity, Neurodivergence and Children

Neurodiversity is the idea that people's brains naturally work in different ways, shaping how they experience, understand, and interact with the world. This means there are natural differences in the ways people learn and communicate.

Most children's brains develop in ways that are considered typical for their age and stage. These children are often described as **neurotypical**.

Around 1 in every 5–6 children, however, show differences in brain development. These differences may include conditions such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism, dyslexia, and others. Children with these variations are often described as **neurodivergent**.