

Newsletter

Lindenow South Primary School



Newsletter #4
Term 1, 17/3/2026

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Tuesday 17 th March	NAPLAN (Year 5s) Conventions of Language
Tuesday 17 th March	SSG Meetings
Wednesday 18 th March	NAPLAN (Year 5s) Numeracy
Friday 20 th March	No Golf session today
Friday 27 th March	Final Golf session
Friday 27 th March	Assembly – Easter Raffle Draw and Book Giving
Thursday 2 nd April	Red Cross Incursion
Thursday 2 nd April	Term 1 Finishes 2:15pm

Assistant Principal Report – Stephanie Hoekstra

Over the past two weeks we have seen exciting progress on our building project. The last week probably marked the biggest visible change so far, with the frame going up on the new structure. It's great to see things really starting to take shape. If you are passing by, feel free to pop in and have a look at how the project is progressing. We are looking forward to making use of the space again and taking good care of our new toilet facilities once everything is complete.

Last Tuesday we welcomed **Deadly Science**, where students participated in a session learning about traditional **fish traps**. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to explore Indigenous knowledge and scientific thinking in a hands-on way. Make sure to have a chat with your child about what they did and what they learnt during the session (if they recall).

NAPLAN testing for our Year 5 students has begun. They are travelling to Lindenow Primary School to complete their sessions. This decision has been made due to the instability of the internet at Lindenow South. The last thing we would want for students—who may already feel a little nervous—is for the internet to drop out part way through their testing, which has unfortunately happened in the past. By testing at Lindenow Primary we can help ensure a smoother and more positive experience for our students.

We wish our Year 5 students all the very best as they continue their NAPLAN assessments.

Reminders

A friendly reminder to families that all student absences must be explained. If your child is away from school, please provide a reason for their absence either by recording it on **UEducateUs** or by calling the school office. Providing a reason helps us keep accurate attendance records and ensures we meet Department of Education requirements. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our attendance records up to date.

Please be aware that **school supervision begins at 8:45 am**. Staff are not available to care for students before this time. Students should not be left at school prior to 8:45 am, as there will be no supervision provided.

Just a friendly reminder that **lollies** are best kept at home. We've noticed that the sugar rush can make it a little tricky for some students to stay focused and settled during the school day. To help keep our learning environment calm and ready for learning, please avoid sending lollies to school in lunchboxes. Thank you for helping us support a positive and productive day for all students.

Can Collection Fundraiser

As we continue collecting cans and bottles to raise funds for our school, this is a friendly reminder to please have any donations in by **Sunday 22nd March**, as **Monday 23rd March** will be our collection day for this month.

Every contribution makes a difference — thank you for your continued support!

Local Give Back – School Edition

We are excited to share that **Lindenow South Primary School** has been selected as a **finalist** in this year's *Local Give Back – School Edition* at Eastwood Village Shopping Centre. I completed the application on behalf of our school, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to receive a **\$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 grant** to support our students.

The final result will be decided based on **50% public vote** and **50% on the merit of the application**, as determined by the centre owner.

Voting is now open and closes at 11:59pm on Thursday 30 March.

You can support our school by voting online at:

www.eastwoodvillageshoppingcentre.com.au/local-give-back-poll

To vote, simply select **Lindenow South Primary School** as your preferred school and complete the entry details form.

As an added bonus, customers who **spend \$20 or more at Eastwood Village Shopping Centre during the promotional period** and upload their receipt with their vote will go into the draw to **win one of five \$100 Ritchies IGA gift cards**.

*Please note: Voting is limited to **one vote per person**.*

We would greatly appreciate your support, so please consider casting your vote and sharing the link with family and friends to help our school secure this funding opportunity. Thank you for supporting our school community!

Art with Mrs Spencer

Date: Tuesday 3rd March

Junior Art

Our junior students enjoyed creating **self-portraits using paper plates**. Students explored different art techniques including painting, cutting and gluing to design faces that represented themselves. They thought carefully about proportion, considering where to place eyes, noses, mouths and hair on their plates.

Senior Art

Our senior students have been working on **Carbon Copy Portraits** as part of their preparation for a scratch art project. Using the painted backgrounds they created last week, students placed a photo on top and used black crayon on the back of the image. By carefully tracing the main facial features with a pen, the outlines were transferred onto their artwork.

This activity helped students practise important techniques including drawing, tracing and understanding proportion as they focused on the placement of key facial features. These portraits will be used in our next step as students begin exploring scratch art techniques.

Afternoon Buddies Art

During Afternoon Buddies, students continued working on their **self-portrait projects** using the watercolour backgrounds and photos from last week. Students used a simple transfer technique by colouring the back of their photo with black crayon and then tracing the main features—focusing on the hair and face shape—to transfer the outline.

Students then cut out the shapes, traced them onto coloured card, and assembled their portraits by pasting the pieces onto their backgrounds.

Throughout the activity students explored techniques including drawing, tracing, proportion, cutting and pasting, while creating their own unique artworks.



Golf Program

Date: Friday 6th /13th March

Students participated in their third and fourth golf sessions, continuing to build their skills and confidence. This week there was a noticeable improvement in more accurate hitting as students focused on controlling their swing and aiming towards their targets.

Students also enjoyed participating in a range of skill-based games, which helped them practise their technique in a fun and engaging way. These activities encouraged hand-eye coordination, focus and persistence, while also promoting good sportsmanship and teamwork.

It has been wonderful to see students becoming more confident each week as they develop their golf skills and enjoy spending time being active outdoors.



Kitchen Garden Program

Date: Friday 6th /13th March

I was lucky enough to join part of the **Kitchen Garden program** on the 6th March, where students prepared **mini pizzas** and a delicious **beetroot chocolate cake**. It was fantastic to see how confident students are becoming in the kitchen. This is a real credit to Jenny, Troy and Ash, who work closely with the students to help them develop the skills needed to create such delicious dishes.

During the second part of the session, I took the senior students outside to help with a few garden jobs including disposing of rubbish, deadheading flowers and weeding. Meanwhile, the junior students, working with Troy and Jenny, spent time weeding garden beds, planting new plants and learning about some of the different plants growing in our garden area.

It was wonderful to see students actively involved in both the cooking and gardening aspects of the program while developing practical skills and an appreciation for where our food comes from.



On Friday 13th March, students once again spent time tending to the garden before heading into the kitchen to use some of our fresh produce. This week they made a delicious vegetable hash brown using zucchini, carrot and potato. Cooked until golden and finished with a little sprinkle of salt to bring out the flavours, they were a big hit with the students.



Assembly Friday 13th March

I was pleased to hand the reins of running assembly back to the senior students, who did an exceptional job leading our assembly on Friday. A big congratulations to Amelia on receiving the Principal's Award. You have worked hard and truly deserve the recognition.

It was also wonderful to see our junior students confidently presenting their learning about vowels, complete with a little song. We have been learning a lot over the past few weeks now that we are well and truly settled into our routines.



NAPLAN – Year 5

Date: Wednesday 11th – 18th March

Our Year 5 students travelled to Lindenow Primary School last week to complete their NAPLAN assessments of Writing and Reading with two others to go this week.

We are very proud of the progress these students have made over the past two years since they last participated in NAPLAN, and we look forward to them showcasing their learning and growth. We wish them all the very best as they approach the week with confidence and resilience.

Deadly Science Incursion

Date: Tuesday 10th March

On Tuesday 10th March, students were treated to a fabulous session from DeadlyScience focused on traditional fish traps. During the session, students learned about how First Nations peoples designed and built fish traps using natural materials and an understanding of water flow and fish behaviour. They explored how these traps were carefully constructed in rivers and coastal areas to guide fish into holding areas where they could be easily and sustainably collected.

Students also discussed the importance of respecting Country and how traditional knowledge has been used for thousands of years to manage resources responsibly. The session gave students a deeper appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engineering, science and sustainable practices.





Around the School

Last week we had a very unusual sighting at school — some *very rare blue-tongued creatures*! After enjoying a refreshing icy pole, one of our Grade One and Grade Two students proudly showed off their bright blue tongues. Just when we thought we had discovered a new species, another cheeky Grade One student popped up in the background with a bright red tongue, clearly keen to join in on the fun!

It was a great reminder that sometimes the most unexpected moments bring the biggest laughs at school.





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GOOD CLEAN FUN

[PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK](https://play.afl.com.au/auskick)

LINDENOW SOUTH AUSKICK CENTRE

LINDENOW SOUTH OVAL
THURSDAYS | 4:30PM - 5:30PM
Starting Thursday 30th April 2026





② Encourage a healthy balance between online and offline activities

Why this matters: Balancing online and offline activities supports teens' well-being, friendships, and sleep.

How to implement:

- **Encourage offline activities:** Help your young person find hobbies, sports, or social events they enjoy.
- **Set screen-free times:** Have times when no one at home is online, like at mealtimes or before bed.
- **Prioritise sleep:** Encourage 8-10 hours of sleep each night and keep devices out of the bedroom.

Try asking:

How do you decide when it's time to log off?

What do you think helps you feel your best during the day?

What's something you've done offline recently that you really enjoyed?

