



Lake Grace District High School NEWSLETTER #20

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Thursday 11th December

Term 4 Upcoming Events

Concert Awards Night
Wednesday 17th
December

Last Day of Term 4
Thursday 18th
December

Reports Emailed Home
Friday 19th December

Harvest Festival
Friday 19th December

Christmas
Wednesday 25th
December

Boxing Day
Thursday 26th
December

New Years Day
Wednesday
1st January 2026

Office Opens
Tuesday 27th January

**Students Commence
Term 1, 2026**
Monday 2nd February

2025 SCHOOL HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday 8.45am—3.00pm

Wednesday (early close)
8.45am—2.30pm

Colour Run & Foam Party!

THANKYOU LGDHS P & C!!! 8 DEC 2025





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Message from Administration

Hello LGDHS Community,

On Thursday of week 8, Mrs Lisa O'Neill and Mrs Michelle Bambling took the secondary students to Kojonup to visit Kodja Place. This special place was built by the Kojonup community to bring together the Noongar-Aboriginal and early settler history, combining them to build a shared history moving forward. This experience is invaluable to our students and so much is learnt on this excursion! Big thanks to Kodja Place and Staff who made the day a special one. (Pictured left)

Last week we received a special delivery of a freshly repaired table tennis table. We would like to thank the Lake Grace Community Mens Shed for their assistance repairing the much loved table! Perfectly timed for the students to be able to enjoy break time activities in the heat of summer! We really appreciate the efforts for our students!

On Monday the 8th of December, the LGDHS P & C organised the colour run and foam party fun day for our students. This was such a fabulous day and the students thoroughly enjoyed it! A huge thank you must go to the P & C Committee and all the people that volunteered on the day contributing to the days success! What a day to remember!

On Tuesday the 9th the Kindy swapped classes with the Pre-Primary students, to get a taste of pre-primary life next year! The Kindy students loved the transition and the pre-primary students loved catching up with their Mrs Robinson for the day.

On Wednesday the 10th, the secondary staff took the secondary students to the pool for the afternoon for their good standing reward, which was a lovely way to spoil our senior students and finish off a big year!

The Pre-Primary, Year 6 and Year 10 cohort were honoured at a special assembly on Thursday, commemorating milestones in their education journey. Thank you to all staff who made the assembly the success that it was. Best of luck to all the students who will further their education at new schools in 2026.

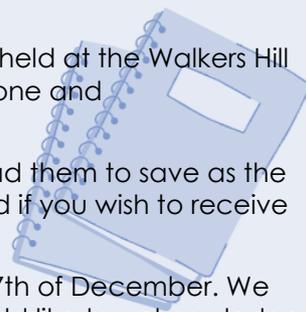
The Year 10 students were then acknowledged later in the evening at a graduation event held at the Walkers Hill Winery, surrounded by family, friends and staff who supported them along the way. Well done and congratulations on 10 years of schooling and best of luck with your future endeavours.

Reminder that reports will be going home on **Friday the 19th of December**, please download them to save as the link does not stay live endlessly. Please ensure that your email addresses are up to date and if you wish to receive a hard copy, please let the front office know now so they can be posted home on Friday.

The students have been busy rehearsing for the end of year Concert on Wednesday the 17th of December. We can't wait to see all the wonderful performances that you all have been working on! I would like to acknowledge Mrs Emma Blundell who has come in this term especially to choreograph and help make the show the spectacular that it will be! Thank you also to Linda who just can't stay away! Linda has been in helping set up the staging and lighting for the concert, which is a huge help.

We would like to thank Mr Aaron Wooldridge and the School Board Members of 2025 and Mrs Sarah Clarke and the P & C Committee Members of 2025. There are so many people who volunteer their time and effort to support our students and enrich their education experience and I would like to take the time to acknowledge each and every one of you and thank you no matter how big or small your contribution.

Over the next few weeks we have a construction company onsite to upgrade some of our accessible facilities. These upgrades are a valuable addition to our school and we ask you to please refrain from visiting school grounds outside of school hours.





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Sadly at the end of this term we will be farewelling some of our lovely staff including Miss Joely (EA), Ms Crosswell (EA), Ms Clarkson (EA), Ms Higgins (EA), Ms Dana Smith (Secondary Science/Maths Teacher) and Miss Ali-Rose Chircop (Cleaner). We wish you all the very best for the future and thank you for all that you have done in your time here.

Lastly on behalf of our staffing group and school community we would like to express our gratitude to Mr Timothy Zanotti and Ms Mary Griffiths leading the administration team for the last part of 2025. We appreciate you both and wish you the very best for the future.

From Mrs Griffiths

I wish you all a very Safe and Happy Christmas, a New Year full of laughter and love and I look forward to seeing you all back for another wonderful year at LGDHS in 2026. For those that are leaving us, I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments, your pursuit of dreams and all of your achievements.

Merry Christmas to everyone in the Lake Grace District High School Community.

It has been an absolute privilege and an honour to have carried out the role of Principal this term. Thank you to everyone for their welcomes and support.

I have loved working here and am sad to be leaving. You have every reason to be proud of the lovely children and young adults I have come to care for at Lake Grace District High School. I hope 2026 brings you all you are wishing for .

The school office will reopen on Tuesday the 27th of January 2026. Students will recommence the following Monday the 2nd of February 2026.

Kind Regards
Administration Team



Thankyou From The MCS



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Allied Professional staff.

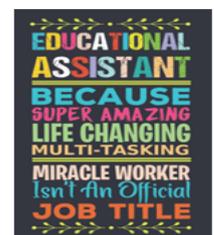
Your dedication to the school and students does not go unnoticed,

without you the school would not function.

Enjoy your break, recharge and I will see you back here in 2026 .



Michelle





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Message From The P & C President: **Sarah Clarke**

Hello LGDHS Community,

Well, this is the last newsletter update for the P&C for 2025, I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the P&C this year.

Everything that you were able to do for our school this year plays such an important role, whether it was donating food, attending meetings, a canteen shift or volunteering to assist in an event, it all means the world to us and our school and has made my first year as President of the P & C so much easier and fulfilling.

I would like to say a special thank you to our P&C executive committee, Claire Crosswell (Vice President), Debb Carruthers (Treasurer & Uniform Shop Coordinator), Amanda Desmond (Secretary), Chloe McDougall and Elise Bell (Canteen Coordinators). These ladies have kept the P&C running to it's absolute best and somehow manage to make so much happen for our P&C in amongst their own busy lives.

I hope everyone enjoyed the P&C Colour Foam Fun Day, it was such a memorable way to end the year for our students and teachers and by the looks of all the photos a lot of fun for all that attended.

Please don't forget that our art auction is open right up until the last day of term, so get your bids in. Thank you to Mrs Desmond for all your hard work behind the scenes, collaborating the art auction, we appreciate all the time and effort you have dedicated to the success of this brilliant fundraiser.

Have a safe and happy holiday with your loved ones and I wish you a smooth harvest for those harvesting.

Kind regards,

Sarah Clarke | P & C President



Congratulations James Jones

CONGRATULATIONS

Cello



JAMES JONES!!

This year James Jones has been learning the cello and on the 19th of November 2025, completed the AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) Cello Grade 1 exam. James was awarded with an A grade for his performance.

The AMEB program is a nationally recognised assessment aligned with the Australian Curriculum, and higher-level AMEB certificates can be used for ATAR credit in senior secondary years.

James prepared for his exam by practising daily throughout the Term 3 holidays and after school.

The examiner praised James for his:

- accurate performance and strong attention to detail,
- excellent left-hand technique,
- steady rhythm and secure intonation, clear musical expression and well-managed bowing.

Well done James, what an outstanding achievement!!





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Thank you from LGDHS

Thank you!

With sadness we would like to farewell some amazing staff that we have had this year.

Thankyou each and every one of you who have impacted our school in your own way.

*Mrs Griffiths
Mr Zanotti
Ms Clarkson
Ms Higgins
Ali-Rose Chircop
Miss Joely
Miss Crosswell
Ms Smith*

THANKYOU

MCPHERSON MECHANICAL

The Kindy & Pre-Primary's would like to thank McPherson Mechanical for assisting with our fleet maintenance program.

Lomas and Tameka are able to give a second (and sometimes a third or fourth) life to some of our equipment which would otherwise have to be discarded.

One of our new outdoor prams (which clocked high kilometres in its first 6 months) was recently serviced at the workshop and is back in the playground, looking brand new.

We can't thank you enough!





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Message from the Chaplain: Miss Brodie Simmons

While the festive season is a joyful time, it can also be a time of suffering and stress.

Some tips from the Health Direct and Black Dog websites:

Connect with others – if you will be alone or struggling over the festive season, let someone who cares know. If you're aware someone might be having a hard time, reach out to them.

Focus on what you enjoy and what you can control. Forget trying to achieve perfection or do it all.

Limit social media - looking at other people's happy times may make you feel worse.

Heightened stress can lead to increased conflict with others - try to avoid controversial topics or events that may increase the conflict. Take time out to process your feelings and calm down if conflict arises.

Prioritise your time – it's busy, so think about what you must do and really want to do over this season. Take your time and don't let others rush you.

Reflect - This is a time of year to reflect on what was good about the year and to express appreciation and care for others and yourself. Let go of regrets, you're still here, you made it through. Next year is a fresh start. Take 5 to reevaluate your goals and what you're enjoying about life right now.

Lastly, be in the moment and have some fun!



HOLYOAKE
Whenever you're ready.

Youth Support Services

Do you or someone you care about need someone to talk to?



Phone-based support:

- Lifeline - 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue - 1300 224 636
- QLife - 1800 184 527
- Kids Helpline - 1800 551 800
- headspace - 1800 650 890
- 1800respect - 1800 737 732
- 13YARN - 13 92 76

Web-based support:

- Beyond Blue - youthbeyondblue.com
- Kids Helpline - kidshelpline.com.au
- eheadspace - ehheadspace.org.au
- mindspot - mindspot.org.au
- reachout - au.reachout.com
- MOST - most.org.au
- QLife - qlife.org.au



Breakfast Club is open to all students each Tuesday and Thursday at 8.30am in the Home Ec. Room.



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Admin Planner | Term 1 2026

Please note: This Planner is subject to change

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT/SUN
	26 Australia Day	27 Admin Commence	28	29 SDD	30 SDD	31/1 FEB
1	2 Students Commence	3	4	5 Newsletter	6	7/8
2	9 Interm Swimming Lessons	10	11	12 Shared Assembly/ Class Meetings	13	14/15
3	16 Interm Swimming Lessons	17	18	19 Sustainability Excursion NGN Yr8-10 (Nenke) Newsletter	20	21/22
4	23 Scitech P-6	24 Ranger Red Zoo	25	26	27	28/1 March
5	2 Labour Day Holiday	3	5	5 Newsletter	6 Faction Swimming Carnival	7/8
6	9 ASET Testing	10 ASET Testing	11 NAPLAN	12	13	14/15
7	16 NAPLAN	17 BMX Incursion	18	19 Newsletter	20	21/22
8	23	24	25	26	27 Interschool Swimming Carnival (confirmed) @ Gnowangerup	28/29
9	30	31	1 APRIL	2 Last Day of Term Newsletter	3 Good Friday Holiday	4/5