



Leeton Public School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our trip to Dubbo is only three weeks away! The excursion will leave LPS on Thursday 12th October @ 6:30am and return to school on Friday 13th October @ 5:45pm.

Please take the time to read the following information:

- ❖ Students will be accommodated on grounds at the *Discovery Lodge -Dubbo*. Students will be in shared accommodation, with a maximum of 12 students to a room.
- ❖ Your child is welcome to attend the excursion, on the understanding that his/her conduct warrants the privilege. **Any breach of this will result in parents being contacted and required to travel to Dubbo immediately and collect their child.**
- ❖ We will be leaving the school on Thursday 12th Oct. at 6:30am - if you arrive at 6:35am we will be gone!
- ❖ Students will be required to bring morning and afternoon tea as well as a packed lunch from home for the first day. As these are long days, we suggest packing a few extra snacks. We will provide lunch and snacks for the second day. Lunch will be at *The Dish -Parkes* on the first day.
- ❖ **A very small amount of lollies are permitted** on this trip. A snack sized snaploc bag is plenty!
- ❖ Any medication needed urgently is to be kept by the child and their teacher is to be notified. This includes Asthma "puffer" medication, Epipens and diabetic medication. A small shoulder bag/mini backpack/ bumbag may be helpful for your child to carry their supplies with them when we visit attractions.
- ❖ Please hand in any other medication to **Mrs Suzanne Ryan** on Thursday morning at the bus stop, **clearly labelled with dosage and administration times in original packaging or Webster pack.**
- ❖ Please ensure your child has a range of clothes for all weather conditions. Whilst it may be warm during the days, the nights and early mornings can be very cool.
- ❖ Your child will not have access to phones whilst on the excursion, however if we need to contact you - we will. If for any reason you need to contact us - please contact **Mrs Pearce's** mobile (**0400 377 889**). **Students do not need to bring mobile phones or devices.**
- ❖ If your child becomes ill or injured during the evening prior to the excursion, please contact the above mobile number ASAP, so that we are aware of changes in circumstances.
- ❖ If your child suffers from travel sickness **PLEASE** arrange for them to have preventative measures **before** they leave for the excursion and that they have them available for the return journey.
- ❖ Your child **does not** need any money on this excursion.
- ❖ Supervising staff on this excursion will be Mrs Pearce, Mrs Hawker, Mrs Ryan, Mr Campbell and Miss Sophia.
- ❖ **When we arrive back at school, we ask parents to please stay clear of the buses. We know you will be excited to see your child, but we need to get all the luggage and the children off safely and quickly.**

If you have any further questions relating to your child's participation in this excursion, please contact me at school.

Regards,
Mrs Joanne Pearce
Excursion coordinator

SCHOOL UNIFORM IS NOT REQUIRED AT ANYTIME ON THIS EXCURSION

We recommend students bring the following items:

Towel
T-Shirts
Shorts and tracksuit pants/jeans
Jumper
Socks and underwear (enough clean pairs for 2 days and 1 night!)
Sunscreen and hat
Toiletries including soap
Insect Repellent
Raincoat/Jacket
Pair of Sneakers (we do lots of walking!)
Pyjamas
Plastic bag for dirty clothes
Handkerchief or tissues
Medications (if required)
Thongs (only to be worn in the shower)
Water bottle (with name clearly labelled)
Lunch, morning tea & afternoon tea (for Thursday only)

All belongings should be clearly labelled. Please involve your child in the packing of their bag so they are aware of what items belong to them!

Students should only bring one small travelling case/bag on the excursion. Items that may be required during travel (medications, books to read etc) should be carried in a smaller backpack that will be stowed on board the bus. Students are permitted to bring a pillow or cushion on the bus.

The accommodation is a hall with standard rooms which accommodate up to 12 people in bunk beds. All linen will be provided by the accommodation.

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING AND OTHER ITEMS:

The labelling of ALL items will make for quick and easy identification.

****NO mobile phones, iPods, iPads or other electronic devices!****

Our proposed itinerary will be similar to what is attached, although at times some changes to times need to be made on the day of the excursion. Travel will be by Makeham's Coaches.

Thursday 12th October

Sometimes there are changes, but these are the activities we will do on our excursion. The teachers will let you know if anything changes when we are on our excursion.

6:00am Arrive at LPS. Put your suitcase near the fence and take your backpack and stand under the bus shelter. Your parents can wait here with you too until it is time to go. Hand any medication in a clearly marked container to Mrs Ryan. Mrs Pearce will call the roll and you can then get on the bus.

6:30am Depart LPS. It is very important we leave on time as we have a big day of fun ahead! When we arrive at West Wyalong we will have a quick stop for Crunch and Sip break and toilet.



10:30am Arrive at the CSIRO Radio Telescope (*The Dish*), near Parkes. We will have a quick snack before going to the 3D Theatre. After that we will have lunch.



12:00pm Depart *The Dish* for Dubbo
1:30pm Tour of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. At the end of the tour we will have a snack break.



3:30pm Old Dubbo Gaol. This gaol does not have any prisoners. You will hear stories about things that happened in the gaol many years ago. You do not have to enter any buildings you don't want to.



5:00pm Depart Old Dubbo Gaol for overnight accommodation at Discovery Lodge Dubbo. Play in the park at the accommodation. Then dinner (provided by Discovery Lodge) & Shower



7:30pm After we are showered / teeth brushed, and beds are made, we will have a Trivia night/watch a movie.

9:00pm Bed (although some may want to tuck in a bit earlier). Sometimes it is a bit hard to go to sleep, but we have to close our eyes and stay quiet and we will all fall asleep. We all need to sleep so we have fun the next day. The teachers are there to keep us safe.

Friday 13th October

6:30am Up!, Get dressed and pack your bag.

7:00am Breakfast at Discovery Lodge Dubbo. Brush your teeth and pack rooms. We will then put all our belongings of the bus.



8:00am Arrive at Dubbo Cultural Centre.
Sometimes we have a look in the art gallery, or we visit the museum and the olden days classroom.



9:30am Self-Guided tour of the Western Plains Zoo
There will be lots of walking, but we will also use the bus to get around the zoo. We may not have time to look at all the enclosures but will see as many as we can!



12:30pm Just before we leave the zoo we will stop and have lunch which is packed by Discovery Lodge Dubbo
Depart Western Plains Zoo.

On the way home we will stop for a snack break and a toilet stop. The teachers will have the snacks to choose from.

5:45pm Estimated arrival back at LPS. (We will contact the school and provide updates via the Leeton Public School Facebook page with a more accurate time if it varies from 5:45pm.)

Your parents will be excited to see you but we have to wait for all the luggage to be unloaded before we can get off the bus. Once the teachers say you can hop off the bus, you can collect your luggage and go home with your parents! If your parents haven't arrived yet, you will just wait under the bus shelter until they get there.