



# Leeton Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 – Week 10

Tuesday, 13 December 2011

## Calendar – What’s On?

### Week 10 Term 4

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports Home
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 6 Social – Yrs 3-6 New Hall 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KE, KM, KO & Choir Carramar Nursing home visit
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Movie Day at the Roxy
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Lake Talbot K-6 Last Day for Students

### Week 1 Term 1

Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Development Day
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### Week 2 Term 1

Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Students Years 1-6 return
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Kindergarten commences

## Principal’s Message

My goodness, we have come to the final week of school for 2012!

Thank you to all of you involved in the LPS school community for your welcome to me as Principal for the past three terms. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at LPS and I sincerely wish your school my best wishes for 2012 and beyond. There is much to look forward to.

This week we will enjoy a fun school social on Tuesday evening with the boys and girls and we will farewell, not only our Year 6 students, but a number of staff members.

I can imagine we are going to hear about many successful LPS Year 6 students in the coming years. Boys and girls, you will enjoy so many new experiences in your high school days – work hard and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way!

To the following staff members:

Laura Nelson – as Laura heads into a new chapter in life away from Leeton, I know she is taking with her many wonderful memories of LPS! I am sure that Laura will stay in touch with her many friends and colleagues in Leeton and I look forward to hearing about her possible overseas travel in the years to

come. Thank you Laura for your contributions to LPS children, staff and community and all the very best for 2012.

Lara Belford – we may well be welcoming Lara back to LPS in 2012 depending on her work choices and opportunities. I know that Lara very much enjoys LPS and she has certainly had a very rewarding time teaching 4B during 2011. Lara is to be congratulated on her hard work and commitment as a teacher at LPS. I know that she will have a positive impact on many children’s lives in the future as her teaching career continues. Thank you Lara from LPS.

Jeanne Wang – LPS has been most fortunate to have such an energetic and caring school counsellor. Thank you Jeanne for your ongoing support for LPS boys and girls, their families and staff members. I know other school communities have also appreciated all that you do. I wish you a wonderful life and career as you head to Sydney in 2012. Your friends and colleagues hope that you keep in touch and remember fun times had in Leeton.

*Principal’s Report continued over page*

## Special Award Winners for this Week

### Diamond Award Winners

Congratulations to these students for their exceptional achievement, behaviour and service to others!



(Back row): Tom Allen, Charlotte Morton, Olivia Winnel, Jade Cooper, (Front row): Emily Pearce, Caden Teerman, Braith McCann, Jarryd Winnel



*Principal's Report continued.*

Cheryl Berthon – as Cheryl takes up her permanent position as School Administration Officer at Parkview PS next year, we can only say a huge THANK YOU for the many years she has given to LPS! Cheryl has led and managed the school's administration and has been an amazing support for staff and families having a big influence in the lives of many LPS children. I know that Cheryl will miss LPS and will always stay in contact with the people and school in the years to come. I particularly would like to say thank you to Cheryl for her professional support in my time at LPS. She has been a great contributor to the whole school and we really do send our very best wishes with Cheryl and know that Parkview's school office will be in very good hands!

Jennifer Murphy - has been wonderful for 1M boys and girls since Mrs. McDonald has taken time on maternity leave. Jennifer has very much enjoyed working in the K-2 team at LPS but she is also excited and looking forward to the birth of her little one too in 2012. We will see Jen around LPS next year and congratulate and thank her for all that she has achieved with the children throughout the year.

**School and uniform shop openings during the holidays:**

During the December/January school holidays the school and uniform shop will be open on the following days and at the following times:

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January –**

School open from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Uniform Shop open 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January –**

School open from 9:00 a.m. until 12 o'clock

Uniform Shop open 10:00 a.m. until 12 o'clock

Enjoy a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you LPS community!

Susan Ruffles

**Platinum Award Winners**

Congratulations to these students for their exceptional achievement in receiving a Platinum award on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011.



Dylan Spowart, Kirby Chant, Edie Rudd, Jackson Preston, William Ormond, Molly Jackson, Molly Wright, Lillian Snell, Tahnee Walsh, Jacinda Waters, Dearne Hunter-Boyd, Montana Bell

**Merit Awards Winners**

KE	Tatum Marks, Jana Deaton
KM	Abbey O'Grady, Jayden Broadbent
KO	Zaineb Ahmed, Cody Tatt
1F	Hugo Gerhardy, Taj Doyle
1/2D	Simeon Cork, Jade Cooper
1M	Olivia Price, Jhie Deaton
2M	Demi Leighton, Zane Lyons
2MG	Rhea Fairweather, Jock Petrie
3T	Linkin Protheroe, Ethan Parker, Jesse Horsefield
3/4N	Ally Bush, Mikayla Boots, Tyrone Watts
4B	Travis Collins, Ella Saddler, Tarnya Schmidt
4K	Isobel Fraser-Smith, Hannah Rhodes-Boulter, Owais Ahmed
5W	Cate Mooney, Jake Smith
5/6R	Emma Bush, Jorgy Eglinton
6S	Amelia Hyland, Kallum Wisely
6R	Izac Rook, Simon Barnhill, Robbie Rimmer



## Swimming Carnival 2012

Yes it's that time to think about next year! Students who are turning 8 years or older next year (2012) will be invited to nominate tomorrow to participate in the 2012 swimming carnival. If you can please discuss whether your child wishes to be nominated in one or more races tonight it would be greatly appreciated. Your child must be able to **confidently** swim 1 whole lap of the Leeton Pool to be placed in an age race. The minimum distance for a race is 50 metres!

Events are as follows:

50m Freestyle Age

100m Freestyle

50m Backstroke

50m Breaststroke

50m Butterfly

4 x 50 Individual Medley



The swimming carnival will be a twilight carnival on **Thursday 9th February, 2012** commencing at 2pm.

If you are able to help at the carnival can you please ring the school. Thanks.

*Mrs Jo Pearce, Co-ordinator*

## Scripture 2012

**Please note Scripture commences Week 4 - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012.**

## Year 2 Alf Herrmann Lodge visit

On Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 2M and 2MG walked to the Alf Herrmann Lodge. First of all 2M sang "Mary's Boy Child" and played percussion instruments. It was awesome. Next, Emily from 2MG played "Silent Night" on her recorder. Next, all 2MG stood up and sang "Silent Night" and did a performance to "Mambo Santa". Then everyone did the Macarena to "Rockin' around the Christmas Tree". After that we gave the residents some Christmas cards and angels.

We had a fabulous time even though we had very tired legs when we got back to school.

*By Kasey Aliendi*

On Thursday morning, 2M and 2MG went to the Alf Herrmann Lodge. Emily played the recorder to "Silent Night". Then 2MG sang "Silent Night". Some of the old people were singing as well. It was amazing to see the old people singing and laughing. 2MG did percussion to "Mambo Santa". Emily and Danny played the bongo drums and Chloe and I played the bells and danced! It was really fun!! Our grand finale was all the year two's doing the Macarena to "Rocking around the Christmas Tree".



*By Sarah Allen 2MG*

## Canteen News

### PIZZA DAY!

Pizza Day in the canteen will be held on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. \$2.00 per piece and the choice is:

BBQ meat lovers and Ham & Pineapple

Pre-orders are being taken now and need to be in by WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER for catering purposes. No other orders for the canteen will be available on this day. **Lunch will be at 1.30pm on this day only.**

### Thank you!

A huge big thank you to all our Canteen and Infant's Lunch Lady volunteers throughout the year. Your help has been greatly appreciated and hope to see you in 2012.

*Sarah Cleathero, Canteen/Uniform Shop Supervisor*

*Phone: 69533471*

## Uniform Shop News

Uniform shop opens **Tuesdays 3pm until 4pm**. For an appointment, or if time is inconvenient, please phone Sarah at the school canteen on 6953 3471. All Summer stock is now in. There is still a limited supply of the 'old' sports uniforms for sale. Students can purchase these for the reduced price of **\$15.00**. As the 'new' sports tracksuit is not yet compulsory 'old' sports uniform can still be worn.

Price Changes:-

### Summer Uniform

Blue Socks	\$5.00 pair
Wide Brim Surf Hats	\$14.00 each
Wide Brim Slouch Hats	\$14.00 each

## P & C PAGE

LPS P&C would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you all in 2012.



*Bec Cleathero, President LPS P&C*

## DDA Dance Academy Christmas concert

Griffith Regional Theatre Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm  
Leeton Roxy Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm. Tickets available at Lanham's Jewellers.

## To the Leeton Public School community

I want to say a huge “thankyou” to all of you who have followed and supported our world record cycle around Australia and fundraising efforts for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Your support was part of the incredible interest in our event from all across Australia and indeed around the world. We have been stunned by the amount of involvement in the event, even since the conclusion of the race, with just over 900 000 hits on our website since its inception in March until the end of November.

At 4:49am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, QLD police officer and father of three, Dave Alley, supported by the incredibly hard working Race Around Australia crew, set a new WORLD RECORD for the fastest ever ride around Australia on a bicycle. In the process we have raised over \$20,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, an iconic Australian organisation responsible for saving the lives of countless Australians over many years. Dave cycled 14,251km in 37 days, 20 hours and 45 minutes at an incredible average of 377km per day. This is the same distance as riding from Leeton to Canberra and some of the back again every single day for over 37 days in a row. We are very proud Australians and enjoying what we have achieved.

This achievement has been an amazing team effort – we couldn’t have done it without all those people who have contributed in some way. It all came from my mate and I firstly creating, and then making the absolute most of a fantastic OPPORTUNITY. As all students at Leeton Public School know, I constantly talk to all of you about opportunities. I hope you can now see what you can achieve if you take an opportunity and follow your dreams. Every single person is capable of achieving anything you want if you channel your mind and energies to it. But if you really want to achieve your dream, you must stay focused throughout. You need to overcome your doubts, overcome the doubts and negativity of others, stay strong to yourself and those who believe in what you are doing. If you plan, prepare thoroughly and maintain a great work ethic, you can realise your dreams and achieve extraordinary things.

I am fully aware that many people doubted that this could be done and said that it would be impossible. Some people even said that I should not take the time to be a part of it. Such comments and sentiments just took my already high degree of determination and stubbornness to another level, so for that I say

thankyou! We overcame many difficult moments and extreme challenges before and during the race. But we remained focused and committed throughout and were always going to stick solid to our original plan, whether we beat the record or not.

There were many highlights, too many to name them all. To have an 80 year old man cycle 55km to the finish line just to say “thankyou” because the Royal Flying Doctor Service once saved his life will be something that will stay with me forever. Another lady knew we were approaching in the Northern Territory, and drove out from her property over 70km off the road just to donate and wish us well as she also had a previous lifesaving experience courtesy of the Flying Doctors. To have so many schools involved from across Australia was also very motivating. There are many creative, innovative and dynamic teachers across this great country who provided some highly engaging learning activities for some very talented students. It was great to learn about the wide range of things students were involved with through our website and their own innovation and research. Thankyou to those from LPS who were involved in this way. It was great to find out what you were doing in class and it was very uplifting to read your messages of support as the race progressed.

I want to thankyou all for your contribution to your recent fundraising day and “Dance Around Australia” inspired by the incredibly enthusiastic and talented Mrs Whelan. I know Mrs Whelan would have worked hard with the dance group to create a great show for you all. To raise over \$400 was a terrific effort and one that you should all be proud of. I know the *Royal Flying Doctor Service* are extremely grateful.

When I visited school and the Riverina Region a fortnight ago it was great to see so many people. My thanks to those many people who offered their congratulations at school or when I saw you in the street. There really are many incredibly positive and kind-hearted people in Leeton and I look forward to seeing and working with those people in 2012.

Dave, the team and myself really appreciate the efforts of you all at Leeton Public School. Take those OPPORTUNITIES when you can. Stay positive, surround yourselves with vibrant and positive people, follow your dreams and you just might be surprised by what you can achieve.....

Get every ounce out of life that you can!

Best wishes to you all for a happy and restful Christmas holiday period.



David Lees

