



Leeton Public School Newsletter

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Term 4– Week 10

Monday, 10 December 2012

Calendar – What’s On?

Week 10 Term 4

Monday, 10 th December	Presentation Day rehearsal
Tuesday, 11 th December	LPS Presentation Day 10am House meetings Years 1-5 2.45pm
Wednesday, 12 th December	Year 6 Slave Day Year 6 Farewell Social Years 3-6 – 6.30pm – 8.30pm Slave Day from 9.30am K-6 Roxy Theatre – Movie 10.45am – 1.00pm Canteen “Cupcake” Day
Thursday, 13 th December	K-2 Christmas Disco 6pm – 7.30pm
Friday, 14 th December	Student Reports home
Sunday, 16 th December	School’s Spectacular on ABC 2 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Week 11 Term 4

Monday, 17 th December	Platinum Assembly 9.30am Helpers Morning Tea 2.10pm ‘Hot Chip’ day in the Canteen
Tuesday, 18 th December	Platinum Award recipient lunch at Benvenuti 11.30am
Wednesday, 19 th December	K-6 Lake Talbot, Narrandera Student’s last day for 2012
Thursday, 20 th December	Staff Development Day
Friday, 21 st December	Staff Development Day
Monday, 31 st December	School’s Spectacular on ABC 2 7.00pm-9.30pm

Week 1 Term 1 2013

Friday, 18 th January 2013	Uniform Shop open 2pm- 5pm
Thursday, 24 th January 2013	Uniform Shop open 9am- 12pm

Tuesday, 29 th January 2013	Staff return
Wednesday, 30 th January 2013	Students Years 1-6 return
Thursday, 31 st January 2013	Kindergarten students commence LPS Swimming carnival

2012 Director-General's School Achievement Award

Darlington Point Public School will be receiving this prestigious award on Wednesday 12th December 2012. The school is being acknowledged for "Enhancing the educational outcomes for students-success through engagement, high expectations and community involvement."

A very big congratulations to Mrs Gill and the staff of Darlington Point. An award for a lot of hard work and diligence to bring about positive changes within the school community.

Well done!

Principal's Report over page

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners – Week 9 Term 4

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



Back Row: Jack Evans, Connor Cregan

Front Row: Isabelle Ross, Katelyn Winnel



Principal's Report

Dear Parents / Carers

It is hard to believe that we are already at week 10 of Term 4. This week, as always, is once again an extremely busy one with many activities taking place leading up to the end of the 2012 school year.

Last Wednesday night, the Proud and Deadly Awards were held at Parkview Public School. The night celebrated and recognised excellence and achievements of Aboriginal Students K- 12 in Public Education. Eight students from Leeton Public School were recognised on the night for their effort throughout the 2012 school year. They were -:

Academic Achievement - Sarah Puntorieno , Sophie Mannall

Performing/ Creative/ Visual Arts - Chelsea Connell

Student Leadership - Georgia Saddler

Encouragement Award - Blaze Rolfe, Jak Darby- Sanderson, Kaliya Mathews

Citizenship - Isabelle Puntoriero

Congratulations to all of these students. Many of our indigenous students also performed on the night singing "Different People". Thank you to Ms Kane and Mrs Pearce for organising this group at such a busy time of the year.

This Week at LPS.....

The 2012 Presentation Day Assembly will take place tomorrow in the Multi Purpose Centre. The day commences at 10am sharp. If attending please ensure that you are seated by 9:55am. The ceremony will be followed by the Year 6 Farewell which will take place out the front of our Hall.

On Friday the 14th of December Semester 2 student reports will be going home with your child/ren. Having read the reports I have been impressed with the effort that our students obviously put in each and every day to their learning. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress please contact the school to make an appointment to discuss the matter with the appropriate classroom teacher.

As always I encourage any parents who have a concern regarding their child's education to make an appointment with the class teacher, Assistant Principal or myself through the office.

Regards

Jayne Gill

Principal

School and Uniform Shop

During the Summer holidays the School and Uniform shop will be open on the following days -:

FRIDAY 18TH January 2013 from 2pm-5pm

THURSDAY 24TH January 2013 from 9am – 12pm

Presentation Day 2012

Presentation day will take place tomorrow Tuesday 11th of December at the Multi Purpose Centre at Leeton High School. The day will commence at 10am. Parents are asked to be at the Hall and seated prior to this time.

Platinum Awards

On Monday 17th December, we will be holding our Platinum Assembly for 2012 at 9:25am in the school hall. This will be followed by a luncheon for Platinum students on Tuesday 18th December at Benvenuti. As this will be the last Platinum assembly for the year, if you have 7 diamond awards, please ensure they are in to the office ASAP.

Bruce Sullivan Parent Workshop

Leeton Public School in association with other local public schools will be hosting a special parent workshop with world renowned speaker Bruce Sullivan on Wednesday evening, 19th December at the Leeton Soldiers Club Auditorium from 7.30pm.

The ninety minute workshop will focus on positive relationships in parenting and your role in the learning process of your children. Sullivan will also spend an entire day with our staff on the following day. Bruce is a very entertaining and thought provoking speaker, who will provide a unique opportunity for our community. It is safe to say we have never had a speaker of his calibre present in our community previously.

With this in mind I strongly encourage parents and carers to claim this date, bring along some friends and enjoy an entertaining and thought provoking evening. A full supper and refreshments will be provided.

Merit Awards Winners

KF	Abbie Doyle, Matthew Wallett
KO	Adrian Mallamace, Cooper Emery
1E	Emily McVittie, Isabella Lotito
1M	Paiton Sainsbury, Beniel Dakunibubului
1/2B	Taj Doyle, Trinity Patten
2M	Ethan Simpson, Lailani Watts
2MG	Sophie Mannall, Anthony Roberts
3K	William Pizzolante, Tyler Stafford, Jock Petrie
3T	Asante Lanigan, Dylan Gordon, Fatima Ahmed
4K	Thomas Parr, Ben Hottes-Tweedale, Jesse Hopwood
4M	Byron Tarlinton, Ethan Parker, Zali Spratling
5/6RA	Caitlin Garth, Jane Rhodes, Leigha Stafford
5/6RY	Megan Chetcuti, Tyler Arnold, William Meline
5/6S	Braxton Wallace, Kody Collins, Talise Rudd
5/6W	Chevaughn Moore, Jack Cantrill, Laura Shelton



School Banking Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Commonwealth Bank award for placing 10 deposits.



Back Row: Amy Ryan, Molly Shelton
Front Row: Colby Edis, Emma Sherlock

School Banking

LAST CHANCE: This week is the last opportunity to enter the draw to win one of 12 mini iPads being given away through the school banking program. All you have to do to go in to the draw is make a deposit through the school banking program. Draw will be conducted in time for Christmas.

REWARDS: The last of the reward items for the year were sent home two weeks ago. When school resumes in 2013, information will be sent home as to what rewards are available for the year. Please hold onto your tokens as they can carry through to next year.

LAST BANKING DAY: The last banking day for 2012 will be **Tuesday 18th December**. School banking will resume on Tuesday 5th February 2013 (the first Tuesday back at school). If you have a child that is starting high school next year, that still has a sibling at our school, your eldest child can still bank through our program. They are not entitled to rewards or tokens but their deposits still count towards our fundraising.

We will also be sending home application packs with all new students. If your child attends our school already and you wish to receive an application pack, please contact the school office and leave your details so we can send one home for you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has participated in the program throughout the year. The funds we have received are of great benefit to your hardworking P&C. As this is Rebecca Cleathero's final year with LPS, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to her for the time she has put into the program for the last two years.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy

New Year and look forward to working with you all again in 2013.

Regards

Alana DeMamiel & Kristy Jackson, Banking Co-ordinators

Year 6 Slave Day

Each year our Year 6 students fundraise for our school by holding a Slave Day. The money raised goes towards their gift to the school.

On Wednesday 12th December at 9.30am, the Year 6 students will be made available as "slaves". This year's Slave Day will be conducted a little differently. To buy a slave, Kindergarten to Year 5 students will pool their money with their class and a certain number of slaves will be available to each class.

Each individual student may bring in up to \$5.00 to go towards their class pool.

This year's Slave Day will be run as a "Slave Lucky Dip" rather than an auction. Year 6 students will have their name drawn out of a hat and be allocated to a certain class, paid for by using the class' pooled money.

Directly following the lucky dip, 'slaves' will then be working with their 'owner' class until the end of lunch.

Roxy Theatre Movie

The Movie Reward Day will be on Thursday 13th December and the movie shown at the Roxy will be "Madagascar 3" which is rated PG. The cost is \$7.00 per child and a small bag of lollies will be included in the cost. Students will leave LPS at 10.45am and returning to LPS at 12.45pm. The canteen will be open at 1.00pm for lunches.

Lake Talbot Reward Day

The Lake Talbot Reward Day is on Wednesday 19th December and is always a lot of fun. Infant's children will only have access to the shallow pool and our older students have undergone a "Water Survival Challenge" and will only have access to the pool that they have been assessed and are capable of swimming in. Wristbands will be used to ensure children stay in their appropriate swimming area. The cost is \$8.00 per student.

Teachers will inform students who may not be eligible to attend due to the Pupil and Welfare Discipline Policy.

See you there!

Proud and Deadly Awards

The annual Proud & Deadly Awards were held on Wednesday 5th December 2012 at Parkview Public School. These awards recognised the talent and achievement demonstrated by



Indigenous students in the Leeton area. A very talented group of our students put on a wonderful performance of "Different People" for all people attending the awards to see. They indeed made our school very proud. The following LPS students received awards:-

Sarah Puntoriero and Sophie Mannall (Academic Achievement)

Chelsea Connell (Creative Arts)

Georgia Saddler (Student Leadership)

Jenna Elliott (Sport)

Blaze Rolfe, Jak Darby-Sanderson & Kaliya Matthews (Encouragement)

Isabelle Puntoriero (Citizenship)

Congratulations and well done!

Indigenous Co-ordinator, Chris Kane



LPS Senior Dance Group 2012

Ballroom and Latin dancing has become synonymise with the Leeton Public School Senior Dance Group. This year has offered the Senior Dance Group a diverse range of opportunities to present their dancing talent to the School, Leeton and wider community.

The talented group of 14 students auditioned for the prestigious Riverina Dance Festival during first term. Amongst the auditioning of 46 schools from as far as Cootamundra and Young in the East, to Tumbarumba in the South, Barham in the West and including the cities of Wagga and Albury, 'the dance group' had the honour of being selected by a prominent panel, as one of the 28 performances. Riverina Dance Festival was held in May at the Albury Entertainment Centre..

LPS Senior Dance group presented a Floorshow at the Leeton Rotary Belle of Debutantes Ball. It was an entertaining and vibrant floor show and this was evident by the crowd's participation. The group danced the moving Modern Waltz performed to "Amazing Grace" concluding with an energetic Jive to the song "River Deep, Mountain High".

With their high standard of unique Ballroom and Latin American styles, the dancing ability of the *team* continued to grow, as they wooed the crowd at KROP (Kids Rapped on Performing) at the Griffith Regional Theatre in August. I received many comments and questions regarding their "professional" performances.

Later in Term Three the opportunity arose for the Dance Group to perform at the inaugural presentation of SHINE, prepared by the Leeton Community of Schools'. The performance proved to be very enjoyable for the crowd and in particular the Grandparents, a generation of people that could relate to this style of dancing.

Light up Leeton presented the Senior Dance Group with the opportunity to perform to members of the Leeton community and help them commence their Christmas celebrations. Amongst the two other 'original' dances, a third dance was prepared for this function to the song "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree."

Overall, this year has been a very successful year for the LPS Senior Dance Group. Not only has success been in the area of dance but it has provided the children with the opportunity to develop; social and cultural skills, discipline, reliability, confidence, dedication and team work - all essential skills for success in their future. The provision of a dance *team* has added another dimension to Leeton Public Schools learning environment and provided children with an opportunity to develop and succeed in an area outside the academic arena.

Coming together was the beginning, keeping together was progress and dancing together was success. Congratulations!

Mrs Carmel Whelan

Teacher/Senior Dance Coordinator



Thank you

A very big thank you to Mrs Alicia Robb for all the work she has done for Presentation Day this year. Mrs Robb has dedicated many hours of behind the scenes work to ensure everything runs smoothly. Also thank you to Mrs Ramponi for her help and support and Mrs O'Halloran for the Photo Story.

Mrs Gena Frazer



L.P.S. Giving Tree

Thankyou to the wonderful children and their families that have kindly donated gifts to our L.P.S giving tree. It would be absolutely fantastic if we could have a few more things to give to the Salvation Army in a few weeks' time. The gift does not have to be expensive: a pack of cards, pencils, books, balls, dolls or matchbox cars for example. There are many children in our community that would greatly benefit from this small gesture.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs G. Frazer



Swimming Carnival 2013

The LPS 2013 Swimming Carnival will take place on **Thursday 31st January (week 1, 2013)**. This is the second day back for students, as a result nominations for next years' carnival will need to take place at the end of this year to allow time for preparation.

On the afternoon of Tuesday 11th December students from years 1-5 (and students in Kinder who turn 8 next year) will have the opportunity to attend a house meeting. During this meeting students will be nominating which events they wish to enter for the 2013 carnival.

It is important that parents discuss the events with their child and know their swimming capabilities. If your child is unsure if they can **confidently swim 50m**, please take the opportunity to find out before tomorrow. The carnival is not the place to swim 50m for the first time. Students who do not enter any events will have the opportunity to participate in novelty events.

Events are as follows:

50m Freestyle (Age Races), 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly

50m Breaststroke, Relay, 50m Backstroke, 4 x 50 Individual Medley

After discussions about the success and student participation of previous LPS carnivals the decision has been made to run the 2013 carnival during school hours. The carnival will begin at 9:45am and conclude be 2:45pm. All students will return to school at the conclusion of the carnival and will be dismissed as usual at 3:25pm.

More information regarding the 2013 swimming carnival will be in the coming newsletters.

We are currently seeking parents/carers who are able to help with timekeeping, judging and novelty events. If you are able to help at the carnival can you please return the slip attached to the student permission note or ring the school.

Thanks, *Mrs Jo Pearce, Co-ordinator*

Sport House Captains 2013

Tomorrow 11th December, during swimming house meetings, students will have the opportunity to elect the 2013 Sports House Captains. This is taking place as sport captains and vice-captains need to be elected prior to the 2013 swimming carnival (week 1, 2013). All students in years 1-5 (2012) will vote.

LOST PROPERTY ** ALERT **

LPS lost property is overflowing again in the Primary!!! Please come and have a look for items of clothing you may be missing for your child. Lost property box is located outside Ms William's classroom.

Canteen News

Out of Stock!!! - Crumbed Fish & lasagne are now out of stock for the rest of the term.



HOT CHIP DAY!! - Hot chips will be available for lunch on **Monday 17th December** - \$3.00 per serve. **No other lunch items will be available on this day.**

Icy Cup Pre-Orders - Of late students have been pre-ordering icy cups with their lunch orders. Due to the heat, Icy Cups are melting quickly before students get them out of their class baskets. Due to this we will no longer be taking pre-orders for icy cups. The canteen ensures there are plenty of icy cups available to purchase from 2nd half lunch (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday ONLY)

Cupcake Day - The Canteen will be holding a 'Cupcake Day' on **Wednesday 12th December**. Cupcakes will be available from 2nd half of lunch from 0.50c to \$2.00 each. LOL



drink cans will also be available for \$2.00 each (limited stock). Lunch menu will be as normal. We will be needing volunteers to help serve 11.30am to 12.15pm. Please contact Sarah if you can volunteer your time. Any parent/carer wishing to donate cupcakes (they need to be nut free) can do so by delivering to the Canteen before 10am 12th December. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Stock - As we near the end of term, stock will be running low. I will be keeping students up to date on what we are running low on.

Overdue accounts - There are a number of overdue accounts from both the Canteen and Uniform Shop. I kindly ask that these accounts be settled by Friday 7th December. Reminders will be sent home this week.

For more information on the LPS canteen and uniform shop including price lists and menu, visit www.leeton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/canteen-uniform.

Sarah Cleathero, Canteen Supervisor

Uniform Shop News

All summer stock is now available for purchasing.

Girl's Summer Uniform Size 4-18 - \$50.00 each

Royal blue socks - \$5.00 each

Royal blue sunglasses - S - \$10, M - \$11, L - \$12

The Canteen/Uniform Shop's last day of operation will be Tuesday 18th December.

The uniform shop will re-open:

FRIDAY 18TH January 2013 from 2pm-5pm

THURSDAY 24th January 2013 from 9am – 12pm

Uniform shop opens **Tuesdays 3pm until 4pm** up until Tuesday 18th December and the commencement of school 2013. For an appointment, or if this time is inconvenient, please phone the school canteen on 6953 3471.

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

Wide Brim Slouch Hats \$14.00 each

Merry
Christmas
And
Safe and
Happy
Holidays!

