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Term 4– Week 9

Monday, 3 December 2012

## Calendar – What's On?

### Week 9 Term 4

Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Learn-to-Swim all week</b>
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December	K-2 to Alf Hermann Lodge
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Proud & Deadly awards
	K-2 to LHS for dress rehearsal for MAD concert
	Year 1 & 1/2B to Assumption Villa

### Week 10 Term 4

Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day rehearsal
Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	LPS Presentation Day 10am
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Slave Day
	Year 6 Farewell Social Years 3-6
	Canteen "Cupcake" Day
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	K-2 Christmas Disco 6pm – 7.30pm
Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School's Spectacular on ABC1 6.00pm – 7.00pm

### Week 11 Term 4

Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Platinum Assembly 9.30am
	Helpers Morning Tea 2.10pm
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Platinum Award recipient lunch at Benvenuti 11.30am
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	K-6 Lake Talbot, Narrandera
	Students last day for 2012
Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December	School's Spectacular on ABC 2 7.00pm-9.30pm

### Week 1 Term 1 2013

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

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/ Cares & Community Members

We are well and truly into the countdown coming into the end of the 2012 school year however, as usual, this does not mean that we are not all extremely busy both in the classroom and outside. Presently staff are busy finalising end of year assessments and writing student reports. These reports will be issued on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

The executive and I have also been extremely busy developing a school Teacher Professional Learning Policy which we will be implementing at Leeton Public School in 2013. This policy will drive the Professional Learning for all staff members at our school ensuring that Professional learning is targeted at further improving student results K-6 over coming years whilst incorporating current pedagogy.

Last week we saw our 2013 School Captain Candidates present their speeches at a special assembly on Monday. I was extremely impressed with the quality of the candidates. All of the candidates gave excellent reasons for why they should be considered for Captain in 2013. Students 2-6 then voted for the 2013 Captains on Tuesday. Our captains will be announced on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December at our Annual presentation Day.

*Principal's Report continued over page*

## Special Award Winners for this Week

### Diamond Award Winners – Week 8 Term 4

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



Back row L-R: Jett Smith, Owais Ahmed, Jesse Hopwood, Makayla Pearce Front row L-R: Taine Pauls, Carta Jackson, Emma Walleth, Libby Olrick, Faith Young



*Principal's Report continued*

Last night the Leeton Public School Dance group performed at Light up Leeton. The students, as always, were outstanding and should be congratulated for their wonderful performance. A big thank you to Mrs Carmel Whelan who has put much work into this group throughout the 2012 school year.

This week will once again continue to be hectic with a variety of events scheduled. On Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> December the Proud and Deadly Awards will be held at Parkview Public School commencing at 6pm. These awards celebrate and recognise excellence and achievements of Aboriginal Students K- 12 in Public Education. I am looking forward to attending these awards and watching our student performance on the night.

This week Intensive swimming will continue for selected students Years 2-6. Learning to swim is important for all students and we as a school try to ensure that all students reach a basic level of swimming competence through our swim program which targets specifically non swimmers.

This week we are also in full preparation mode as our annual Presentation Day fast approaches. A rehearsal will be held on Monday, 10th December and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 11th December for this very special recognition ceremony for LPS. Thanks to Cathie Ramponi and Gena Frazer for their leadership and management for this event.

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

## Presentation Day 2012

Presentation day will take place on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 clear 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	Sandro Rendell, Makiya Martin
KO	Lilly Hodges, Jonah Allen
1E	Tahlia Barton-Roden, Kye McGregor
1M	Rutalina Smith, Cody Tatt
1/2B	Blake McDonald, Tom Allen
2M	Bianca Kuys, Caide McVittie
2MG	Sarah Puntoriero, Josh Davis
3K	Hayden Morley, Marnie Elliott, Emily Wright
3T	Milly Garth, Braith Schmetzer, Jonathan Waters
4K	Sam Harrison, Dion DeMamiel, Tyrone Watts
4M	Emma Chambers, Jye Doyle, Jesse Horsfield
5/6RA	Isobel Frasersmith, Kaliya Matthews, Jake Aliendi
5/6RY	Nioka Lowe-Brennan, Jade Pouson, Brianna Gray-Mills
5/6S	Kyle Tuckett, Talise Rudd, Morgan Lanceford
5/6W	Ally Bush, Riley Taskiran, Kane Deaton

## School Banking Award Recipients

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



Back row L-R: Maddison Ford, Zoe Stockton Front Row L-R: Brooke Eglinton, Blake McDonald



# 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.

Thankyou for your support.

Mrs G. Frazer



## K-2 News

Next week K-2 will be sharing some Christmas Cheer with some lucky Leeton Residents.

On Tuesday (4th Dec) Yr 2 will be going to the Alf Hermann Lodge and Kindergarten will be visiting the residents of Carramar.

On Wednesday Yr 1 and 1/2B will be visiting Assumption Villa.

The students will be walking and no permission note is required.

As the year is coming to a close our Reward Days are coming up fast. Today 2 notes will go out about the Movie and Lake Talbot Reward Days.

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.

The Lake Talbot Reward Day is on Wednesday 19th December and is always a lot of fun. Infants 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 are assessed 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!

## Enviromentors Visit

Last week we were fortunate to host a visit from the Enviromentors group. Ale Torres the presenter spoke glowingly about the manners, involvement and terrific behaviour of all the students who attended the sessions. Well done class teachers and students, you continue to make LPS a school known in it's great culture.

Information students were presented with (in a fun, informative and motivational way) is contained in an article enclosed with the newsletter. Please take time to read and discuss with your children. Many of the suggested practices are easy to implement and good for our environment.

Lastly, I would like to thank Ale for her enthusiasm and skill as a presenter. All who attended enjoyed the sessions.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin Gardening Coordinator

## Gardening Update

As is mentioned on the P&C page, our vegie garden security fence is installed. We are looking forward to planting fruit trees and putting in a chook pen, now that this area is secure.

Also in the planning stages for next year is a makeover for the garden in front of the Infants main block. Chris Parsons and





her partner Ian have been hard at work digging out the old roses and other feral trees from the front bed. Thank you very much Chris and Ian. We have to work on what we will plant in there to reinvigorate this area.

*Mrs Jenny Tiffin Gardening Coordinator*

## 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 next Tuesday. 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 at 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

Next Tuesday 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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> half lunch (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday ONLY)

**Cupcake Day** - The Canteen will be holding a 'Cupcake Day' on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Cupcakes will be available from 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> December.

The uniform shop will re-open:

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> January 2013 from 2pm-5pm**

**THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> January 2013 from 9am - 12pm**



Uniform shop opens **Tuesdays 3pm until 4pm** up until Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

### MORUNDAH MARKET DAY

**SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

**10am – 2pm**

**Over 30 stalls – most undercover**

**Air-conditioned Café**

**Come & find some great bargains for Christmas in a hassle free environment.**

## P&C Page

### • LOLLY DRIVE

If you haven't received your lolly order **can you please collect from the front office ASAP**, as there were some orders without names .

### • LIGHT UP LEETON

Thanks to everyone who supported us last night !  
Our drink van made its maiden voyage yesterday and looked SUPERB!!!  
A big pat on the back to all the P&C member s for their hard work and also a big shout out to Paul Collins , Steve Anthony , Sophie Anthony , Reanna Gilmour , Angelynn Soakimi and Chelsea Connell.

### • P&C / CANTEEN CHRISTMAS DINNER

Last chance to RSVP for P&C/Canteen dinner TODAY as I have to finalise numbers for catering !!!!

### • VEGIE GARDEN FENCE

The erection of a fence around the perimeter of the veggie garden is in process and will prove very beneficial once completed. Thank you to Mr David Tiffin and workers for the hard labour and also a HUGE thanks to Chris Butler and Yenda Producers for assisting with materials ☺

### • LUNCH BAGS / SUNGLASSES

Don't forget you can still purchase your child's reusable lunch bag and student sunglasses from the school canteen between 9am-1pm.

### • EZ COVER FUNDRAISER

This great new fundraiser will benefit both the school and

your pocket !!! Please see attached flyer for more information and order your EZ COVERS now ready for beginning of Term 1 in 2013!!!!!!!

### • P&C AGM 2014

The annual general meeting will be held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in the primary staffroom @ 7.00pm. ALL positions will be vacant with only current members eligible for nomination and voting rights.

Positions vacant are :

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Canteen committee x 2

ALL positions will need to be filled. Memberships can be renewed for the 2013 year at the conclusion of the meeting for a \$1 fee.

All new parents and carers are encouraged to come along and become P&C members .

### HAVE YOUR SAY!!!!!!

Tell us know what you would like to have as fundraisers for 2013 by dropping us an email [leetonpublicschoolpc@hotmail.com](mailto:leetonpublicschoolpc@hotmail.com)  
Bec Cleathero

President LPS P&C





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During Term 4, primary schools in the Leeton area were visited by EnviroMentors. Students explored waste and recycling related issues relevant to the area through interactive hands-on activities



- **Items that cannot be re-used or recycled**
- **Plastic bags, dirty nappies and lids**



- Paper and cardboard
- Milk and juice cartons
- All rigid plastic containers
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminium and steel cans



- **Say No to plastic! Refuse** plastic bags and use your own reusable bags when going to the supermarket
- **DON'T** put plastic bags in the recycling bin



- Composting and worm farming turns your old food scraps into fertiliser for **FREE**
- Don't feed your worms meat, dairy, citrus, onions or chilli

#### Remember...

- Litter has a huge impact on the local environment. It can be eaten by animals, or travel along gutters and waterways into rivers and the ocean.
- Recycling is one of the easiest things you can do to help the environment so do your bit and make sure you put the **right items** in the **recycling** bin! **Don't** put plastic bags, lids, ceramics and ovenproof glass in this bin.
- Making something from recycled material uses less water and energy than making it from raw natural resources.
- **Close the Loop** and help the environment by buying items made out of recycled materials and buying items that can be recycled.
- Remember to put your recycling bin out the night before collection
- Remember the 4 Rs: **Refuse**, **Reduce**, **Reuse** and **Recycle**.
- Please **don't** put your recyclables in plastic bags!



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