



# Leeton Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 – Week 7

Monday, 18 November 2013

## Calendar – What's On?

### Week 7 Term 4

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November –  
Healthy Harold Life Ed Van

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November -  
Learn to Swim

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November Kids Art Works due

### Week 8 Term 4

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November -  
Learn to Swim

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November -  
School Spectacular

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November Kinder transition finishes  
Year 6 Orientation - LHS

### Week 9 Term 4

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December Environmentors visit

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December Environmentors visit

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December Slave Day

Proud & Deadly Awards –  
Parkview PS @ 6pm

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December Platinum Award assembly &  
lunch with the Principal  
Reports home to parents

### Week 10 Term 4

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Presentation Day MPC  
10am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Parent teacher interviews  
4pm-7pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Cricket knockout

### Week 11 Term 4

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 Social

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Lake Talbot K-6

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December Staff Development Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Staff Development Day

## Principal's Report

Welcome to week 7 of a very busy Term 4. This week will once again be a busy week for students and staff at LPS with a variety of events planned.

### Walkathon Success

Last Thursday week we held an extremely successful walkathon at the school. Students K-6 took part in the event with the K-2 students and 3-6 students having two different routes. It was great to see all of our students out taking part in a great activity which promotes a healthy lifestyle and doing so with big smiles on their faces.

The walkathon to date has raised over \$2000. This money will be used to buy books for our students to use in the classroom. Thank you to everyone who donated money to this event.

***There are some great pictures on the Leeton Public School website of the day.***



### CSIRO visit

Also taking place last week was a visit from the CSIRO. From all accounts the students had a fabulous time and many were inspired by the hands on experiments which they got to see on the day.

### In the Classrooms

#### 2M Visit

Last week I had the pleasure of working with students from 2M as a part of my initiative to spend at least an hour a week on class. While I was in the room I took a Reading Group for Ms Moore. The students were wonderful and it was great to see just how far these students have come this year with their reading.



A big thank you to Ms Moore for allowing me to spend time in her delightful classroom.

### ***This week at LPS***

This week will be another busy week at Leeton Public School. Visits to Healthy Harold will take place along with the Learn to Swim classes for students in Year 2 upwards who are non swimmers. Student nominations for School leaders in 2014 will also be taking place this week. Today Tyrone Watts will be attending the first stage of the Riverina Cricket trials in Griffith. We wish Tyrone all the best at these trials.

### **Upcoming Events**

A reminder to all parents that at this time of the year it is extremely busy with many events scheduled. Events are listed on the Calender on this newsletter along with the calendar on the School website. Here is a list of some of the upcoming events which you may need to mark on your calendar at home. Also included are some dates for Term 1 2014.

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Healthy Harold
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> December	School Spectacular
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Environmentors
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Proud & Deadly Awards @ Parkview Public School 6pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports Home
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day 10am @ MPC (Leeton High School)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent – Teacher sessions 4pm- 7pm in School Hall
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	K-2 Christmas Disco 6pm- 7:30pm in School Hall
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Cricket Knockout
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 6 Social
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day Term 4 for students - Lake Talbot Excursion

### **Term 1 2014**

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Students 1-6 resume
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Kindergarten Start – Meet in Hall at 9:30am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	LPS Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	P&C AGM - 7pm StaffRoom
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Meet The Teacher Evening
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	LNPSSA Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Kindergarten Open Morning 10am-10:50am

As always if you have a concern regarding your child's education please make an **appointment**



with the office to speak with the relevant classroom teacher, Assistant Principal or myself.

Jayne Gill

Principal

### **Year 7 LHS uniforms**

Please note the Leeton High School girls skirts are now available for collection - \$70.00 each from the LHS front office between 8.30am and 3.30pm

### **Merit Award Winners -**

KF	Tom Cooper, Grace Hill
KO	Brooke Pearce, Holly Schmetzer
KV	Brielle Beaumont, Bruce Donald
1B	Jonah Allen, Emma Sherlock
1M/W	Katelyn Winnel, Sy Watts
2M	Kiesha Poulson, Hamish Johnstone
2MG	Holly Sharman, Kye McGregor
S2KA	Mikayla Pearce, Kaylah Edwards, Olivia Price
S2KI	Charlotte Morschel, Kasey Aliendi, Zac Poulson
S2M	Kyeffer Leach, Victoria Emery, William Pizzolante
S2T	Emily Wright, Sophie Morgan-Smith, Taj Doyle
S3RA	Jane Rhodes, Daniel Barton, Abbey Snell
S3RY	Kaila DePaoli, Joshua Baulch, Rhys Britten
S3S	Harvey Meline, Bryce Glennie, Skye Heeb
S3W	Kane Deaton, Ally Bush, Olivia Winnel

### **UNSW Computer Skills Competition**

Congratulations to the following students who completed the University of NSW computer Skills Competition earlier this year.

**DISTINCTION** - Tharani Manoharan

**PARTICIPATION** - William Murphy, Blayne Thompson, Taylor Moore, Inayah Choudhury, Harvey Meline and Jessica Murphy

### **Walkathon**

Wow, what great weather we had for the annual Walkathon. The children participated with enthusiasm and true LPS spirit! Thank you to all our wonderful students and teachers who supported this event.

**A special thank you** to all our **sponsors** who have helped raise money for new Literacy resources. Please send the money in within the week and we will keep you informed with the total money raised.



The following students were selected from each year for displaying wonderful sportmanship and enthusiasm throughout the walk. Congratulations to:

Kinder: Joshua Narel

Year 1: Abbie Doyle

Year 2: Rutalina Smith

Year 3: Ryan Eade

Year 4: Chloe Dowling

Year 5: Tyrone Watts

Year 6: Trent Jongebloed



## Special Award Winners for this Week

### Diamond Award Winners

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



Back Row: Hayley Sloan, David Polsen, Tyler Stafford, Tom Allen  
Middle Row: Colby Edis, William Gray-Mills  
Front row: Thiviya Manoharan, Flynn Edis, Kane Flack

## Kids Art Works

Kids Art Works is a fantastic opportunity for you to purchase products that display your children's artwork. By purchasing these products you will also be helping to raise money for LPS. During this week, your child/children will be completing an artwork in class and then bringing it home along with an order form. All you need to do is be amazed at your child's super artist talents and choose the products you would like to order. To do this, complete the order form and return to school by Friday 22 November with a cheque made out to LPS or cash. I can't accept any orders after this date as Kids Art Works need time to process the orders and have them back to LPS before the end of term. If you would prefer a photo to be displayed on a product instead of an artwork, you can submit the photo online to Kids Art Works. To do this, follow the details at the bottom of the order form that your child will bring home with their artwork this week. I have been sent examples of the products and I must say they are of very high quality. I will leave them at the front desk in the main office if you would like to look at the products before you order. Please see the back of the newsletter for prices of items.

Looking forward to receiving your order.

*Ms Lyndall Kirkup, Co-ordinator*

## Learn to Swim

Lessons are commencing today and will continue for the next two weeks. Assistance with the cost (swimming teachers or releasing class teachers who are swimming teachers) is provided by the NSW Government through the School Swimming Scheme, and **attendance is a mandatory part of the school curriculum** for those students who cannot swim well enough to save themselves. The school lessons are a great way to start learning to swim. It is also recommended that children have extra form of instructions such as Sport and Rec. lessons or swim club lessons.

**Children will need their swimming gear each day and parents/carers are reminded to check that their child has their gear as they head off to school in the morning.**

Children who missed the Water Survival Challenge last Friday will have the opportunity to sit it on the last day of Learn to Swim. A note will be sent home next week for those children needing to attend. If your child still misses being tested I will test them at Lake Talbot Pool first thing on arrival for our free swimming pool day.

*Mrs Jenny Tiffin Swimming Co-ordinator*



## School Banking Award

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded an Achievement Certificate for making 10 deposits.



Back Row: Tyler Stafford, Makayla Broadbent Front Row: Jessica Wells, Hayley Bull, Olivia Stafford

## Canteen news

PLEASE DO NOT ORDER ICY CUPS/CRUNCHAS /MILO CUPS IN THE KIDS LUNCH ORDERS AS THEY MELT IN THEIR LUNCH BASKETS.THANK YOU.

**THE CANTEEN WILL BE PROVIDING A LATE LUNCH @ 1.00 AND AN EARLY RECESS AT 11.20 FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS DUE TO THE LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM. THE CANTEEN WILL STILL BE OPENED AT 9.00 TO PLACE YOUR LUNCH ORDERS.**

## Canteen Roster

### Week 7

Mon 18/11-Marg Schmetzer

Tues 19/11-Amanda Sidebottom

Wed 20/11-Rache Cody

Thurs 21/11-Steven Thompson

Fri 22/11-Tracy Mannall

### Week 8

Mon 25/11-Marg Schmetzer

Tues 26/11-Kel Edis

Wed 27/11-Nadia Gerhardy

Thurs 28/11-Renee Sharman

Fri 29/11-Steven Thompson



### Week 9

Mon 2/12-Marg Schmetzer

Tues 3/12-Narelle Boal

Wed 4/12-Rachel Cody

Thurs 5/12-Renee Sharman

Fri 6/12-Tammi Ryan

## Uniform shop news

**DUE TO THE CHANGE IN LUNCH TIMES THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL NOT BE OPENED @ THE NORMAL TIMES FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS BUT IF YOU REQUIRE ANYTHING I WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 9-10AM EVERY MORNING! SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.**

- ☐ GIRLS ROYAL BLUE SOCKS HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED, SIZES 2-8 !!! Those girls that have been waiting on their arrival come and see me. (\$5.00 Pair.)
- ☐ The uniform shop will soon be stocking 'Boys Short Sleeved Cotton shirts' with LPS emblem embroidered on the pocket. These shirts are of the highest quality-Midford. They have got a top button for those boys who like to wear a tie and have a reinforced button hole seam for extra strength.

**THESE SHIRTS WILL SELL FOR ONLY \$22.00, WHAT A BARGAIN.**

The smaller sizes (4,6,8) will be arriving any day but due to circumstances out of my control the larger sizes for the primary boys will not be available until early term 1, 2014. My apologies for the hold up.

- ☐ If your son/s school shirt is in good condition and you don't need a new one for a while you are more than welcome to get them embroidered @ Brads for \$7.00 each, it's not essential but it really jazzes up the plain grey shirt.
- ☐ Also you may have noticed a handful of students with the school logo embroidered on their sports shirts, these add a nice touch & look great and are also able to be done at Brads Meanswear for \$7.00. What a difference it makes to the humble polo shirt.
- ☐ These small additions to our uniform are a result of the Uniform Survey sent out to all families earlier in the year. The uniform committee has agreed and overseen the process.

## P&C News

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, 22nd March 2014 – LEETON PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE!!!**

The LPS fete will be to raise funds for a new fort in the playground. There will be fete committee meetings and anyone who is interested in helping in anyway should contact Melissa on 0420 903 069 or

[melissa.anthony@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melissa.anthony@det.nsw.edu.au)



**The next meeting will be held at the Leeton Hotel on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm. Or any other offers for help if you cannot make the meetings are greatly appreciated.**

The **uniform committee** have made their final decisions about uniform next year and have ordered grey cotton shirts with the school emblem. These will be available from the uniform shop for \$22. Alternatively, you could take your existing shirts to Brad's and have the logo printed onto the pocket. You can call Belinda or pop into the uniform shop during December to pick one up for next year. Photos will be taken and included in the newsletter for you to check out the new smart look for boys. Unisex ties will also be available for both boys and girls to wear.

The P&C will again this year be running the drinks van at **Light Up Leeton** on Sunday 1 December. We would love some new volunteers to help selling lollies, drinks and running the photo booth. Please contact Melissa if you can spare half an hour to help out on 0420 903 069.

The next (and final) meeting will be at 99 Spices on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Any parents or carers who have helped out the P&C either in the canteen, school events, uniform shop or in any other capacity are welcome to attend. We would love to see you there.

### Photo Gallery – LPS Walkathon





# KIDS ART WORKS – ITEMS AND PRICE LIST

**Support your School**



-  Perfect Christmas presents for family and friends
-  Treasured keepsakes
-  The calendars and diaries include public holidays and school term dates. Plenty of space for writing appointments.
-  Order as many products as you wish from the same piece of your child's art or photo
-  Your child's original art or photo will be returned

## Have your child's own piece of **Art** or **Photo** made into these great products...





**Mouse Mats \$14-00**  
Comfortable, fabric covered,



**Calendars \$12-00**  
Easy to post (A4 size when closed)  
12 tear-off months and a single laminated, copy of your child's own art or photo

**Diaries \$16-50**  
Strong wire binding, A5 size (148 x 210mm)  
7 days at a glance  
Hard cover



**Cards \$14-00**  
Suitable for all year round. School name and logo on the back. Pack of 8 cards with red



**iPhone Covers \$15-00**  
Knock proof bumper  
Transparent, scratch

## LPS Senior Dance Group - 2013

Ballroom and Latin dancing has become synonymous 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 and style to the School, the wider community of Leeton and to the City of Griffith.

The talented group of 15 students auditioned for Riverina Dance Festival during first term. The dance group was prepared in my absence by Miss Tessa Errey who prepared a lovely Contemporary dance. They had the honour of being selected to perform at this festival which was held in May at the Griffith Regional Theatre. The dance group also performed their Contemporary dance at the Leeton Eisteddfod and won the section. Well done Miss Errey and the dance group. Congratulations! I would also like to thank Miss Errey for her support throughout the year.

LPS Senior Dance Groups next performance was at "Save the Soldiers Club" function. They again performed their Contemporary dance and a new Ballroom dance. It was wonderful that this school's dance group was able to make a contribution to the fundraiser held in an attempt to save an important community venue.

LPS Senior Dance group presented a Floorshow at the Leeton Rotary Belle of Debutantes Ball. It was an entertaining and vibrant Floorshow and this was evident by the crowd's participation and response. The group danced a combination of Ballroom steps performed to "Blue Christmas" concluding with an energetic Cha Cha Cha to the song "April Sun In Cuba".

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. As a result of their performances in the presence of members of the Griffith Festival of Gardens Committee who were in attendance, I was approached by the Griffith City Council Festival of Gardens Committee and asked if they would perform at the Festival Dinner at the Griffith Leagues Club. This was certainly an honour as we are also an out of town school dance group. The Floorshow was outstanding. The children and I were congratulated by the Mayor of Griffith, Cr. John Dalbroi when he came out to speak with us. Also, guest speaker Tino Carnavale from Gardening Australia offered his congratulations and commendation. (Attached photo)

Light up Leeton on December 1 will provide the Senior Dance Group with the opportunity to perform to members of the Leeton community and help them commence their Christmas celebrations. I am sure they will entertain the crowd in the spirit that they are used to and represent LPS in a polished and professional manner.

Our final performance is a tour of the Aged Care facilities in Leeton on December 12.

Our elderly citizens are obviously restricted in what they are able to do so the least we can do for them is to provide some entertainment at this time of the year and put a little bit of fun and happiness into their lives. It is a good experience for our children to learn to be involved in community work on a voluntary basis. Learning to GIVE is so important in a child's development.

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 Ballroom/ Latin dance *team* over the past five years 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. Approximately seventy children have been involved in the Senior Dance Group over the past five years. I feel both privileged and proud to have worked with these groups and presented them at the various functions over the past five years.

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

Mrs Carmel Whelan

Teacher/Senior Dance Coordinator

