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Term 4 – Week 8

Monday, 25 November 2013

Calendar – What's On?

Week 8 Term 4

Monday 25 th November to Friday 29 th November -	Learn to Swim
Tuesday 26 th November to Friday 29 th November -	School Spectacular
Wednesday 27 th November	Kinder transition finishes Year 6 Orientation - LHS
Thursday, 28 th November	Information Evening for Year 6 students @ LHS
Friday, 29 th November	Kids Art Works due

Week 9 Term 4

Sunday, 1 st December	Light up Leeton 7.00pm
Monday, 2 nd December	Environmentors visit
Tuesday, 3 rd December	Environmentors visit
Wednesday, 4 th December	Slave Day Proud & Deadly Awards – Parkview PS @ 6pm
Thursday 5 th December	P&C Fete Meeting 5pm @ Hotel Leeton
Friday, 6 th December	Platinum Award assembly & lunch with the Principal Reports home to parents

Week 10 Term 4

Tuesday 10 th December	Presentation Day MPC 10am
Wednesday 11 th December	Parent teacher interviews 4pm-7pm
Friday 13 th December	Cricket knockout

Week 11 Term 4

Monday, 16 th December	Wigs & Hairdo's Mufti Day & Shave off
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 6 Social
Wednesday 18 th December	Lake Talbot K-6
Thursday 19 th December	Staff Development Day

Friday 20th December

Staff Development Day

Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we have already reached Week 8 of Term 4. This year has flown by with our students and staff involved in a wide variety of events aimed at developing their skills and experience.

Last week students Year 2 -6 were involved in the Intensive Learn to Swim program as well as visits to Healthy Harold. Seeing the children's reactions after their visit to the Life Ed van has been priceless with so many of our students excited to visit Harold in his special van. The messages that they receive during their visits to the van are very important and we are extremely lucky to have access to such a wonderful resource.

This week at LPS

This week is another full paced week with students involved in a variety of activities including Learn To Swim, the School Spectacular, Light up Leeton and various Orientation programs.

Intensive Swimming

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.

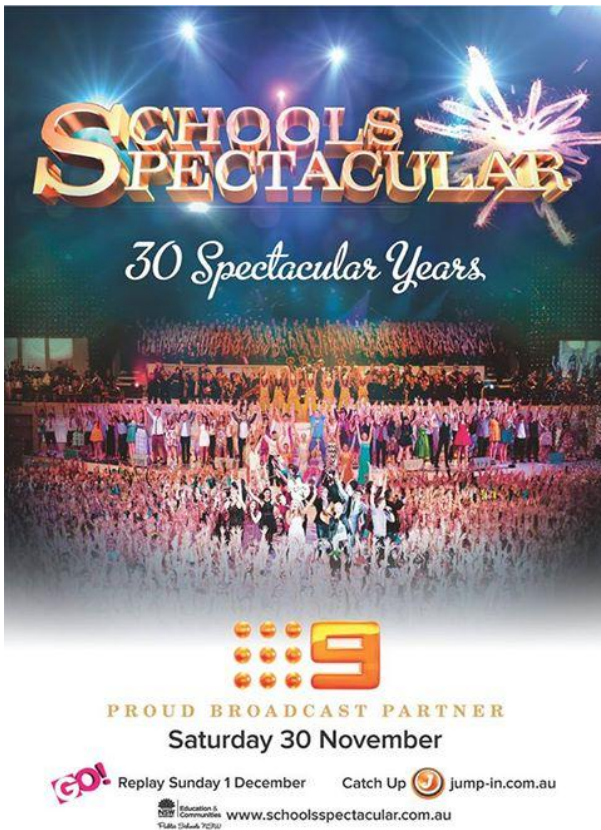
School Spectacular

This week Mrs Ryan and Mrs Robb will be accompanying 16 of our students to Sydney to take part in the 30th School Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre along with approximately 2000 other students from Public Schools across NSW. It is a great honour to be selected to participate in such an outstanding event and we should be proud of the students who are representing our school.

I will be joining the group on Friday and am looking forward to enjoying the show which runs for approximately three hours.

The 2013 Schools Spectacular will be broadcast nationally on Channel Nine on Saturday 30 November from 7pm to 10pm (Please check guides to confirm). The show will be replayed on Go! from 1.30pm on Sunday 1 December and will be available to watch online, for free on jump-in.com.au from early December!





Light Up Leeton

This Sunday our Dance Group will perform at Light Up Leeton. These community events come around very quickly each year but I know this is one event that everyone really enjoys. Having LPS talented children as part of this community event will be a treat for everyone who goes. Unfortunately this year I will be unable to attend as I will be attending the School Spectacular in Sydney with the choir. Members of our terrific executive will be attending in my place.

Year 6 Orientation to LHS / Parent Information Evening

Year 6 students attending Leeton High School next year will have their Orientation Day this Wednesday 27th November. Students will need to be at the LHS MPC by no later than 9:20 am. Whilst a barbecue lunch will be provided it is recommended that students pack recess and light refreshments in case this lunch is insufficient. The canteen will be available for students if they wish to purchase food and drink. As well as stationery for the day, a hat, sunscreen and water bottle - for sport - is also highly recommended. Students with special needs and/or diets will need to ensure they have catered for themselves.

On Thursday 28th November 2013 from 6pm, there will be an information evening held at the Leeton High School Library for the parents and carers of Year 7 2014 students. The focus of the evening will be the procedures for Year 7 students in their initial days at high school as well as general information about the transition into high school. The presentation is expected to last for



approximately 1 hour and will be an opportunity for parents and carers to ask any questions concerning enrolment at Leeton High School.

Kindergarten Orientation

This week is the last Kindergarten Orientation day for the 2013 Orientation program. The program has once again been extremely successful with the 2014 Kindergarten students getting to know our school well over the last ten weeks. A big thank you to all of our Kindergarten Teachers for all of their hard work ensuring our newest students have had a wonderful introduction to LPS.

Kindergarten students will commence school on Thursday the 30th January at 9:30am.

School Uniform Changes

As many of you may be aware this year the P&C formed a committee to look at the Leeton Public School uniform and determine, with parental input, if changes were needed. The final recommendations, once parental input were taken into account resulted in the following:-

- Girls - Winter Pinafore: Back opening changed to side opening.
- Boys - Summer Uniform: Grey Midford short & long sleeved cotton collared shirt with Royal Blue emblem on the pocket to be worn with tie. These shirts will be available through the uniform shop for \$22.00
- Unisex ties: to be worn by boys (all year round) & girls (winter).
- Sports Shirts: Royal blue emblem can be embroidered onto pocket (for red, green and yellow sports shirts) with yellow emblem for blue sports shirts. Embroidery can be done through Brad's.

All changes to uniforms have a 2 year implementation period (as per DET guidelines). Parents who do wish to have their original shirts embroidered with an emblem can do so at Brad's, however Brad's reserves the right not to embroider shirts depending upon the condition of these shirts.

Student Reports

Teachers are currently finalising student end of year Reports. These Reports will be issued on Friday the 6th December.

Parent / Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 11 th June 4pm-7pm

On Wednesday the 11th December we will be holding Parent / Teacher meetings in the School Hall between 4pm - 7pm. This year for the convenience of parents and the administration staff at Leeton Public School we have arranged for bookings for the Parent / Teacher evenings to be made online. Booking online is easy and simple and allows you to see what times are immediately available for the teachers you wish to see. I

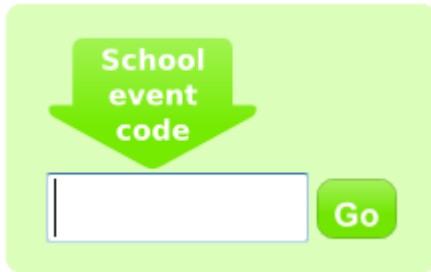


encourage you all to use this method. Bookings for Teacher interview can be made online at -:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

The process of making a booking is easy. Please follow the prompts given.

1. Enter the School Event code on the home page -:
Event code **79RS5**



2. Enter your details
3. Choose the teachers you wish to talk to
4. Choose times which you wish to book.

For those parents who **do not** have access to the internet you can make a booking through the school office.

Bookings will close Tuesday 10th December at 9am.

If you are unable to meet with the teacher on this date please contact the school to make an appointment with the classroom teacher at another time.

Whacky wigs and hilarious hairdo's Mufti Day Monday 16th December.

At the end of today's newsletter is information on our Mufti Day supporting CanAssist. Please support the day by wearing a whacky wig or by coming to school with an hilarious hair do and casual clothes and make a gold coin donation to CanAssist Leeton.

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

THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE!

to the way we are now organising notes and payments at the front office. Previously it was well known for students to bring their note and money in an envelope to the front office to place in the Brown Box HOWEVER this process has now changed to giving it **TO THE TEACHER NOT THE FRONT OFFICE**. This will commence as of today with the Lake Talbot and Roxy notes going home.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.



Merit Award Winners

KF	Mia McBroom, Scarlett Wallace
KO	Jye Teerman, Tyce Thornton
KV	Bridey Price, Olivia Stafford
1B	Victoria Glenn, Rajveer Sahota
1M/W	Trinity Kaleuati, Matthew Wallett
2M	Madeline Sachs, Tom Allen
2MG	Izaak Halls, Brodie Petrie
S2KA	Campbell Fields, Ethan Simpson, Kruse Brady
S2KI	Alexandra Glenn, Demi Leighton, Austin Tiffin
S2M	Lucy Rhodes, Chloe Dowling, Emma Wallett
S2T	Chloe Matthews, Zoe Chilby, Ryan Eade
S3RA	Tahnee Walsh, Reece Taylor, Jenna Preston
S3RY	Brock Martin, Dion DeMamiel, Blayne Thompson
S3S	Jye Doyle, Toby Moore, Nomaan Mohammed
S3W	Nikkita Smith, Boyd Williams, Ae Fiso

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners

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



Back row: Tharani Manoharan, Hayden Morley, Georgina Richards

Front Row: Lilly Hodges



LPS Giving Tree

With Christmas fast approaching, it is a special time of the year to think of family, friends and holidays and others in our community. We have set up a Christmas Tree in the foyer of the LPS front office. It would be lovely if we could get as many new toys or books to give to the St Vincent De Paul to distribute to children in our community this Christmas. **Please do not wrap the gifts** as the St Vincent De Paul will do this. Gifts can be placed under the tree during school hours.



Learn to Swim

This week concludes our Learn to Swim program. Don't forget to remind your child to bring in their swimming gear each day please.

On the last day of lessons children in Years 3 to 6 who have been doing the Learn to Swim, will sit the Water Survival Challenge, to enable them to have free swimming in the 50m pool at Lake Talbot. If your child doesn't pass (particularly the 50m continuous swim) they will still have access to the other pools while at Lake Talbot.

Year 2 will not sit the challenge as the K-2 teachers want to keep all K-2 children in the 'island pool' for close supervision.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin, Swimming Coordinator

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. Last week your child would have brought home an artwork and 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 29th November** (please note corrected date) 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



School Banking Award

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



Back Row: Zaiden Bull, Isabella Lottito, Kody Tatt Front Row: Amritveer Singh, Isaiah Sharwood

EnviroMentors Visit

Monday and Tuesday of Week 9 will see LPS hosting our annual visit from the EnviroMentors. Children in Years 3 to 6 will take part in workshops, this year focusing on compost. This is a no cost activity as it is sponsored by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council.

Children have enjoyed these workshops and found them a fun way to learn about how to care for our environment. We look forward to spending time with the educator.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin Environment Coordinator

Senior Dance Group

The Senior Dance Group will be performing at Light Up Leeton this coming Sunday, December 1, 2013 at Mountford Park at 7.00pm. Dancers will receive further information this week. A rehearsal will be held on Thursday at 11.30am at the park to familiarise the children with the stage layout. Children will walk to the park from LPS and will also take their necessary costumes home on Thursday afternoon.

Their next and final performance will be a tour of the Aged Care facilities on Thursday December 12, 2013. This tour will start at 5.15pm from the LPS hall where they will dress and be transported around the three facilities by bus. Further information will be sent home next week.

Mrs Carmel Whelan

Teacher/Senior Dance Coordinator



Canteen news

THANK YOU TO TRACEY BARTON FOR THE DELICIOUS ORANGES.

⊕THERE ARE NO MORE ROCKETS OR 1 CAL FIZZY DRINKS LEFT & I WILL NOT BE PURCHASING ANY MORE UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

⊕PIZZA FLAVOURED JJ'S ON SPECIAL FOR .50C

⊕FRUIT SUCKERS NOW AVAILABLE FOR .50C

I will be trying to run the stock down in the canteen as the year comes to a close so please keep checking the news letter and I will inform the kids on the canteen blackboard on which foods we have run out of.

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

Canteen roster

Week 8 – 11.20 recess / 1.00 lunch

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-back to 11.20 lunch!

Mon 2/12-Marg Schmetzer

Tues 3/12-Narelle Boal

Wed 4/12-Tracy Mannall

Thurs 5/12-Renee Sharman

Fri 6/12-Tammi Ryan

Week 10

Mon 9/12-Marg Schmetzer

Tues 10/12-Kel Edis

Wed 11/12-Nadia Gerhardy

Thurs 12/12-Renee Sharman

Fri 13/12-Tracy Mannall

Week 11 LAST WEEK!!!

Mon 16/12-Marg Schmetzer

Tues 17/12-Amanda Sidebottom

Wed 18/12- CANTEEN CLOSED-

KIDS @ LAKE TALBOT! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



Uniform shop news

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

⇒ *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.*

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Ages: 7-16

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January 20th, 21st – 2014

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SCHOOL BANKING

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

THIS WEEK IS THE LAST CHANCE TO ENTER THE COMPETITION SCHOOL BANKING IS RUNNING. SEE BELOW FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

WE HAVE RAN OUT OF TORCHES AND HANDBALLS AS REWARDS ARE NOT ABLE TO ORDER ANYMORE. WE HAVE IN STOCK MONEY BOXES, USB'S, HEADPHONES, WALLETS,CALCULATORS AND KNUCKLES. AS THERE ARE ONLY ANOTHER FEW WEEKS LEFT OF BANKING PLEASE ENSURE YOU REDEEM YOUR TOKENS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE PROGRAM IS CHANGING THE WAY TOKENS WILL BE DONE FOR NEXT YEAR. TOKENS **WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE CARRIED OVER**, SO PLEASE IF YOU HAVE QUITE A FEW TOKENS REDEEM THEM FOR A PRIZE THIS TERM.

SILVER TOKENS: ONCE A CHILD HAS 10 TOKENS THEY CAN REDEEM THEM FOR A REWARD. JUST FILL IN THE REWARD AND HAND IN WITH BANKING, IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE REWARD SLIP JUST WRITE US A NOTE AS TO WHAT THE CHILD WANTS.

TERM 4 SEES THE PROGRAM RUNNING ANOTHER COMPETITION. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER YOU JUST NEED TO MAKE 2 DEPOSITS BETWEEN THE 21ST OCTOBER AND 30TH NOVEMBER. WINNERS ARE TO BE ANNOUNCED ON 10TH DECEMBER. **PRIZES ARE 60 x APPLE IPOD TOUCH 16GB AND 100 x ADVENTURE DVD PACKS**

IT IS GREAT TO SEE THAT WE STILL HAVE NEW STUDENTS ENTERING THE BANKING PROGRAM; IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO START.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT DEPOSIT SLIPS ARE FILLED OUT AS IT CAN BE QUITE TIME CONSUMING FOR US IF THEY AREN'T. STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT AT SCHOOL STILL NEED TO PUT THEIR STUDENT ID ON THE SLIP

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE BANKING PROGRAM. IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS A YOUTH SAVER ACCOUNT JUST SEND IN THEIR BANK BOOKS AND WE WILL DO THE REST. FOR CHILDREN WHO DON'T HAVE AN ACCOUNT IT IS AS SIMPLE AS SEEING THE COMMONWEALTH BANK TO OPEN ONE AND THEN SEND IT IN. TO OPEN A NEW ACCOUNT YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO MAKE A DEPOSIT WHEN DOING SO JUST A REMINDER THAT IF YOU HAVE OLDER OR YOUNGER CHILDREN YOU CAN STILL BANK FOR THEM THROUGH THE BANKING PROGRAM, JUST SEND BOOKS IN WITH THEIR SIBLINGS.

ONCE AGAIN IF ANYONE HAS ANY CONCERNS OR ENQUIRIES PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US ON A TUESDAY MORNING BETWEEN 10.30AM AND 11.30AM OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT THE SCHOOL AND WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU.

*REGARDS ALANA DEMAMIEL & KRISTY JACKSON
(BANKING COORDINATORS)*



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...



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

NEW



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



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



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



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

Whacky wigs and hilarious hair do's

Mufti day Monday 16th December 2013

CanAssist Leeton support many Leeton families when they have been diagnosed with Cancer. The Butler family would like to show their appreciation by holding a mufti day and shave off fundraising day for the Leeton branch of CanAssist. Please support the day by wearing a whacky wig or by coming to school with an hilarious hair do and casual clothes and make a gold coin donation to CanAssist Leeton.



CanAssist Shave off

As part of the fundraising day several students have already indicated that they would like to get sponsors to sponsor them to have their hair shaved off in front of the school.

If \$200.00 is raised on the day Mr Sales has agreed to have

his head shaved as well. If your child would like to participate in the shave off,

CanAssist sponsorship forms and permission notes are available from the front office and all money and notes need to be returned by 9:30 am on Monday 16th December 2013 prior to the Shave off at 10:00 am.

