



# Leeton Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 – Week 11

Monday, 16 December 2013

## Calendar – What’s On?

### Week 11 Term 4

Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Wigs & Hairdo’s Mufti Day & Shave off
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

### Week 1 Term 1 - 2014

Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff return to school
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Students Year 1-6 return
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Kindergarten return

## Principal’s Report

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the 2013 school year. Once again the year has flown past at a break neck speed. The year has been an extremely busy but rewarding one for staff and students alike. This year our students have been involved in a range of activities both inside and outside of the school aimed at providing all students with academic, sporting and cultural enrichment as well as giving back to our local community. The Choir and Dance group have shone this year performing at a range of different occasions including Dance Festival, KROP, School Spectacular and in the community of Leeton itself. Students also have had the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting events including the Annual Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals along with a variety of Gala days. Other activities our students have participated in have included visits to Carramar and Assumption Villa along with various performances throughout the year.

In 2014 we will continue to further strengthen student performance through targeted Professional Learning Programs such as L3 , Focus on Reading and Quality teaching. Our teachers will continue to be actively involved in Professional learning teams where they will work on further strengthening their knowledge on the use of the Literacy and Numeracy continuums, Continuity of teacher Judgement and using quality research as a basis for the development of Quality Teaching and Learning programs.

I am sure that the 2014 school year will be a challenging and rewarding one for all who attend this wonderful school.

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR WEEK 10

There were many highlights from week 10 with a variety of activities taking place within the school to tie together 2013. Events included Afternoon Tea for our helpers, visits by students to Carramar, Presentation Day and Year 6 farewell along with the K-2 Disco and Visits by our Dance Group to various Senior Citizen residences around Leeton.

### PRESENTATION DAY

Last Tuesday we held the Annual Leeton Public School Presentation Day assembly. This was a time to celebrate student achievement throughout the 2013 School year. Congratulations to the many students who received awards on the day. Students were recognised in areas of academic achievement, leadership, effort , sport, performing arts as well as many other categories.

A special Congratulations to our 2013 Dux, Jessica Murphy on a wonderful achievement .

A big thank you to Mrs Robb and Mrs Mac who organised the day. A wonderful effort ladies. For photos from the day log on to the **Leeton Public School website**.

### 2014 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Also taking place at the Presentation Day assembly was the announcement of the 2014 School Captains and Vice Captains. Congratulations to Nathan Ryan and Laura Johnstone who are our 2014 Captains and Harrison Rudd and Amelie Sachs who are the 2014 vice Captains.



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*Principal's Report Continued***YEAR 6 FAREWELL**

After Presentation Day where our Year 6 students were formally farewelled the students and parents made their way to the school hall where they enjoyed a morning tea and cut the cake.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 6 students well for the future.

**VOLUNTEER HELPER AFTERNOON TEA**

Last Monday we held an afternoon tea to thank the volunteers who have helped out our school in many ways throughout 2013. Leeton Public School continues to enjoy a high level of support from parents, grandparents and community members.

This support is appreciated throughout the school. Many thanks to all who give their time to help out in any way at LPS.

**WISHING TREE**

On Thursday St Vincent DePaul representatives came to the school to collect the gifts which had been donated over the last two weeks. It was great to see the number of gifts which had been donated to this worthy charity. A big thank you to all who contributed.

**2013 DANCE GROUP**

On Thursday the 2013 Dance group performed at Carramar, Alf Herrmann Lodge and Assumption Villa. The students did a wonderful job on the evening and should be very proud of their efforts and the smiles they put on the faces of the Senior Citizens. A big thank you to Miss Errey who accompanied our students on the evening.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Whelan for all of the work that she has put in over the years to ensure that LPS Dance Group has shone in the community. Well done.

**LNPSSA CRICKET KNOCKOUT**

Last Friday Mrs Tiffin and David travelled to Narrandera with the Boys Cricket Team for the LNPSSA Knockout day. The boys played well winning their first game against Narrandera and their second game against Parkview.

A big thank you to Mrs Tiffin for organising our boys and David for helping out on the day.

***This week at LPS***

Our final week will be a busy one at LPS with a variety of activities planned for our students including the Roxy Movie Day and Lake Talbot on Wednesday. Our Primary students (Years 3-6) will have a Primary Disco on Tuesday evening to celebrate with our Year 6 students. The highlight of the week will be the Year 6 passing out on Wednesday afternoon when they will be able to ring the bell for the last time.

**WACKY HAIR DAY/ CAN ASSIST SHAVE OFF**

This morning at school we had fifteen students shave their heads as a part of a fundraiser for Can Assist. The students involved in the shave off raised well over \$3,000 for this worthy cause. Students raised \$690 for Wacky Hair day.

Mr Sales who had issued a challenge to the students shaved his head also as a part of the event. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to the Butler family who put a lot of effort into organising the event.

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*Principal's Report Continued***SCHOOL / UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPEN TIMES**

During the holidays the school office and uniform shop will be open on two days.

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Office	2pm - 5pm
	Uniform Shop	3pm - 5pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Office	9am - 12noon
	Uniform Shop	10am - 12 noon

**SCHOOL DATES**

**School finishes for students on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.** Thursday and Friday are Staff Development days. On Thursday and Friday staff will be working on the development of a unit of work using the new English syllabus.

We will also be working with surrounding schools completing compulsory training on the DET Code of Conduct.

Students 1-6 will resume school on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** with our Kindergarten students starting their school career on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**.

**FOND FAREWELLS**

This week we say farewell to Ms Barnhill and Ms Kane. We would like to wish both these staff members all the best and thank them for all that they have done over the years for the students at Leeton Public School. We hope to see you once again at LPS in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, an enjoyable Holiday period and if travelling please do so with care.

Jayne Gill

Principal

**Special Award Winners for this Week****Diamond Award Winners**

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



*Back row:* Emily Baulch, Hamish Johnstone, Dylan Gordon  
*Front row:* Tom Cooper, Jack Allen, Taj Lepper

**Merit Award Winners**

KF	Junaid Ahmed, Scarlett Wallace
KO	Callum Jackson, Jacob Buchanan
KV	Jacob McKinnon, Jaxon Johnson
1B	Connor Cregan, Makiya Martin
1M/W	Lilly Hodges, Madison Sharman
2M	Tyson Collins, Trinity Matthews
2MG	Tahlia Barton-Roden, Cody Tatt
S2KA	Oscar Richardson, Seth O'Loughlin, Trinity Patten
S2KI	Nathan Baulch, Milly Garth, William Murphy
S2M	Lailani Watts, Jock Petrie, Braith McCann
S2T	Hayley Sloan, Emily Wright, Ryan Eade
S3RA	Daniel Barton, Michael Wang, Nathan Ryan
S3RY	Isabel Ryan, Mikayla Boots, Johnny Smith
S3S	Tarnya Schmidt, Owais Ahmed, Morgan Lanceford
S3W	Boyd Williams, Sophie O'Connell, Kane Deaton

**School Banking Award**

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



*L-R:* Madison Doyle, Grace Kokke, Leigha Stafford, Lucy Rhodes

## NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded an Achievement Certificate for participating in the challenge. Added congratulations to Mikayla Pearce and Isabel Ryan who received a Gold Award in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge for four consecutive years of participation.



*Front Row:* Brooke Pearce, Emily Pearce, Madeline Sachs, Matilda Ryan, Sophie Mannall

*Back Row:* Flynn Anthony, Mikayla Pearce, Sophie Anthony, Meg Gason, Laura Shelton, Amelie Sachs, Isabel Ryan

*Absent:* Nicholas Mannall

## 2014 Sport House Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their peers to be the 2014 Sport House Leaders.

### Cook

Captains – Jye Doyle & Isabelle Puntoriero

Vice Captains – Kye Davis & Madison Teerman

### Flynn

Captains – Blayne Thompson & Molly Dale

Vice Captains – Dion DeMamiel & Makayla Broadbent

### Parkes

Captains – Jesse Horsfield & Skye Heeb

Vice Captains – Samuel Harrison & Tyrone Watts (Co-Vice Captains) & Grace Korovata

### Sturt

Captains – Reece Grundy & Emma Chambers

Vice Captains – Thomas Parr & Kaila Depaoli

Congratulations and we look forward to your support and enthusiasm with all sporting endeavours this year. Students were presented with their badges today at assembly.

Ms Williams



## Cricket

Last Friday the Leeton Public School cricket team travelled to Narrandera to participate in the first rounds of the Brian Taber Shield. The knockout competition featured teams from Parkview Public School, Narrandera Public School and a Barbarians side which featured LPS players, Dylan Gordon, Kyeffer Leach, Sam Harrison and Thomas Parr. These boys were reserves for our side and gained valuable experience and enjoyment from the day and are thanked for their commitment.

Leeton's first match was against Narrandera Public and having lost the toss were sent in to bat. Team captain Harrison Rudd led from the front, opening the batting and retiring with 25. He was ably supported by his opening partner, Jye Doyle, who scored 21. Nathan Ryan added a late cameo with his 11 taking Leeton towards their total of 112. Narrandera's Jack Williamson bowled tightly and finished with 2-6.

The boys set about defending their total with a strong team effort in the field restricting Narrandera's scoring opportunities. Tye Clancy was unplayable and bowled tightly to garner 1-3 off his three overs. Matthew Ryan produced a dangerous over, claiming a double wicket maiden on his way to 2-7. With everyone given the opportunity to roll the arm over, Reece Grundy, Nathan Baulch and Nathan Ryan took one wicket each and the team confined Narrandera to a score of 63. Leeton contributed the bulk of the total through their extras on a skinny Narrandera wicket which gave them something to think about before their next match.

With Parkview having beaten the Barbarians, the traditional rivals clashed to see who would make it through to the next round. Once again the toss was won by the opposition and the boys had to back up again in the field. Rudd and Doyle opened the bowling with Harrison making the early breakthrough, however this brought the dangerous Jack Quinlivan to the crease. His lusty hitting raced him towards 21 as Parkview looked to push on. After taking some stick in his first over, Tye Clancy responded with a wicket maiden including the removal of the dangerous Quinlivan. Braith Schmetzer (0-2) and Kye Davis (0-5) bowled tightly at the death overs. The pressure forced Parkview to chase runs which lead to an incredible 5 run outs to which Byron Tarlinton should be credited for keeping a cool head and soft gloves behind the stumps.

Leeton were set a target of 79 to progress to the next round of the Brian Taber Shield but the chase did not start well. Tyler O'Connell struck early to have Leeton at 2-4 until Harrison Rudd combined with opener Matthew Ryan for a 51 run partnership. Harrison once again showed his skill and retired on 26 and although Matthew failed to score he performed the anchor role needed to wrestle the momentum back. Parkview brought their opening bowlers back on and Reece Keech struck twice and O'Connell once to finish with 2-8 and 3-8 respectively from their four overs. At a precarious 5-62, Tyrone Watts fought back with some hitting of his own. His 18\* and Nathan Ryan's 2\* guided the boys home with 4 overs to spare. Leeton now progress to the next round of the competition which will be in 2014.

All the players on the day were congratulated on the level of their cricket especially the quality of their fielding. The students from Leeton Public School deserve special recognition for their behaviour on the day and their ability to be organised and responsible for themselves whilst their supervising teacher, Mrs Tiffin, was scoring each game. A special thank you to all



the parents who drove the kids over to Narrandera and helped out in many facets during the day. As a former junior cricketer it was fantastic to see so many parents watching the boys play and the influence of such support is immeasurable.

David Tiffin

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

### **LAST BANKING DAY TOMORROW!**

#### **Canteen news**

#### **CANTEEN CLOSED WEDNESDAY !**

Tomorrow there will be a limited menu available. Your eldest child should have received a note on Friday outlining the Monday & Tuesday menu.

**\*Salad tub meal deal \$4.00 includes a fruit box or milk (not a MIA fresh)**

**Lasagne salad tub**

**Crumbed Fish salad tub**

**Fish Fingers/calamari salad tub**

**Pizzas**

**Hotdogs**

**Sausage rolls**

**Large & Mini pies**

**Fresh and toasted sandwiches.**

**Sorry guys no focaccias!**

I would like to thank all the kids, staff and the P & C committee for making me feel welcome and for all your support throughout my 8 months in the canteen. Thank you.

To my awesome volunteers I couldn't do it without you all. Thank you so much.

If you are available to help me out next year or you want to do a friend that would be fantastic, even once or twice a term is a big help. (My details are in the uniform shop news.)

**WISHING EVERYONE A LOVELY CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.**

#### **Canteen roster**

##### **Week 11**

Mon 16/12 - Marg

Tues 17/12 - Renee

Wednesday - Canteen closed!!!!!!

#### **Uniform Shop**

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPENED THIS

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER FROM 9.AM-1.PM**

THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS ARE:



**MONDAY JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> FROM 3PM-5PM FRIDAY JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10AM-12PM**

IF YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING THERE AT THOSE TIMES PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 69533471 IN CANTEEN, OR MOBILE 0427532401, email [ashnblim@bigpond.com](mailto:ashnblim@bigpond.com) & I WILL ENDEAVOUR TO HELP YOU OUT.

#### **P & C News**

##### **2014 FETE FOR THE FORT**

Plans for the fete are underway and last week students were issued with the tickets for CASH COW. These are \$5 each and we are selling 1000 squares. There will be a cash prize incentive for the student at LPS who sells the highest number of tickets. Please ask your friends and family if they would like to help us raise funds to build a new fort.

Early in the New Year we will be selling wristbands for the rides. These will be \$30 for unlimited rides and we have 4 rides booked. Rides include the cha cha, dodgem cars, cup and saucer and a super slide. Many other activities are also planned for the day.

There are many ideas to make the fete a fun family day but we really need helpers to make this a success. Please call or text Melissa Anthony with any offers of help on 0420 903 069.

Thank you to all parents and families for their support this year. All the very best to Year 6 in their transition to high school.

Melissa Anthony

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**KIDS ARTWORKS HAVE ARRIVED  
WILL BE SENT HOME WITH  
STUDENTS TOMORROW**



## Tidy Towns Garden Awards

On Monday 2 December I attended the Tidy Towns Garden Awards at the Shire Council Chambers. I was delighted to accept, on behalf of our great school, the award for Best School Gardens in the over 200 student category. This award is the result of a strong team effort and I would like to acknowledge the following stakeholders.

- The wonderful students of LPS who toiled, without much complaining, in the gardens during PALS and IALS sessions.
- Mr Brown for his lawn maintenance, pruning and heavy duty work in the gardens.
- Our terrific P and C for continuing to fund the ongoing projects around the school, such as purchasing fruit trees for the vegie patch, camellias for the front garden, seedlings and seeds for the vegie patch, fertiliser, mulch, hoses and watering system requirements. This adds up to a sizeable amount each year. Thank you for your much needed support.
- My son David, who helps with muscle power, water system maintenance, garden tool repairs and any special favours I ask of him.
- Mrs McGrath and her helper Mr McGrath for the creative play areas within the Infants gardens. Many happy hours are enjoyed on the secret pathways, stepping stones and log stools.
- Frazer for bringing added colour to the gardens with the cheerful ornaments and pots of flowers.

All together a great team effort, the results of which did not go unnoticed! Thank you everyone and happy gardening.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin

## Photo Gallery – Shave Off

