



Leeton Public School Newsletter

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Term 4 – Week 9

Monday, 2 December 2013

Calendar – What’s On?

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	Yr 6 Personal Assistants day Proud & Deadly Awards – Parkview PS @ 6pm
Thursday 5 th December	Captains Speeches School Hall 9.30am 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 20 th December	Staff Development Day

Week 1 Term 1 - 2014

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

Principal’s Report

Last week was an extremely busy week at our wonderful school with students involved in a variety of activities both in school and outside. Our Learn to Swim program continued throughout the week while members of our choir performed in Sydney at the 30th School Spectacular and our wonderful Dance Group performed at Light Up Leeton on Sunday evening.

Learn To Swim

Our Learn to swim program concluded last Friday. Students from Year 2-6 were involved in this wonderful program organised by Mrs Tiffin and aided by Ms Moore. The Program aims is to give non swimmers or poor swimmers the skills to swim 50 metres unaided.

We are lucky enough to be supported by the DET in the implementation of this program at our school. I would like to take this opportunity to Thank Mrs Tiffin and Ms Moore for their hard work over the fortnight and the teachers who also supported the students at the pool.

School Spectacular- 30 Years Celebration

Last Friday night I was lucky enough to sit in the audience at the 30th Annual School Spectacular. The School Spectacular features students from across NSW Public Schools with around 3600 students taking part in this years wonderful extravaganza.

As part of this years 30th celebration, past performers from the School Spectacular came back to perform. These performers included the boys from Human Nature and Darren Percival (The Voice). Our choir and the Leeton High School Choir were part of a larger choir which supported key acts throughout the evening including Leeton High School Student Anthony Nardi.

The whole event was a wonderful endorsement of the NSW Public Education system. As a first time visitor I was very impressed with the quality of the performances and the whole atmosphere of the event.

A big thank you to Mrs Ryan for all of her hard work behind the scenes to ensure our students are given such a wonderful opportunity. I would also like to thank Mrs Robb who supported Mrs Ryan whilst away. **All the great School Spectacular photos can be accessed on our LPS website.**



Light Up Leeton

The LPS dance group wound up its 2013 performances performing at *Light Up Leeton* in Mountford Park last night. The dance group should be extremely proud of their efforts this year where they performed at Riverina Dance Festival, KROP and numerous community events. Congratulations all and a big thankyou to Mrs Whelan for the hours of commitment she has given to this group.

Classroom Visit - KO

Last week I visited KO for the afternoon. I had a wonderful time working with these lovely students.



This week at LPS

This week will once again continue to be hectic with a variety of events scheduled including a visit by the Enviromentors, the Proud & Deadly Awards and issuing of School Reports. This week we are also in full preparation mode as our annual Presentation Day fast approaches. A rehearsal will be held on Monday, 9th December and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 10th December for this very special recognition ceremony for LPS.

School Captains Speeches

This week 2014 School Captain candidates will present their speeches at a special assembly on Thursday. Voting will take place directly after the speeches with the 2014 Captains announced at the 2013 Presentation Day Assembly which will take place Tuesday 10th December.

Proud & Deadly Awards

On Wednesday 6th 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.

Student Reports

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



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

On Wednesday 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 that **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.

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

Presentation Day 2012

Presentation day will take place on Tuesday 10th 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 6th December, we will be holding our last Platinum Assembly for 2013 at 9:25am in the school hall. This will be followed by a luncheon for Platinum students 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.

THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE!

to the way we are now organising notes and payments at the front office. All students to give notes and money TO THE TEACHER NOT THE FRONT OFFICE.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

Merit Award Winners

KF	Alaree Tabain, Jye Davison
KO	Max Gerhardy, Caydan Hillier
KV	Thiviya Manoharan, Jaxon Johnson
1B	Adrian Mallamace, Jasmine Green
1M/W	Emily Baulch, Cooper Emery
2M	Shallan Stockton, Tom Allen
2MG	Rachael Dowling, Beniel Dakunibubilui
S2KA	Brielle Johnson-Nolan, Hamish Gilmour, Noah Sands
S2KI	Jack Coelli, Junior Nikoro, Dylan Meekin
S2M	Josh Davis, Braith McCann, Sophie Mannall
S2T	Ike Ryan, Matthew Waddington, Tye Clancy
S3RA	Jack Paterson, Caleb Brown, Taylee Thompson
S3S	Hannah Rhodes-Boulter, Jakeb Steele, Makayla Broadbent
S3W	Jarvis Thurgate, William Meline, Lagi Fiso

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 St Vincent De Paul to distribute to children in our community this Christmas. **Please do not wrap the gifts** as St Vincent De Paul staff will do this. Gifts can be placed under the tree during school hours.



Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners

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



L-R: Kai Gearing, Lachlan Buchanan, Charlotte Rudd, Mikayla Pearce, Kiesha Poulson, Izabella McCormack

School Banking Award

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



L-R: Joshua Narel, Brooke Eglinton, Flynn Edis, Connor Cregan

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



Year 6 "Personal Assistant's Day"

Each year, our Year 6 students fundraise for our school by holding a Slave Day. Our current Year 6 students have decided to break with tradition and are offering themselves as Personal Assistants, rather than as "slaves". The money raised goes towards their gift to the school.

On Wednesday 4th December at 9.30am, the Year 6 students will be made available as "Personal Assistants". This years PA Day will be conducted a little differently. To buy a personal assistant, K-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** to go towards their class pool.

This years PA Day will be run again as a "Lucky Dip". 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, "Personal Assistants" will then be working with their "box" class until the end of lunch

Golden Apple docketts - Urgent Reminder

That time of year again when we need to collect the last of the Golden apple Supermarket docketts. Could you please send them into the office by the end of the week if possible. A huge "Thank You" to all families who have helped out in this way.

Senior Dance Group

The Senior Dance Group will have their final performance which 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

Sport News

Congratulations to all those Year 4 and 5 students who have been selected as part of the 2014 LPS Cricket Team. In order to ensure that there are no clashes with a busy sport schedule in Term 1 next year, the team will be participating in the first round of Knockout Competition on Friday 13th December 2013. Good luck to all team members; Byron Tarlinton, Kye Davis, Reece Grundy, Jye Doyle, Nathan Baulch, Matthew Ryan, Nathan Ryan, Tye Clancy, Braith Schmetzer, Tyrone Watts, Harrison Rudd and Thomas Parr (12th man).

Today Harrison Rudd is participating in the second round of Riverina Cricket trials in Deniliquin. Good luck Harrison.



LEETON HEAD SHAVE: Kristy Jackson

On Sunday 15th December at the Wade Hotel I along with some others will be shaving off our long locks to help raise money for CanAssist Leeton Branch. I am aiming to raise \$5000 personally in order for all of my hair to be shaved. If the goal amount is not reached I will still be getting it cut quite short. PLEASE dig deep, I know there are many people to support in this fundraiser.

If you wish to donate please contact me on 0409 833 218

Or send/drop off donations cash or cheque to

11 Gum St Leeton.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Kristy Jackson

Canteen news

SALAD TUB SPECIAL

FISH FINGERS/CALAMARI, LASAGNE, QUICHE SALAD TUBS ARE NOW ONLY \$4.00 EACH WITH YOUR CHOICE OF FRUIT BOX OR FLAVOURED MILK; UNTIL STOCKS LAST...

@ VOL-AU-VENTS & ROCK-ITS/1 CAL ARE CURRENTLY OUT OF STOCK AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

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

The canteen lunch hours are now back to normal times.

Canteen roster

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

The uniform shop will be opening again at our normal time of 12.30-2.00 Tuesdays.

I will be available on the last day of school (Wednesday 18/12) between 9-1 if needed.

IT WILL BE OPENED IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS JUST PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF SCHOOL.THESE TIMES WILL BE PLACED ON LPS WEBSITE,LPS FACEBOOK PAGE AND IN THE IRRIGATOR.

ANY MAJOR DRAMAS DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ME,BELINDA ON 69533471 BETWEEN 9am-1pm.

FROM THE EDGE

Heartfelt stories of growing up in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. Experiences testing the resolve of people. A powerful examination of the human spirit.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are advised that this film may contain images and voices of deceased persons.

ROXY THEATRE, LEETON

7TH DECEMBER 2013

6.30PM FREE ENTRY AND REFRESHMENTS

LEETON & DISTRICT LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

SCHOOL BANKING

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

AS THE SCHOOL TERM IS NEARING THE END **THE LAST DAY FOR SCHOOL BANKING WILL BE TUESDAY 17TH OF DECEMBER. SCHOOL BANKING WILL RESUME IN 2014 ON THE FIRST TUESDAY BACK WHICH IS WEEK 2**

WE HAVE RUN OUT OF TORCHES AND HANDBALLS AS REWARDS AND ARE NOT ABLE TO ORDER ANYMORE. WE HAVE IN STOCK MONEY BOXES, USB'S, HEADPHONES, WALLETS,CALCULATORS AND KNUCKLES. AS THERE IS 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.

NEXT YEAR THE PROGRAM WILL TRACK HOW MANY TOKENS A STUDENT HAS AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REDEEM PRIZES



WHEN IT NOTIFIES US THEY HAVE REACHED THERE GOAL.

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.

THE COMPETITION THAT SCHOOL BANKING WAS RUNNING IS NOW CLOSED. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER.

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 IN 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 THERE 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 CO-ORDINATORS)

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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.

