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Term 4, Week 1

Monday, 10 October 2016

Calendar – What's On?

Week 1 Term 4, 2016

Tuesday, 11 th October	Environmentors – Infants Hall 9.30am-2.10pm
Wednesday, 12 th October	Environmentors- Infants Hall 9.30m-2.10pm Kindergarten Transition commences School Spec Dance Rehearsal
Thursday, 13 th October	Stage 2 Borambola excursion T20 Blast Cricket No 1 oval
Friday, 14 th October	Stage 2 Borambola excursion

Week 2 Term 4, 2016

Tuesday, 18 th October	Learn, Play, Shine
Wednesday, 19 th October	Kinder Transition
Thursday, 20 th October	Year 2 excursion to Junee
Friday, 21 st October	LNPSSA Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Week 3 Term 4, 2016

Wednesday, 26 th October	Kinder Transition
Friday, 28th October	Walkathon

Week 4 Term 4, 2016

Tuesday, 1 st November	Learn, Play, Shine Book Fair
Wednesday, 2 nd November	Kinder Transition Book Fair
Thursday, 3 rd November	Music Count Us In 12.30 Grandparents Day Book Fair
Friday, 4 th November	Kindergarten Excursion Book Fair

Principals Report

Dear Parents & Carers

It is hard to believe that it is already the beginning of Term 4. This term, as always, is going to be an extremely busy term with many diverse opportunities being presented to all students. If there is any question about this, check the following list!

Stage 2 excursion to Borambola, Kindergarten excursion to Altina Wildlife Park, Life Education Van, Intensive Swimming program, Schools Spectacular, Kindergarten orientation program, Proud & Deadly awards for Indigenous students, excursion to Lake Talbot, movie day, Presentation Day, Year 6 farewell and social. Teachers will also be very busy preparing end of year student assessment and reports. There will be more details on all of these activities to the relevant students as dates get closer.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again encourage all parents to complete the online survey which can be found below. These surveys give us important information which we are able to use when planning for the future at LPS. Currently we only have 21 completed surveys registered which is very disappointing. The survey is easy to complete and can be done on tablets and smartphones. A reminder if you have more than one child attending LPS you are able to complete the survey multiple times to reflect this.

Last Week at LPS

Stage 3 Sports Taster Afternoon

On the last Friday of Term 3 our Stage 3 students took part in a Sports Taster afternoon organised by former student Blair O'Connell.

Students had the opportunity to take part in 4 sports on the day finishing off with a sausage sizzle. All students had a great time on the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Blair for all of his hard work in organising this event. Well done.

This Week at LPS

Kindergarten Transition Program – Wednesday 12th October

The LPS transition program for students starting Kindergarten in 2017 will commence on Wednesday 12th October (Week 1



Term 4). The program will run for 8 weeks (until Wednesday 30th November) from 9:30 am until 11:10am.

If you have completed the EOI transition form and haven't received your letter please contact the office.

If you know of anyone yet to enrol in the program and they have students who will be attending LPS in 2017 please encourage them to come into the school office to obtain an enrolment pack.

Stage 2 Excursion

This Thursday and Friday our Stage 2 students will be travelling to Borambola for their excursion. Students will take part in a wide variety of activities over their stay. I am sure that they will all have a wonderful time away.

TERM 4 Calendar

A Calendar outlining Term 4 events has been attached to this Newsletter. The calendar will also be made available through the School Website/ Facebook site/ School App. Parents are encouraged to ensure that they regularly look at the website as events are added to the Calendar throughout the Term.

Coming Up at LPS

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 25th 7:30pm (Date Change)

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th October commencing at 7:30pm in the Primary Staffroom. Please note the date change for this meeting.

All interested Parents and community members are invited to attend this meeting.

School App

A reminder that the Leeton Public School App is available through the Apple and Google play Market. The application sits on your phone and gives you instant access to information when you click on it, 24/7. The app gives you the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, send in absentee notes and most importantly receive important pop up notifications from us. Download it to your smartphone by going to either the **Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for our name**. Once you have found it press install or download.



As always I encourage open channels of communication between the home and school. Parents are encouraged to contact the school office to make an appointment to discuss any matters regarding their child's education with the relevant teacher or Assistant Principal (Students K – 2 Mrs Rowe Years 3/4 Mrs Thomason & Mrs Pearce, 5/6 Mrs Ramponi).

Jayne Gill
Principal

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

At LPS we value parent feedback. At this stage we have only had 21 surveys completed out of a possible 500 plus.

I encourage you to complete the online survey by clicking on the link below. No username or login details should be required.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/b7msh>

If the survey opens to a login page, please **copy and paste the link into your internet browser**. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey.

If you are experiencing any problems with this process, please contact the school.

Attendance and Absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 have a responsibility to make sure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances eg. attending a funeral

Parents are required to provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Parents can contact the school by telephone, written note, text message or email. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on your child's record.

Currently with the high level of sickness in the area I would like to encourage parents who have students sick at home to get a

medical certificate from the Dr to cover the days students have been absent.

Selective High Schools Year 7 2018 Placement

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for students. Selective High schools include Yanco Agriculture High, Hurlstone Agriculture High School, Sydney Boys High School, Sydney Girls High School and Aurora.

Offers for selective high school placement will be determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on 9th March 2016.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2017, you need to do so soon.

Most applicants are expected to apply and submit applications online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer to do this.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 11 October 2016 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Online applications close on Monday 14 November 2016.

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners

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



Front L-R: Mackenzie Kinniburgh, Julian Mallamace, Tahlia-Shae Davis, Edi Ryan

Back L-R: Lucas Narel, Max Egan, Lily Thomason, Madison Sharman

Merit Award Winners

KB	Amellia Dunbar, Freya Turner
KF	Aspen Martin, Dion Bennett
KV	Pereka Herewini, Sage Deaton
1M	Avaril Deaton, Izac Andjal, Max Egan
1S	Willis Beaumont, Luke Bechaz
2M	Riley Melvin, Zoe Smith
2R	Madeleine Glenn, Issac McWhinnie
S2B	Luca Deaton, Grace Hill, Emily Baulch
S2C	Libby Olrick, Mia McBroom, Chelsea Clark
S2S	Benny Barnes, Sari Leighton, Jack Skewes
S2T	Jack Morgan-Smith, Neive Davies, Jasmine Green
S3E	Cohen Matthews, Rosite Smith, Shallan Stockton
S3L	Kokiri Moeke, Jarrah Brain, Jayden Broadbent
S3RA	Kurt Young, Hamish Johnstone, Junior Nikoro
S3RY	Meghan Davidson-Curtain, Oscar Richardson, Caden Teerman

Mosquitoes

It is that time of year and the mosquitoes are very active already, especially with all the water around at the moment.

We will be applying stingose gel to students who have been bitten at school.

Please let the office know if any student is allergic to this product.

Walkathon

On Friday 28th October 2016, Leeton Public School will be holding a walkathon. The money raised from our walkathon will go towards purchasing literacy resources for Year K-6. Your child will be given a sponsorship car throughout the week. We thank you for your support.

Fivebough – Community Tree Planting Day

On Tuesday 20th September, I had the pleasure of taking our SRC members to a community tree planting day at Fivebough Swamp. It turned out to be so much more than just tree planting. Many members of the local Wiradjuri council were on hand to make it a learning experience about the importance of country to our local Aboriginal people. William Ingram welcomed us, Parkview Public School cultural dance group performed and the children took part in a traditional smoking ceremony performed by Jimmy Ingram. We learned about the importance of the wetlands to many endangered bird species

from Mayor Paul Maytom and David Parker from Saving Our Species.

We set to planting acacia trees, melaleuca trees and saltbush. The students paired up to dig holes, plant the trees and place a cardboard tube around the baby tree. Our lands council helper commented on their organisation and team work. Very impressive effort by the SRC members.

The treat of the day was to follow. After washing up, we all had the chance to eat from bush tucker. Not just ordinary tucker, but indigenous ingredients used to create delicious treats. Emu spring rolls, kangaroo and beef rissoles, yellow belly, kangaroo mince pasta, wattle seed flour pancakes, wattle seed ice-cream and wattle seed cheesecake. A couple of brave souls even had a try of witchetty grub pizza! What a feast! A huge thanks to the Wiradjuri men for cooking and interacting so joyfully with us all.

We all had the best time! Thank you to Ms Baker for accompanying us on this excursion. Photos attached were taken by Ms Baker.

Finally, a big thank you to all the government departments responsible for planning such a meaningful and memorable day and to Kelly Tyson for her overall organisation.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin



L-R Isabella Franz and Laura McIntosh

CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS

Welcome Back everyone, wow its already term 4!!!

☺ The Crunchy Cabin was recently fortunate to be the recipient of a financial grant which we applied for through the SunRice Festival Committee. With this money The Crunchy Cabin has purchased an instant boiling water "Zippo" which was installed late last term. This has been a welcome addition helping us considerably with the numerous noodle cups, hot milos etc. I would sincerely like to thank the committee & of course the SunRice Ambassadors for all their hard work in raising the money.

☺ Term 4 will see the discontinuation of hot milos (these are only for the winter months term 2 & 3)

☺ Late last term I introduced **Sour Zooper Doopers** which will replace the Sour Stix. These are only .50c

CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTER

Week 1

Monday 10th October - Margie

Tuesday 11th - Cara Chitts

Wednesday 12th - Sue Mundy

Thursday 13th - Karen Kalon

Friday 14th - Tammi Ryan

Week 2

Monday 17th - Margie

Tuesday 18th - Liz Tynan

Wednesday 19th - Jo McLennan

Thursday 20th - Helen Birbara

Friday 21st - Sally Doig

Week 3

Monday 24th - Margie

Tuesday 25th - Cara Chitts

Wednesday 26th - Sue Mundy

Thursday 27th - Karen Kalon

Friday 28th - Kathryn Bechaz

UNIFORM SHOP

TUESDAYS 1.00 - 5.00pm

(or by appointment 0427532401)

CASH ONLY, STRICTLY NO CREDIT

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

☺ **THE TIES HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED FOR THOSE AWAITING ONE.THESE ARE \$24.**

☺ **A TRUCKLOAD OF GIRLS SOCKS HAVE ARRIVED @ \$5.00 PAIR.**

***Please don't hesitate to write down your uniform order/child's name/class with money and place in an envelope & I will deliver it to your child.**

'Plan with my Family' Workshops

Northcott
supporting choice & opportunity

Do you have a child with a disability and need more support with their behaviour? Northcott is offering free workshops for families to increase your skills in supporting your child.



What?
A workshop which focuses on identifying things which could contribute to behaviour, understanding the 'why' of behaviours, and tools to plan strategies to respond to behaviours.

Who?
For any family who are supporting a child with a disability and have concerns about their behaviour.

When?
Wednesday 26th October, 2016

Time?
9.30am to 2.30pm

Where?
Wagga RSL Club, NSW
Cnr Dobbs St & Kincaid St.

Costs?
None! It's free. But be quick as availability is limited to 30 places and Registration is essential.

To apply for a place contact:
Jasmine Woodland 02 69211996 or jasmine.woodland@northcott.com.au

Child Care?
Northcott regrets we are unable to provide child care for these sessions.

Get active this summer and get involved in Leeton Touch!

Our junior competition will commence Monday 17 October and will run for nine weeks, finishing up just to Christmas.

Primary school aged juniors register and pay as an individual player and will be placed into a team by the committee.

Games are played Mondays at 5pm & 5.30pm

Registration fee is \$30 per child

To register, visit www.leeton.mytouchfooty.com and follow the steps to register as a junior.

See you on the field!

Find us on Facebook: @leentouchfooty

Come Try Guides!

Leeton Girl Guides is looking for new girls to join our Junior Guide Unit. If you are between the ages of 6 and 9 and would like to come along to see what we get up to, we meet on a Tuesday during the school term from 5-7pm. Where we meet is at the Guide Hall in Athel Crescent, which comes off Coolibah and Kooba Streets.



What do we get up to, I hear you ask? We do lots of things every night we meet! Sometimes we'll do cooking, games and craft in one night. Other times we go to the park and play games and learn new skills, or go hiking. Occasionally, the Guides (10 yrs and older) join us for a campfire night and we'll all join together around the campfire and sing songs. Then other times we will learn about how big Guiding is, and how far it has spread.



So if all this sounds like awesome fun, get Mum or Dad to check out the Leeton Guides Facebook page, or text or call Trout (Shelley Campbell) on 0420 672 317, or Sunflower (Naomi McDougall) on 0475874120.

And if you are an adult interested in getting involved, we welcome any and all enquiries! We need more unit helpers, please.



Trout 🐟 and Sunflower 🌻

5-7 years

net

Learn netball related fundamental motor skills with fun music, dance and games.

8-10 years

set

Be a part of modified netball games with a focus on fun and teamwork.

go

Visit netsetgo.asn.au to find out more.

Centres: Leeton Whitten Oval FNO

Phone: 0427155405

Email: coaches@leetonfc.com.au

Location: Leeton (Brewgrounds) Court

When: Fridays 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Cost: \$70 new, \$50 returning

Reg. Date: Online or Friday 14 Oct 2016



Sentral Dashboard		Term 4, 2016				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Oct 10 School resumes all students	Oct 11 VOR Students: Environmentors Workshops	Oct 12 VOR Students: Kindergarten Transition VOR Students: Environmentors Workshops	Oct 13 VOR Students: Stage 2 Excursion - Borambola VOR Students: 03am - 12am Girl Guides talk Sporting Events: T20 Blast Cricket	Oct 14 VOR Students: Stage 2 Excursion - Borambola	Oct 15
2	Oct 17	Oct 18 Parent & Community: Learn Play Shine	Oct 19 VOR Students: Kindergarten Transition	Oct 20 VOR Students: Year 2 Excursion - June	Oct 21 Sporting Events: LNPSSA Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day	Oct 22
3	Oct 24 SDD 3:30 - 6:30	Oct 25 P&C Meeting 7:30pm - 12am	Oct 26 VOR Students: Kindergarten Transition	Oct 27	Oct 28 VOR Students: Walkathon	Oct 29
4	Oct 31	Nov 1 Parent & Community: Learn Play Shine Bookfair	Nov 2 VOR Students: Kindergarten Transition Bookfair	Nov 3 Bookfair Parent & Community: Grandparents Day VOR Students: Music Count Us in 12:30pm	Nov 4 Bookfair VOR Students: Kindergarten Excursion - Altina	Nov 5
5	Nov 7 Life Ed Van	Nov 8 Life Ed Van	Nov 9 VOR Students: Kindergarten Transition Life Ed Van	Nov 10 Life Ed Van	Nov 11 Life Ed Van	Nov 12
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Term 4, 2016

Sentral Dashboard

6	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20
		Parent & Community: Learn Play Shine	VOR Students: Kindergarten Transition		Sporting Events: Water Survival Challenge		
7	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27
	Sporting: 09am - 12:30pm Events: Learn to Swim	VOR Students: School Spectacular	VOR Students: Kindergarten Transition	VOR Students: School Spectacular	VOR Students: School Spectacular	VOR Students: School Spectacular	VOR Students: School Spectacular
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8	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4
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9	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11
	VOR: 09am - 12:15pm Students: Presentation Day Rehearsal	VOR Students: 10am - 1pm Presentation day		VOR: 09:45am - 12am Students: End Of Year Scripture			
10	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18
			VOR Students: K-2 Christmas Disco	VOR Students: Yr 6 Farewell Disco	VOR Students: Last Day Term 4 - Lake Talbot		
11	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25