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Term 1, Week 2

Monday, 1 February 2016

Calendar – What's On?

Week 2 Term 1 2016

Monday, 1 st February	Kindergarten commences @ 10am Infants Cola
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Week 3 Term 1 2016

Tuesday, 9 th February	LPS P&C AGM meeting Learn, Play, Shine 9.45am
Wednesday, 10 th February	Meet the Teacher
Friday, 12 th February	LPS Swimming carnival

Week 4 Term 1 2016

Monday, 15 th February	LNPSSA Boys & Girls Basketball Knockout & trials, Narrandera Stadium
Tuesday, 16 th February	Scripture commences
Thursday, 18 th February	Riverina Boys Cricket Pre-selection trials at Griffith 1.15-3.15pm
Friday, 19 th February	LNPSSA Swimming Carnival – Leeton Memorial Pool

Week 5 Term 1 2016

Tuesday, 23 rd February	Learn, Play, Shine 9.45am
Friday, 26 th February	GWS visit 11.45am

Week 6 Term 1 2016

Thursday, 3 rd March	K-6 Open day
Friday, 4 th March	LNPSSA AFL trials - Leeton Showground

Principals Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Welcome!

I would like to welcome everyone back for the 2016 school year. I would like to especially welcome the new families and the 15 new students who started at LPS in Years 1-6. This welcome includes our brand new Kindergarten students who are commencing today Monday 1st February.

2016 will once again be a busy year for all at Leeton Public School with a variety of activities planned for staff and

students. As I mentioned at Presentation Day, staff will continue to take part in regular Professional Development activities as a part of Professional Learning Teams. These teams will be focusing on current Pedagogy and best practice aimed at ensuring all students at Leeton Public School are provided with a high quality education. We will also be focusing on continuing to implement the How2Learn Program throughout the whole school.

Students will once again have the opportunity to be involved in many varied activities including Sport, Debating, Chess, Public Speaking, Choir, Dance and various other activities.

2016 Festival of Choral Music

Congratulations to Mrs Suzanne Ryan and our choir who have once again made it into the Festival of Choral Music. This is the third time that our students have been selected for this event and shows just how talented our school choir is.

The students will join other students from Public School choirs around NSW to sing at the Sydney Opera House on September 1st, 2016.

Cricket – LNPSSA T20 Cricket Results

On Friday Mrs Tiffin and the cricket team competed in the LNPSSA cricket competition. LPS won their first game against Small Schools but unfortunately went down in their second game against Parkview. Congratulations to Kalem Thompson and Blake McDonald who have been selected to attend the Riverina Pre-Selection trials in Griffith and Charlie Lamont who has been selected to attend the Girls Riverina Selection trials in Albury in September.

Mrs Tiffin has a full round up of these games further on in the Newsletter.

Canteen Mural

As you may have seen, our Canteen has undergone a transformation during the holidays with a colourful mural adorning the side wall. This mural was created and executed by the very talented Mackenzie Saddler. The mural brightens up our school grounds and looks fabulous.





LPS Canteen

2016 Staffing / Class structures

We are currently finalising classes for the 2016 school year and whilst we are confident that we may have numbers to form a 15th class we cannot confirm this until after the school has submitted student numbers to the Department as any new enrollers / leavers over the upcoming fortnight could have an impact on the number of classes in operation.

The number of classes in NSW DEC (Department of Education and Communities) schools are determined by a range of factors including student numbers. These numbers determine classes and class sizes.

We will start the school year with 14 classes and they are as follows:

Year Group	Class Name	Teacher
Kindergarten	KF	Mrs Gena Frazer
Kindergarten	KV	Mrs Jane Vallance
Kindergarten	KB	Mrs Karla Brady
Year One	1S	Mr Kris Sales
Year One	1M	Ms Megan Moore
Year Two	2R	Mrs Julie Rowe Mrs Aliesha MacDonald
Year Two	2Mc	Miss Emma McLennan
Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)	S2T	Mrs Jenny Tiffin
Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)	S2C	Mr Shane Creece
Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)	S2S	Mrs Kate Spina

Stage 2 / 3 (Year 4 & 5)	S2/3B	Miss Lara Belford
Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6)	S3E	Miss Tessa Errey
Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6)	S3RA	Mrs Cathie Ramponi
Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6)	S3RY	Mrs Suzanne Ryan
Library skills / Technology	K-6	Mrs Joanne Pearce
Library skills / Technology	K-6	Mrs Rachel Thomason (Mon – Wed)
Learning Support Teacher	K-6	Ms Melanie Williams
STLA / Reading Recovery	K-6	Ms Melanie Williams
Professional Learning Learn, Play, Shine Coordinator	K-6	Mrs Catherine Tabain
Professional Learning	K-6	Mrs Carmel Whelan

We welcome back Mrs Vallance, Mr Creece, Mrs Rowe, Mrs Brady, Miss McLennan and Mrs Spina. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Miss Errey to our staff. The staff mentioned are all temporary members of staff but I am delighted that I can once again find employment for all of them as part of our LPS team.

Executive staff (Assistant Principals - AP)

LPS currently has a staffing allocation for three AP's. They all have a crucial role in the school in regards to supporting the Principal and supporting and supervising staff, as well as a plethora of other organisational, logistical, curriculum, welfare and teaching and learning responsibilities. Our AP's are: Cathie Ramponi, Catherine Tabain and Rachel Thomason.

Meet The Teacher Night

Our annual "Meet The Teacher" night will be held on Wednesday the 10th February. Meeting times for the night are as follows -:

ES1 - 6pm-6:20pm (Kindergarten)

S1 - 6.20pm-6.40pm (Year 1 & 2)

S2 - 6.40pm-7pm (Year 3 & 4)

S3 - 7pm-7.20pm (Year 5 & 6)

Meetings will take place in individual classrooms.

I hope to see many of you on the evening.

General Reminders

- Playground supervision commences at 8.50am. If it is necessary for your child to be at school before this time, students are to sit under the Infant's COLA or on benches next to Primary classrooms. Students should not be arriving at school before 8.30am
- Play equipment and sports equipment are not to be used before the teacher on duty commences.
- If students are late to school they need to go to the office to get a late note.
- Classes finish in the afternoon at 3.25pm. Students who need to be picked up earlier for an appointment must be signed out at the front office by a parent.
- If you would like to meet with your child's teacher please make an appointment to do so at a mutually convenient time to ensure your issue is given the attention it deserves. Contact the office to do this.
- There are always plenty of notes and information at the beginning of the year. If you do happen to miss or misplace a note, copies of permission notes for school events and activities can be found in the front office.

Holiday Helpers

I would like to take the time to thank Mrs Tiffin who took many trips to and from school to water the lawns and gardens over the school holidays as well as Mrs Ramponi who helped her out. I believe that the appearance of a school is very important and thanks to Mrs Tiffin our school grounds look wonderful even though we have had extremely hot weather over the break.

Summer Precautions

As is to be expected, we are experiencing some warm weather at the moment. It is important that we are all taking appropriate care of ourselves to deal effectively with this. Please ensure that your child/ren has a hat each day and brings plenty of **water** to drink. I have told teachers that I am happy for students to have drink bottles of **water** on their desks in class.

2016 School times

8:50am	Supervision commences
9:20am – 11:20am	Morning Session
(*Crunch and Sip for 10 min midway through session)	
11:20am - 12:10pm	Lunch
12:10pm – 2:10pm	Middle Session
2:10pm – 2:30pm	Afternoon Recess
2:30pm – 3:25pm	Afternoon Session

Newsletter

The LPS newsletter will be sent home with the eldest child in the family every **MONDAY**. Parents are also reminded that **Newsletters are available each week on the Leeton Public School website.** If you wish to submit something for the newsletter, it must reach the office by NO LATER than 3.30pm on the preceding Friday. As the collation of the newsletter is a

massive task, I have directed the office staff not to accept submissions after this time.

P&C AGM –Tuesday 9th February – 7:30pm

An early reminder to all interested Parents and Community members that the P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 9th February.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a General Meeting.

Community Health – Leeton View Club

A huge thank you to the Leeton View Club for their kind donation of school packages for the LPS students.

Issues / questions / enquiries

From time to time issues arise at school. This is perfectly normal for any school setting. If you have any questions, issues, enquiries please ring to make a **mutually convenient appointment time** with your child's teacher, the appropriate Assistant Principal or myself.

In closing I would like to once again welcome everyone to the 2016 school year at LPS. I am positive it will be another superb year of achievement for the students and staff in all areas of school life.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week!

Regards

Jayne Gill

Principal

Nut free school

At our school we have a number of children who are at risk of anaphylaxis if they come into contact with nuts. Please support us to keep these children safe by ensuring that you only send nut free food to school each day. If you would like to discuss this with me or would like more information about this extremely serious allergy, please don't hesitate to contact me. If your child has any allergies which we are unaware of or you need to update your child's Health Care plan, please contact the school immediately.



LPS Garden Update

Despite the heat waves over the holidays, most of our grounds have thrived. Lots of watering has been required to achieve this.

I was stopped by a visitor to our grounds during the last week of the holidays, reminiscing about attending LPS over fifty years ago. The biggest change he noticed was the gardens and lawn expanses. The playgrounds were just dust in those days.

I purchased six new red hens for our chook yard during the last week of term 4. These were paid for by Year 6 from 2014 from gardening funds they slaved for. These new girls will ensure a continual supply of eggs as our older white girls reduce their laying.

Over the summer months weeds grew and grew to overtake much of the veggie garden. Imagine my surprise to return from a week away in early January to find all the weeds slashed and the veggie garden area in control. I believe a big thank you needs to go out to Jamie DePaoli (parent of two ex-students of LPS), for being our angel of mercy. Many thanks Jamie.

Happy gardening (especially after the fabulous rain!)

Mrs Jenny Tiffin LPS Gardening Coordinator

Brian Taber Shield Cricket Report

Last Friday our 2016 Cricket Squad took part in Rounds 1 & 2 of the Brian Taber Shield State Wide Knockout competition.

We played Round 1 against a team from the local Small Schools. LPS were comfortable winners. Some stand out performances came from Charlie Lamont with two overs for zero runs and one wicket, Blake McDonald with two wickets and a near hat trick and Blake McDonald with an unbeaten 17 in the run chase. Small Schools batted first and were all out for 32. LPS chased this down with 6 wickets to spare.

In the second round LPS played Parkview PS, fresh from their victory over Narrandera PS. PPS batted first and scored 80 runs. In the chase LPS scored 55 when we ran out of batters. Congratulations PPS. We wish you all the best for Round 3 of the knockout. Some notable performances from our team were solid catches in the field to take the three PPS wickets, especially Tom Allen for a well judged difficult take and Kalem Thompson for a great 23 runs in the chase.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Tiffin for giving up many lunch hours in Term 4 of last year to train the squad, Scott McDonald and Steve for umpiring on Friday and the team of LPS players for their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and responsible attitude.

We will continue the good fight and strive towards an improved performance next year. Team selection will take place in Term 4 later this year!

Mrs Jenny Tiffin LPS Cricket Team Coordinator

Swimming Carnival 2016!!!

The LPS 2016 Swimming Carnival will take place on **Friday 12th February (week 3, 2016)**. Due to the early nature of the carnival nominations and election of house leaders took place Term 4 last year for students in year 3-6 (2016). Students in Year 2 who are turning 8 and were interested in swimming in the carnival had a note sent home last Friday which is to be returned as soon as possible.

Students still have the opportunity to make minor changes later this week.

It is important that parents discuss the events with their child and know their swimming capabilities. If your child is unsure if they can **confidently swim 50m**, please take the opportunity to find out before the carnival. Whilst we will be encouraging students to "have a go", the carnival is not the place to swim 50m for the first time. Students who do not enter any events will have the opportunity to participate in a range of novelty events.

Events are as follows:

50m Freestyle (Age Races)

100m Freestyle

50m Butterfly

50m Breaststroke

Relay

50m Backstroke

4 x 50 Individual Medley

The carnival will begin at 9:45am and conclude be 3pm. All students will walk down to the carnival at 9:20am and return to school at the conclusion of the carnival and will be dismissed as usual at 3:25pm.

More information regarding the swimming carnival will be sent home this week.

Jo Pearce

Carnival co-ordinator

Aussie-of-the-month

A big congratulations to **Phoebe Naylor** who is the Aussie-of-the-month. Congratulations to L-R: Jack Clark, Darren Smith and Marley Rook who were nominated.



THE CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS!

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE & WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS & PARENTS TO LPS!!

WOW!! What a great Crunchy Cabin mural painted by an ex Leeton Public student & now a Leeton High school student, Mackenzie Saddler. I would personally like to thank Mackenzie for taking time to not only design but to paint the Crunchy Cabin, he was very professional & efficient.

***PLEASE NOTE THE CRUNCHY CABIN WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH FOR THE LPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL.**

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PLEASE CHANGE YOUR CHILDS CLASS NAME ON ouronlinecanteen.com.au

THE CRUNCHY CABIN MENU

Myself & the canteen committee have decided to keep the 2015 menu for 2016. A menu will be sent home with the Kindergarten children. Any other students requiring a menu come & see me.

There is only one very small change:

☺ ZOOPER DOOPERS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO .50c

(basically to make it easier for the little kids)

VOLUNTEERING IN THE CANTEEN

"Many hands make light work"

So as most of you are aware the canteen survives by the wonderful team of volunteers. These ladies do a great job but I feel I am relying on the same ladies all the time. If you could spare a few hours a term (even just 1 day) it would really be a massive help (from 9am-12.30pm).

Contact me, Belinda on 0427 532 401.

THE CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTER

Week 2

Monday 1st - Helen Birbara

Tuesday 2nd - Liz Tynan

Wednesday 3rd - Nadia Gerhardy

Thursday 4th - Karen Kalon

Friday 5th - Tammi Ryan

Week 3Monday 8th-MargieTuesday 9th-Jo McLennanWednesday 10th-Jenny RyanThursday 11th-Rosa DaddonaFriday 12th- SWIMMING CARNIVAL CANTEEN CLOSED.Week 4Monday 15th -MargieTuesday 16th - Liz TynanWednesday 17th - Nadia GerhardyThursday 18th - Karen KalonFriday 19th - Tracey MannallWeek 5Monday 22nd-MargieTuesday 23rd-Sue MundyWednesday 24th -Jenny RyanThursday 25th-Amanda SidebottomFriday 26th - Natasha Deaton**UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop will be opened from
**1.00pm-5.00pm BY APPOINTMENT OR
 ONLINE. (NOT in canteen time as I
 am usually very busy.)**

**DON'T FORGET YOU CAN PLACE A
 UNIFORM ORDER THROUGH
 OURONLINECANTEEN.COM AND
 I WILL DELIVER IT TO YOUR CHILD.**

CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY

**DON'T FORGET UNIFORM SHOP IS NOW ONLINE. GO TO
 "OURONLINECANTEEN" & CLICK ON UNIFORMS!**

For your convenience! or by appointment with Belinda on
0427 532 401

☺ Due to the suppliers price increase,
 I have no choice but to increase the
 price of our hats to \$15 effective
 Term 2.

I am currently out of size 57" hats &
 unfortunately there is a hold up due
 to Chinese New Year. There are
 plenty of 55" & 59" sizes.

I am still waiting on the ties. I will
 place a notice in the newsletter when
 they arrive.

The delivery of socks have arrived for
 those who were waiting for
 sizes 13-3, 2-8 & 9-12 @ \$5.00 a pair.

Music Lessons

Private lessons available with a
 qualified teacher and musician.

Instruction on:

- Music theory
- Flute
- Guitar
- Saxophone
- Clarinet
- Singing



Please call Anita on 0418 433456
 Visit: www.mooremusicleeton.com

Leeton Public School Parent Calendar- Term 1 2016

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Term One 2016	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	25 Jan Holidays	26 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday	27 Jan SDD Eastern Division Sue Larkey 9am start	28 Jan Students return Grades 1-6 9:25am	29 Jan LNPSSA T20 Cricket K/O & Trial LHS Ovals	30 31 Jan
2	1 Feb Kindergarten Commence 10am Infants Cola	2 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 7 Feb
3	8 Feb	9 Feb P&C AGM Meeting Learn, Play, Shine	10 Feb Meet The teacher Evening ES1 6-6:20 Kindergarten S1 6:20-6:40 (Year 1 & 2) S2 6:40-7pm (Year 3&4) S2/3 6:40-7pm (Year 4&5) S3 7pm-7:20 (Year 5 & 6)	11 Feb	12 Feb LPS Swimming Carnival	13/14 Feb
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5	22 Feb	23 Feb Learn, Play, Shine	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27/28 Feb
6	29 Feb	1 March	2 March	3 March K-6 Open Day	4 March LNPSSA AFL Trials Leeton Showground	5 6 Mar
7	7 March Riverina PSSA Swimming	8 March P&C Meeting Learn, Play, Shine	9 March	10 March	11 March LNPSSA Boys & Girls Soccer K/O Gala day and Trial Boys : No 2 oval Girls PPS	12 13 Mar
8	14 March School Review Student welfare Policy	15 March	16 March	17 March Riverina PSSA Western Riverina Trials	18 March LNPSSA Rugby 7's Boys & Girls Years 5&6 Years 3&4	19 20 Mar
9	21 March	22 March Learn, Play, Shine	23 March	24 March Easter Hat Parade Riverina PSSA Boys Football Trials	25 March Good Friday	26 27 Mar
10	28 March Easter Monday	29 March LNPSSA Rugby League Trials PPS	30 March Parent/ Student / Teacher Interviews	31 March	1 April	2 3 Apr
11	4 April LNPSSA Rugby League K/O & gala Day Oval 1 LNPSSA Netball K/O & Gala Day – Leeton Stadium.	5 April Parent/ Student/ Teacher Interviews Learn, Play, Shine	6 April	7 April	8 April Anzac Day Service LNPSSA Boys & Girls Touch K/O, Gala Day Trial LHS Oval	9 10 Apr
Hols	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April	15 April	16 17 Apr
Hols	18 April	19 April	20 April	21 April	22 April	23 24 April

Eastern Division: 51 DAYS FOR TEACHERS 50 DAYS FOR STUDENTS / Western Division: 46 DAYS FOR TEACHERS 45 DAYS FOR STUDENTS