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Term 1, Week 3

Monday, 8 February 2016

Calendar – What's On?

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 LPS Canteen - CLOSED

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

Wow! What a busy week at LPS last week with a variety of activities taking place throughout the school. Also taking place were auditions for our Stage 2 Dance group and School choir. In Infants our Kindergarten students completed Best Start and were officially placed into their individual classes. Some of our Stage 2 and 3 students also moved to their new class late Friday afternoon.

Classes

As I hoped this week we have been able to officially form 15 classes with an additional class being made in Stage 3. This has meant that some students across Stage 2 and 3 have moved into a new class which took place on Friday afternoon.

I thank everyone for their patience in this matter. Class numbers are determined by a Departmental formula and unfortunately it depends upon student numbers across the entire school. This sometimes results in larger classes in a particular stage or year groups which are hard to break into smaller sizes.

WALK AND WAIT SAFETY

The safety and welfare of students at Leeton Public School is our top priority. I am concerned about the safety of the students picked up in Mallee Street especially at Walk and Wait section in the K-2 area of the school.

Please note the following:

- **All parents are asked to wait at the Walk and Wait gate for students.**
- All students who go to Walk and Wait should go with the teacher on duty. They then walk to the gate where the teacher waits with them until their parent / carer comes to the gate to collect them. Teachers know which students should be in this group. **These students should not be collected from inside the school by their parents / carers.** There is no need for this as the students are walked under teacher supervision to the gate. Teachers know which students should be at the Walk and Wait gate with them and this can become quite concerning if a child they expect to be present is not there because they have been collected from inside the school grounds.
- Under no circumstances should students and / or students be entering / leaving the school through the staff car park.
- Under no circumstances should parents / carers be calling their child/ren across the road or to a car stopped on the road. I personally have witnessed some close calls where parents have done this only to see a child almost hit by an oncoming vehicle.
- Parents / carers should meet their child at the gate where they can collect them and then walk home together or to their vehicle.

HEAT

This week the weather is set to warm up once again. During hot weather we are enforcing the no hat, no play policy and



encouraging all students, especially the younger ones to drink water. All teaching spaces are air-conditioned and students will be encouraged to play under the COLA' and in the air conditioned halls during breaks when it is extremely hot.

Whilst our learning spaces are air-conditioned in such periods of prolonged extreme heat the spaces do become hotter, especially in the older Primary buildings. If rooms become too hot students will have time in a cooler area of the school.

Please be aware that all staff use the air conditioners in the classroom and that these have just recently been serviced..

Please ensure that your child brings in a water bottle which they can refill regularly at the bubblers.

LAST WEEK AT LPS

KINDERGARTEN – BEST START

Last week most Kindergarten students completed the Best Start Assessment. The *Best Start Kindergarten Assessment* is designed to identify each student's literacy and numeracy skills and understanding at the beginning of Kindergarten. After undertaking the assessment regime parents are issued with a report indicating areas their child may need assistance in and ways in which they can further develop their child's skills. The *Best Start* initiative is an ongoing commitment in all Government schools. It is intended to ensure that all students are on track in their literacy and numeracy learning by Year 3.

THIS WEEK AT LPS

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- Tuesday 9th February

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the P&C will be held next Tuesday, 9th February commencing at 7:30pm in the Primary staff room next to the main office. Existing and new parents to our school are most welcome to come along and I look forward to seeing many new faces. I look forward to working with a P&C which will be committed to working with the school to provide enhanced learning outcomes and opportunities for all students who attend Leeton Public School.

All positions are vacant and if you are considering taking on an official role within the P&C we look forward to your nomination.

I would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge Melissa Anthony and all of the 2014 P&C Committee and members for their hard work .

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING- WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

As indicated in last week's newsletter and advertised again today, a great opportunity exists to meet your child/ren's teacher this Wednesday evening February 11th . Sessions will be as follows:-

ES1 6.00pm-6:20pm Kindergarten

S1 6:20pm-6:40pm (Year 1 &2)

S2 6:40pm-7pm (Year 3&4)

S2/ 3 6:40pm - 7pm (Year 4&5)

S3 7pm- 7:20 (Year 5 & 6)

Sessions will take place in your child's / children's classrooms. I would like to take the time to encourage all parents to attend these sessions and find out more information regarding the 2016 School year.

Please remember that this is not a time for interviews with teachers. If you have any concerns or need to speak with your child's teacher contact the school on 69533488 to arrange a convenient time.

LPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This Friday we will be holding the LPS Swimming Carnival at the Leeton Pool. All students 3-6 will attend the carnival along with some students who are turning 8 this year from Year 2.

I would like to remind all parents that as Friday's forecast is for hot weather it is important to ensure that your child brings along sufficient water, T-shirts (to cover up when not in the pool), a broad brimmed hat and sunscreen.

ATTENDANCE

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children. If students miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they may have problems later on. Regular attendance at school will help your child to succeed in later life.

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of six and seventeen years are required to attend school regularly.

It is the responsibility of parents or caregivers to make sure that their children attend school every day. You must send your child to school every day unless:

- ☐ your child is too sick to go to school
- ☐ your child has been injured
- ☐ your child has to attend a special religious ceremony
- ☐ your child has an infectious illness for example, chicken pox, mumps or measles
- ☐ there is a serious family situation which requires their involvement.

It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and why your child was absent. You should telephone the school or provide a written note addressed to the school explaining the child's absence. If you know your child will be away from school, you should advise the school in advance.

If any parent has a concern about their child's education or would like to discuss any aspect of school life, please contact me at the school.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

We want all parents to be involved in our school and we value your contribution to ensuring our school is a fantastic place to be. Teachers, Assistant Principals and the Principal are available to discuss any concerns regarding your child. Please feel free to contact the school on 69533488 or drop into the office to make an appointment.

Please keep the following in mind when raising a concern; It is best to discuss your concerns with your child's teacher first. Make an appropriate time to meet with them or phone the school and ask for an appointment with the teacher.

If you feel your concern has not been adequately addressed, or if you do not feel it is appropriate to talk to them, phone and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the principal.

Jayne Gill

Principal

ASTHMA OR OTHER EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

If your child experiences asthma or any other medical condition which may require urgent attention, could you please ensure we have an asthma plan or other important medical information which is up to date.

COURT ORDERS/ AVO's

It is important that the school holds all current court papers including AVO's pertaining to students who attend Leeton Public School. Please ensure that you provide the school with a current copy of any Court Orders that you may have.

SCHOOL SECURITY

Over the years on weekends and after school our school, along with others in the community has been a target for vandalism. These incidences cost the school money and often inconvenience the students and staff.

We ask you to keep a watchful eye over the school whenever you are around after hours. If you see anything untoward, please call the Department of Education's Security Hotline:

SECURITY NUMBERS:

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1300 880 021

(School Security Unit)

For Emergencies - fires, persons on (inside) premises and severe injuries

Schoolwatch concerns such as unauthorised people on site, damage found, unlocked and/or open/unlocked windows and doors.

This is the number most commonly used and is manned by DEC staff 24 hours a day seven (7) days a week at the DEC's Control Room



Merit Award Winners

KB	Thomas Perram, Georgina Jackson
KF	Bryce Baker, Aspen Martin
KV	Ava Robertson, Tate Pauls
1M	Janushan Anandakumar, Isabel Thompson
1S	Kalahata Puipuia, Myah O'Meley
2M	Amy Johnston, Andrea Ferrando
2R	Eli Doyle, Ben McIntosh
S2B	Jessica Laing, Finley Sales, William Gray-Mills
S2C	Libby Olrick, Chelsea Clark, Mia Gason
S2S	Montanna McCann, Jack Skewes, Nakeita Alampi
S2T	Chayada Ekphatisawat, Bridey Price, Jack Allen
S3E	Rosite Smith, Zac Poulson, Charlotte Morschel, Lucy Rhodes
S3L	Amina Firdous, Laura McIntosh
S3RA	Hamish Johnstone, Jade Cooper, Junior Nikoro
S3RY	Kai Gearing, Lailani Watts, Hugo Gerhardy

Swimming Carnival 2016!!!

The LPS 2016 Swimming Carnival is this **Friday 12th February (week 3, 2016).**

The carnival will begin at 9:45am and conclude at 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.

Please remember a hat, sunscreen, towel and plenty of water in drink bottles all clearly marked with names please!

All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are warmly invited to attend and watch and cheer for their child.

Jo Pearce

Carnival co-ordinator

THE CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS!

For those children who are using our online system please update your child's class. Thank you.

And thank you to those parents that scrounge around to get the exact money for their child's lunch orders, it saves me & my volunteers time in the morning rush.

THE CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTER

Week 3

Monday 8th - Margie

Tuesday 9th - Cara Chitts

Wednesday 10th - Jenny Ryan

Thursday 11th - Rosa Daddona

Friday 12th - SWIMMING CARNIVAL CANTEEN CLOSED.

Week 4

Monday 15th - Margie

Tuesday 16th - Liz Tynan

Wednesday 17th - Nadia Gerhardy

Thursday 18th - Karen Kalon

Friday 19th - Tracey Mannall

Week 5

Monday 22nd - Margie

Tuesday 23rd - Jenny Ryan

Wednesday 24th - Sue Mundy

Thursday 25th - Amanda Sidebottom

Friday 26th - Natasha Deaton

Week 6

Monday 29th - Margie

Tuesday 1st March - Janette Veness

Wednesday 2nd - Nadia Gerhardy

Thursday 3rd - Maryanne McDonald

Friday 4th - Tammi Ryan

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.)

LPS sports track pants & jackets have arrived for those who want to beat the winter rush. Pants @\$30 jackets @\$35 and of course are available online.

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

NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE, CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY

SORRY THERE IS NO CREDIT AVAILABLE.

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**

SCHOOL BANKING, BANKING, BANKING!!!!

Welcome back to School Banking for 2016.

Last year was a huge year of banking with us breaking the big Hundred children banking.

School banking is simple and a great way to encourage your child/ren to learn about saving and a great headstart for their future.

Each time your child makes a deposit they will be issued with a silver token. Once they have made 10 deposits they can send in their tokens and choose a from one of the reward items on offer.



Rewards on offer for this year are:

- Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer Set - released Term 1
- Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag - released Term 2
- Backtrack Eraser Pen, and Jump and Skip Rope - released Term 3
- Bush Fly Fan and Wiggly Glow Worm - released Term 4

This year School Banking is also running another awesome holiday giveaway:

This year we're giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday at Australia Zoo

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

It's never too late to start banking just drop into your local Commonwealth Bank Branch and open a YouthSaver account, then send in your deposit book and we will issue a student number.

We are available at school from approx 10am- 11am Tuesday mornings or leave a message with the ladies in the office.

Regards, Kristy Jackson and Steph Glenn, School banking Coordinators

LEETON GUIDES

Tuesdays 5.00pm to 7.00pm for girls aged 7 to 9 years, from February 2nd, 2016 and

Thursdays at 4.30pm to 6.30pm for girls aged 10 years and older from February 4th 2016 during the school terms.

Any adults wishing to get involved or parents with questions are welcome to call Shelley Campbell on 0420 672 317 or email to shelley.t.campbell@outlook.com

Leeton Volleyball**REGISTRATION NIGHT**

7.00pm Wednesday 17th February 2016 – Leeton Indoor Stadium

Individual or Team Nominations, Women's & Mixed Competitions

Competition starts 24th February and runs for 10 weeks (excluding school holidays 13/4/16 & 20/4/16) – Plus 3 weeks of finals

Game Times – 7.00pm and 8.00pm

Costs (includes insurance): Adults \$100, under 19's \$80

For further information contact Lorraine on 69552604 AH or 0428731875 or lorraine.kefford@bigpond.com or Leeton Volleyball on Facebook

NSW Baggy Blues present - Kids Coaching Clinic

The NSW Baggy Blues and Cricket NSW will be holding a Cricket Coaching Clinic prior to the Baggy Blues T20 match at Exies Oval Griffith. The clinic is open to boys and girls aged 5-12.

Thursday 11th February 2016

4.00pm – 5.30pm at Exies Oval, Griffith

Players include: Alex & Kate Blackwell, Len Pascoe, Richard Chee Quee, Steve Small, Corey Richards

Cost – FREE

To REGISTER please email luke,olsen@cricketnsw.com.au

For any questions contact Luke Olsen 0407 242 403

LEETON-WHITTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB 2016

Football Registration is now open - Cost is \$100.00 per player (includes training t-shirt). All football registration is to be completed online with credit card payment only, current members are to use the link emailed to them and all new members please use the following web address <http://bit.ly/1QdDwCI>

Netball registration will open after trials are concluded - Cost is \$100.00 per player (includes training singlet). All interested netballers will need to attend team trials Tuesday 2nd February and Tuesday 9th February at Leeton Indoor Stadium at 4.15pm (please bring \$2 to cover court hire).

Family season pass is compulsory at an additional cost of \$20.00 per family.

Full payment must be made at the time of registration. All new players must bring their birth certificate. Players born in 2007 or younger won't be able to register for the under 11's.

AUSKICK (boys and girls aged 5 to 9) - A 10 week program will be running during Term 2. Cost is \$70.00 per player. Registration will be online and will open March 1. Auskick participants receive.

2016 Auskick Benefits pack

New Club Auskick Pack for 1st year participants.- Includes Auskick Backpack, football, cap, pump, card album, card pack, height chart, and GIANTS stickers.

Returning Club Auskick Pack for returning participants – includes Boot bag, football, GIANTS or Little Miss AFL T-Shirt, pump, card pack, height chart and GIANTS stickers.

NETSETGO (girls aged 5 to 9) - A 10 week program will be running during Term 2. Cost to be confirmed. NetSetGO participants receive: Size 4 Gilbert netball, ANZ NetSetGO T-shirt, A participation medal.