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Term 1, Week 4

Monday, 15 February 2016

Calendar – What's On?

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

Week 7 Term 1 2016

Monday, 7 th March	Riverina PSSA Swimming
Tuesday, 8 th March	Learn, Play, Shine 9.45am P&C Meeting Primary Staffroom at 7.00pm

Week 8 Term 1 2016

Thursday, 17 th March	Riverina PSSA Western AFL trials
Friday, 18 th March	LNPSSA Rugby 7's Boys&Girls Yrs 5/6 and Yrs 3/4

UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, 28 th April	School Photo's (Primary & Family photo's)
Friday, 29 th April	School Photo's (Infants)
Thursday, 5 th May	Mother's Day luncheon
Thursday, 26 th May	LPS Athletics Carnival
Friday, 27 th May	LPS Athletics Carnival

Principals Report

Dear Parents/ Carers

Last week was a busy week at LPS with the P&C AGM, Meet the Teacher evening and the LPS Swimming Carnival all taking place.

This week is shaping up to be busy on the sporting and creative arts front with the LNPSSA Basketball Knockout being held in Narrandera on Monday for selected students, the dance auditions for the School Spectacular audition group as well as the LNPSSA Swimming Carnival being held on Friday at the Leeton Pool.

LAST WEEK AT LPS

P&C AGM

Last Tuesday night the P&C held their Annual General Meeting. It was great to see an excellent turn out of enthusiastic parents and carers at this meeting. The P&C Executive for 2016 are:-

President – Melissa Anthony

Secretary - Vicki Tiffin

Treasurer – Stephanie Glenn

I am looking forward to working with the P&C throughout 2016.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Last Wednesday we held our extremely successful Meet the Teacher evening. It was wonderful to see such a large number of parents coming out to meet up with the various teachers who will be responsible for their child's learning journey throughout 2016. These evenings are a great way of getting to know firsthand about the exciting learning that will be taking place throughout the year. This certainly demonstrated to your children you value education and you want to be involved in the school. Many thanks for your attendance and support. If you were unable to attend these meetings but have a question regarding your child please contact the classroom teacher to make an appropriate time to meet.

The year has started very positively and I am sure the rest of the year will be just as successful!



LPS Swimming Carnival

Last Friday the Primary students enjoyed a wonderful day at the annual Swimming Carnival. All students are to be congratulated on their behaviour and to those who competed in the races – well done. A close competition was had throughout the day with the winning house for 2016 being STURT!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jane Houghton who was stroke judge on the day along with Emma Kelly. I would also like to sincerely thank all of the parents who helped out on the day in many ways including marshalling, starter, organising the students for events and timekeeping. Without your help we would be unable to run such events at our school.

Thank you also to the many parents and carers who turned up to cheer and to the teachers for their hard work at the carnival. Special thanks to Mrs Pearce for her organisation of this event.

Students who have qualified will take part in the LNPSSA carnival to be held at the Leeton pool on Friday 19th February.

This Week at LPS

LPS School Spec Dance Team Auditions

This week students will be given the opportunity to audition for our school team which then will audition for school Spectacular in week 7.

These auditions will take place over three days (Monday to Wednesday) with the audition panel making the final decision on Wednesday.

School Contributions

This week Parents and Carers will be issued with a letter explaining the 2016 School contributions and an invoice. I would like to impress upon parents the importance of your contribution to the school. Schools receive a limited amount of government funds to operate. Out of the limited funds we receive we must pay for our utilities and relief teachers, minor as well as day to day expenses such as books, pencils, paper, tissues etc. This is before we purchase resources such as readers, library books, sports equipment, Maths equipment and photocopiers.

The contributions for 2016 have been set at \$40 for the first child, \$40 for the second child and \$15 per child thereafter.

Merit Awards

Each year students can accumulate various merit awards. When a student has 7 smaller awards they are able to trade these for a Diamond Award. When a student achieves 7 Diamonds they are able to trade these awards for a Platinum award. Please ensure that you keep all of your child's awards in a safe place at home.

The Award system is cumulative – it does not start each year. Students build on from where they were the previous year.

A reminder that students who arrived at Leeton Public School after kindergarten only need the following number of Diamond

awards by the end of Year 6 to qualify for Platinum.

Year 1 – 6 Diamond awards

Year 2 – 5 Diamond awards

Year 3 – 4 Diamond awards

Year 4 – 3 Diamond awards

Year 5 – 2 Diamond awards

Year 6 – 1 Diamond awards

Card	Colour	For	Cumulate to..
Class Merit Awards	Blue	Behaviour, attitude, helpfulness, achievement etc	Combination of 7 coloured merit awards is 1 Diamond award.
Playground Merit Awards	Red	Good play, behaviour, assisting to clean up etc	Combination of 7 coloured merit awards is 1 Diamond award.
Sport Merit Awards	Green	Sportsmanship, representing the school in a positive manner	Combination of 7 coloured merit awards is 1 Diamond award.
Service Merit Awards	Yellow	For service to the school or community eg Representing at ANZAC March, positive service to others	Combination of 7 coloured merit awards is 1 Diamond award. (*To include one service award)
Diamond Award	A5 Cards	Accumulation of 7 Merit Awards	7 Diamond Awards lead to LPS Platinum Award
LPS Platinum Award	A4 Certificate	Accumulation of 7 Diamond Awards	Lunch with Principal. Community publicity.

Newsletter Access

Many of our families elect to receive the weekly newsletter by email or are accessing the Website or Leeton Public School App to view the current Newsletter. There are many great reasons to why we do this:

- The significant environmental 'save' (much less paper usage)
- a financial save to LPS (photocopier usage, toner, paper etc.)
- easy access for parents / carers to newsletter simply by clicking a button
- you are able to see the entire newsletter in colour
- easy links to LPS website and other mentioned sites
- no more "the kids didn't bring the newsletter home!"

Please complete the slip at the bottom of today's newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible if you are in a position to receive the LPS newsletter by email or are already using the website or App. You simply need internet connection and an email account to be able to access these services. I look forward in anticipation to a very positive response.

I urge all parents to carefully consider the online options given to you to receive your Newsletters. Please note: If you are currently receiving the newsletter by email you do not have to send in this sheet. You will remain on our distribution list.

Complaints

A reminder to all that if at any time you find that you have a concern about anything to do with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and tell someone so that your concern can be resolved. It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ascertain a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students. However, should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education and Training has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a formal complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the school office. Further information is also available in the Department's Complaints Handling Guidelines which includes a guide to Lodging a Complaint. These documents can be accessed on the Department's internet website at <http://www.det.nsw.edu.au>.

Approaching the School Procedures

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice

- Express concern about actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld
- support sensitivity and confidentiality
- help reach an agreed solution

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

NB: No parent should directly approach another person's child. The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school's Discipline and Welfare policy.

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.
The welfare of own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information. • For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member (Assistant Principal). • To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.
Actions of other students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. • Contact the Assistant Principal for the stage for playground problems. • If severe, contact the Principal.
School policy or practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the Principal and/or appropriate member of staff.

Actions of a staff member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the office and state concerns to the Principal. Arrange to meet directly with the Principal and staff member concerned.
Queries Regarding Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact office and state what sport to arrange to talk to appropriate coordinator.

LEETON PUBLIC SCHOOL APP

A reminder to everyone that you can now download our APP from the App stores for Apple and Android devices. The App gives you access to our newsletters, calendar as well as the ability to send in absentee notes online.

Take the time to download the APP today.



Merit Award Winners

KB	Tahlia-Shae Davis, Patrick Turner
KF	Taylor Griffiths, Jye Stone
KV	Cid Rey Patenia, Bryce Smith
1M	Halle O'Meley, Aimon Doyle
1S	Jaxen Heath, Connor Owens
2M	Ivy Snell, Toby Jackson
2R	Tate Tabain, Phoebe Naylor
S2B	Joshua Narel, Thiviya Manoharan, Mimi Robinson
S2C	Jye Thompson, Indianna Halls, Jack Evans
S2S	Kane Flack, Mackenzie Lee, Mitchell Ryan
S2T	Joshua Lawson, Jasmine Green, Cade Sims
S3E	Liz O'Brien, Nicholas Ormond, Matthew Laing
S3L	Jayden Broadbent, Samuel Polimeni, Sajeevan Anandakumar
S3RA	Jack Norden, Jhie Deaton, Bella Franz
S3RY	Haley Vecchio, Sarah Puntoriero, Adrian Baker

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners

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



Back Row: Jayden Broadbent, Daniel Bridge, Madison Doyle

Front Row: Cruz Wallace, Thiviya Manoharan, Grace Tynan

Fundraiser – Golden Apple docket

A reminder/explanation to all families, to please keep your sales docket from any department of the Golden Apple Supermarket and send them in to the office at any time during the year. A very generous donation is made by the Golden Apple, which is put towards purchases for the benefit of the students. A very big thank you to those parents/grandparents who have been sending in their docket already.

THE CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTER

Week 4

Monday 15th –Margie

Tuesday 16th - Liz Tynan

Wednesday 17th - Nadia Gerhardy

Thursday 18th - Trudi Alampi

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-Kathryn Bechaz

Week 7

Monday 7th –Margie

Tuesday 8th - Cara Chitts

Wednesday 9th -Rosa Daddona

Thursday 10th – Trudi Alampi

Friday 11th-Tammi Ryan

Soccer Gala Day- HELPERS REQUIRED

Week 8

Monday 14th - Margie

Tuesday 15th - Liz Tynan

Wednesday 16th - Sue Mundy

Thursday 17th-Amanda Sidebottom

Friday 18th – Tracey Mannall

Week 9

Monday 21st - Margie

Tuesday 22nd - Janette Veness

Wednesday 23rd -Nadia Gerhardy

Thursday 24th - Maryanne McDonald/ Tammi Ryan

EASTER HAT PARADE

Friday 25th-Good Friday !!

Week 10

Monday 28th-Easter Monday

Tuesday 29th - Cara Chitts

Wednesday 30th –Rosa Daddona

Thursday 31st – Trudi Alampi

Friday 1st April- Natasha Deaton

Week 11

Monday 4th - Margie

Tuesday 5th - Liz Tynan

Wednesday 6th - Sue Mundy

Thursday 7th-Trudi Alampi

Friday 8th - Tracey Mannall

☺☺☺☺ LAST DAY OF TERM 1!! ☺☺☺☺

UNIFORM SHOP

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

☺**THE TIES HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED.**

They are \$24 & of course 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**

Free two hour workshop for supervisors of learner drivers

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a free two hour workshop held by Leeton Shire Council in conjunction with the RMS.

The next workshop will be held at:

Venue: Major Dooley Library Chelmsford Street Leeton

Time: 6.30pm- 8.30pm

Bookings are essential.

To secure your place, please phone Leeton Shire Council on 02 69530911 or 0448 623 049

DISCO

MADONNA PLACE – Friday 19th February
Kindergarten to Year 6

\$5.00 ENTRY

6.00PM – 8.00PM

Proceeds to Sunrice Ambassador

Nadine Morton

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 JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

**2016 AUTUMN COMPEITION
NOMINATION DAYS**

SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY (JARRAH MALL 1:00-12 NOON)

THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY (LEETON INDOOR STADIUM 5:00-7:00PM)

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY (LEETON INDOOR STADIUM 5:00-7:00PM)

PROPOSED GRADES & TIME SLOTS:

Aussie Hoops 5:15-6:00pm (Kindergarten – Year 3): \$70

C Grade 6:00-6.45pm (Years 4-6): \$80

B Grade 6.45-7.30pm (Years 7-8): \$90

A Grade 7.30-8.15pm (Years 9-12): \$90

(Payment MUST accompany nomination and includes all game and registration fees)

Girls play Monday nights commencing 7th March

Boys play Tuesday nights commencing 8th March

Competition finishes MONDAY 27th June

(Parents are required to be in attendance when children are playing)

NOMINATION FORMAS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NOMINATION VENUES AS WELL AS AT ANTOINETTE'S JEWELLERS AND SPORTSPOWER

For further information, please contact the President, Tracy Fletcher on 0439 483 760

**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 0428731875or

lorraine.kefford@bigpond.com or Leeton Volleyball on Facebook

LEETON UNITED REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS for ages Under 12's, Under 14's and Under 16's playing in the Griffith District Competition.

Training will start late February 2016

Under 16's: TBA from 5pm to 6.30pm at Town No 2 oval

Under 14's: TBA from 4.30pm to 6.00pm at Town No 3 oval

Under 12's: TBA from 5pm to 6.30pm at Town No 2 oval

GAMES – are usually played Saturday morning (U12 U14) or Saturday afternoon (U16) in Griffith at No 2 oval. The draw will come out some time in March for a late March/early April start

COACHING CLINICS – are organised each school holidays, depending on the availability of our quality coaching staff (current and past). This season they are tentatively organised for the first week of the July holidays and the first week of the September holidays.

All current and new players welcome.

Any questions contact: Rod 0417 450 546

LEETON-WHITTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB 2016

Football Registration is now open - Cost is \$100.00per 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/1QdDwCl>

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.

Leeton Shire Council invites you to: **Harmony Day Event 2016**

Sunday 20th March 12:00 - 3:00pm
at
St Francis College, Yanco Ave, Leeton

Come and enjoy the food from different cultures,
the fun of the activities
and the pleasure of meeting new friends



The colour for Harmony Day is orange.

Harmony means friendship, peace, unity, understanding,
compatibility, cooperation.....

Harmony Day gives us a chance to think about our acceptance
and respect for the differences of others around us.

Harmony Day gives us an excuse to celebrate the diversity and
differences within our Australian multicultural society.
Each of us can embrace our own culture and traditions while
coming together in unity to appreciate those of others.

For more information please contact - Nateaka Blake,
Leeton Shire Council - phone 6953 0951



LPS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL



Yes I would like to receive the LPS newsletter by email.

Parent's name: _____

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's email address (please print clearly):
