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Term 1, Week 8

Monday, 14 March 2016

Calendar – What's On?

Week 8 Term 1 2016 – All canteen lunch orders to be in by 9.20am each day!

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 ODD SOCKS day against bullying

Week 9 Term 1 2016 – All canteen lunch orders to be in by 9.20am each day!

Tuesday, 22 nd March	Learn, Play, Shine
Thursday, 24 th March	Riverina PSSA Boys Football trials Closing date for UNSW competitions Easter Hat Parade
Friday, 25 th March	Good Friday

Week 10 Term 1 2016 – All canteen lunch orders to be in by 9.20am each day!

Monday, 28 th March	Easter Monday
Tuesday, 29 th March	LNPSSA Rugby League Trials - PPS
Wednesday, 30 th March	Riverina PSSA Girls Football Trials Parent/Student/Teacher conferences 4pm-7pm

Week 11 Term 1 2016 – All canteen lunch orders to be in by 9.20am each day!

Monday, 4 th April	LNPSSA Rugby League K/O & Gala Day No 1 Oval LNPSSA Netball K/O & Gala Day Leeton Stadium
Tuesday, 5 th April	Learn, Play, Shine Parent/Student/Teacher conferences 4pm-7pm
Wednesday, 6 th April	NSW PSSA Swimming

Principals Report

Dear Parents/ Carers

Once again it was a very busy week at our wonderful school with both students and teachers involved in a number of activities. On Monday we had students from Leeton Public School competing at the Riverina Swimming Carnival in Albury followed by students also taking part in the LNPSSA Soccer Knock outs.

Our teachers have also been busy completing a variety of Professional Learning activities. Last Wednesday members of our executive team travelled to Albury to take part in a workshop on "School Improvement" and "how to develop teacher quality" presented by David Hopkins, Professor at the Institute of Education, University of London. All staff members were involved in a School Development Day yesterday where we looked at the Creative Learning Program developed last year in stage 2 and how this will be implemented across the whole school setting as well as undertaking aspects of mandatory training.

Professional learning will continue this week with staff involved in a Professional learning evening along with members of staff from a variety of local schools from 4:30pm – 7:30pm where we will be looking at the Literacy Continuum. On Wednesday two staff members will undertake training in the Peer Support Program which we will be implementing at LPS next term.

Last Week at LPS

Riverina Swimming Carnival

Last week LPS students travelled to Albury to take part in the Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival as a part of the LNPSSA team. Many of our students who took part in the day achieved PB's in the pool which is an outstanding achievement.

Not only were the students excellent representatives for the school, but they also displayed a high level of skill and achieved many personal bests on the day.

From the Riverina Regional Carnival, Leeton Public School had eight students chosen to represent the Region at the State PSSA Carnival in Sydney. These students are:

Flynn Anthony – Junior Boys Relay, 10 year boys 200m IM, 10 year boys 50m butterfly and 10 year boys 50m freestyle

Eli Doyle – Junior Boys Relay

Tom Cooper – Junior Boys Relay

Jack Evans – Junior Boys Relay



Taj Doyle – Senior Boys Relay

Campbell Sidebottom – Senior Boys Relay

Jhi Grundy – Senior Boys Relay

Tom Sheldrick – Senior Boys Relay

The State Carnival will be held at Homebush on 6th April.

LNPSSA Boys Soccer

Last Friday the LPS Boys Soccer team played against a number of schools in the LNPSSA Soccer competition. Our boys tried extremely hard on the day but unfortunately went down to Parkview Public School in the final game.

A comprehensive report regarding the day can be found further on in this newsletter.

This Week at LPS

School Review – Student Welfare

This week Mr Ken Davis a former Principal will be leading our review at LPS based Student Welfare with Mrs Thomason and Mrs Ramponi. This review will look at the existing School Policies and current DET requirements as well as interviewing staff and students and using Parent, Student and Teacher survey results from the Tell Them From Me Surveys conducted last year to build recommendations around the development of a new Student Welfare Policy for our school.

Parent / Student/ Teacher Conferences- Wednesday 30th March 4pm- 7pm , Tuesday 5th April 4pm-7pm

On Wednesday 30th March 4pm- 7pm , Tuesday 5th April 4pm-7pm we will be holding Parent / Student / Teacher meetings in the School Hall between 4pm - 7pm. By having Interviews in term 1 parents are able to see how their child is progressing early in the year. This year we are once again using the three way conference method where students are also asked to be involved in the interview process. Students will be presenting two or three pieces of work completed this term highlighting their achievements and areas they may need to improve. As our journey progresses the format of these conferences will change. I have included a small fact sheet later in the newsletter to explain the process.

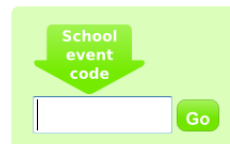
This year for the convenience of parents and the administration staff at Leeton Public School we have once again arranged for bookings for the Parent / Student /Teacher evenings to be made online. Booking online is easy and simple and allows you to see what times are immediately available for the teachers 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

OR USING THE LPS APP

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 vrhwh



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.

Please note that during the above interview times Mrs Spina , Ms Errey and Mrs Ryan have either both days on leave or one day on leave. Interviews to make up for these days will be held in early Term 2.

What are three way conferences?

Three way conferences provides a forum for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievement.

In three way conferences students typically lead by explaining their learning achievements, as well as areas for further improvement. This may include displays of student work across a number of subjects and across a semester.

Both strategies are important avenues for involving parents and students in the learning process and help parents understand the teaching and learning, assessment and reporting process.

Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows for shared responsibility of student learning, assessment and reporting • Flows naturally from work produced in class • Strengthens communication channels with parents about student's learning and progress
Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhances self esteem by allowing them to share their learning opportunities in a positive environment • Critically involves students in self assessment and allows them to take responsibility for their own learning • Empowers students as they work toward and achieve syllabus outcomes
Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases their understanding of learning and assessment • Allows them to participate in the reporting process rather than merely responding to it • Provides evidence to support twice yearly written reports

As always I would like to reiterate to all parents that if you have a concern or query regarding your child's education please make an appointment to see relevant classroom teacher or appropriate Assistant Principal to further discuss the matter.

Parents are asked to address any emails to our school email address. These emails will then be forwarded to the appropriate teacher. It is important that concerns are initially addressed with classroom teachers as often issues can be addressed quickly.

Jayne Gill

Principal

School Photos – 28th 29th April

School photos this year will take place on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th April (Term 2 Week 1). Details regarding photos and the various packages available for purchase will be handed out when they arrive at school. This year students will be required to wear winter uniform for these days.

Leeton Public School App

Leeton Public School has an App which allows you to access our school with ease. The App allows parents to access our newsletters, the webpage, online canteen ordering, online parent teacher bookings and other important information with ease.

A great feature of our App is the ability for parents to put in absent notes directly to the school. No more written notes required when you use the apps. The notes are emailed directly to the school where they are forwarded to the class teacher.

The App also pushes important messages to your phone giving you information regarding arrival times, events on and meetings which are taking place as they are updated.

The App is available for iPhone and android devices.

Parent / Carer - Information Sessions

This year at LPS we are looking at holding a variety of Parent Information sessions throughout the year. These sessions are aimed to inform parents about current teaching practices as well as giving parents ideas on how to help students at home.

Some of the sessions we are hoping to run this year include:-

Literacy K-2	Understanding Student Reports
Literacy 3-6	Maths K-2

We would like parental input on any additional information sessions that you would like us to run at the

school this year. Please fill in the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the office.



Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners

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

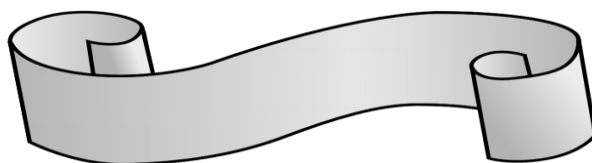


Back L-R: Stephanie Veness, Lily Thomason, Cohen Matthews, Neive Davies

Front L-R: Lorenzo Ierano, Chloe Towers, Zoe Smith

Merit Award Winners

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| KB | Freya Turner, Ryan Quast |
| KF | Kade McLennan, Ariana Pagden |
| KV | Sage Deaton, Logan Doig |
| 1M | Charlie McCann, Max Egan |
| 1S | Sophie O'Callaghan, Andrew Sherlock |
| 2M | Mavies Smith, Jackson Cassidy |
| 2R | Madeleine Glenn, Kyis Ruttley |
| S2B | Emma Sherlock, Brielle Beaumont, Grace Tynan |
| S2C | Jaxon Johnson, Nicholas Mannall, Caydan Hillier |
| S2S | Max Gerhardy, Sari Leighton, Isabelle Ross |
| S2T | Matthew Puntoriero, Issa Salmani, Jye Teerman |
| S3E | Alexandra Glenn, Blake McDonald, Rosite Smith |
| S3L | Titi Faoa, Jawad Salmani, Emily Mahalm |
| S3RA | Logan Mahalm, Lilly Hillier, Ben Faoa |
| S3RY | Jordan Lanceford, Adele Thompson, Victoria Emery |



This Friday 18th March is a "National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence"

At Leeton Public School we support this very important and worthwhile initiative. We invite the students to wear **ODD SOCKS** on this day. By wearing odd socks to school we are saying that it's okay to be different and that we still treat others with respect. Each class will be involved in signing a poster in the form of a hand that we will be placing in our school.

Thankyou for your support

Mrs Frazer

Len Wade Pharmacy Easter Colouring Competition

The pharmacy will donate \$1.00 to Leeton Public School for each entry received.

Copies of the colouring sheet are available at the school office or the pharmacy.

Entries returned to Len Wade Pharmacy before Wednesday 23rd March. Huge Easter Basket to be won!!

2016 University of NSW Competitions (Years 3-6)

The University of NSW Competitions will be held again this year at Leeton Public School. The following information is for those parents/carers who wish to enter their child/ren in any of the subject competitions.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY (formerly known as Computer Skills) - \$8.00

SCIENCE - \$8.00

SPELLING - \$11.00

WRITING - \$17.00

ENGLISH - \$8.00

MATHEMATICS - \$8.00

Please see the front office to receive a permission note/entry form.

Closing date for ALL payments is

THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 2016

LNPSSA Boys Soccer knockout

Last Friday, the LPS Boys Soccer Team travelled to Parkview to participate in the LNPSSA Soccer Knockout Competition alongside teams from Small Schools, Narrandera and Parkview.

Although the day was initially planned as a gala day for all Stage 3 students to participate in, the decision was made to change it's format due to the weather forecast of extremely high temperatures. Thankfully, the weather decided to co-operate with us on the day, and the boys were able to play in lower than expected temperatures.

In the first game, LPS played against Narrandera with the boys emerging victorious, thanks to goals by Ike Ryan, Blake McDonald, Ben Faoa, Jhi Grundy and Braith McCann. This win placed Leeton Public in the final against Parkview Public. After much back and forth play, Parkview broke the scoreless deadlock and from there eventually won the game 4 nil.

All the boys are to be congratulated on the fabulous team spirit they showed by supporting their teammates throughout the day. They were excellent representatives of LPS, with great sportsmanship shown to all the students from other schools.

Special congratulations are extended to Braith McCann, Ben Faoa, Blake McDonald, Taj Doyle and Liam Papisidero who were selected to represent the LNPSSA at the upcoming Riverina Soccer Team Trials. Good luck to all those boys.

Special thanks go to our canteen, Parkview Public for hosting the event, parents who assisted with travel, Michael Ingram for officiating and Leeton High students Ryan Newman, Kody Collins, Rhett MacGregor, Brodie McGillivray, Shane Nikoro, Tom Depaoli and Nathan Wilkinson. Without the support and time of these volunteers, days like this are not possible.

P&C

The SunRice Parade will occur on Easter Saturday 26th March and LPS P&C will submit a float again. We would love as many children to participate as possible. **If you would like your child to participate you must be able to help with set up at the showground, please contact Melissa Anthony 0420 903 069 or Tash Deaton 0428 538 058 for further information. As you may be aware, it is a very busy morning and we will require parents to supervise their children.** This has always been a fun experience to be a part of the parade and we look forward to many helpers and children on the float.

On Easter Sunday the balloon glow will take place and the P&C will have a stall there to sell baked potatoes. This is a good source of fundraising as well as supporting a community activity. We are asking for volunteers for baking potatoes and for serving in the van at the balloon glow between 6pm and 8pm. Please contact Melissa Anthony for more information.

Melissa Anthony

THE CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS

We are once again having several late lunch orders! it is very important the lunch orders are in by the 9.20 am bell. As you can imagine we are under the pump to have all the lunch orders counted, prepared, cooked & ready to send out within less than 2 hours.

ALL ORDERS AFTER THE 9.20 BELL WILL RECEIVE A VEGEMITE/HONEY/JAM SANDWICH.

THE CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTER

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 - Rosa Dadonna

Thursday 24th - Maryanne McDonald/ Tammi Ryan

EASTER HAT PARADE

Friday 25th - Good Friday !!

Week 10

Monday 28th - Easter Monday

Tuesday 29th - Cara Chitts/Amanda Sidebottom

Wednesday 30th - VARIETY BASH * Rosa Daddona * Nadia Gerhardy * Tracey Mannall

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

OPEN 1.00pm – 5.00pm

TUESDAYS

Come & beat the rush for winter uniforms.

Please note school photos April 27th-28th

FULL WINTER UNIFORM

Please do not come in canteen time for uniforms I do not have time to help you then

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

LEETON DUATHLON

Leeton Memorial Swimming Pool

Saturday 26th March 2016

4pm - Enticer-Novice Duathlon - 1.7km run, 200m swim
- Entry fee \$10, Team entry per person \$5

5pm - Sprint Duathlon - 3km run, 400m swim, 3km run -
Entry fee \$15, Team entry per person \$10

Junior Entry (11 years and under at 31 December 2015)
\$5.00 - Family entry \$20

Registration from 2.30pm at Leeton Memorial Swimming Pool.

Entry forms are available from the pool or can be printed from our Facebook page

Proceeds from the Duathlon will be donated to Leeton Community Health

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
1st March. 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

More info call 0418 684 236

Centacare Southwest NSW*Keeping Kids in Mind*

A 3 session course for Parents experiencing conflict after separation designed to:

Assist parents to see through their children's eyes the experience of parental separation

Develop greater understanding about how to support children following family separation

Leeton Multipurpose Community Centre

3 Wade Ave

Wednesday 9th, 16th and 23rd March 2016

10am – 2pm

Light refreshments provided

For further information or to register please contact

Centacare South West NSW on 6964 1447 or email griffith@centacareswnsw.org.au

2016 Information Sessions

I would like to see Information sessions on the following topics:-

1.

2.

3.

Please return to the front office.

LEETON JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**2016 registrations****Under 7 – Under 14 Rugby League Players****Under 7 - 16 League Tag Girls****All registrations must be completed online.**

Simply go to www.playnrl.com to hit register now. Type in Leeton and select Leeton Juniors and follow the prompts.

You can pay online or by cash at our first training session.

Registration Cost - \$50 per player, which includes our club training shirt.

All new players must supply a copy of their birth certificate or passport (which will be sent off with regos. Unfortunately blue books, immunisation records and letters from schools are no longer accepted. Proof of ID can be handed in at our first training session.

Training starts Thursday 24th March
4pm at the Leeton High School Oval

All enquiries to

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