



Leeton Public School Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 9

Monday, 21 March 2016

Calendar – What's On?

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

Tuesday, 22 nd March	Learn, Play, Shine Combined Scripture 10.45am
Wednesday, 23 rd March	Easter Hat Parade Canteen lunch pre-orders due
Thursday, 24 th March	Riverina PSSA Boys Football trials Closing date for UNSW competitions Shared Lunch at 1.00pm followed by the K-2 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

Week 1 Term 2, 2016 – All canteen lunch orders to be in by 9.20am each day!

Monday, 25 th April	ANZAC Day
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Tuesday, 26 th April	Staff Development Day
Wednesday, 27 th April	K-6 Students return
Thursday, 28 th April	School photo's – Primary & Family photos – Full winter school uniform
Friday, 29 th April	School photo's – Infants – Full winter school uniform

Principals Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Last week was another busy week at LPS with students involved in a variety of sporting activities including Soccer, Basketball Trials, AFL trials and Rugby Union. Year 1 students also took advantage of the cooler weather to go to Alf Hermann Lodge to entertain the senior citizens.

Last week staff were also busy. On Sunday all staff took part in a School Development Day at the school. Staff looked at various mandatory training packages including the annual Child Protection Update as well as looking at Creative Learning and the School Excellence Framework. On Monday staff took part in an evening at Yanco Club combining with staff from Yanco PS, Wamoon PS, Yanco Agricultural High School, Whitton Murrumbidgee PS and Leeton High School. Staff looked at the Vocabulary section of the Literacy Continuum.

Last Week at LPS

School Review – Student Welfare

Last week Mr Ken Davis, Mrs Cathie Ramponi and Mrs Rachel Thomason undertook a review of the Student Welfare System at Leeton Public School. The review looked 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 and ACER Surveys conducted last year.

From the information gathered the team put together an extensive Wellbeing and Learning document which encompasses various DET and School policies including a Behaviour Code for Students.

Staff will go through these documents at upcoming staff meetings before they will be put out to the wider community for discussion, comment and ratification.



LNPSSA Girls Soccer

On Tuesday Our Stage 3 Girls Soccer team played in the LNPSSA Soccer Competition. The girls played two games. The first game saw the girls win convincingly over Narrandera to progress through to the final against Parkview.

The girls drew 1-1 with Parkview but as they scored the first goal they will progress through to the next round of the competition against Griffith. A big thank you to our Stage 3 teachers who have been spent their lunchtimes coaching the girls, as well as Mrs Johnstone who coached the girls on the day.

A special mention to the seven girls, Victoria, Emily, Lailani, Charlotte R, Sophie M, Jade and Charlie who were selected as part of the LNPSSA Representative team who will play alongside students from other local schools to represent our region in Albury on the 30th March.

Basketball Trials

Last Monday we had 7 students take part in the Riverina Basketball trials in Albury as a part of the LNPSSA Basketball team. These students all played well together as a team on the day and gave it their best.

AFL Western Riverina Trials

On Thursday four students took part in the Western Riverina AFL trials. Liam Papadisero was chosen to go onto the next level where they will be playing for a spot on the Riverina AFL team on the last day of Term 1 in Jerilderie. The boys had a great day playing against students from a wide area of the Western Riverina including Deniliquin, Balranald & Finley as a part of the Leeton/ Narrandera/ Griffith side.

The combined Leeton-Narrandera-Griffith team produced some outstanding football throughout the day to remain undefeated and win the title for just the 4th time this century!

Results:

L/N/G 2.5.17

Deniliquin 2.3.15

L/N/G 8.11.59

Moulamein 0.0.0

L/N/G 10.5.65

Finley 1.0.6

This Week at LPS

Shared Lunch & Easter Hat Parade

This Thursday, March 24 we will be holding the Annual Easter Hat Parade (K- 2) and Shared lunch in the school grounds. Lunch will commence at 1pm with the K-2 Students doing their Easter Hat parade around the school at 1:50pm.

General Messages

2015 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

The 2015 Annual School report is now available for all parents to access through the Leeton Public School

website. The Annual Report provides a record for the school community and the public school system as a whole, of the school's progress towards achieving excellence. It enables leaders to ensure a sharp focus on the strategic efforts of the school, describing and communicating achievements, challenges, progress and next steps in the journey. It connects planning and self-assessment to identify and inform the ongoing stages of the school's improvement efforts.

The 2015 Annual Report template reflects the new approach to school planning and reporting.

If you would like a paper copy of the report please contact the office.

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.

Leave

Over the coming weeks I will be taking leave. Whilst I am on leave Mrs Rachel Thomason will be relieving Principal.

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 the Thursday 28th and Friday 29th of April (Term2 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.

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

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Golden Apple Dockets

A huge thank you to the Golden Apple Supermarket for their kind donation to Leeton Public School of \$1124.08!! This excellent result is from 5cents in every \$10.00 of all the Golden Apple docket amounts collected and totalled by our front office throughout 2015.

LPS Girls Soccer

On Tuesday the LPS girls soccer team competed in the LNPSSA knockout. The girls first game was against Narrandera 10-0 LPS way. Our second game was against Parkview it was 1-1 but we won because of the first goal rule. The girls are now going to Griffith for the second knockout round. The girls selected to go to Riverina trials in Albury are: Lailani Watts, Charlotte Rudd, Victoria Emery, Jade Cooper, Emily Pearce and Charlie Lamont.

Lailani Watts, Charlotte Rudd and Victoria Emery

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: Charlotte Morschel, Jack Evans

Middle L-R: Matilda Sidebottom, Abbie Doyle, Riley Legge

Front L-R: Emilie DeSalvia, Ethan McDonald, Eden Richardson

Merit Award Winners

KB	Mackenzie Kinniburgh, Bella Franks
KF	Edi Ryan, Lola Maclean-Tuckett
KV	Vann Hodge, Alexis Sharwood
1M	Jasmeen Maan, Izac Andjal
1S	Patrick Ginns, Chloe Curry
2M	Edward Morschel, Thomas Johnstone
2R	Shanae Best, Sebastian Crelley
S2B	Victoria Glenn, Sy Watts, Vula Wate
S2C	Ella Rhodes, Alana Pike, Vanati Taavao
S2S	Iris Kalon, Kate O'Brien, Ava Gerlinger
S2T	Jacob Ferrando, Holly Schmetzer, Connor Cregan
S3E	Shallan Stockton, Matilda Ryan, Kasey Annetts
S3L	Lachlan Heeb, Amrit Singh, Tyson Collins
S3RA	James Hudson, Sophie Anthony, Ike Ryan
S3RY	Caden Teerman, Meghan Davidson-Curtain, Jonathan Sherlock

WALKING AND WAITING LINE

At Leeton Public we are always striving to provide the best care and safety measures for our students. With this in mind, the Infants staff have tightened our Walking and Waiting procedures. At the end of each day, students who are being picked up from school will assemble in the designated spot for the duty teacher. The teacher will then lead the students to a spot close to the gate. Students will then need to see the teacher before walking to their parent/carer. We encourage all parents to discuss this with their child or children. We appreciate your assistance in helping to keep our students safe.

EASTER HAT PARADE & SHARED LUNCH

Thursday 24th March

Please come along and enjoy a shared lunch with your child at 1.00pm. We suggest you bring a rug to sit on as the children will be having lunch on the large grass area. Kindergarten to Year 2 will then parade their Easter hats at 1:50pm. Parents, Grandparents, Carers are all welcome!!!

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

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

2016 Stewart House Donation Drive

Each year all state schools in NSW are asked to donate to Stewart House. This organisation is responsible for providing holidays and medical treatment to students from NSW Public schools who are less fortunate.

Your donation of \$2.00 can be made in cash in the envelope provided or Direct Debit:

Account name: Stewart House

BSB: 062-127

Account no. 10182077

Please quote DD and school name as reference.

All donors are entered in a chance to win a \$4000 family holiday.

Combined Scripture Service

There will be a combined Scripture Service to be held in the School Hall tomorrow Tuesday 22nd March. Parents who are not wishing their child to attend, could you please send in a note to their classroom teacher.

Rugby Union Sevens Day

Last Friday, 45 LPS students braved the elements and participated in a Rugby Union Sevens Day alongside students from Parkview, Small Schools and Narrandera. After an initial delay to wait out the deluge of rain, the students took to the field.

Throughout the day, they each played three games and participated in coaching activities to learn about tackling and

rules specific to Rugby Union.

As the day progressed, the students became more comfortable with the rules of the game, showing an ability to play in an open and attacking manner, with strong tackling and defence when necessary.

At the completion of the day, many students expressed their enjoyment of the day, be it learning new skills, scoring a try or just sliding across the wet grass during play.

A big thank you is extended to Travis Irvin (Parkview Public) for his organisation and canteen on the day and to the Leeton Phantoms Rugby Union Club for their assistance in refereeing games throughout the day.

Netball/Rugby League Gala Day 2016

Netball Umpires Required!

On Monday 4th April, Stage 3 girls will be attending the LNPSSA Netball Gala, with the Stage 3 boys attending the LNPSSA Rugby League Gala Day on the same day.

I am seeking any parents/carers who may be able to help umpire some netball games at the Gala Day. If you are able to assist with umpiring anytime between 9.30am-2.30pm, please contact the school with your availability.

Representative teams for Netball and Rugby League will be selected in the coming weeks. A permission note to attend the Gala Day will be sent out next week.

Miss Lara Belford

BANKING, BANKING, BANKING!!!!

Welcome to those who have started on the rewarding school banking journey.

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

School banking is simple and a great way to encourage your child/ren to learn about saving and a great head start for their future. Banking is also a great way to help raise money for your school P&C with all money raised going back to the school!!!



You can also bank for your children who are not yet attending LPS or have moved on send in their deposit book with their siblings, they are also eligible for the reward program.

Could you please ensure that your child's **deposit slip is completely filled out** as it is very time consuming for us to have to fill out deposit slips.

We have introduced monthly "The Gold Platypus" award. The Gold Platypus will be given out once a month to the class with the most children banking for the month.

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 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

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday at **Australia Zoo**

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.

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.

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

THE CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS

ALL ORDERS AFTER THE 9.20am BELL WILL RECEIVE A VEGEMITE, HONEY or JAM SANDWICH.

THURSDAY IS OUR ANNUAL EASTER HAT PARADE & LUNCH. LUNCH FOR THIS DAY NEEDS TO BE PRE-

ORDERED. A LUNCH MENU HAS BEEN SENT HOME TODAY AND NEEDS TO BE RETURNED BY THIS WEDNESDAY FOR CATERING PURPOSES.

The menu will be:

***Chicken Caesar Wrap \$4.50** (roast chicken, cos lettuce, bacon, boiled egg, parmesan & dressing in a wrap)

***Nachos \$4.50** (corn chips, spicy mince melted cheese & salsa)

***Potato Wedges \$4.50** (w. sweet chilli OR Tomato Sauce)

(NOTHING ELSE IS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY)

☺Coming next term are a few additions to our winter menu (terms 2 & 3)

☺Warm milos & eucalyptus lollies not available until Term 2.

☺Wishing you all a lovely & safe Easter.



THE CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTERWeek 9Monday 21st - MargieTuesday 22nd - Janette VenessWednesday 23rd - Rosa DadonnaThursday 24th - Maryanne McDonald/ Tammi Ryan**EASTER HAT PARADE**Friday 25th - Good Friday !!Week 10Monday 28th - Easter MondayTuesday 29th - Cara Chitts - Amanda SidebottomWednesday 30th - **VARIETY BASH-LIMITED MENU** - Rosa, Nadia & TraceyThursday 31st - Trudi AlampiFriday 1st April - Natasha DeatonWeek 11Monday 4th - Margie

-LNPSSA Rugby League K/O

-LNPSSA Netball K/O

Tuesday 5th - Liz TynanWednesday 6th - Sue MundyThursday 7th - Trudi AlampiFriday 8th - Tracey Mannall

- LNPSSA Touch Football K/O

😊😊 **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**

LEETON NETBALL SATURDAY COMPETITION:

COMMENCES - May 7th to August 13th 2016

Registration days are Saturday 2nd and Saturday 9th of April from 9am to noon at Jarrah Mall.

Net Set Go- Kinder to Yr 1

D Grade- Yr 2 to Yr 4

C Grade- Yr 5 and Yr 6

B Grade- Year 7 8 9 10

Any inquiries please contact Alison Evans
0428 277 144

**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

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