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Term 2, Week 3

Monday, 9 May 2016

Calendar – What's On?

Week 3 Term 2, 2016 – All week - LPS P&C Silver Collection fundraiser

Tuesday, 10 th May	Naplan Years 3 & 5 LPS P&C Meeting 7pm
Wednesday, 11 th May	Naplan Years 3 & 5
Thursday, 12 th May	Naplan Years 3 & 5
Friday, 13 th May	LPS Cross Country LPS Vegie Garden working bee 3.30pm - all welcome

Week 4 Term 2, 2016

Tuesday, 17 th May	ICAS Computers Learn, Play, Shine
Wednesday, 18 th May	Leeton Mortimer Shield day
Thursday, 19 th May	Police Visit – K-2 & Cyber bullying 3-6 Book Fair
Friday, 20 th May	Walk Safely to School day Kinder – Responsible pet care Book Fair

Week 5 Term 2, 2016

Thursday, 26 th May	LPS Athletics carnival
Friday, 27 th May	LPS Athletics carnival

Week 6 Term 2, 2016 – Book Fair all week

Tuesday, 31 st May	ICAS Science Learn, Play, Shine
Thursday, 2 nd June	BACK UP DAY LPS Athletics Carnival
Friday, 3 rd June	LNPSSA Cross Country at Narrandera

Principals Report

Dear Parents / Caregivers

School is a very busy place for both students and teachers alike. Leeton Public School is no exception. This week we will once again be busy with students from Years Three & Five involved in NAPLAN as well as students taking part in the LPS Cross Country on Friday.

Welcome

This year Leeton Public School was lucky enough to gain funding from the National School Chaplaincy Programme to put on a chaplain for two days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) over the next four years. Mr Jeff Cottom has been appointed to the role as our Chaplain and we would like to warmly welcome him to our school. Jeff is currently a Pastor at the Leeton CRC Church where he heads up the Youth programme. Jeff also has worked in Kids Clubs, Preschool programmes and a Mentor for Indigenous Youth programs.

The aim of the chaplaincy initiative is to support the emotional wellbeing of students and the school community through pastoral care. Jeff is looking forward to working with students and parents at our school over the coming years.

Last Week at LPS

Mother's Day Shared Lunch

Last Thursday we celebrated Mother's day at Leeton Public School with a shared lunch. It was a wonderful day with our grounds filled with parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and carers sharing their lunchtime with our students. Our Infants Dance group did a wonderful job rounding off a great day. It was wonderful to catch up with many of you on the day.

Thank you also to our wonderful P&C ladies lead by Stephanie Glenn who did an outstanding job helping our students pick that special item for their loved ones at the P&C stall.

AFL Trials

Taj Doyle has had great success in the AFL trials and has cemented his position in the Riverina Team. We wish him all the best in Nelson Bay on May 23rd when he will participate in a three day State Carnival against all other PSSA zones, McKillop, Polding and the CIS schools. What a wonderful opportunity Taj!



This Week at LPS**NAPLAN**

This week students in Years 3 & 5 will take part in the NAPLAN testing regime which takes place across Australia. Whilst compulsory for all schools across Australia, at LPS we realise it is just a snapshot of a student's performance on one day. We encourage all students to try their best but use a variety of ongoing assessment tools to fully gauge a student's progress and performance at school.

Students will take part in Literacy, Numeracy and Writing tests over three days commencing on Tuesday.

Tuesday 10th May – Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday 11th May – Reading

Thursday 12th May - Numeracy

Friday 13th May- Make up day for students who are absent on previous testing days.

P&C Meeting – Tuesday April 10 – 7pm

The next P&C Meeting will take place at Leeton Public School in the Primary Staff room on Tuesday April 10 at 7pm (Winter times). All interested Parents and community members are urged to attend.

The Leeton Public School P&C do a wonderful job at our school fundraising to provide our students with a variety of resources and opportunities.

LPS Cross Country

A reminder that we will be holding the LPS Cross Country at school this Friday May 13. Everyone is welcome to come along and cheer on our wonderful students on the day.

Communication with school

Have you spoken to your child's 2016 teacher yet about your child's progress? Research clearly indicates that parents who maintain contact with their child's teacher help facilitate better academic and social progress for their child. As I regularly mention, interviews with class teachers can be made at any time by simply contacting the front office and organising a mutually convenient time for a conversation to take place. Both teachers and parents can initiate these valuable discussions, and I encourage this to happen.

Kindergarten 2017

Although, not yet half way through the 2016 school year, planning has already commenced for our 2017 Kindergarten students. This year we will be holding two information sessions regarding Kindergarten 2017 at the school on Wednesday 8th June at 2pm and again at 7pm. I would like to encourage all parents with students enrolling at LPS in 2017 to attend these sessions. This year we are once again offering an extended transition period for our new students starting next year. The transition program will commence on Wednesday 12th October (Week 1, Term 4) until 30th November (Week 8, Term 4).

Initially the program will run for approximately 2 hours every week.

If you know of anyone from within the Leeton area who may be interested in engaging their child in our transition program, please ask them to contact the school for more details. Likewise, the information can also be located on our website at www.leeton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

As always if you have an issue or concern please contact the classroom teacher, the appropriate Assistant Principal or myself to discuss. From time to time issues arise at school. This is perfectly normal for any school setting so if you have any questions, issues, enquiries or you want feedback on any aspect of your child's schooling please ring to make a mutually convenient appointment time with your child's teacher, Assistant Principal or myself as required.

Jayne Gill

Principal

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: Amina Firdous, Zaineb Ahmed, Flynn Anthony

Front L-R: Avaril Deaton, Chloe Curry, Victoria Glenn, Katelyn Winnel

Merit Award Winners

KB Connor Apathurwyn, Mackenzie Kinniburgh

KF Bryce Baker, Jaylah Scalora

KV Blake Meekin, Wesley Wate

1M Aimon Doyle, Reuben Haasbroek

1S Charlie-Anne Davis, Connor Owens

2M Ivy Snell, Riley Melvin

2R	Ethan Lyons, Sonija Kalon
S2B	Jye Davison, Thiviya Manoharan, Jessica Laing
S2C	Charlotte Kirby, Jack Evans, Isaac Norden
S2S	Taine Pauls, Kane Flack, Coco Sands
S2T	Bridey Price, Jack Morgan-Smith, Joshua Lawson
S3E	Louis Allan, Rayden Best, Anthony Roberts
S3L	Sophie Morgan-Smith, Kiesha Poulson, Emily Mahalm
S3RA	Hamish Johnstone, Sophie Anthony, Remy Pages
S3RY	Elizabeth Lee, Rachael Dowling, Beniel Dakunibubului

Technology Update

Could all parents please ensure their child has the necessary apps on the device they bring to school. Students and teachers are finding it very frustrating to undertake learning activities when the required apps are not downloaded. Without the necessary apps it make the use of the device quite limited. Thank you for your cooperation, it will be greatly appreciated by all.

Basic Recommended Apps include:

Google Chrome

Google Apps (Google Classroom, Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Slides)

Reading Eggs

Mathletics

A picture editing app (eg pic collage)

A movie editing app (eg imovie, video star)

A dictionary app (eg dictionary.com)

Microsoft Apps- optional (One Drive, Word, Powerpoint)

A calculator (most devices come with one preinstalled)

If you would like assistance or a complete list of recommended apps please contact the office or myself.

Many thanks

Jo Pearce – Technology coordinator

Premier's Reading Challenge



It's that time again! Time to log your books for the 2016 Reading Challenge.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each

student to read, to read more and to read more widely!

Students in K-2 are challenged to read 30 books off the challenge list, whilst years 3-6 are set the challenge of reading 20 books from the list. Students may include books they have read earlier this year at home as well as those read at school!

To log the books read or to find out what books are on the list, students can log into their student portal and the Premier's Reading Challenge link is hidden in the Learning tab.

If you require help logging books please catch up with one of the Info Hub teachers during your lessons and we can help!

Thanks

Jo Pearce – Challenge coordinator.

KF News

Today Mrs Frazer and KF say goodbye to Mrs Kristy Smith who has been on prac from University of Southern Queensland. Mrs Smith has been engaged in all aspects of school life learning the skills needed to be a teacher.

We thank her for all her help during the last two weeks and we look forward to her returning in August.



LPS Cross Country

This Friday 13th May, we will be running our annual Cross Country. Starting time will be approximately 9.40am. Starting line and finishing line will be in the Infants playground area. Parents/carers are most welcome to come along as spectators. Could I ask spectators to stand well back from the track and keep the covered walkways clear? Ribbons and medallions will be presented at Monday's assembly (16th May) in our hall at 2.10pm. The first two 8 year olds, first three 9 year olds and the first five 10,11 and 12/13 year olds will be eligible to go to the zone Cross Country in Narrandera on Friday 3rd June 2016. I am still on the look out for any parents/carers who can "man" a post around the track. Please

fill out the note at the end of the newsletter and return to the school ASAP. Many thanks.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin, Cross Country Co-ordinator

LPS Vegie Garden Working Bee

Thank you to the parent and student helpers who turned out Friday afternoon to work in our Vegie Garden. Thelma Chaffey, who came in early and toiled away for several hours, thanks. Thanks also to Mrs Franz, Bella Franz, Mrs Clarke, Chelsea Clarke and Jarrod Young who all put in over an hour of sweat and toil each. **We will rally again this Friday (13th May)** straight after school to continue to tame the overgrown garden beds. Any new helpers who can spare a half an hour would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin, LPS Garden Co-ordinator

THE CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS

A massive thank you to Sue Mundy, Trudi Alampi & Rosa Dadonna for their help with the Mother's Day Lunch on Thursday. I hope everyone enjoyed their lunch.

Happy Mother's Day for yesterday to all you our amazing LPS Mothers & Grandmothers. My thoughts are with those families whose Mother's & Grandmother's are no longer with us.

FOR SALE

LARGE FRIDGE/FREEZER,

\$100 PICK-UP ONLY!

CONTACT BELINDA 0427532401 FOR MORE DETAILS.

THE CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTER

WEEK 3

Monday 9th - Margie

Tuesday 10th - Liz Tynan

Wednesday 11th - Jo McLennan

Thursday 12th - Karen Kalon

Friday 13th - Jenny Ryan

WEEK 4

Monday 16th - Margie

Tuesday 17th - Cara Chitts

Wednesday 18th - Sue Mundy

Thursday 19th - Amanda Sidebottom

Friday 20th - Rosa Dadonna

WEEK 5

Monday 23rd - Margie

Tuesday 24th - Liz Tynan

Wednesday 25th - Jo McLennan

**THURSDAY 26TH & FRIDAY 27TH - SPORTS CARNIVAL -
HELPERS REQUIRED - CRUNCHY CABIN CLOSED**

UNIFORM SHOP

☐ ☺ **OPENED 1.00pm-5.00pm**

EVERY TUESDAY OR by appointment call

Belinda on 0427 532 401

- Hats have increased from \$14 to \$15.
- I am currently out of size 12 boys long sleeved shirts.
- Size 57cm hats have finally arrived!

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



**What is Messy Sunday?
IT'S A LOT OF FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Messy Sunday is aimed at all ages (yes, even you!)

Fun, Faith & Food!!

OUR NEXT MESSY SUNDAY WILL BE:

Sunday 15th May, 2016

****NEW TIME 4.00pm to 6.00pm NEW TIME****

Celebrating "UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY"

St Peter's Anglican Church Hall

24 Church St, Leeton

Cost: a donation, please

Want to know more?

Call 69532107





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LNPSSA Cross Country 2016 LPS Friday 13th May

HELPER NOTE:

☐ **Yes I can**
help at the
checkpoints from
9.30am-12.00pm on
Friday 13th May 2016.



Name:

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Child's name:

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Child's class:

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