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Term 3, Week 10

Monday, 19 September 2016

## Calendar – What's On?

### Week 10 Term 3, 2016

Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Learn, Play, Shine Community Tree Planting SRC students attending Fivebough Wetlands
<b>Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Uniform Shop open 1pm- 5pm</b>
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Peer Support
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Stage 3 Sport at LHS oval Last Day of Term 3

### Week 1 Term 4, 2016

Tuesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Environmentors – Infants Hall 9.30am-2.10pm
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Environmentors- Infants Hall 9.30m-2.10pm Kindergarten Transition commences
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Stage 2 Borambola excursion T Blast Cricket No 1 oval
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Stage 2 Borambola excursion

### Week 2 Term 4, 2016

Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Learn, Play, Shine
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Kinder Transition
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 excursion to Junee
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October	LNPSSA Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

### Week 3 Term 4, 2016

Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Kinder Transition
Friday, 28th October	Walkathon

## Principals Report

### Dear Parents & Carers

It is hard to believe that the end of Term 3 is already upon us. This term has been extremely busy with a wide variety of activities taking place which our students have been involved in including SHINE, KROP, Festival of Choral Music, Education Week, Trent Barrett Shield, Leeton Eisteddfod, Premiers Debating Challenge, Premiers Spelling Bee, PSSA Soccer and the Riverina Athletics Carnival just to name a few.

Next term is also shaping up to be a busy one with students involved in a variety of activities including the Stage 2 Borambola excursion, Year 2 Junee excursion, Kindergarten Altina excursion, School Spectacular and a variety of school based activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge all parents to complete the Partners in Learning Survey. This survey which aids future planning closes in late October. To date we have only had 6 parents complete this survey out of a possible 500! Details regarding accessing this survey online can be found below.

### Last Week At LPS

#### Project Based Learning - Professional Learning

Last Monday and Tuesday 6 staff members took part in a Project Based Learning workshop at Yenda Public School. Project Based Learning gives students the opportunity to develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills by actively exploring real world challenges and problems and acquiring deeper knowledge.

This term Miss Errey's class took part in a mini Project based around developing a game for younger students. Last week I had the pleasure of exploring some of the games that the students had developed. The work and research into completing these projects was fabulous and all students were engaged in their projects and were excited to share their work.

#### Stage 3 Girls Soccer

Last Thursday morning our Stage 3 Girls Soccer Team played in the Quarter Finals of the PSSA Soccer competition at the town ovals. The Girls were up against South Coast champions, Russell Vale on the day for a place in the Semi-finals to be played in Sydney early Term 4.



Our girls played well on the day holding Russell Vale to a final score of 3 goals to 1 which was a wonderful achievement when they were up against such formidable competition.

A big thank you to Louise Johnstone for coaching the girls and Suzanne Ryan for her support.

### Spelling Bee

Last Thursday we had 4 students travel to Griffith to take part in the Premiers Spelling Bee. Our Stage 2 was represented by Chase Lee and Iris Kalon. Our Stage 3 representatives were Francesco Ierano and Sophie Morgan-Smith. Well done to all of these students.

A comprehensive report can be found further in our Newsletter.

### Book Week Dress Up Day

Last Thursday we celebrated Book Week at Leeton Public School to coincide with Author visits organised by the Leeton Library. There was a large variety of colourful characters throughout the school which was wonderful to see.

### Riverina PSSA Carnival – Albury – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Last Friday the Riverina PSSA regional athletics carnival was held in Albury, congratulations to all the students that competed. A report will be completed when the results have been submitted.

### This Week at LPS

#### Tree Planting Day

On Tuesday members of the SRC will take part in the Leeton Shire Tree planting Day at Fivebough Wetlands. It is great to see our students taking part in such a great cause.

#### PSSA Red Tennis Day

On Tuesday we have 20 students taking part in the PSSA Red Tennis Day at Parkview Public School. The objective of the day is to expose students to the game of tennis through modified equipment and rules. Therefore the emphasis is on participation.

Matches will consist of 4 singles & 2 doubles. All with an underarm bounce serve. Each player serves twice and then the other player serves for 2 points.

Matches are timed and will be approximately 8 - 10 mins in duration. At the end of the time points are given to each team depending on the result of each match.

#### Stage 3 Sports Taster Afternoon

On Friday our Stage 3 students will take part in a Sports Taster afternoon organised by former student Blair O'Connell as part of their weekly sports program.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in 4 sports on the day and will finish the afternoon with a sausage sizzle.

A big shout out to Blair who has done a wonderful job organising this event.

### TERM 4 DATES

Term four commences on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9:25am and

goes to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### Kindergarten Transition Program – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

The LPS transition program for students starting Kindergarten in 2017 will commence on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October (Week 1 Term 4). The program will run for 8 weeks (until Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November) from 9:30 am until 11:10am.

Letters have been sent home to all parents who have indicated that their child will be attending these sessions. If you have completed the EOI transition form and haven't received your letter please contact the office.

If you know of anyone yet to enrol in the program and they have students who will be attending LPS in 2017 please encourage them to come into the school office to obtain an enrolment pack.

### The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will once again be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

This survey will help our school understand parents and carers perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on a public computer. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22<sup>nd</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

I encourage you to take part in the survey by following the link below and completing the questions.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/b7msh>

If the survey opens to a login page, please **copy and paste the link into your internet browser**. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey.

If you are experiencing any problems with this process, please contact the school.

As always I encourage open channels of communication between the home and school. Parents are encouraged to contact the school office to make an appointment to discuss any matters regarding their child's education with the relevant teacher or Assistant Principal.

Jayne Gill  
Principal

## Attendance and Absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 have a responsibility to make sure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

Being sick, or having an infectious disease

Having an unavoidable medical appointment

Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday

Exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents are required to provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Parents can contact the school by telephone, written note, text message or email. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on your child's record.

Currently with the high level of sickness in the area I would like to encourage parents who have students sick at home to get a medical certificate from the Dr to cover the days students have been absent.

## Working with Children Procedures for Volunteers

At Leeton Public School we appreciate the help that we receive from Parents, Grandparents and other school volunteers.

Under new regulations volunteers working with students and in schools are required to either provide the school with a current Working With Children's check number or complete the WWCC Declaration for Volunteers and contractors (Appendix 5) along with Proof of identity form (Appendix 6).

Statutory Declarations must be signed by an authorised witness including a Justice of the Peace. The school has access to people authorised to sign such paperwork if you need assistance.

Volunteers can collect appropriate paper work from the school office. Paper work must be completed and signed before working in the classroom.

## MS Readathon

Just a reminder for the students to keep reading and recording the books they have read for the MS Readathon. It finishes Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Year 2 Fundraiser for Excursion

Thank you to all the parents and students who cooked for our cupcake/biscuit stall, it was a huge success. Year 2 would also like to thank the many students who purchased baked goods and wore casual clothes to support our

fundraising efforts for our excursion to Junee early next Term. The money raised has covered the cost of the bus for our students.

Thanks again.

Teachers and Students from Year 2.

## Special Award Winners for this Week

### Diamond Award Winners

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



L-R: Georgina Jackson, Vann Hodge, Logan Doig, Emily Baulch, Jaxen Heath

### Merit Award Winners

KB	Bella Franks, Thomas Perram
KF	Kade McLennan, Bryce Baker
KV	Tate Pauls, Matilda Kokke
1M	Phoenix Kember, Janushan Anandakumar, Xavier Stanton
1S	Kalahata Puipuaia, Lucas Narel
2M	Ivy Snell, Rusty Skewes
2R	Ben McIntosh, Holley Harrison
S2B	Daniel Bridge, Mimi Robinson, Mathew Ierano
S2C	Jaxon Johnson, Shailah Smith, Nicholas Mannall, Isaac Norden
S2S	Ruth Marcelo, Iris Kalon, Jacob Buchanan, Max Gerhardy
S2T	Matthew Puntoriero, Mackenzie O'Loughlin, Shelley Halls
S3E	Rayden Best, Anthony Roberts, Campbell Sidebottom

S3L	Sajeevan Anandakumar, Amina Firdous, Lucy Rhodes
S3RA	Ben Faoa, Trinity Patten-Taylor, Madeline Sachs
S3RY	Emily McVittie, Haley Vecchio, Adele Thompson

## Commonwealth Bank Awards

Congratulations to these students for making 10 deposits.



Campbell Sidebottom

## Results from Premier's Spelling Bee 2016

Well done to our representatives who tried their hardest last Thursday in Griffith.

Our Stage 2 section competitors results are: Chase Lee made it to the third round before bowing out of the competition due to the word rigorous stumping him. Iris Kalon was very successful and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the section.

Our Stage 3 section competitors results are: Francesco Ierano made it through to Round 3 before the word perennial caused him some confusion! Sophie Morgan-Smith made it all the way to Round 4 before being eliminated! We are very proud of all of you and your efforts representing LPS.

C Ramponi

Premier's Spelling Bee Co-ordinator

## 2016 UNSW Science Competition

Last term 9 students participated in the UNSW Science International Competition. They were awarded the following certificates:

Participation:	Mathew Ierano
	Jessica Laing
	Madeline Sachs
	Matthew Laing
Merit:	Grace Tynan
	Sajeevan Anandakumar

Credit:	Thiviya Manoharan
	Francesco Ierano
Distinction:	Laura McIntosh

## CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS

**\*NEW - Sour ZooperDoopers .50c**

## CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTER

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Margie

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Liz Tynan

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Sue Mundy

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Cara Chitts

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Tracey Mannall

☺☺☺☺LAST DAY TERM 3☺☺☺☺

**The Crunchy Cabin is always after more volunteers.**

**If you can spare a few hours between 9am - 12.30 any day of the week, even just 1 day a term, this would really help out. Please don't hesitate to contact me, Belinda on 0427532401 (preferably text message). Thank you.**

## UNIFORM SHOP

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN EXTRA HOURS:**

**\*TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 1.00 - 5.00pm**

**\*WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 1.00 - 5.00pm**

**FOR YOUR TERM 4 SUMMER UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

**THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL NOT BE OPENED IN THE HOLIDAYS.**

[www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

**STRICTLY NO CREDIT, CASH ONLY**

The Uniform Shop is currently out of the following:

\*Ties

\*Size 8 Track Tops

\*Size 12 Track Tops

\*Size 12 Boys long sleeved Shirts

(These items will be restocked ASAP)



## S3E News!

This term, S3E has been engaged in **PROJECT BASED LEARNING**. Our final product had to answer a *driving question* which was, **how can we make learning more exciting through games?** The task required students to create a game that was enjoyable and enabled the targeted audience to learn new concepts.

S3E designed a variety of games including; Minecraft Timetables, Health-mania, Spell-opoly, Compound Quiz Memory Game, Footy Facts, Flynn and Blake's Brain Game, 10 Second Rule and Maths Maze. Some students created traditional games while others used technology to create online games.

Students had to speak to experts – in this case, it was some LPS teachers in order to find out what concepts are appropriate for their targeted age group.

"It was difficult to design a learning game through Minecraft but it was rewarding at the end" – Cohen

"We put a lot of thought into our game and we are happy with how it turned out" – Braith

**"It was fun playing everybody's games. Some of us are donating our games to other classes at LPS" – Alexandra**

"It was very challenging at the start but at the end of the day it was very fun to see everyone playing the games" – Matilde

"I FEEL VERY HAPPY NOW BECAUSE I GOT THROUGH A CHALLENGE" – HOLLY

"I was great that we could make our own game to share with everybody to help them learn" – Faith

"It took a long time to get it right but in the end it turned out well" – Campbell F





**PHOTO GALLERY – BOOK WEEK**







#### School holiday workshops with Monkey Baa Theatre Company and Griffith Regional Theatre

Come in and TAKE THE STAGE at the GRT with Monkey Baa! One of Australia's leading theatre companies for young people, Monkey Baa has reached more than 1.1 million young Australians through productions and workshops. Recently our production of 'The Peasant Prince' travelled to Griffith, as well as 37 other venues across Australia.

In this unique workshop designed especially for Griffith, a Monkey Baa tutor will lead young people in the following:

- Drama games, activities and super fun exercises
- Stage craft: lighting, sound and production design
- Writing scripts
- Creating new work
- Performing for others

The workshop will culminate in a short presentation for friends and family. Monkey Baa can't WAIT to visit Griffith to run this program; Griffith is such a wonderful place for us to visit and we have such exciting activities planned for you!

<b>DATES</b>	Tuesday 4/10/16 - Friday 7/10/16
<b>TIMES</b>	10am - 3pm with a break for lunch - bring your own lunch
<b>AGES</b>	Primary students (8 - 12 year olds)
<b>COSTS</b>	\$15 per day per student or \$10 per day if booking and paying for more than one day. Bookings essential. Discount for second child from family.
<b>BOOKINGS</b>	Via Box Office.

[www.griffithregionalthatre.com.au](http://www.griffithregionalthatre.com.au) | 02 6962 8444 | 1 Neville Place Griffith 2682 | [theatre@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:theatre@griffith.nsw.gov.au)



#### Spring 2016 Western Riverina Junior Chess Tournament in Griffith

- WHERE:** St. Patrick's Primary School Hall, Griffith (Warrambool St)
- WHEN:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
(last week of the school holidays)
- TIME:** 9:15 am to 3:45 pm
- ENTRY FEE:** \$10 (\$15 for a family) payable on the day.
- OPEN TO:** Anyone under the age of 18 who likes to play chess
- PRIZES:** Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in U18, U12 & U10
- REGISTER BY:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 by contacting:  
Noel Maddern Ph 0428 887 626  
or by email: [noel.maddern@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:noel.maddern@det.nsw.edu.au)
- WHAT TO BRING:** Lunch & refreshments (both drink and water for each)

You don't have to be a great chess player, as this is a fun tournament, but knowledge of the rules is required.  
The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.

Chess: the clever sport

## Get active this summer and get involved in Leeton Touch!

Our junior competition will commence Monday 17 October and will run for nine weeks, finishing up just to Christmas.

Primary school aged juniors register and pay as an individual player and will be placed into a team by the committee.

Games are played Mondays at 5pm & 5.30pm

Registration fee is \$30 per child

To register, visit [www.leeton.mytouchfooty.com](http://www.leeton.mytouchfooty.com) and follow the steps to register as a junior.

See you on the field!

Find us on Facebook: @leetontouchfooty

### 5-7 years

# net

Learn netball related fundamental motor skills with fun music, dance and games.

### 8-10 years

# set

Be a part of modified netball games with a focus on fun and teamwork.

### go

Visit [netsetgo.nsw.au](http://netsetgo.nsw.au) to find out more.

**Centre:** Leeton Whelan Crows FC

**Phone:** 0437158666

**Email:** [leeton@goport.com](mailto:leeton@goport.com)

**Location:** Leeton Showgrounds Court

**When:** Fridays 5-5.45pm, 14 Oct

**Cost:** \$70 new, \$20 returning

**Reg. Dates:** Online or Friday 14 Oct 5pm



# Spring Holidays @ Leeton Library

Phone: 6953 0945 enquiries and bookings

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sept 26</b> Continuous Storytime 10.30	<b>27</b> Continuous Storytime 10.30	<b>28</b> Continuous Storytime 10.30	<b>29</b> Continuous Storytime 10.30 Card Making 2.30	<b>30</b> Continuous Storytime 10.30	<b>Oct 01</b> Saturday Bookchair 10.30am
<b>03</b> CLOSED Labour Day	<b>04</b> Storytime 10.30 Lego Club Launch 3.30	<b>05</b> Storytime 10.30	<b>06</b> Storytime 10.30	<b>07</b> Continuous Storytime 10.30	<b>08</b> Saturday Bookchair 10.30am

Continuous Storytime	Holiday Activities	Storytime	Saturday Bookchair
10.30am daily. Free. Ideal for younger children	Cost \$5. Ages 5+ Please book to avoid disappointment as places are limited	10.30am on the 1 <sup>st</sup> consecutive Tues, Wed, Thurs of the month. Free. Ideal for younger children	Every Saturday 10.30am Free.



# Leeton Public School

*Learn. Play. Shine*

Operating once a fortnight, in the wooden building in the Infants area of Leeton Public School.

## Dates for Semester 1

9th February  
23rd February  
8th March  
22nd March  
5th April  
3rd May  
17th May  
31st May  
14th June  
28th June

## Dates for Semester 2

26th July  
9th August  
23rd August  
6th September  
20th September  
18th October  
1st November  
15th November  
29th November  
13th December

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Activities and resources provided free of charge.

*Creative play, reading aloud and sharing stories with your child promotes language, literacy and brain development. It also helps develop speech, imagination and counting skills.*



## Leeton Public School

# Learn Play Shine



Come and join us for singing, stories, playtime and more!

0 - 5 year olds  
Tuesdays 9.45 - 10.45

*Our baby and preschool community growing together!*

For further details call 0269 533 488

