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Term 1, Week 7

Monday, 6 March 2017

## Calendar – What's On?

### Week 7 Term 1, 2017

Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Learn, Play, Shine Uniform Shop 1.00 – 3.30pm TODAY ONLY
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Best Start Parent Session 7pm Swimming Sport S2 9.30am S3 10.15am \$3.50

### Week 8 Term 1, 2017

Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Riv PSSA Swimming
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Western Riv PSSA AFL Trials Swimming Sport S2 9.30am S3 10.15am \$3.50
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March	LNPSSA Soccer Gala Day

### Week 9 Term 1, 2017

Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Riv PSSA Hockey Trials
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Learn, Play, Shine
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Riv PSSA Boys Football Trials Swimming Sport S2 9.30am S3 10.15am \$3.50
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March	LNPSSA Stage 2/3 Rugby 7's

### Week 10 Term 1, 2017

Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Riv PSSA Rugby Trials
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Riv PSSA Girls Football Trial
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Sport S2 9.30am S3 10.15am \$3.50
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Riv PSSA AFL Final Selection Learn, Play, Shine

## Principals Report

Dear Parents / Carers

### Young Leaders Conference – Sydney

Last Thursday our Leaders travelled down with students from Whitton/Murrami and Yanco to attend the Young Leaders Conference which was held in Sydney on Friday March 3. I know they all had a wonderful time and enjoyed the experience. The program consisted of keynote talks and presentations for students who aspire to lead themselves and others well. LPS students were excellent ambassadors for our school and I was extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves whilst away. Look for their report in this newsletter.

### LNPSSA AFL Trials

Last Wednesday students took part in the LNPSSA AFL trials. The students were involved in a development session then played several games. Congratulations to Logan Mahalm, Flynn Anthony, Blake McDonald, Jhi Grundy, Jayden Broadbent, Cohen Matthews and Jonah Allen who have been selected in the LNPSSA AFL team. These students will join others from the Leeton/Narrandera area on the 16th March to contest the Riverina Championships! Well done to all the boys who trialled yesterday, the skills on display were impressive!

### Clean Up Australia Day

A big thank you to all that came along to our community Clean Up Australia event, as well as all of the teachers who helped out on the day.

### Parent Information Sessions- Best Start – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

On Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm (in the KF & KV classroom) we will be holding a parent information session for all Kindergarten parents to explain the Best Start testing procedure and assist in understanding the reports that all students have received after completing these tests.

### Tell Them From Me student feedback survey (Term 1, 2017)

This term our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic

achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 20 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 17/3/17.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:  
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

#### **P & C Meeting – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm**

The next P&C meeting will take place in the Primary staff room this Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to come along to this meeting.

#### **Attendance**

Last week we our Home School Liaison Officer completed a Roll Check. It was disappointing to see the number of students that have already been absent a number of days in 2017. As parents it is your responsibility to ensure that your child attends school on a regular basis.

If your child is absent it is important to ensure that you provide the school with a note to explain this absence. If sick and under the care of a Doctor it is good practise to obtain a Medical Certificate to explain these absences.

#### **Getting to and from school safely**

Please remember to cross at the school crossing holding your child's hand. Streets around schools are very busy in the mornings and afternoons. Please do not stop or park your car on or near any pedestrian crossing and observe all safety and no stopping signs. Children aged between four and seven must be secured in a forward facing child restraint or booster seat. Also please do not park your car across school carpark entry/exit areas as this can cause problems for people needing to enter or exit these areas in an emergency.

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 Executive Member 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.

*Rachel Thomason*

*Relieving Principal*

### **Young Leaders Conference**

Together we can!

This year's theme at the Young Leaders Conference in Sydney has certainly encouraged us, as young leaders at Leeton Public/Yanco/Whitton Murrumbidgee Public Schools.

At the Conference there were five, inspiring speakers who told their stories of how they came to be leaders in their fields. These role models spoke of the different challenges they faced and how they overcame them.

Sam Skinner, the head of Halogen Foundation that organises the Conference spoke about the core values we have and how they shape us as leaders. Sometimes we have to sacrifice our beliefs in order to help others. "Everyone in this room is a leader but everyone has different ways of being a good leader."

The second speaker, Sam Webb, who is the founder of Livin, spoke about Patience, Positivity & Perseverance. He lost a close friend and realised when we say "we're fine" it really means "help me".

"Bravery over perfection" was the motivation for 15 year old Jade Hameister, to be the youngest person to ski to the North Pole. She now plans to ski to Antarctica and Greenland. Jade told us how we often let fear get in the way and that we need to be brave and not let it conquer us and our dreams.

Dr Jordan Nguyen was one of our personal favourites who is using technology to improve the lives of others. He had a diving accident that left him paralysed for one whole day. During his stay in hospital he had time to look at things from a different perspective after he met a disabled lady who is now his friend. Jess suffers from severe cerebral palsy but runs her own company, is a skilled photographer and inspires his work. He has created a wheelchair that picks up brainwaves so you can control the chair even if you are so disabled that you have little or no mobility.

Another one of his technological inventions was featured on ABC iView showing Riley in a car that is controlled by his eyes. Dr Jordan believes we can create a better world and that technology helps improve the life of others.

Finally the two comperes, Scott Tweedie & Gemma Knight, interviewed Barry Conrad who sings and acts. Barry spoke about when he was bullied, advice given to him on X-factor and the importance of being the better version of yourself. He urged leaders to use their position to help others to reach leadership level. He reminded us it's ok to make mistakes and we need to dig deep and move forward.

It was an amazing experience and we rate it 11/10.

We made new friends amongst ourselves, experienced lots of public transport and learnt not to stand on the deck of the ferry during big swells. We made a big splash with the Friday evening commuters! Thanks to the teachers, Mr Allen, Mr Adams and Mrs Ramponi who took us on this adventure (peak hour traffic included!)



*Jhi, Emily, Jessica, Emily and Logan*

### Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to **Sophie O'Callaghan** who was nominated as the Aussie-of-the-month for March. Congratulations also to the other nominees listed below.



*Front L-R: Raffaele Mallamace, Anderson Wesley, Dion Bennett, Kade McLennan*

*Back L-R: Grace Murphie, Sophie O'Callaghan, Taya Stanton*

### AFL News

Last Wednesday 10 boys from LPS attended trials for the Leeton-Narrandera-Griffith AFL at the Leeton Show grounds. Seven boys from LPS were successful in being selected. Congratulations to Logan Mahalm, Flynn Anthony, Blake McDonald, Jhi Grundy, Jayden Broadbent, Cohen Matthews and Jonah Allen. Thank you to all the boys who attended. I was told that the skill level was particularly high and the

behaviour and sportsmanship of our LPS boys was excellent. A big thank you to Ryan Mahalm for your expertise and help.

*Lyndall Kirkup*

## Special Award Winners for Week 6 Term 1, 2017

### Diamond Award Winners

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



*Back row L-R: Katelyn Turek, Indianna Halls, Isabella Franz, Emily Pearce*

*Front row L-R: Willis Beaumont, Ava Gerlinger, Kohen Gerlinger*

### Merit Award Winners

KB	Ruby Talbot, Pereka Herewini
KF	William Barton-Roden, Eden Legge
KV	Viena Epasid, Rhoxi Isidto
1M	Charlotte Buchanan, Iowani Korovata
1S	Bryce Baker, Logan Doig
2K	Charli-Anne Davis, Luke Bechaz
2M	Aimon Doyle, Perry Rendell
S2O	Thiviya Manoharan, Lily Hansen, Madeleine Glenn
S2S	Holly Schmetzer, Nicholas Mannall, Saniya Kalon
S2T	Cooper Cregan, Ava Gerlinger, Liam Collins
S2W	Bridey Price, Indianna Halls, Sebastian Crelley
S3E	Victoria Glenn, Coco Sands, Cohen Matthews
S3L	Isaac Blake, Rajveer Sahota, Titi Faoa
S3RA	Carta Jackson, Charlie Lamont, Flynn Anthony
S3RY	Adele Thompson, Isabella Polimeni, Caden Teerman



## P&C News

Our first fundraiser for the year is on this coming weekend, Friday and Saturday night at the Bidgee Classic. We are in need of any donations of water, soft drinks, potatoes (cooked or uncooked), mince etc for our stall. Potatoes, wrapped in foil and baked can be dropped at the Weir or at a venue in town to be delivered. If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated and further information can be obtained from [melissa.anthony@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:melissa.anthony@det.nsw.edu.au) or 0499764508. If you plan to donate any items, please send an sms with your name and what you can donate. All will act as profit back to the P&C and our kids.

Alternatively, you may like to go on a roster for helping with the selling.

Melissa Anthony

## Golden Apple Dockets

A huge thank you to the Golden Apple Supermarket for their kind donation to Leeton Public School of \$1,235.51!! 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 2016. If our school reaches the target (based on \$40 per family per week) they will donate an additional 25% which equals 1.25cents – making a maximum payment of 6.25cents in every \$10.00, so please keep those dockets coming!

## Clean Up Australia Day!

On Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> March, approximately 65 students volunteered their time to participate in Clean Up Australia Day. We collected approximately 40 bags of rubbish from along Palm Avenue and the surrounding streets. It was one of our largest groups to date, and I would like to say a big thankyou to the LPS students and their family members, who volunteered their own time to help keep our great patch of Australia beautiful. I'm looking forward to continuing our great work next year.

Aliesha McDonald



## CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTER

### Week 7

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Margie

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Jo McLennan

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Cara Chitts

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - Kristy Pike

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sue Mundy

### Week 8

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Margie

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Caitelin Milne

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Rachel Bush

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Rebecca Sgroi

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Margie

### **Stage 3 Soccer Gala**

**10.00 - 12.30 - Rebecca Sgroi, Cara, Sue Mundy**

### Week 9

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Margie

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Jo McLennan

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

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Rebecca Sgroi

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Margie

### **Rugby 7'S Gala Day**

**10.00 - 12.30 - Foxy, Cara Chitts, Rachel Bush**

**12.30 - 2.30 - Helen Birbara, Tammi Ryan**

### Week 10

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Margie

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Caitelin Milne

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> - Rachel Bush

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> - Kristy Pike

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> - Tracey Mannall

### Week 11

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Margie

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Jo Mc Lennan

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Cara Chitts

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - Rebecca Sgroi

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Tammi Ryan

**UNIFORM SHOP****UNIFORM SHOP THIS WEEK TUESDAY****1.00 - 3.30pm**

TUESDAYS 1.00 - 5.00pm

OR ONLINE AT

[WWW.OURONLINECANTEEN.COM.AU](http://WWW.OURONLINECANTEEN.COM.AU)


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[dentistsofaustralia.com.au](http://dentistsofaustralia.com.au)

**KCO 2017****Kids Camp Out  
March 25 - 26**

Narrandera Racecourse.

For kids in year 3 to 6

Your Group Coordinator: Patti Lloyd

Contact phone number: 0427 559 445

Contact email: [patti@patti@gmail.com](mailto:patti@patti@gmail.com)**Kids Camp Out 2017**

Kids Camp Out is an inter-denominational 24 hour camp for children in school years 3 to 6.

The camp will be held on Saturday and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March at Narrandera Racecourse.

The cost per camper is \$30, family of 2 \$55, family of 3 \$80. This covers camping fee, food, travel and accommodation.

For details contact:

Patti Lloyd 0427 559 445 by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Registration by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Registration forms available at school office

# FREE child car seat safety check

## 2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

**DATE:** Saturday,  
11th of March, 2017

**TIME:** 9am to 12pm

**LOCATION:** Leeton Market Plaza

For more information contact the Council's Road Safety Officer on 6953 0948 or 0427 837 974.



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# Stepping Stones Triple P

## Does your child have a disability?

Parents of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 are now eligible for **FREE** parenting support through the Stepping Stones Triple P Project.

### What is Stepping Stones Triple P?

For parents of children with a disability, everyday issues come with extra challenges. The Stepping Stones Triple P has been developed specifically to support parents of children with special needs. Stepping Stones is part of the world-acclaimed **Triple P – Positive Parenting Program** that gives parents skills to manage misbehaviour and prevent problems from happening in the first place. From mealtime tantrums to supermarket meltdowns, from bedtime dramas to outright disobedience, Stepping Stones Triple P helps parents sort through the big and small issues of family life – and raise happy and confident children.

### Session Times

#### Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability

When: Tuesday, 21st March from 7.15pm to 9.15pm

Where: Gralee School, Yanco Avenue Leeton

#### Helping your Child reach their Potential

When: Tuesday, 28th March from 7.15pm to 9.15pm

Where: Gralee School, Yanco Avenue Leeton

#### Changing problem behavior into Positive Behaviour

When: Tuesday, 4th April from 7.15pm to 9.15pm

Where: Gralee School, Yanco Avenue Leeton

RSVP to sessions: Maggie O'Callaghan or Elle Amato - Administration - Ph 6953 3350  
or Peter Hingston - Principal - 0488 720 105

For more info visit [www.triplep-steppingstones.net](http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net)

### Do I need to attend all sessions?

The sessions flow into each other however there is no obligation to attend all sessions: going to session 2 or session 3 without attending session 1 for instance is fine.

### CONTACTS

Peter Hingston- Principal- 0488 720 105

Elle Amato or Maggie O'Callaghan- Administration-6953 3350

Samantha (Sam) Preston- P&C President- 0448 865 738



# 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



## 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

7th February  
21st February  
7th March  
21st March  
4th April  
2nd May  
16th May  
30th May  
13th June  
27th June

### Dates for Semester 2

25th July  
8th August  
22nd August  
5th September  
19th September  
17th October  
31st October  
14th November  
28th November  
12th December

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Activities, resources and light morning tea 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.*