



Leeton Public School Newsletter

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Term 4, Week 10

Monday, 17 December 2018

Calendar – What’s On?

Week 10 Term 4, 2018

Monday, 17 th December	Platinum Award Assembly @ 2:30pm
Tuesday, 18 th December	Learn, Play, Shine 9:45am Uniform Shop OPEN Platinum Award Lunch
Wednesday, 19 th December	Last Day for Students Casual Clothes Day
Thursday, 20 th December	Staff Development Day
Friday, 21 st December	Staff Development Day

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



School & Uniform Shop Holiday Open Times

Friday, 18 th January	Office 9 am – 12 noon Uniform Shop 10 am – 12 noon
Wednesday, 23 rd January	Office 12 noon – 3 pm Uniform Shop 1 pm – 3 pm

Week 1 Term 1, 2019

Tuesday, 29 th January	Staff return
Wednesday, 30 th January	Students return Years 1 – 6
Thursday, 31 st January	Kindergarten commences

Returning of School Readers

Could everyone please have a look at home for any school readers and return them to school this week.

Thankyou
Mrs G Frazer



CASUAL CLOTHES LAST DAY OF TERM

Wednesday 19th December

K – 6 are invited to wear casual clothes (sun smart) and sensible shoes on last day of school.



There is NO CHARGE for casual clothes.

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the 2018 school year. The year has been an extremely busy but rewarding one for staff and students alike.

Presentation Day

Last Tuesday we held the Annual Leeton Public School presentation Day Assembly. This was a time to celebrate student achievement throughout the 2018 School year. Congratulations to the many students who received awards on the day. Students were recognised in areas of academic achievement, leadership, effort, sport, performing arts as well as many other categories. A big thank you to our school staff who organised the day.

Year 6 Farewell

Also taking place on Tuesday as part of the formalities was a morning tea for our Year 6 students who are leaving us for high school next year. The students cut their cake and had morning tea with their relatives and guests.

2018 School Leaders

At Presentation day the 2019 School leaders were announced. Congratulations to Thiviya Manoharan and Tom Cooper (Captains) along with Grace Hill and Jack Allen (Vice Captains). I know that these young people will be exceptional leaders in 2019 for Leeton Public School.





Giving Tree

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to the giving tree this year. Once again the response has been overwhelming. The gifts under the tree will be distributed to children in need at this time of year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Frazer who has taken the time to organise this wonderful initiative.

2019 Organisation

Thinking about 2019 already? At LPS we encourage everyone in Kindergarten – Year 6 to bring along some school supplies in a pencil case to assist their learning.

What could be in the pencil case?

Coloured pencils, Lead pencils, Red and Blue pens (Years 3 - 6), Highlighters, Ruler, Eraser, Sharpener, Whiteboard Markers and a Glue Stick.

* Don't forget years 3 - 6 students can also participate in our BYOD program and *Bring Their Own Device* (eg laptop, tablet, ipad etc) to school for use as a learning tool in the classroom.

Please ask if you have any questions.

SCHOOL & UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPEN TIMES

During the holidays the School Office and Uniform Shop will be open on two days.

Friday 18 th January	Office 9am – 12 noon Uniform Shop 10 am – 12 noon
Wednesday 23 rd January	Office 12 noon – 3pm Uniform Shop 1pm - 3pm

Upcoming Events

A reminder to all parents that this time of the year is extremely busy with many events scheduled. Events are listed below on this newsletter along with the calendar on the school website.

17 th December	Platinum Assembly
18 th December	Learn, Play, Shine Platinum Lunch
19 th December	Last day for students – Casual Clothes Day

Dates for next year

29 th January 2019	Staff return
30 th January 2019	Years 1-6 students return
31 st January 2019	Kindergarten 2019 commences 10am in School Hall

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 the 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 be initially addressed with classroom teachers as often issues can be addressed quickly.

Rachel Thomason
Relieving Principal

Gleitzman Poetry

Gleitzman have been writing poetry this term. Here are some of our thoughts on the theme of Refugees/War.

Don't Give Up

*Loud gunshots shatters the silence and passes my ear as we
hide away*

Darkness closes in

I grip my mum's hand as fear runs through my body

That night I dreamed that the war followed me wherever I go

*I ran through nightmares and screams and cries that I will
never forget*

No water or food left but we keep on going

I watch as people hide

The shadows lurk across the desert floor

Screams echo passed my ear and break the silent desert air

Blood stains the red desert dirt as dad falls to the ground

Hope was fading away

Fear was closing in

We run hide for our fragile lives

Don't give up as mum whispers in a sad voice

*I realise we can do it one day at a time we can make it to a
safer place where we are free to live our lives*

By Isabella Sgroi

Dead

Shadows creep closer with a loud rumble
 My feet make small clouds of dust as I stride across the desert sand
 I hide in the rubble of what was a home
 I'm running from a man hunt
 They're after my blood
 They won't stop till we're all dead
 I think they're gone for now
 I run to where my parents are
 But what is this?
 Their blood is staining the ground
 Now I'm all alone in a cruel, dark world
 As all freedom slips out of my finger tips
 What is the point of fleeing anymore?
 What is the strange light above me?
 Who are those two people up there?...Mum, Dad.
 By Evan Johnston

Rest

*She hushes her baby boy
 Rocking him back and forth
 He wails in the heat of the desert
 His mother despairing*

*Grandfather lays on the dirt
 Too tired to sleep
 Hungry with no appetite
 Unmoving, getting his skin burnt*

*Father gave up their money for water
 But at evening food will be lacking
 Clothes will be dirty
 And tears will be shed*

*As baby boy falls asleep
 Too does grandfather
 But his was unending sleep. By Charleigh Holliss*

Special Award Winners**Diamond Award Winners**

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



Back L-R: Vula Wate, Vincent Franz, Wesley Wate
 Front L-R: Tyler Flack, Sarah O'Brien, Myles Crockett

Merit Award Winners

Fox	Ailsa Attwood, Jaytee Saunoa
Wild	Joel Reynolds, Myles Crockett
Lester	Marshall McInerney, Kaylen Murphy
French	Braxton McDonald, Hamish Hawke
Bland	Isiah Tocin, Sophie McPherson
Blabey	Julian Mallamace, Ella Broadbent
Gleeson	Ryan Quast, Ben Dowse
Jennings	Emily Wells, Luke Bechaz, Charli-Anne Davis
Ottley	Nate Townsend, Emilie Di Salvia, Aimon Doyle
Griffiths	Mohammad Akbari, Jaedyn Stowers, Daniel Gater
Tan	Lily Thomason, Riley Legge, Holly Schmetzer
Gleitman	Brooke Pearce, Vula Wate, Jackson Dale
Marsden	Madison Sharman, Stephanie Veness, Emma Sherlock
Rodda	Scarlett Wallace, Chloe Curtis, Jack Evans

Golden Apple Dockets

Please keep saving your Golden Apple dockets over the holiday period, as we will start to collate them again at the beginning of the school year 2019. The Golden Apple generously donate to the school at the end of each year. Thank you to those who have been sending them in to date.

CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS

Wow this year has flown.

Once again, I have so many people to thank for their help throughout the year.

I am truly blessed and thankful for the generosity of those who have taken time out of their busy lives to assist me. The canteen would not be as successful as it is without these amazing ladies.

Firstly, I must thank my two wingmen, Cara Chitts and Tyne Gater. Their support, friendship and loyalty is very much appreciated. Thanks again girls.

These ladies are champions;

* Liz Tynan who has been helping for many years and sadly is now finished at LPS. I wish her daughter Grace all the best at SFC. Thanks again Liz x

* Jenny Ryan * Ange Fraser
* Karen Kalon * Maryanne McDonald
* Bec Sgroi
* Catherine Bechaz (Foxy)
* Jo McLennan

* Belinda Davies who is only a new recruit and unfortunately is also leaving LPS, all the best Grace with High School.

* Kristy Pike
* Amanda Sidebottom
* Janelle Bridge and
* Kristy McWhinnie.

A big thanks must go out to Liz Mudford.

Liz has been Canteen Treasurer for 2 years. Liz is responsible for doing our pays every week and both canteen and uniform shop accounts. This also is a voluntary position. I would like to sincerely thank Liz for her many hours of work behind the scenes and wish her daughter Isabelle all the very best for High School.

I would like to wish the year 6 students all the very best for High School. I have enjoyed watching them grow (taller than me ☺) and getting to know them through the years. I will miss our friendly banter.

THANK YOU

I must thank Bella Polimeni, Sari Leighton, Libby Olrick and Emani Waqanivalu for assisting me at second half of lunch when my helper is unavailable.

**LIMITED MENU FOR LAST DAY:**

***NUGGETS *PIZZA *PIES
*SAUSAGE ROLLS *MINI PIES
*NACHOS**

CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTER

Monday 17th - Faith Young

Tuesday 18th - Cara Chitts

* **UNIFORM SHOP OPEN**

Wednesday 19th - Tyne Gater

**UNIFORM SHOP**

1.00PM - 5.00PM

OPEN TOMORROW

TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER

Or by appointment through Belinda
0427532401.

NO EFTPOS, NO CREDIT, CASH ONLY.

AVAILABLE TO ORDER ONLINE AT

www.quickcliq.com.au

Due to the continual supplier price rises I have no choice but to increase the prices of:

- **GIRLS SUMMER DRESS FROM \$55 TO \$60**
- **BOYS SHORT & LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS WITH LOGO FROM \$25 TO \$30**
- **THESE PRICES WILL BE AFFECTIVE TERM 1 2019.**

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN IN JANUARY

- * FRIDAY 18th JANUARY 10AM - 12PM
- * WEDNESDAY 23rd JANUARY 1PM - 3PM.



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Australia Day Colouring In Competition
Entries are available at the LPS school office until Wednesday 19th December

There will be electronic copies available with emailed school newsletters and also on facebook.

Entries close Thursday 24th January.
Winner announced in Mountford Park during the Australia Day official ceremony Saturday 26th January 2019



Peace on Earth

St Peter's Anglican Church, Leeton
Cnr Church and Oak Sts (ph: 69532107)

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

- 6:00 pm Children's Liturgy and Mass
- 11:00 pm Carols with the Choir
- 11:30 pm Procession, blessing of the crib and Solemn Sung Mass

Christmas Day

- 8:30 am Sung Mass in the Lady Chapel



Reach Out and Relax

Are you a young person finding things a bit tough? Are you a parent and worried about your child or teenager's mental wellbeing? Need someone to talk to? The Intereach Reach Out And Relax (ROAR) program works with children, young people and their families to improve their emotional health and wellbeing.

► **So, how does it work?**

Have you been:

- feeling down or anxious?
- not coping at school?
- not sleeping well or sleeping too much?
- bullied, hurt or sexually harassed?
- having relationship issues?

Perhaps it's time to reach out and relax. The Intereach ROAR service supports you and your family if you are showing early signs of, or are at risk of developing a mental health issue.

► **Where is it available?**

ROAR works with children and young people aged up to 18 years in the local government areas of Balranald, Wentworth, Benigan, Hay, Edward River, Murray River, Federation, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Wagga Wagga, Lockhart, Leeton, Temora, Griffith, Carrathool, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai and Junee. If you live outside of this area, phone us and we can find the right support for you.

► **Is there a cost?**

ROAR is completely free and confidential.



We pay our respects to the Elders, both past and present, and to those of the future, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

Intereach acknowledges all traditional owners and Elders past and present, particularly the traditional custodians of the lands where our offices are located and the areas where we work.

► **Need assistance to talk to us?**

If you are deaf, or have a hearing impairment or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service:

TTY users
Phone 133 677 then ask for 1300 488 226

SMS relay users
SMS 0623 677 767

Need an interpreter?
Phone 131 450

Speak and Listen users
Phone 1300 555 727 then ask for 1300 488 226

Offices

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| Darlington
03 5890 5200 | Hay
02 6997 2500 |
| Albury
02 6051 7900 | Wagga Wagga
02 6932 8300 |
| Buronga
03 5051 7300 | Bendigo
03 5446 6500 |
| Cootamundra
02 6942 6900 | Kyneton
03 5423 3100 |
| Corowa
02 6044 2800 | Echuca
03 5480 8400 |
| Finley
03 5890 6200 | Maryborough
03 5461 6300 |
| Griffith
02 6969 7200 | |

► **Supporting Diversity**

Intereach welcomes every person irrespective of gender or gender identity, age, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage, cultural background, physical or intellectual abilities, country of birth, religious beliefs, sexuality and other real and perceived differences.

Toll free 1300 488 226

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LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

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LEETON HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Leeton Community of Public Schools!

It has been a big fortnight at Leeton High School. MADD Night was another fantastic success with multiple quality performances. Thank you to those who attended including our local primary and high schools, we really appreciated your support. Thank you to all our energetic staff and students for their commitment to such a great event for Leeton High School. Our performers will get to dazzle us all over again with next year's musical 'Back to the 80's'. Stay tuned for more information.

Congratulations to Josh Baulch who came a very respectable 4th in the recent National Athletics Championships held in Cairns. An amazing result for an exceptional athlete. More to come from Josh, no doubt, and we wait eagerly to watch his talent to continue to take him to the top. Also congratulations to our four fabulous Year 10 Drama students, Imigin Langham McCann, Bree McKellar, Kaila De Paoli and Amelie Sachs who travelled to Albury High School on Thursday to compete in the Weeping Candle Cup. The girls shook of any nerves, so much so that they came a resounding first place. Fantastic result for our girls and Miss O'Connell.

Presentation Night 13th December

Our annual Presentation Night was held on Thursday 13th December in the MPC. It was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the achievements of our students for their academic, sporting, cultural and citizenship successes and to acknowledge their fine contributions to our school and community. Thank you to all who attended including our special guests and award donors. Also well done to Zac Hall in Year 7 who performed the Welcome dance, our choir and Amelie Sachs for their outstanding performances during the evening and Isaac Collins Dux for 2017.

End of Year Reports

Years 7-10 received their reports last Friday. Unclaimed reports are available from the office. Parent/Teacher Interviews have been scheduled for Tuesday 18th December from 4pm. Please make a booking through our Sentral system. You can access our Sentral Parent and Student Portal at <https://web1.leeton-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>. You will need your username and password to login, which was contained in the information letters sent home. We will utilise three areas within the school for interviews. Our English and Creative and Performing Arts teachers will be in the iStudy room, our Mathematics, LOTE, HSIE and Learning Support teachers will be in the Library and our Science, PE and TAS staff will be in the MPC for interviews. We look forward to seeing you there.

Higher School Certificate Results 2018

Our Year 12 students woke on Thursday morning to receive their HSC results. We had some exceptionally happy young men and women who achieved some incredibly good results. Congratulations to Chevaughn Moore and Georgia Saddler on gaining outstanding ATARs. Best wishes to all our Year 12 students as they take the next step in their future.

As this is our final Newsfeed for 2018 I would like to say that it has been a pleasure working with and for our school community and I wish you all a safe and restful Christmas break and holiday. I look forward to continuing the learning journey with all our families in 2019. School resumes in 2019 for **Years 7, 11 and 12** on Wednesday **30th January** and **Years 8, 9 and 10** on Thursday **31st January**.

