



LEETON PUBLIC SCHOOL

At LPS we are Respectful, Responsible and Resilient Learners



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CRAZY HAIR & SILLY SOCK DAY



What's On At LPS:

Week 6 Term 4

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 18 th November | Kindergarten Transition 9.30am – 11.00am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 19 th November | LHS Year 7 Transition 9.30am – 3.00pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 20 th November | Crazy Hair & Silly Sock Day |

Week 7 Term 4

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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Welcome to Week 6 Term 4

End of Year Events

There will be changes to our 'traditional' annual end of year events in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. We are in the early stages of planning how these events will unfold. At this stage we are beginning to plan a whole school award ceremony on Tuesday 8th December that will be Live Streamed to Facebook, which will also be available to watch post event.

We are beginning to consider options to have the Year 6 Graduation (that is usually a part of our presentation Day activities) as an evening event off site to facilitate the inclusion of parents pending the meeting of COVID-19 and venue requirements. We are looking at this being in the last couple of weeks of school but are awaiting possible dates from venues.

We will be holding a platinum assembly as a part of our school assembly on Monday 30th November (and we hope to livestream the platinum component of this assembly). A platinum lunch has been planned for Thursday 10th December (keep an eye out for the permission note soon).

We are hoping our traditional annual K-2 and 3-6 discos can proceed with some COVID-19 requirement adjustments. We have a tentative date for our excursion to the Roxy theatre for a movie on Friday 11th December.

We will endeavour to put updates in the newsletter and on Facebook as soon as we have details and confirmation of events.

LPS SRC Crazy Hair and Silly Sock Day!

Crazy Hair and Silly Sock Day is on next Friday 20 November! Bring a gold coin and join in the fun! All money raised will go to the SRC's 2020 school initiative! Casual clothes are also allowed.

Year 6-7 Transition at Leeton High School

Transition opportunities for our Year 6 students attending Year 7 at Leeton High School will commence in Week 6 of the term. While this year's program has been abbreviated due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it will still be an extremely valuable experience for the kids. Transition for our students will be conducted on the following days:

*Thursday 19th November

*Friday 27th November

*Thursday 3rd November

More details have been distributed in the previous transition permission note to relevant students.

Recent COVID-19 Guidelines Updates

Updated 5 November 2020

We're working closely with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), NSW Health and other agencies to ensure our schools continue to operate in the safest ways possible during the COVID-19 environment.

Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice.

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Activities that remain on hold will be reviewed at regular intervals and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

School attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe.
- they are currently unwell.

In accordance with [advice from NSW Health](#), parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the [COVID-19 clinics](#).

School activities and school site usage

What's changed - The following activities have been updated to recommence:

- External providers delivering education services can recommence
- School formals, dances, graduations and other end-of-year events can proceed with a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- P&C meetings can be held on school sites after hours with restrictions
- Parents and carers allowed on school site to purchase or pick up a uniform/s from the uniform shop
- Field trips, excursions and overnight camps (including to the ACT) with restrictions
- Duke of Edinburgh can proceed.

The following activities are approved to proceed for Term 4:

- Practicum teaching
- Field trips, excursions and camps to the ACT.

From 12 November, the following activities can take place:

- Year 7 transition to high school in Term 4
- School planned end of year events can proceed in a COVID-safe way while adhering to relevant COVID-19 Safety Plans
- P&C meetings may occur on the school sites with executives and invited guests. These meetings must occur outside of school hours and are limited to a maximum of 20 people. Physical distancing and hygiene measures must be adhered to at all times. All attendees must sign the visitor acknowledgement form upon arrival. P&C or other community social events or functions, fundraisers, fetes and barbecues are not permitted in Term 4.

School activities and school site usage without change:

NSW Health has published [updated advice for schools](#) as we commence Term 4. Schools will apply the following are guidelines to adhere to NSW Health advice:

- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.
- Interschool activities can continue to take place.
- Kindergarten orientation can commence in Term 4.
- External providers delivering educational services can proceed during Term 4 2020 with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.
- Singing and musical activities must adhere to the Department's guidelines for [singing, musical activities and creative arts](#) consistent with NSW Health advice for group singing and musical ensemble.
- Activities involving musical instruments can proceed. Students playing non-reeded woodwind instruments such as flutes and recorders should be positioned so that they can maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from all persons (including other members of the musical group). They must also maintain a minimum 3 metres space between the direction of airflow from their instruments and other performers.
- Singing and band rehearsals and performances should take place outside or in well ventilated indoor spaces.

Visiting NSW Schools

Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at offsite school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives

- parents and carers who attend a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school
- parents and carers who need to be on-site for canteen and uniform shop duties or to collect or purchase uniforms
- parent or carer volunteers required as educational support roles for activities that are essential to the delivery of the curriculum such as reading groups, music and kitchen garden areas. Schools are required to have scheduled programs in place and remind parents and carers that they must not attend school unless it has been previously arranged
- to attend special end of year events at the invitation of the school provided that these events can be hosted while maintaining a COVID-safe environment such as:
 - Graduations, award ceremonies and other presentation events
 - School performances, plays, productions and concerts.

Activities on hold

The following events will continue to be reconsidered in Term 4. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- Interstate excursions to VIC, QLD and SA
- International excursions (cancelled until further notice)
- School activities that involve gathering of parent and community members such as parent functions, working bees, school barbecues, parent information evenings and on-site cultural events
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school activities unless it's an end of year school event as specified above and the venue can cater for the 4 square metre distancing rule.

Formals, graduations and end-of-year activities

School Formals can proceed for all year groups from 12 November 2020. All events must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan for School Formals in place.

Formals

School organised formals

Schools have guidelines in place for school organised formals which include the requirement of a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Students and their parents and carers need to be aware of the following for school organised formals:

- Attendance is limited to the student cohort and supervising staff only.
- If the venue has the capacity, the school can decide to allow the attendance of external visitors such as partners, DJs, and photographers. The school will need to consider and follow the current safety guidelines which includes:
 - signing in with an external visitors form
 - ensuring the venue has the capacity to maintain the 4 square metre rule for each attendee.
- Alcohol is not permitted.
- Maximum of 30 attendees per table (updated Friday, 23 October 2020). We recommend having 10 – 12 attendees per table.
- Students and/or guests will not be allowed to congregate or crowd in groups including when arriving or leaving the event.
- Dance floors are allowed and should be held outside if possible. If a dance floor is indoors, ensure it is well ventilated. Additional advice includes:
 - Dancing with partners from outside the school community is allowed only if partners are from the same local community and have an established relationship and normally socialises with the student cohort.
 - There must be sufficient room for 1.5 metres physical distancing.

Graduation and award ceremonies, speech nights and other presentation events

From 12 November, schools can plan for graduation and award ceremonies, speech nights and other presentation events provided they follow the department's guidelines and have a [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) in place.

Graduations and award ceremonies within the school

Students and their parents and carers will need to be aware that graduation and award ceremonies will be conducted in accordance with the COVID-19 Safety Plan for graduation ceremonies to ensure a COVID-Safe environment for all attendees. Requirements include:

- Guests will be invited based on the total number of people (this includes staff, students, parents & carer or visitors) who are able to be accommodated under the 4 square metre rule.
- Maintain a record of names and contact details for all attendees including school staff and contractors for at least 28 days after the event. This record will only be used for the purposes of contact tracing for COVID-19 infections and are stored confidentially and securely.
- All attendees including students, staff and guests attending are well and free of any flu-like symptoms.
- For seating arrangements, the school will need to:
 - Ensure there is enough space for distancing of 1.5 metres between non-household members.
 - Seated tables will be limited to a maximum of 30 attendees per table (updated Friday, 23 October 2020).
- External visitors will need to remain seated as much as possible to minimise mingling outside of non-household groups or close friend groups.
- Singing and musical activities at the event must adhere to the Department's guidelines for [singing, musical activities and creative arts](#) consistent with NSW Health advice for group singing and musical ensemble.
- Students will need to bring their own pens if they wish to sign yearbooks or other items.
- External visitors will not be allowed access to areas outside of the designated event venue and should leave promptly at the conclusion of the event.
- For graduations and award ceremonies held outside of the school site, the organisers will need to ensure they follow the venue's COVID-19 Safety Plan along with NSW Health advice of the day.
- Catering arrangements will comply with the COVID-19 Safety Plan requirements where appropriate.

Graduations and award ceremonies outside of the school site

For graduations held outside of the school site, the organisers will need to ensure they follow the venue's COVID-19 Safety Plan along with NSW Health advice of the day.

End of year school performances, productions, plays and concerts

End of year school performances, productions, plays and concerts can proceed.

Schools must have in place and comply with the [COVID-19 Safety Plan for Cinema, theatres, concert halls, drive in cinemas](#) when planning and conducting these events. The following considerations for schools apply:

- Ensure that all attendees, including students, staff and visitors, including parents and carers, are well and free of any flu-like symptoms.
- When holding an event on school sites, schools must comply with the 4 square metre rule for all people participating. Schools will need to invite guests based on the total number of people (this includes staff, students, parents & carer or visitors) who are able to be accommodated under the 4 square metre rule.
- For seating arrangements ensure there is enough space for distancing of 1.5 metres between non-household members.
- Ensure people remain seated as much as possible to minimise mingling outside of household or close friend groups.
- Catering arrangements will comply with the COVID-19 Safety Plan requirements where appropriate.

- Special guests such as the Local Member of Parliament, one videographer or photographer may attend events. Special guests must be kept to a minimum and be included in the maximum number of participants for the 4 square metre rule.
- Singing and musical activities at the event must adhere to the department's [guidelines for singing, musical activities and creative arts consistent with](#) NSW Health advice for group singing and musical ensemble.
- Ensure all visitors sign the [external visitors form](#).
- Schools are required to maintain a record of names and contact details for all attendees including school staff and visitors for at least 28 days after the event. This record must only be used for the purposes of contact tracing for COVID-19 infections and be stored confidentially and securely. If possible, create and maintain a record of the seating plan to support contact tracing.
- External visitors should not be allowed access to areas outside of the designated event venue and should leave promptly at the conclusion of the event.
- When holding events at external venues, all external venues and providers must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan to ensure health and safety measures are in place.

Other end of year events

Schools can proceed and plan for end of year performances, productions, plays and concerts provided they comply with the department's guidelines and NSW Health requirements for COVID-safe events.

We strongly recommend students and their families understand and become familiar with the public health guidelines and restrictions before making any plans for the end of the school year.

From Monday 14 September 2020, changes to the public health order for restrictions on gathering and movement came into effect. Now, if there are more than 20 visitors at a home, every person will be held individually responsible for a breach of the public health order.

Opportunity Class test update

Opportunity class testings for 2021 has been rescheduled to 18 November 2020. Refer to the [OC updates page](#) for the latest information.

Physical distancing

Physical distancing of students in schools is not required under the AHPPC guidelines.

All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).

Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.

Rachel Thomason
Relieving Principal

YEAR 6 SIGNATURE BEARS AND FRAMES

Today all Year 6 students will take home a note to purchase a signature bear or frame. They will be handed out after the Formal Assembly for their friends to sign. Forms and money are to be returned by Wednesday 25th November.

SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

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



DIAMOND AWARDS



Back L-R: Max E, Lachlan M

Front L-R: Matilda O'D, Benji McW,
Charlie J

MERIT AWARDS

Fox	Heath S, Blake D
Wild	Emma T, Robert W
Lester	Paige R, Liam M
Bland	Ruby H, Kaiden P
French	Claude D, Thomas T
Blabey	Beau G, Angus K
Gleeson	Kaylen M, Alexis H
Jennings	Ruby T, Alexis S, Emily A
Griffiths	Sophie McP, Camilla H, Rylan P
Tan	Taylor G, Wesley W, Bryce J
Paterson	Kohen G, Riley L, Charli-Anne D
Rodda	Samantha W, Sienna A, Lex T
Marsden	Mikayla G, Rachael-May D, Emilie Di S
Gleitzman	Kebron L, Marley R, Anna W



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



Back L – R: Jaxson O'D, Mikhael M-R, Mikayla B, Ed A

Front L – R: Valerie W, Summer McC (Aussie of the Month)

Absent: Tait T

COMMONWEALTH BANK AWARDS

Congratulations to these wonderful students who have deposited 10 deposits into their Commonwealth Bank account.



L-R Samuel S, Matilda W

Stage One Excursion-Griffith Pioneer Park



Eating scones at the Fairview Drop Log Homestead



Old fashioned school lesson



History Tour-learnt about scarred trees and irrigation in Leeton.



Train ride



Old Fashioned games



NAIDOC WEEK IN KINDERGARTEN



We read 'How the birds got their colours'. Then we drew the birds out of the book and put them on sticks to role play.



For Sport, we learnt new games. We played Koolchee which comes from the Diyari people of Lake Eyre SA. We also played a game called Wana. This comes from the Noongar girls of South west Western Australia.



We also made Rainbow Serpents. We painted these using our fingers and cotton buds. We used Indigenous colours such as red, yellow, brown and orange.



NAIDOC Week 2020 Celebrations in Stage One

In sport this week we played traditional Indigenous games. We rotated through the following games:

Kai-Torres Strait Islanders played this game with the fruit of a Kai tree.

Gorri-Disc rolling game to obtain accuracy of eye and speed in casting a spear.

Kolap-Torres Strait Islander game using beans of the Kolap tree.

Kee'an-Played in North Queensland to improve throwing skills for hunting.



Tarnambai- Children took seed heads and chased after them to improve their running skills.



We also enjoyed creating various artworks.



NAIDOC WEEK IN JENNINGS 2020



This week we read Dreamtime stories every day. With Mrs Tiffin we made didgeridoos and watched a video of an aboriginal man carving and making the didgeridoo. We learnt that termites hollow out the tree before they make it. Then they paint aboriginal symbols and animals to decorate the didgeridoo. We did a aboriginal art and learnt about the meaning behind the flag and what each colour represents. The black represents the people, the yellow represents the sun and the red represents the earth.

We enjoyed learning about the aboriginal culture and how the dreamtime stories are important in their culture.

Edi and Corbin

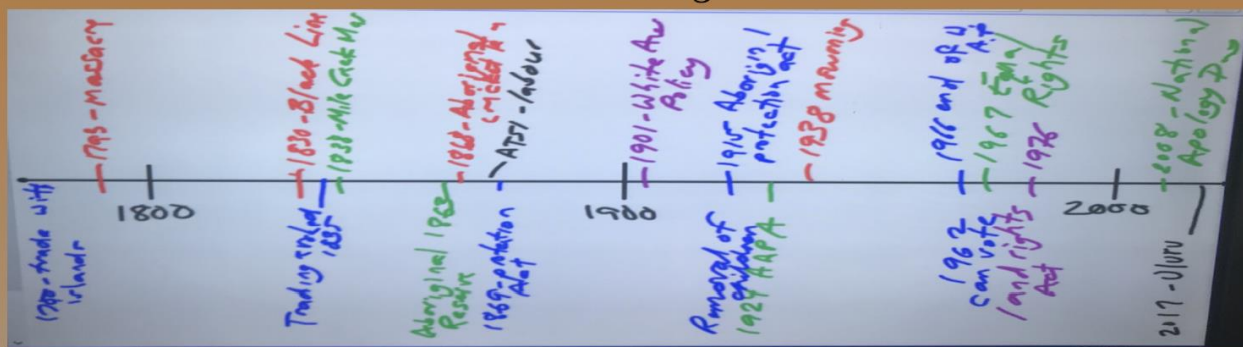
Jennings

For NAIDOC Week Griffiths created a painting with aboriginal symbols using aboriginal colours. We presented our group research on aboriginal seasons. We also looked at some examples of aboriginal astronomy, including the emu.



Always Was, Always Will Be

As a class, we identified key events in the 19th century, both positive and negative, that impacted on the lives of Aborigines. We extended this to present day, creating a time line in which to discuss and refer to during the rest of our learning this term.



Students explained what they felt the message of the themes were, and their link to both past and present events. This generated some fabulous discussions and reflection of historical and present-day Australia.

Understanding: It Takes Two OF US

[illegible]

2003
Our children our future

the children will continue telling
our Dreamtime
stories to share our culture
with future
generations.

The meaning of chains of 19 or 77

CHAINS
19 OR 77
change

Need to not be restricted to what the british are they need to have more freedom

The aborigines would only do what the british allowed them to do and they weren't allowed to learn or teach about their culture.

Bringing
Them
Home

Bringing Them Home is about how the aboriginal children got taken away from their homes and their cultures. It speaks of having them learn their traditions and stories to pass onto the next generation.



The canteen is always after helpers.

If you can spare 3 hours even once a term that would be a great help. Please contact me, Belinda on 0427 532 401 or email blimy74@gmail.com.

Term 4 Roster (Mon & Tues not needed)

Week 6

Wednesday 18th – Jen Ryan
Thursday 19th - John Murray
Friday 20th - Jen Ryan

Week 8

Wednesday 2nd Nov – Foxy
Thursday 3rd – John Murray
Friday 4th – Jen Ryan

Week 7

Wednesday 25th – Kerry Cornes
Thursday 26th – Karon Kalon
Friday 27th – Jo McLennon

UNIFORM SHOP

Although I am unable to assist you with uniforms during canteens times there are other options to purchase uniforms.



☎ Message or ring Belinda for a mutually convenient appointment time; 0427 532 401

☎ If I am unreachable ring the office 6953 3488

💻 Order online @ www.quickcliq.com.au.

📄 Send in your order & money with your child to me in the canteen.

💻 Or email me on blimy74@gmail.com



Best&Less

Strictly no credit, no eftpos

Price increase - Girls Summer Dresses now \$63

NEW - Girls skort and lemon blouse.

Royal Blue skorts (shorts that look like a pleated skirt) are available at Best N Less for \$20.

If your size is out of stock they can be purchased through Best n Less online.

👍😊 **Girls Woven School Skorts ✓**

👎😞 Girls Mesh School Skorts ✗

👎😞 Girls Knit School Skorts ✗

👎😞 Girls Netball Skirts ✗

Lemon Peter Pan **SHORT** sleeved lemon blouse available at LPS uniform shop for \$30.

Socks - I am also having trouble getting socks from my supplier. I am currently out of sizes 5 – 8 and 2 – 8, 9 12 still available while stocks last.

There is often a mix up with purchasing of socks. The sizes are as follows:

5-8 being the smallest then 9-12, 13-3, 2-8 and 7-11 being the largest.



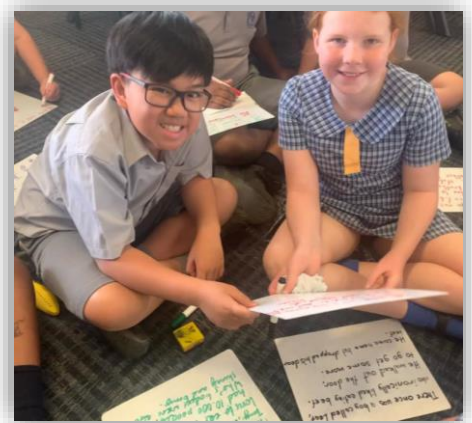
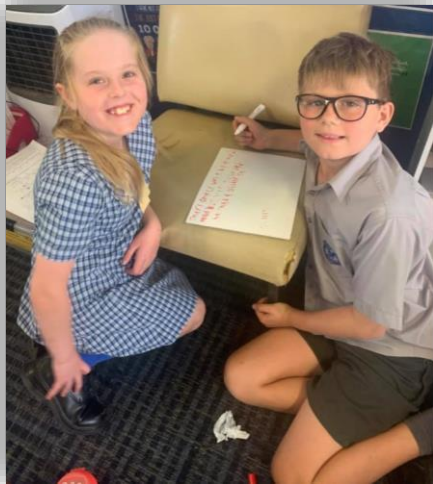
PHOTO GALLERY – STAGE 1 EXCURSION



PHOTO GALLERY – STAGE 2 MATHS – AREA & PERIMETER USING MINECRAFT



PHOTO GALLERY – TAN



**There once was a class called Tan,
Limericks were their kind of jam.
They loved to rap,
Never found rhyming a trap.
In no time you'll all be a fan!!**



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Year 12 2020

Congratulations to Year 12 for their successful completion of thirteen years of schooling under the most challenging conditions this year. It was a week of celebrations with Higher School Certificate examinations wrapping up last Wednesday followed by the Year 12 Farewell Assembly being held in the MPC on Thursday 12th November. This was the first occasion that Covid-19 guidelines allowed for groups of parents and carers to be onsite which was a real pleasure. Thank you to our technology classes for their supreme effort in catering for this special event with 200 plates of delicious morning tea being made and served by our talented young chefs.

Year 12 and staff also attended the Graduation Dinner on Friday 13th November which was a really lovely evening. Students looked magnificent in their formal attire. Thank you to all the staff involved in organising and running both events and best wishes to Year 12 for the next chapter. This group has especially demonstrated their strength and resilience and will no doubt go on to do great things.



Compact Girls Program

Our Compact girls Leap and Legends groups will have their great achievements honoured this Monday with a Graduation Ceremony being held in the MPC and a morning tea following. The Compact program aims to empower our young ladies to develop self-awareness, resilience and strategies to build positive self-esteem and positive relationships. A huge thank you to Dana, Ruby and the Compact crew for their support of our school and for travelling from Wagga every week to work with our girls. Our participating students have been nothing less than stellar with their effort and commitment to this program and we are very proud of them.

NAIDOC 2020 Celebrations

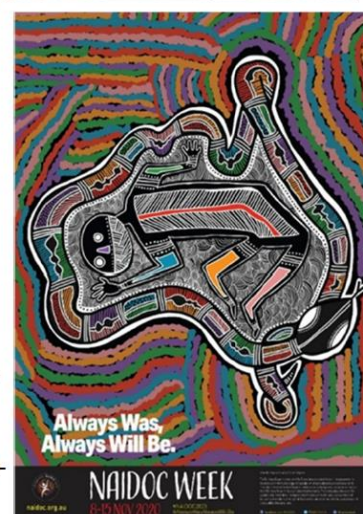
This year's NAIDOC Week theme is Always Was, Always Will Be. Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Leeton High School will hold an assembly on Wednesday to mark this very special occasion featuring our fantastic Aboriginal dance group, the cooking of traditional foods, Aboriginal arts and crafts and Indigenous games and activities. We will also partake in a BBQ at lunch time.

Year 6 into 7 Transition Program - Welcome Year 6!!!!

We are very excited to host our partner primary school's Year 6 students starting this Thursday. Students will experience a taste of high school life and meet a variety of teachers through a diverse line-up of lessons. Students will also spend some

time working with their Year 7 Adviser Mr. Shane Crosbie. Welcome Year 7 2021!

School	Date	Time
● Leeton PS, Yanco PS and Wamoon PS	Thursday 19/11/20	9:30am – 3pm
● Parkview PS, Yanco PS and Wamoon PS	Friday 20/11/20	9:30am – 3pm
● Parkview PS, Yanco PS and Wamoon PS	Thursday 26/11/20	9:30am – 3pm
● Leeton PS, Yanco PS and Wamoon PS	Friday 27/11/20	9:30am – 3pm



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