



LEETON PUBLIC SCHOOL

At LPS we are Respectful, Responsible and Resilient Learners



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MERRY CHRISTMAS



& A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What's On At LPS:

Week 10 Term 4

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday 14 th December | Captain's Thank You Assembly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 15 th December | 3-6 Disco – LPS Hall – 6.30PM to 8PM (Christmas Theme) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 16 th December | Students Last Day – LPS Goes Wet n Wild |
| | Year 6 Bell Ringing/Staff vs Year 6 Volleyball |

2021 Week 1 Term 1

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 27 th January | Staff Return - Staff Development Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 28 th January | Staff Return - Staff Development Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 29 th January | Years 1 – 6 Return |

2021 Week 2 Term 1

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday 1 st February | Kindergarten 2021 Commences – Meet at LPS Hall | | |
| | FOX – 9.45AM | WILD – 10.15AM | LESTER – 10.45AM |

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Welcome to Week 10 Term 4

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the 2020 school year. The year has been a year like no other! It has been a challenging year for everyone and we recognise that people are still working through the adjustments that have had to be made to accommodate living and working in a COVID world.

As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to you, our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time.

Many of you may be unaware of the processes and policies our school has been operating on in relation to this. Every event and activity has been thoroughly planned to ensure we are complying with all COVID restrictions as set out by the NSW Department of Education, especially in terms of parent, staff and student interactions. I would like to sincerely thank all those people who have supported us with this ensuring everyone has remained safe.

Our 2020 Presentation Day was one such event. We were very disappointed that you could not be present at this event as it is the pinnacle of celebrating a wonderful school year, however, my amazing staff worked incredibly hard to ensure we could do the next best thing and provide video recordings of the events and take individual photographs of each award recipient, which will be distributed over the coming days. It has been lovely to hear the positive feedback regarding this – thank you!

Sadly, Presentation Day was not the only event impacted by COVID restrictions. School decisions have not been made lightly and were always based around the economic circumstances of our entire school community, the COVID restrictions and the impacts on our students. Once again, my amazing staff have volunteered to organise and host a variety of activities within and out of school hours to ensure our students have had access to a variety of educational and fun activities during 2020.

You may not always understand the basis on which decisions are made, but they are always well informed with our students at the heart of these. We have all had to adjust to the way we do things and my incredible staff have worked beyond their duties and normal expectations to ensure that our students' wellbeing has been paramount throughout the year. Although we have missed out on certain events we have compensated with a range of other activities. We have greatly appreciated the support from you and members of our wider school community as these changes have been made.

Remember as a vibrant community we will continue to celebrate the successes of our students, the diligence and commitment of our staff and the strong partnerships that have been forged over many years. We are looking forward to a new year where our open-door policy is once again enacted and we can join in the face to face activities that are such an integral part of the Leeton Public School Community.

Once again to the amazing people of our Community we say a huge 'THANK YOU' for your ongoing support during 2020 – the COVID year.

Congratulations Mrs Gill

Congratulations to Mrs Jayne Gill who has accepted the position of Relieving Director of Education, Albury for the 2021 year. I will continue in the Relieving Principal role.

Presentation Day

Last Tuesday we held the Annual Leeton Public School Presentation Day Assemblies. This was a time to celebrate student achievement throughout the 2020 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 Graduation

Last Wednesday I had the privilege of attending our 2020 year 6 Graduation evening as both a parent and teacher. It is an event that evokes different feelings and emotions for students: excitement in anticipation of beginning a new phase of life; sadness in leaving a place that has nurtured you for 7 years; trepidation in contemplating what lies ahead; and joy and satisfaction for what has been achieved.

Regardless of how they are feeling, they have all been influenced by your time at Leeton Public School and the person they are today is, to a significant degree, the result of their interactions with the students and staff of Leeton Public School and the experiences they have shared.

I wish all our year 6 students the very best with this next exciting phase of your life. Look back with fondness at the time you have spent here at Leeton Public School and know that you will always be welcome. But look out, and beyond, and do not limit yourself.

Photos taken on the night will be uploaded to a private Facebook page, please keep an eye on our School Facebook page for the group link. The group will only be open to Year 6 parents, if you do not have Facebook and would like a photo please call the LPS office.

Year six students will ring our school bell on Wednesday 16th December at 3pm. Information and details of this event have been distributed to all year 6 students.

2021 School Leaders

Today we had the pleasure of announcing our 2021 School leaders. Congratulations to Chloe Curry and Aimon Doyle (Captains) along with Emily Wells and Solomon Liu (Vice Captains). I know that these young people will be exceptional leaders in 2021 for Leeton Public School.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to our 2020 Madeleine Glenn and Jez Lashbrook (Captains) along with Lily Thomason and Kebron Lemma (Vice Captains) who have been respectful, responsible and resilient leaders in 2020 for Leeton Public School.



Giving Tree

Our LPS 🌳 Giving Tree received a wonderful boost last week when the Leeton Show Society dropped by the school to make a generous donation, making sure families and communities in LEETON doing it tough this festive season will not be forgotten.

The Leeton Show Society has teamed with the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and Good360 to make sure families on the land and those affected by drought are able to experience some joy this Christmas.



Good360 repurposes surplus brand new goods and directs them to the Australians who need them most. In this case they are supporting regional communities to ensure families have something to share beneath the Christmas tree.

The gifts supplied to us have been donated by LEGO. We offer a huge thanks to the Leeton Show Society for their support of our community 😊

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 have been distributed to the Leeton Community Opportunity Shop this year to those in need in the Leeton area.



2021 Organisation

Thinking about 2021 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 1-6 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

If you need to contact the school over the vacation period please message our facebook page or email leeton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Included in this newsletter are instructions on how to order school uniforms through our online system. We encourage you to order and collect uniforms from school before 16th December. Otherwise online orders can be placed during January and collected from school on Thursday 28th January or Friday 29th January. The Uniform Shop will be open Thursday 28th January between the hours of 10:00am to 2:00pm for face to face shopping.

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.

16/12/2020	Last day for students Wet n Wild activities Year 6 Ring the School Bell at 3pm
27/01/2021	Staff return
29/01/2021	Years 1-6 students return
01/02/2021	Kindergarten 2021 commences

2020/2021 TERM DATES

The last day for all students in Term 4 is Wednesday 16 December 2020

The Department of Education has made a state-wide change for all schools for school development days (pupil free days) at the beginning of 2021. This means that the first 2 days are now pupil free days. (A pupil free day has been removed from the end of the year)

Students in Years 1- 6 return to school on Friday 29 January 2021

Kindergarten students will commence school on Monday 1 February 2021

Rachel Thomason
Relieving Principal

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Year 6 Fundraiser

Recently Year 6 held a fundraiser to go towards their gift to the school. This year they raised a staggering \$1300!!

The Year 6 cohort have decided, after consultation with Mrs Thomason, to put the money towards a mural in the playground. They are currently working on suggestions for the mural design.

What a special way to help us remember the class of 2020!

SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

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



DIAMOND AWARDS



L-R: Connor ApA, William B-R, Kyis R

MERIT AWARDS

Fox	Charlie J, Ben Y
Wild	Robert W, Matilda O'D
Lester	Gurleen K, Tayah W
Bland	Chanea R, William S
French	Charlie B, Ed A
Blabey	August W, Camieka R
Gleeson	Tom L, Braxton D
Jennings	Jack H, Edi R, Pepper G
Griffiths	Samuel C, Exodus V, Cohen H
Tan	Isiah T, Wesley W, Taylor G
Paterson	Charlotte B, Dakota W, Imogen R
Rodda	Arman A, Maya P, Daniel G
Marsden	Connor O, Ellena H, Abdullah A
Gleitzman	Avaril D, Chloe C, Anas M-R



PLATINUM AWARDS



L-R: Connor ApA, Jayla W

LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL NAIDOC WEEK ART COMPETITION

During Naidoc Week Leeton Shire organised a colouring in competition. All prize winners will receive an LPS canteen voucher donated by the P & C. All stage winners will receive a book from the Leeton Shire Council in the New Year.

Stage Winners

Early Stage 1 – Heath S

Stage 1 - Indi-Raye S

Stage 2 – Kylah B

Stage 3 – Chloe C

Class Winners

Fox – Evie D

Wild – Robert W

Lester – Paige R

Bland – Ella W

French – Claude D

Blabey – Harrison B

Gleeson – Phoebe D

Griffiths – Rylan P

Tan – Cid P

Jennings – Laura T

Paterson – Logan D

Gleitzman – Anna W

Marsden – Kenji R

Rodda – Willis B

Classroom Capers – Paterson

Poetry – Limericks

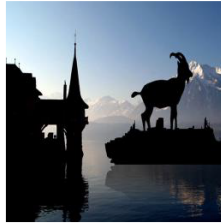
The Thick Lady

I saw a thick lady
Who wanted my pastry
But she had lost an eye
So she wanted to fly
And was freakishly shady.

By Harman

There once was an old goat
Who wanted to sail on a boat
Across the seven seas.
With a crew of trained fleas
Wearing a long sailor's coat.

By Kylah



Fat Patrisa

We have lost her more than twice
She was very cute and nice
She was not that long
She lived in a thong
She is smaller than a mice.

By Charlie-Anne

Star

There once was a wonderful star
Who thought she would go very far
Until she fell down
And looked like a clown
She knew she would never go far.

By Salvatore



There once was a teacher from France
But she didn't know how to dance
She practiced and practiced
But she forgot how to practice
That forgetful teacher from France

By Zeek

Angry Little Goat

There was an angry little goat at home
Who always ate plasticky toys and foam
The goat always got sick and angry
Because its tongue was always dangly
Oh, that angry little goat at his home.

By Riley

There once was a horrible child
He wanted something mild
He got something spicy
It was really dicey
He started to go really wild.

By Xavier

There was a man with no hair
Who never thought it was fair
He had a funny scent
Wherever he went
That crazy man with no hair.

By Jazzi



There once was a very fat cat
Who liked sitting on his mat
He looked left, then right
But his owner wasn't in sight
I think that fat cat needs a new mat.

By Patrick

LEETON SHOW SOCIETY

and take it home. There was a shop with products made from the factory. We also got taken on a tour of the factory to see how the machines work to make the food. -**Charlotte Turner**

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LPS GIVING TREE

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Thank you to all our wonderful families for the generous donations that were placed under our Giving Tree. My favourite memory from Leeton Public is when I signed up for the higher level. My other favourite memory is when I got picked to be a member of the school choir. I collected the gifts on Friday and they will be distributed to needy families over the coming weeks. My funniest memory is my kindergarten excursion. On the day, my husband came to save the day. I remember I was in the very front of the line. We were in carts and horses were pulling us along. When we got to the end, we pecked Mrs Frazer. - **Madeleine Glenn**

My favourite memory of Leeton Public School was the swimming carnivals we went to every year. It was so much fun and we got to see all the other schools.

Thanks

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My favourite memory of LPS is playing rugby league in Goulburn for the school. I scored a try for the first time and it was the most fun I had. - **Tennyson Sales**

My favourite memory was when I was elected school captain at the MPC. I felt very excited. Another favourite memory was when I first started kindergarten in 2013. - **Jez Lashbrook**

My favourite memory was when we went to Canberra for rugby and played at GIO stadium and won. Another favourite memory was when I made it to state for the first time for swimming. - **Arlo Ciavarella**

My favourite memory of Leeton Public School was when we taped some of the teachers to the bus line poles with duct tape. I loved that moment because it was so much fun. Everyone got some tape so it was all fair. - **Brooke Pearce**

My favourite memory of LPS is when I first started at the school and everyone helped show me around. I didn't know how to speak English and I quickly realised who my friends were. -**Farzana Hussaini**

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My funniest memory is my kindergarten excursion. On the way home our bus broke down. Luckily Mrs Gill and her husband came to save the day. I remember I was in the very back seat and I found it so hilarious. While we were at Altina we were in carts and horses were pulling us along. When we got to where the emus were one emu stuck it's head out and pecked Mrs Frazer. - **Madeleine Glenn**

My favourite memory at Leeton Public School was the swimming carnivals. In Year 4 at LNPSSA Madi, Tilly and I got zinc everywhere. But the best bit of the swimming carnivals was that even though I didn't always place I still had a great time and got to swim. - **Lily Thomason**

Just the year 2020, we had gone through home schooling, something that I had a lot of fun doing, not seeing friends made me sad but we came back after a few weeks. I had a great time this year doing different things. I know that for others it wasn't the best year but for me, it was the most enjoyable year I had. - **Jayden Davidson**

Lily Hansen

I remember when I was waving to my mum goodbye and I turned around and went face first into a pole

Holley Harrison

In kindergarten we were on our way back from Altina and the bus broke down and I got to go in Mrs Gill's car

Jack Perram

I remember when I was in Year 1 and I was running in the playground and then I tripped and landed face first onto a brick wall

Riley Legge

I remember when Mrs Frazer got pecked by an emu. And another one is when Mrs Frazer forgot the back of the Easter egg basket.

Daniel Gater

I remember when I was in Year 5 and we were doing a thing on spiders and Mrs Ramponi said that she called them beasts. When she left I said 'watch out for beasts.' and she said 'Daniel I'm looking at one.' And the whole class laughed their heads off.

Arman Ahmadi

I remember when we are on year 6 with Mrs Cooper it was a good year.

Eli Doyle

I remember in year 3 our stage 2 swimming relay made it to state and we got to go to Sydney and swim in the Olympic pool

Jack Clark

Year 5 I got voted in to do a speech for school captain and year 6 I got awarded the Don Olrick memorial shield for consistency and application all through primary school

Jackson Cassidy

In year one me and the boys built little ant houses because there were lots of ants around and ended up finding ways to stop the sting and also caught lizards and I built houses for them

Sebastian Crelley

I remember when I got Aussie of the month in year

Maya Pages

I remember when I tripped down the stairs and everyone was watching me and I was so embarrassed.

Paige McBride

I remember when I started at this school and I got a warm welcome from every one when I felt nervous.

Will Sgroi

I fell over a stump and Taj fell over me and the Riley fell over Taj and we were all sore for the rest of the day.

Kipling Doyle

When I was at Canberra last year at the trampoline park I had the time of my life with all my friends

Saniya Kalon

I remember last year when Maya and I were doing recycling and we didn't know what to do so we were dragging like 6 bins each all the way down to the primary and broke 2 wheels on the way. I also tripped on a stump on the way and the bins fell on top of me.

Addison Young

I remember in Year 4 we went to Borambola and I fell off the top bunk bed and got a massive bruise on my leg.

Taj Deaton

I remember when I was in kindy and we raced around the gardens and pretended to be on motorbikes

Riley Melvin: Hanging onto the pole on the first day of Kindergarten because it was funny looking back now.

Edward Morschel: The time Mrs Frazer got her fingers pecked by an emu at Altina in kindergarten

Mikayla Gillieatt: The time at the 2019 disco when I was dancing like a goose and my friends were dying of laughter.

Matilda Sidebottom: In Kindergarten, when I first walked into Mrs Frazer's classroom and loving the smell because it smelt delicious.

Kenji Rayos: My happy and joyful moments were the peer support training and graduation.

Rusty Skewes: At the year 4 disco because it had really good, good songs.

Lily Youngs: At Borambola when Mikayla Gillieatt and I fell off the top bunk and face planted onto the ground.

Aiden Morris: My happy moments were making new friends and using memes on Microsoft Teams.

Cruz Wallace: This year, when Ethan and I jumped up to catch the ball and we both fell over and hit the ground, laughing our heads off.

Rachael-May Davidson: In Year 4, I was walking along with Olivia, who yelled out at someone walking past. It was Charlie, and we've been friends ever since.

Aryan Ahmadi: Some of the teachers at LPS helping me learn how to speak English

Ethan McDonald: Winning back to back Trent Barrett shields because it's the first time that it has ever happened in the competition.

Toby Jackson: At the disco in Year 5, when I was having fun, dancing and mucking about with my friends.

Amy Johnstone: When Rachael-May, Ivy and I fell down the stairs on top of each other

Jake Mallamace: In Kindy, when Mrs Frazer got bitten by an emu, at Altina.

Phoebe Naylor: Doing the mud run in Year 4 at Borambola, because it was great doing it with my friends.

Coby Newman: When I went to Borambola and did the mud run.

Ivy Snell: My favourite time at the school was when I met Rachael-May, Charleigh, Daniel, Amy, Ava and Olivia. It was so fun with them and I can't wait to see them in High School.



WOW! What a crazy year it has been. I would like to send out a massive THANK YOU to all my fantastic volunteers who go above and beyond to assist in the canteen, juggling both family and work commitments to do voluntary work. I am forever grateful.

THANK YOU TO THE AWESOME YEAR 6 STUDENTS WHO HAVE HELPED ME AT SECOND HALF OF LUNCH SINCE WE HAVE RETURNED AFTER HOME LEARNING. BECAUSE I WAS STILL UNABLE TO HAVE PARENT HELPERS THEY STEPPED UP AND ALL DID A RIPPER JOB. THANKS AGAIN.

Toby, Charlotte, Rusty and Jacko.

2020 is the first year that I have seen the whole year group through from kinder to year 6. It has been so lovely to watch them grow from an innocent little child with their oversized uniforms, hats and enormous back packs to now beautiful young adults. I wish them all the best in their high school years, I will definitely miss them.

Canteen roster

Week 10

Monday 14th- Faith Young

Tuesday 15th-Karen Kalon

Wednesday 16th-Ange and Jen



WEEK 10 LIMITED MENU.

MONDAY 14TH

PIES/SAUSAGE ROLLS/MINI PIES BURGERS & TOASTIES

TUESDAY 15TH

PASTA & TOASTIES

WEDNESDAY 16TH

NUGGETS & NACHOS

LAST DAY TREAT

LOLLIES AVAILABLE AT 2ND HALF FOR \$1.00.

UNIFORM SHOP

Ordering online is easy with Quickcliq, please see the attached flyer. Online orders can be placed during January and collected from school on Thursday 28th January or Friday 29th January. The Uniform Shop will be open Thursday 28th January between the hours of 10:00am to 2:00pm for face to face shopping.

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

Strictly no credit, no eftpos

CHANGES!

I am currently out of sizes 5 – 8 and 2 – 8 socks.



3-6 Christmas Disco



When: Tuesday the 15th December 2020

Where: Leeton Public School Hall

Time: 6.30-8pm

Who: All 3-6 students

What: Please dress up in your favourite Christmas clothes or colours.

As COVID restrictions still apply, *please do not enter the school grounds*. Could you please **drop your child off at the Front Office gate or the school gate near the Main Hall** where a staff member will greet them.

At pick up time we will have 4 gates open that will align with your child's sporting house which will be marked with a large coloured rectangle.

Flynn (Red Sport House) will be picked up at the first gate, just past the Infant's staff car park.

Cook (Yellow Sport House) will be picked up at the Infants walk and wait gate.

Sturt (Blue Sport House) will be picked up at the Main hall gate.

Parkes (Green Sport House) will be picked up at the Front Office gate.

PHOTO GALLERY – PLATINUM LUNCH



PHOTO GALLERY – K-2 DISCO



LEETON HIGH SCHOOL

News 2020

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Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LeetonHS>



What an incredible year!

Despite the challenges, we were able to continue with our unique and innovative programs such as the Leeton High School Learning Links program which supports students to prepare for a successful life after school. Thank you to the many generous businesses, organisations and individuals who provided their expertise and resources to assist our students to reach their goals. Leeton High School is very grateful for these great partnerships forged as part of this program. COMPACT empowered our young ladies across Years 7-10 through their amazing work around building resilience, self-esteem, confidence and positive relationships. Leeton Shire Council generously supported our Aboriginal Boys' Cultural Program by releasing Mr. William Ingram to share his knowledge with our students through weekly culture sharing sessions.

Our Hands on Learning program has gone from strength to strength providing an alternate learning experience for diverse groups of students. Our teachers and artisans have facilitated amazingly creative opportunities for our students to learn different skills over the course of the year such as authentic pasta making, building internal walls, the fineries of plumbing, making a fully functioning pizza oven, paving, rendering, furniture restoration and construction, painting and decorating, cement work and slab construction. In working on these projects, students were able to utilise and develop their literacy and numeracy skills as part of their planning and activities and were able to work with a range of students from different years.

We remain committed to our involvement as an early adopter school of the High Potential and Gifted Education Policy. We are currently closely working through the policy to identify ways in which we can better develop the intellectual, social-emotional, physical, creative needs and talents of our students. We have continued to build the profile of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in the school and now have two elective classes for students in Years 9 and 10 which is a great platform to further develop the knowledge and skills of our students and teachers..

While many activities and opportunities were not to be this year, our students still excelled. Four students in Year 9, Jana Deaton, Madeline Irvin, Jessica Wells and Kathleen Metre had their beautiful work published in the Ash Dust Air Poetry Anthology launched in Wagga and the very talented Amelie Sachs in Year 12 has been nominated for Encore, a musical initiative which showcases a selection of superior music pieces from HSC Music students across the state. Additionally, we have just received confirmation that Leeton High School is now partnered with Leeton Shire Council Arts Unit to be the principle partner for the 2021 Henry V Shakespearean masterpiece to be performed here in Leeton which will provide our students and teachers with exclusive and quality exposure to the art of acting and directing and specialists such as choreographers, set designers, lighting and sound experts. Jamwich 2020 provided an inspiring platform for live music last week and I applaud the students and teachers who performed in front of their peers. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, unique to Leeton High School. Auditions for Shrek - the Musical 2021 has also drawn an enthusiastic response from students with great numbers seeking a lead or an ensemble role. Can't wait to see this production evolve.

Wellbeing has continued to be a vital focus and important issues and resources are shared during our Year Meetings every Friday with students and staff. As a Positive Behaviour for Learning school, we have worked hard to promote positive behaviours framed around our values of being respectful, responsible, learners. To date, our students have been acknowledged 27,705 times for demonstrating these values by our staff which is an amazing effort!!!

With the new school planning process for 2021-2024 well on its way, we have committed to focussing on our students' growth and attainment in Reading and Numeracy, through refined teaching practices and greater collaboration and to enrich, engage and recognise not only our students and staff but to develop the huge potential in everyone here at Leeton High School. We are future focussed and will continue to be innovative in creating bold new approaches and opportunities for improved learning and wellbeing.

We farewelled an incredibly resilient Year 12 and were able to invite family members to share in this significant occasion and we hosted a Graduation Dinner which was livestreamed so parents could participate with us. We also welcomed Year 6 finally on-site for our Orientation program and we can't wait to see our newest students next year. We also recently celebrated our student's achievements at Presentation Day on 10th December. I would like to congratulate all award winners for their stellar efforts this year across academic, sporting, cultural and citizenship domains and express my appreciation to our special guest presenter and award providers. We very much appreciate your interest, generosity and support.

Thank you to all our teachers, support, administration and grounds staff for their commitment to our students and school and to our generous and dedicated P&C who have tirelessly supported our school with their honest feedback, substantial donations and fundraising. The P&C meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the school Library. All welcome.

Leeton High School wishes all our primary school friends and families a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

Students return to LHS 2021: Years 7, 11 and 12 Friday 29th January; all students back Monday 1st February. We can wait to see Year 6 again!!!



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LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

2 APPLE IPADS UP FOR GRABS

ENTRIES CLOSE - FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2021

There are two (2) categories:
Aboriginal Primary School students in NSW
Aboriginal High School students in NSW

All entries will receive a letter from The Hon. Gareth Ward MP, Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services

The Aboriginal Knowledge Circle will be advising the NSW Government on matters surrounding Aboriginal child protection and aims to make a difference to Aboriginal children and families – and we need your help to make a logo to represent us.

Aboriginal students are invited to enter a competition to design a new logo for the Aboriginal Knowledge Circle.

How to enter

- Submit your digital or painted artwork to competition@absec.org.au or Please send in original painted artwork to AbSec, PO Box 604, Marrickville NSW 1475
- Artwork size no larger than 20cm by 10cm.
- It's important that the entry is **100% your child's artwork**
- (i.e. it doesn't use samples or elements of anyone else's work) and is original (i.e. it hasn't been used or submitted elsewhere).

How we'll judge the winners

A panel of Aboriginal Knowledge Circle representatives will review the entries and select **two (2) winners** after the competition closes. The judging will be anonymous, with the winning entries being those that best capture the theme.

Only the winners' artworks will be used.

Scan here for more info!



Terms & Conditions apply

The Aboriginal Knowledge Circle Logo Design Competition for Aboriginal students in NSW.

Before submitting your child's entry, please read the terms and condition of the competition located below. Kids, make sure you have the permission of your parent, guardian or carer and get them to help you submit your entry.

Full name of parent/guardian/carers:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

Full name of child:

Address:

Age (at January 2021):

Your Mob:

Entry category:

☐ Primary Student

☐ High School Student

My child is submitting:

☐ digital artwork

☐ painted artwork (to be mailed in)

Please email your digital artwork to competition@absec.org.au or

Please send in original painted artwork to AbSec, PO Box 604, Marrickville NSW 1475

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I have read the Terms and Conditions of this competition.

Terms and conditions

By entering the competition, you, on behalf of your child, agree to the following:

1. You are the parent/guardian/carers of the entrant, who is an Aboriginal person of Australia aged 18 years or younger (as of 15 January 2021).
2. You acknowledge that the Aboriginal Knowledge Circle will only accept **one entry per person**, and understand that this will be counted as your child's final entry.
3. You acknowledge that your child's entry may be copied or reproduced for the purposes of judging the competition and, in the event your child is a winner, for promoting the winners.
4. You confirm that the submitted entry is an original work which has not been submitted to any other competition or published anywhere else.
5. You confirm that your child is the creative producer and that you own the copyright.
6. You acknowledge that there will be 2 winners of the competition – Primary category and High School category. The winners will receive an Apple iPad valued up to \$750.
7. If your child is a winner, you agree to:
 - Grant the Aboriginal Knowledge Circle a permanent, royalty-free, worldwide, irrevocable, ongoing, non-exclusive licence (including a right of sub-licence) to use, reproduce, communicate, broadcast, publish, distribute, adapt, and modify the winning entries in all media.
 - Consent to the Aboriginal Knowledge Circle's use of the entry in whole or in part, with or without attribution of authorship to your child.
 - You acknowledge that your child's entry is only valid if received by AbSec before the closing time of 5:00pm AEST, **Friday 15 January 2021**.





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PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE



A Family Fun Day including



Footy For Fun—Laser Tag

Wana Cricket

and lots more



BBQ supplied by the Rapid Relief Team

GOSSAMER PARK

21/01/2021

11.00 am—12.30 pm

All people who sign in and participate in activities will be in the running to win the lolly jar

IMPORTANT

CCC will ensure all measures are taken to make this event as safe as possible during Covid-19. However, if you feel unwell please do not attend.

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need someone to talk to?



If you've been feeling
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not coping at school,
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www.intereach.com.au
[#reachoutandrelax](https://www.instagram.com/reachoutandrelax)



ROAR is not a crisis service. If you are worried about your own, or someone else's safety,
phone the NSW Mental Health Line 1800 011 511 or 000

This service is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services



ROAR is a fabulous program that aims to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people. The program is free of charge and takes place within school time.

Leeton Public School has been lucky to form a strong partnership with the Intereach team and are now taking referrals for their 2021 programs. This program has proven to be very beneficial and fills quickly.

If you are interested or feel this would be beneficial for your child, please contact the school and we can provide you with further information and a referral form. All referral forms should be submitted to the school by the end of this week. Please note referrals are processed in the order they arrive back at the school.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Early Warning Signs:

Most families can tell when something is out of the ordinary, but there are also signs that suggest a child or young person may be experiencing a mental health problem.

These include:

- not enjoying or wanting to be involved in things they normally enjoy,
- concentration difficulties,
- changes in appetite or sleeping patterns,
- being angry for no reason or easily irritated,
- difficulty coping at school,
- seeming stressed, down, worried or crying for no reason,
- expressing negative thoughts,
- engaging in risky behaviours, or
- relationship difficulties.

Suggestions to help young people stay healthy & build positive mental health.

Encourage them to:

- be nice to themselves,
- make a list of things they like doing, and do them more often,
- get involved with family and friends or do something nice for someone else,
- be conscious of things that make you feel strong and good,
- try to work on what they can control,
- be active, eat well & sleep well,
- find at least one thing that makes them laugh every day,
- ask for help & get support if needed- it's ok to say 'I'm not ok'



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

11:30 pm Procession, blessing of the crib and Solemn Mass

Christmas Day

8:30 am Mass in the Lady Chapel

YOU COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE A CHILD NEEDS.

When children and young people cannot live with their family, a caring Foster Family offers a safe and nurturing home. Carers make a real difference in the life of a vulnerable child or young person.

Marymead is in urgent need of Foster Carers Marymead's Foster Care Program supports committed foster carers who offer respite, short term or long-term care.

Marymead offers Foster Care case management support to children and young people who have entered Out of Home Care across a number of regions in Southern and Western NSW. These children and young people generally enter care due to a breakdown of parental care which may be due to illness, crisis or exposure to abuse and / or neglect. Our Foster Care Program offers respite care, short-term / emergency care and medium to long term care.

Vision

Marymead works to ensure that children, young people and their families, including those who are most vulnerable across Canberra and the surrounding NSW regions, are well supported through their key life transitions and are able to achieve positive life outcomes and live fulfilling, productive and happy lives.

Mission

Marymead works with children, young people and their families, to address the complex issues that surround them and affect their lives. We provide specialist, early intervention, clinical therapeutic services and support programs and services.

For more information:

To register your interest:

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