Calendar – What’s On?

Week 2 Term 1

Monday, 4th February
K-6 AFL Development Sessions

Tuesday 6th February
K-6 ARL Development Sessions

Week 3 Term 1

Tuesday, 12th February
P&C AGM 7pm

Wednesday 13th February
Meet the Teacher
ES1 - 6.00-6.20pm
S1 - 6.20-6.40pm
S2 - 6.40-7pm
S3 7.00pm-7.20pm

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

“Meet the Teacher” will be held on Wednesday 13th February 2013.

ES1 - 6.00-6.20pm (Kindergarten)
S1 - 6.20-6.40pm (Year 1 & 2)
S2 - 6.40-7pm (Year 3 & 4)
S3 7pm-7.20pm (Year 5 & 6)

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Considering the short week, the excitement of the swimming carnival and Kindergarten starting school, I have been amazed at how well all of the students have settled into new classes and the school routine in 2013. We welcomed our new and very energetic kindergarten students to their first year of ‘big school’. On visiting classrooms it is great to see everyone so busily working and enjoying their learning. Such positive work habits and enthusiasm bode well for a great year ahead.

At this time I would like to inform all parents and carers that our school currently has a student who is receiving medical treatment for cancer. He/she is actively involved in the school community and recovering from treatments and their side effects. As this student has a compromised immune system (which makes him/her more vulnerable to disease), it is important that you do not send your child to school if he/she is unwell. For example, if your child has an infectious disease (such as the measles, chickenpox or flu), he/she should stay at home until no longer contagious. For more information about how long an illness is contagious, contact your GP or visit the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au. I would also appreciate it if you would notify me immediately if your child has an infectious disease. This will allow me to notify the sick student’s parents, if necessary.

2013 Primary Classes

This Year at Leeton Public School we have gone to staged based classes throughout Primary. Last year Stage 3 class groupings were trialled and after much success we extended this structure to include Stage 2. Stage 2 classes are made up of students in year 3 and 4 and Stage 3 classes are made up of students in Years 5 and 6.

Multi-aging (stage-based classes) is a style of classroom organisation with its basis in the educational belief that the individual child is important, learns at his/her own pace and should not have their learning restricted to a confined grade or period of twelve months.

Stage based classes give us a greater organisational flexibility, more effective planning support and workload efficiency for teachers and more varied activities for students while giving the children more time to achieve levels and consolidate learning if necessary. Children can progress at individual rates of learning suited to their own development. In the classroom, students are grouped according to their progress rather than their school chronological year. Children also develop positive attitudes to other children of different age groups and relate well to them, similar to the way they do in ‘out of school’ situations. We feel this is more natural for them and allows for students to reach their full potential in a supportive environment.

If you still have any questions regarding staged based classes please contact me at the school.

Principal’s report continued over page.
**Swimming Carnival**

Last Thursday the primary students enjoyed a wonderful day at the annual Swimming Carnival. All students are to be congratulated on their behaviour and to those that competed in the races – well done. A close competition was had throughout the day with the winning house for 2013 being COOK!! Thank you to all the many parents and carers who turned up to help and cheer and to the teachers for their hard work at the carnival. Special thanks to Mrs Pearce for her organisation of this well organised and well run event.

Students who have qualified will take part in the LNPSSA carnival to be hosted by the Small Schools. There is a report elsewhere in this newsletter regarding the carnival.

**Staff recognition**

At the end of 2012 at a Staff morning tea Mrs Jan Pepper was recognised for 30 years of service with the NSW Department of Education and Training. Congratulations and well done to Mrs Pepper on your commitment and dedication to so many students over 30 years! Ms Karla Grigg was also awarded with her Teacher’s Certificate, having fulfilled the prescribed academic requirements and clearly demonstrated exemplary teaching skills. Well done Ms Grigg!

**Meet The Teacher Evening**

As indicated in last week’s newsletter and advertised again today, a great opportunity exists to meet your child/ren’s teacher next Wednesday evening, the 13th of February. Sessions will be as follows:-

- S1 6:20pm-6:40pm (Year 1 & 2)
- S2 6:40pm-7pm (Year 3&4)
- S3 7pm- 7:20pm (Year 5 & 6)

Sessions will take place in your child’s / children’s classrooms. I would like to take the time to encourage all parents to attend these sessions and find out more information regarding the 2013 School year.

**P&C Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the P&C will be held next Tuesday, the 12th February commencing at 7:00pm in the Primary staff room next to the main office. Existing and new parents to our school are most welcome to come along and I look forward to seeing many new faces. I look forward to working with a P&C who will be committed to working with the school to provide enhanced learning outcomes and opportunities for all students who attend Leeton Public School.

All positions are vacant and if you are considering taking on an official role within the P&C we look forward to your nomination.

I would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge Bec Cleathero and all of the 2012 P&C Committee and members for their hard work. Their commitment and hard work directly benefited the students of Leeton Public School in many ways including the purchase of quality literacy resources, the fencing of our vegetable garden and support of the Gardening group lead by Mrs Tiffin just to name a few things.

**School website**

I would like to encourage everyone to regularly visit the Leeton Public school website. The LPS school website is a valuable source of information to students, parents, carers, staff, the wider school community and anyone else in the world who is interested. A calendar of upcoming events, information pertaining to our school, breaking news stories, useful educational information, links to other educational sites and numerous photo galleries are just some of the information included. The school newsletter is also uploaded as soon as it is published every week. Check it out at [www.leeton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.leeton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) (CTRL + click to follow link).

As Always I would like to remind all parents and carers that if you have a concern or query regarding your child please contact the school to make and appointment with myself, the relevant Assistant Principal or classroom teacher.

**Jayne Gill**

**Principal**

**Emergency Contact Information**

Parents/carers please note, it is extremely important for our school to have up-to-date information with regard to phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts. If you have changed any of these, please contact the school immediately.

**Merit Awards Winners**

- KF  Ella Rhodes, Vula Wate
- KO  Tyce Thornton, Georgia Curry
- KV  Jye Thompson, Mia Gason
- 1B  Josh Cork, Makiya Martin
- 1McW  Jay Clancy, Emily Baulch
- 2M  Jet Smith, Shalian Stockton
- 2MG  Kurt Young, Jessica Wells

**New Readers for L3**

We have some new readers in K-2 that need covering with contact. If you are able to cover a few could you please let Jane Vallance know. Your help will be much appreciated!

**LPS 2013 Swimming Carnival**

What a fantastic Carnival it was this year! Congratulations to all the students who participated and tried their best and cheered on their friends, you should be very proud of your efforts! A big thank you must go out to all our wonderful Mums and Dads who helped out at the carnival, it was fabulous to see so many helpers, without your expertise and support events like this are quite difficult. Thank you also to the ladies from CanAssist who volunteered their time to provide us with sunscreen all day. So from LPS staff and students **THANK YOU** to everyone who gave their time to make our carnival such a success!
The winning house this year was Cook (426 pts). Congratulations Cook! This was followed by Flynn (271 pts), Sturt (258 pts) and Parkes (254 pts).

Congratulations to our **2013 Individual Champions**:

**Junior Boy**: Taj Doyle
**Junior Girl**: Hayley Sloan and Charlotte Rudd

**11Years Boy**: Reece Grundy
**11Years Girl**: Talise Rudd

**Senior Boy**: Dayne Butler
**Senior Girl**: Ella Saddler

Event Results are as follows (students in the top 4 may check their time on the noticeboard outside the office today and tomorrow):

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thoughtful mix of books from Australian and international publishers.

Scholastic Book Club supports the Premier’s Reading Challenge by labelling books within each issue which appear on the Premier’s book list.

When you order books from Scholastic Book Club our school receives rewards to build upon our classroom and school resources.

**How do I order?**

1) Fill out the order form carefully, being sure to include your **child’s name and class**.

2) In a **sealed envelope or snaplock bag** place the order forms and payment. Payment can be made as cash (please enclose correct money as **no change can be given**), credit card (make sure sure to fill out the slip at the bottom of the order form and ring the Bookclub phone number for an authorisation number) or by cheque (made payable to: Scholastic Australia Pty Ltd) (Please note that when paying by cheque it can take up to a month for the cheque to be presented in your account)

3) Place the sealed envelope or snaplock bag labelled “Bookclub” in the brown box at the office.

4) **No late orders** can be accepted.

It takes approximately three weeks for orders to be returned. Books will be handed out to

1) your child in class.

At times parents wish to place orders for Birthdays, Easter or Christmas presents. If you do not wish your child to see the books which have been ordered, label the order with a **parents name** and **telephone number** (instead of class) and I will order these separately and will notify you when it can be picked up from the office.

If you have any queries feel free to come and see me.

**Jo Pearce**

**Book Club coordinator**

**Uniform Shop News**

All summer stock is now available for purchasing.

- Girl’s Summer Uniform Size 4-18 - $50.00 each
- Royal blue socks - $5.00 each
- Royal blue sunglasses - S - $10, M - $11, L - $12
Uniform shop opens **Tuesdays 3pm until 4pm**. For an appointment, or if this time is inconvenient, please phone the school canteen on 6953 3471.

Blue Socks - $5.00 pair; Wide Brim Surf Hats - $14.00 each
Wide Brim Slouch Hats $14.00 each

Canteen News

**Welcome**

The staff at Leeton Public School Canteen would like to welcome our new kinders, parents and carers.

**FAQ's:**

- **When does the Canteen Operate?:** The canteen operates on daily basis from 9am - 1pm and serves healthy yummy food to all staff and students.

- **How do I order?:** Students can place their lunch orders at the canteen between 9am-10am. Please write their name, class and order with payment on a brown/white paper bag. Paper bags can be purchased in a bundle at Woolworths or a pack of 25 for $2.00 from LPS Canteen. We also sell reusable material lunch bags at the canteen for $12. These are enviro friendly and saves money on purchasing paper bags. The canteen is open through lunch, where students can purchase iceblocks, chips, drinks, fruit and daily specials. Because we don’t operate recess we advise students to purchase recess at 2nd half of lunch. A menu will be sent home today with a list of items and prices.

- **What can I do to help?:** The canteen loves Volunteers! Volunteers play a huge part in the operation of the canteen. NO VOLUNTEERS, NO CANTEEN. While we have Supervisors who maintain the running of the canteen it can be a struggle to do by one’s self in a school of LPS’s size. We are always looking for volunteers to ensure our canteen runs smoothly and our children are happy. If you can volunteer your time, whether it be for an hour or two on any given day Monday - Friday please fill in the slip below and return asap. A roster will be done and sent home with your child. Duties are simple and you choose what to do and only involves helping prepare and bag food, lunch time service or you can just do the dishes! Children love to see their parents working in the canteen. Every volunteer will receive a Mick’s Bakehouse Coffee Voucher as a token of our appreciation. We hope to see some new friendly faces in our canteen.

- **Can we donate items?:** Yes the canteen loves donations! We accept all items that are beneficial to our menu. Please view our menu for such items we use. We greatly appreciate any donation. The canteen also has special days where donation of cakes/slices and other items are needed so if you have a special talent for baking we would love to hear from you!

**WELCOME BACK LPS**

Welcome back to the rest of LPS!

**VOLUNTEERS**

Did you volunteer in 2012? If so, we dearly would love to see your face again!! Your help last year was greatly appreciated and very helpful in the successful running of the canteen. We are also hopeful to get more volunteers on board this year. If you can volunteer an hour or two of your time please fill in the slip below and return asap. A roster will be done and sent home with your child.

**SPECIALS**

We have some yummy healthy specials that will be on offer on a weekly basis. Please view the newsletter each week to find out what special we have for the week. The 2013 Term 1 menu remains the same as 2012 Term 4 menu. A copy will be sent home with your eldest child today. Spare copies can be obtained from the front office or canteen.

Thank you,

Sarah Cleathero
Canteen Supervisor
69533471

**P & C PAGE**

- **EZ COVER FUNDRAISER**
  This great new fundraiser will benefit both the school and your pocket!!! Please see attached flyer for more information and order your EZI COVERS now ready for beginning of Term 1 in 2013!!!!!!!

- **P&C AGM 2014**
  The annual general meeting will be held Tuesday 12th February 2013 in the primary staffroom @ 7.00pm. ALL positions will be vacant with only current members eligible for nomination and voting rights.
  Positions vacant are:
  - President
  - 1st vice President
  - 2nd vice president
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Canteen committee x 2
  ALL positions will need to be filled. Memberships can be renewed for the 2013 year at the conclusion of the meeting for a $1 fee.
  All new parents and carers are encouraged to come along and become P&C members.

**HAVE YOUR SAY!!!!!!!**

Tell us know what you would like to have as fundraisers for 2013 by dropping us an email
leetonpublicschoolpc@hotmail.com

Bec Cleathero
President LPS P&C
Photo Gallery – LPS Swimming Carnival
Photo Gallery – Kindergarten
**Leeton-Whitton Football-Netball Club**

2013 Registrations for Wednesday Night 9 a side football and SWJFL

under 11’s, 13’s and 15’s football & under 11’s, 13’s, 15’s netball & Auskick

Friday 8th Feb 5pm-7pm @ Irrigation Specialists Oval

Saturday 23rd Feb 9am-12noon @ Jarrah Mall

Registration for boys: $90.00 1 boy, $140.00 2 boys, $190.00 3 boys.
Registration for girls: $90.00 1 girl, $140.00 2 girls, $190.00 3 girls.

(Rego includes Wednesday Night Football)

Wednesday Night Only: 1 child $60, 2 children $90, 3 children $120.00

Full payment to be made at time of registration

Junior Football & Netball enquiries to Patrick Burke 0427 413 894

Auskick registrations are $65.00 for 1st Child & $60.00 for 2nd child.

Auskick enquiries to Travis Doyle on 0418684236

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**Activated Group** is Australia's leading provider of pre-school & after school sporting programs with over 25,000+ children per week participating in our programs.

Gymnastics is a great way to enhance your child's overall fitness, core strength, flexibility, spacial awareness and balance, while having fun at the same time.

Our programs are delivered by gymnastics specific coaches who are insured & child protection screened.

We offer an exceptional range of equipment that meets international safety & quality standards:

-8metre x 7metre foam floor area
-Parallel bars
-Horizontal bar
-Foam wedges
-Rings
-Landing and crash mats
-Balance beam

After a successful start to the gymnastics program in term 4 of last year, the after school program will re-commence Monday, 4th February, 2013 in the Parkview School Hall.

**Program Information**

- **Time:** 5-8yr olds: 4pm, 9-12yr olds: 4.50pm
- **Duration:** 8weeks
- **Cost:** $10 per session (We accept credit card, direct deposit & paypal payments).


* Call us on 1300 788 496 to make a booking

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**LEETON JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**

2013 registrations for

Under 7 – Under 14 Rugby League Players
Under 7 - 16 League Tag Girls

Saturday 9th Feb, 9am–12pm @ Jarrah Mall
Saturday 16th Feb, 9am–12pm @ Jarrah Mall

Registration Cost - $50 per player ($45 for all additional family members)

Full payment must be made at time of registration.
Details for online registrations will also be provided.

All new players must bring their birth certificate

Training starts Thursday 14th March
4pm at the Leeton High School Oval
All enquiries to Alesha McDonald 0418 968 387 or Matt Van Buuren 6953 7347