Calendar – What’s On?

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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Last Wednesday night we held an extremely successful Meet the Teacher evening. It was wonderful to see such a large number of parents coming to meet up with the various teachers who will be responsible for their child's learning throughout 2013. These evenings are a great way of getting to know firsthand about the exciting learning that will be taking place throughout the year. This certainly demonstrated to your children that you value education and you want to be involved in the school. Many thanks for your attendance and support. I also know those who couldn't make it, have received the information from your child's teacher. The year has started very positively and I am sure the rest of the year will be just as successful!

P&C Meeting

Last Tuesday night the P&C held their Annual General Meeting. It was great to see an excellent turn out of enthusiastic parents and carers at this meeting. The P&C executive for 2013 are:-

1st Vice President - Renee Sharman
2nd Vice President - Lisa Schmetzer
Secretary - Vicki Tiffin
Treasurer - Stephanie Glenn

A big thank you to the outgoing members of the P&C executive. I would especially like to thank Bec Cleathero for all of her hard work over her time as President of the P&C.

I am looking forward to working with the P&C throughout 2013.

Professional Development

During each year all staff members are involved in identified Professional Learning courses to update or up skill in different curriculum areas. Sometimes these courses are held here or at different venues in the region. One of our Professional Learning targets this year is to form Professional Learning teams which will meet on a fortnightly basis throughout the school year. This term the Professional Learning teams will focus on such things as Assessment for Learning, The Literacy and Numeracy Continuums and planning for success.

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners – Week 3 Term 1

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

Grace Korovata and Kurt Young
Kindergarten and Year one teachers will also be involved in Professional Learning sessions outside of the school with the continuation of the L3 Literacy program in the Kindergarten classrooms and the extension of the program into the Stage One classrooms. Sessions take place over 12 half days throughout the year.

This Friday I will be introducing four staff members to the "Focus On Reading" course. These staff members will then be attending sessions later in the year run by Regional staff which will held in Griffith. These teachers will then lead professional learning in literacy at our staff/stage meetings and School Development Days. Having been directly involved in this course I am fully aware of the benefit it has on student learning.

On Wednesday and Thursday I will be attending the Riverina Regional Principals’ Conference for my own Professional Learning. These conferences give Principals the opportunity to look at current pedagogy.

School Ambulance Service
In 2012, the Department negotiated an agreement with the Ambulance Service of NSW to commence an annual licensing arrangement for school student ambulance cover for all public schools in NSW. Arrangements for the scheme have now been confirmed for the 2013 school year. The Ambulance Cover Scheme provides assurance that if a student has an accident or falls ill whilst at school, or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the scheme. Coverage of the School's Group Cover Scheme also extends for excursions to the Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania, Victoria, Northern Territory and Western Australia. There are no reciprocal arrangements in place for NSW students travelling on school excursions to either Queensland or South Australia.

Core Rules
In this newsletter you will find the list of Core Rules developed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities. These rules are for all NSW Government schools to ensure a happy and successful learning environment for all students. At LPS our Student Welfare Policy reflects these rules. Parents might also like to discuss these rules with their children.

Term One Calendar
I have included a Term One Calendar of events with this newsletter. As always this list is not exhaustive and many events will be added as the Term progresses. I urge everyone to regularly read the newsletter to find out about upcoming events at Leeton Public School.

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 myself, the relevant classroom teacher or Assistant Principal to further discuss the matter.

Jayne Gill, Principal

Jargon Buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters

Merit Awards Winners
KF  Jye Davison, Alaree Tabain
KO  Joshua Narel, Mackenzie O’Loughlin
KV  Tristan McPhee, Bridy Price
1B  Jonah Allen, Alaeigha Smith
1MW  Trinity Kaleuati, Jay Clancy
2M  Blaze Rolfe, Adelaide Meline
2MG  Jayden Broadbent, Tahlia Barton-Roden
S2KA  Nicholas Ormond, Tyson Melvin, Brianna Chitts
S2KI  Brayden Simpson, Asha Gearing, Simeon Cork
S2M  Jacob Boots, Hayden Morley, Caide McVittie
S2T  Ike Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Fatima Ahmed
S3RA  Nathan Ryan, Isabelle Puntoriero, Tahnee Walsh
S3RY  Elise Holt, Inayah Choudhury, Kurt Bloomfield
S3S  Caitlin Garth, Skye Heeb, Tarnya Schmidt
S3W  Reece Grundy, Ally Bush, Jarvis Thurgate

LNPSSA Swimming
The District Carnival is on Tuesday 26th February at the Leeton Memorial Swimming Pool. Information on who is eligible to attend and permission notes will be given as soon as I have this information available.

Kris Sales, Carnival Co-ordinator

SCHOOL BANKING
Welcome back to school banking for 2013. Banking once again will be on Tuesday's of every week. Packs were sent home with students to show them the rewards that are on offer this year. Please take note at the Rewards Program section, as to what is available and when.

For those of you that are new to the school this year, school banking is an ideal way to help your P & C raise valuable funds whilst teaching your child how to save. The P & C receives a commission from the Commonwealth Bank for all new accounts opened and for all monies banked through the banking program. If any new or current parents wish to take up school banking this can be done in the following manner.

Jayne Gill, Principal
1. You can go to the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank and open a Youth Saver account - all you need is your child’s birth certificate.

2. If you are a current customer of the Commonwealth Bank you can go online and open a youth saver account for your child.

3. You can phone the school and request an application form be sent home with your child, this then needs to be filled out and sent back to school and your child’s account details and book will be sent to your home address, this can take several weeks.

REWARDS PROGRAM

All students who bank receive a silver token with each deposit. When your child has made ten deposits, they will receive a bronze certificate at assembly. For each further ten deposits there is a silver and gold certificate given at assembly.

When the student has 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward item, or they can hang onto them and redeem them at a later date. When your child redeems their tokens they will be given a gold token to keep as a memento. For students who participated in the program last year, tokens can be carried over for this year. Reward items will be ordered on THE LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, AND WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD THE FOLLOWING WEEK. PLEASE NOTE, IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT RECEIVE THEIR ITEM, IT MEANS IT IS ON BACK ORDER AND THIS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

REWARD ITEMS FOR 2013

HANDBALL – AVAILABLE TERMS 1 & 2 ONLY

KNUCKLE BONES (GAME) – AVAILABLE TERM 1 & 2 ONLY

TORCH – AVAILABLE TERM 2 & 3

CALCULATOR – AVAILABLE TERM 3 & 4

HEADPHONES – AVAILABLE TERM 4 ONLY

MONEY BOXES – AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND.

BANKING PROCEDURES

Students are to place their bank books in the bag provided to their class room, a runner will then collect the bags and take them to the front office where they are then processed and will be returned to the class rooms by the banking coordinators.

Please ensure that the deposit slip in the book is completely filled out. For new banking students they will be given a student number when their first deposit is processed. By ensuring the deposit slip is filled out you are helping us immensely, as it can become time consuming when we are busy.

If your child has a sibling either not at school or at high school they can still bank through the program, they are NOT entitled to the reward system.

If anyone has any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school and leave a message and we will get back to you on the next banking day.

Regards

Alana DeMamiel & Kristy Jackson
Banking Coordinators

News from 1M/W

Yesterday I went to Madison’s house to have a swim. I got the water pistol and Holly sprayed me. I sprayed her. When Holly sprayed me again I went under water. I came up then I put the water pistol away. The drain went like this, dr…. dr…. dr…. dr…. dr….. Then I went to the bubblers and it was warm.

By Noumea Kember

LPS Gardening Update

HELP!!! The vegie garden is overgrown with weeds and needs some serious adult musclepower. If any parent/carer can spare some time this Sunday morning (24/2) between 9:00 and 10:00 to dig, weed and turn over the soil in our vegie patch, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin LPS Gardening Co-ordinator

Clean up Australia Day

This year “Clean Up Australia Day” will be held in Leeton on Sunday March 3rd. The LPS students will be encouraged to assist in the cleaning up of Palm Avenue from 9.00-10.00am. Traditionally, we clean up the area from the skate park and around to Woolworths via the pool. We will be meeting at the TAFE corner at approx.. 8.45am. Please bring along a pair of gloves and a water bottle. Some plastic bags are provided by the Clean-up Committee but it is often valuable to bring along some extras.

All students who would like to participate must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you in anticipation of your enthusiasm and support.

Megan Moore, Co-ordinator

Canteen News

PLEASE NOTE: Icy Cups are only available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

THANKYOU!
We would like to thank Chris Parsons and Jenny Tiffin for their generous donation of yummy produce every week. It is very much appreciated and we certainly benefit from it. Thankyou again!

THIS WEEKS SPECIALS: (this week only)

TUESDAY: Chicken and Cheese mini Quiches $1.00 each with Salad (2x quiches) $4.50

THURSDAY: Pizza Meal Deal; Ham/Pineapple Pizza with a choice of water or fruitbox and a cruncher $5.00
Canteen Roster

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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
- Wide Brim Surf Hats - $14.00 each
- Wide Brim Slouch Hats - $14.00 each

Please note: Girls royal blue socks sizes 2-8 are currently unavailable due to suppliers being out of stock.

Uniform shop will be open every Tuesday from 3pm until 4pm. For an appointment, or if this time is inconvenient, please phone the school canteen on (02) 6953 3471.

Leeton Volleyball

Registration Night/ Introduction Night
7pm Wednesday
6th March 2013
Leeton Indoor Stadium

Individual or Team Nominations
Women’s & Mixed Competitions

Competition Starts
Wednesday 13th March for 10 weeks
(Excluding School Holidays)

Plus 3 weeks of finals

Competition times are: 7pm Women’s
8pm Mixed (if enough teams register)

Costs (Includes insurance): Adults $90.00 under 19’s $70.00

For further information contact Lorraine on 69552604 or 0428731875

P & C PAGE

The AGM was held last Tuesday with many people turning up, some of which are new faces. The following positions were filled after an election:

- President: Melissa Anthony
- 1st Vice President: Renee Sharman
- 2nd Vice President: Lisa Schmetzer
- Secretary: Vicki Tiffin
- Treasurer: Stephanie Glenn

The committee also decided to hold a separate fundraising sub-committee for people to attend. We often spend the bulk of our meeting time brainstorming or discussing ideas and will trial a period where parents can informally get together outside of meeting times to discuss fundraising ideas for the students at this school. A report with decisions will then be made at the monthly meeting. This should hopefully keep meetings shorter and is an opportunity to get involved in an informal and fun level. Steph Glenn is going to co-ordinate this group and there will be more information in upcoming newsletters. All are welcome to attend.

The next meeting will be held on the 12th March and we look forward to seeing you there.

Ronald McDonald House, Wagga Wagga

YOU & US

Ronald McDonald House Wagga Wagga, has been established to assist Riverina and South West Slopes families with sick or injured children and expectant mothers receiving treatment at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, Calvary Hospital, Calvary Day Procedure Centre and attending medical appointments.

The House provides a home away from home for families with children and expectant mothers receiving medical treatment in Wagga Wagga enabling families to stay together.

The House is located at 300 Edward Street, Wagga Wagga
(on the corner of Edward Street and Harrison Avenue), one block from Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, Calvary Hospital and the Calvary Day Procedure Centre. Specialist medical practices are in close proximity to the House.

For further information, tariff and accommodation bookings, please contact our House Manager.

Phone: (02) 69250122
Fax: (02) 69250722
Email: rmhwagga@bigpond.net.au

Ronald McDonald House Wagga Wagga is located at 300 Edward Street, Wagga (corner of Edward Street and Harrison Avenue) or PO Box 5800, Wagga Wagga 2650
Core Rules

Student discipline in NSW Government Schools

All students in NSW Government schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.