Calendar – What’s On?

Week 5 Term 1

- **Tuesday 26th February**  LNPSSA Swimming Carnival

Week 6 Term 1

- **Sunday 3rd March**  Clean Up Australia Day
  - 8:45am TAFE corner

- **Friday 8th March**  Riverina Swimming Carnival

Week 7 Term 1

- **Tuesday 12th March**  LPS P&C Meeting 7.00pm

Week 8 Term 1

- **Monday 18th March**  Football (Soccer) Gala Day & knockout

- **Thursday 21st March**  Rugby League @ Parkview

Week 9 Term 1

- **Friday 29th March**  Good Friday

Week 10 Term 1

- **Monday, 1st April**  Easter Monday

- **Wednesday, 3rd April**  School photo’s – Primary

- **Thursday, 4th April**  School photo’s – Infants & family

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers

**STUDENTS ARE OUR CORE BUSINESS**

The above heading was a key theme of our two day Principal’s Conference which I attended in Albury last week. At the conference we heard from The Director General of Education and Communities Dr Michele Bruniges as well as the Deputy Director General, Mr Gregory Prior.

The two day event was very workshop driven and some of the courses I attended included:

- Creating Self Improving and Self Sustaining schools
- The New NSW syllabus implementation
- Understanding the Standards and Performance Challenges

Leeton Public School is certainly a place where we ensure that students are at the core of all that we do and teachers as well as students strive to succeed and learn together.

This conference was the last opportunity for the Riverina Principals to meet together as a whole team with the new restructure meaning an end to regions as we know it.

**T20 Cricket Day**

On Friday Mr Sales accompanied twelve of our boys to the T20 Cricket day which was held at Narrandera. The boys played extremely well on the day taking out the competition. I have been informed that two of our students, Braxton Wallace and Harrison Rudd have been invited to attend the Riverina PSSA Cricket Trials based on performances and skills displayed on the day. A big thank you to Mr Sales for organising our students on the day.

**LNPSSA Swimming Carnival**

Tomorrow the LNPSSA Swimming Carnival will be held at the Leeton Pool commencing at 10am. Leeton Public School has 52 students competing at this carnival. I would like to wish all of our students all the best for this day.

*Principals Report continued over page*

**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!

(Back L-R): Kasey Aliendi, Brianna Gray-Mills, Jade Poulson, Molly Wright

(Front L-R): Kiesha Poulson, Charlie Lamont, Zac Poulson, Hayden Morley, Cohen Matthews
**Principals Report continued.**

**Newsletter submission requests**

Just a reminder that all newsletter submission requests are due to the front office by **NO LATER than the preceeding Friday at 3.30pm**. The collation of the newsletter is a large task and we simply do not have time on Monday morning to be still accepting items. I have directed office staff not to accept submission requests after 3.30pm Friday.

As always, I would like to remind all parents and carers that if you have a concern or query regarding your child’s education, please make an appointment through the office to talk to the appropriate class teacher, Assistant Principal or myself.

Jayne Gill
Principal

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Parents or caregivers of children from Kindergarten through to Year 12 are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. This means all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school.

When children miss out on school, they miss out on vital information, their learning routine is broken, they can lose confidence and they miss out on building up friendships.

Once children are enrolled, parents are legally required to send them to school every day that the school is open for instruction or participation in school activities, such as sports days. A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- has to go to special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school, or has an infectious illness

**Notes of explanation**

Parent/s or caregivers are required by law, to provide an explanation to the Principal **within seven days of any absence**, as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written explanation because:

1. It is a parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence **within seven days**
2. A valid reason needs to be given. Stating my child was absent or absent for personal reasons is not acceptable. While not wishing to encroach on parents privacy, the reason needs to be acceptable to a court of law it ever be required.

3. It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences.
4. It avoids the school and the Home School Liaison Officer from making unnecessary investigations
5. It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school.

If you anticipate that providing a written explanation (a note) will be a problem for you, please contact the Principal to discuss alternative acceptable arrangements.

A note of explanation should contain the following information:

- the date the note was written
- your child’s name and roll class
- the days and dates that your child was absent from school
- the reason your child was absent
- the signature of the parent

The school is required to retain these notes for twelve months from the date they were received. Should your child require extended leave for any reason, an application for **Exemption for Attendance** should be made to the Principal. Strict conditions apply to the granting of this leave. Application forms are available on request.

**Partial Absences**

In 2012 Leeton Public School had a high rate of Partial Absences. Partial Absences occur when students arrive at school late or leave the school for such things as an appointment or to go home early. Parents are encouraged to try and make all appointments after school as partial absences, even if only for an hour disrupt classroom routines and your child’s learning.

In 2013 we are focusing on reducing the number of partial absences by at least 25%.

**Insurance**

Student Cover is available for all school children, if you are interested an information sheet is available from the office or online at [www.studentcover.com.au](http://www.studentcover.com.au).

**LNPSSA Swimming**

The **District Carnival** is on **Tuesday 26th February** at the Leeton Memorial Swimming Pool. Please come and support LPS on the day.

**Kris Sales, Carnival Co-ordinator**

**Merit Awards Winners**

- **KF** Daniel Bridge, Junaid Ahmed
- **KO** Callum Jackson, Isaiah Sharwood
- **KV** Brielle Beaumont, Jacob McKinnon
- **1B** Victoria Glenn, Rajveer Sahota
- **1M/W** William Gray-Mills, Colby Edis
Monday, 25 February 2013

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2M Jana Deaton, Tom Allen
2MG Charlotte Edwards, Cohen Matthews
S2KA Mikayla Pearce, Hamish Gilmour, Emerson Cody
S2KI Milly Garth, Lily Sharman, Cody Williams
S2M Amy Ryan, Jarryd Winnel, Rhea Fairweather
S2T Lachlan Heeb, Hayley Sloan, Ella Gason
S3RA Abbey Snell, Jaxson Melvin, Linkin Protheroe
S3RY April Schmetzer, Mikayla Boots, Kaitlyn Harrison
S3S Morgan Lanceford, Laura Johnstone, Jye Doyle
S3W Mary Coelli, Ae Fiso, Sam Harrison

Story Writing in 1Mc/W

Last week the children in 1Mc/W were busy writing great recounts about their weekend and we also learnt about adjectives to include in our descriptions.

On the weekend I went to Wagga and I went with Mum, Dad, Nathan and Josh. I went to a carnival. I felt great. I stayed at a motel. First we went to the carnival. Then we went to the motel and we had a swim. After that we had pizza at the carnival. I had an ice-cream.

By Emily Baulch.

On the weekend I went to Katelyn’s birthday. At Katelyn’s birthday there was a merryground. On the merryground there were horses and boats. After that I lined back up again. Then we did the pinata and then I went home. Katelyn’s birthday was at Graham Park and mum took me home.

By Sarah Elliott

Duckling Description

Ducklings are baby ducks. They have 2 little legs and orange webbed feet. They have 2 small fluffy wings and soft yellow feathers. Ducklings have 2 round eyes and a hard orange beak.

By Katelyn Winnel

Story Writing 2MG – Our Police Visit

Last Wednesday, we had a Police visit and it was in the Library. Then we got to hold the handcuffs and the baton.

By Amritveer Singh

Yesterday the Police came in to the Library at 1.00pm. They spoke about the wrong decision and the right decision. They spoke about stealing. They said stealing is bad for you. So that is why they came in to see us. They said that they have only gotten their guns out once.

By Charlotte Edwards

LPS Gardening Update

Yesterday we held a working bee in the vegie patch. A huge thank you to the Ryan family- Gary, Maria, Chris and Matthew, for showing your support and working in the patch. We pulled out a heap of weeds and harvested lots of potatoes and some beetroot.

It was disappointing that out over 200 families attending LPS only one could come and help. If any other adults have an hour to spare, even during school hours, to lend a hand, please let me know and I will gladly put you to work. We still need to turn over the soil, fertilise and mulch before new planting can take place.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin LPS Gardening Co-ordinator

FOUND

Baby rug found in the Primary front garden near LPS front office. Green and blue cars design, Dymples brand. Please contact the front office.

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 Blayne and Adele Thompson and family for their generous donation of yummy produce. It is very much appreciated and we certainly benefit from it. Thankyou again!

THIS WEEKS SPECIALS: (this week only)

**TUESDAY:** LPS Chicken Toastie - chicken, cheese, avocado, tomato and light sour cream on a roll toasted - $4.50

**THURSDAY:** Zucchini & Tomato slice - $2.50 (with salad - $4.50)

Canteen Roster

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Thursday 28th February  Helper Required

Friday 1st March  Mavis Aylett

Monday 4th March  Megan Aliendi

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 Wednesday13th 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

Leeton-Whitton Football-Netball Club

SWJFL Netball - under 11’s, 13’s and 15’s

Would you love to join our wonderful and supportive club for weekend netball.

Leeton-Whitton Football-Netball Club are looking for young ladies

for under 11’s through to under 15’s

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

Enquiries about netball please contact - Patrick Burke 0427 413 894 or Rachel Cody 0427 552 585

PLAY SCHOOL CONCERT

Tuesday 19 March 2013, Leeton Soldiers Club

All tickets $16.50  Bookings essential

On sale now at Leeton’s Jack in the Box Toy Shop or Phone Bookings call Kids Promotions on 1300 788 028

Online Bookings www.kidspromotions.com.au

Tickets are not on sale at the club.

Leeton Junior Rugby League

2013 Final Registrations

Under 7, 10, 11, 12 and 14 Rugby League Players

Under 7 – 16 League Tag Girls

Tuesday 5th March @ Leeton High School Ovals, commencing at 5.30pm

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

Full payment must be made at time of registration. All new players must bring their birth certificate.

Training starts Thursday 14th March @ 4pm at the Leeton High School Oval.

All enquiries to Aliesha McDonald 0418 968 387 or Matt Van Buuren 69537347

Leeton Phantoms Junior Rugby Union Club

Registration Day Saturday, March 2

9am-noon at Jarrah Mall - Under 7 – Under 17

$40 per player, $20 for U7 & U 9 (includes shorts & socks)

New players to provide birth certificate, private health insurance & medicare details.

Expressions of interest for coaches U9’s and U15’s welcome.