Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Last week was a busy week at Leeton Public School with a variety of events taking place including the LNPSSA Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, Basketball trials which took place last Friday and Regional Choir auditions on Wednesday. This week is also a busy week with a variety of activities scheduled. Today we acknowledged our new SRC members at our assembly, on Wednesday we have students taking part in the VIBE 3on3 day and on Friday we have students travelling to Albury for the Riverina Swimming Carnival.

Behind the scenes we have staff involved in professional learning sessions on The Literacy Continuum, Focus on Reading, Every Student Every School Module 2 training and L3.

LNPSSA Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday Leeton Public School had 53 students competing at the LNPSSA Swimming Carnival at the Leeton Pool. Although the day was less than ideal, due to careful planning all events were able to be completed on the day.

Our students did an outstanding job taking out both the Championship as well as the handicap trophy on the day. We also had seven age champions on the day. Congratulations to these students:- Taj Doyle, Reece Grundy, Talise Rudd, Dayne Butler and Elia Saddler. Good luck to all of our students who will be competing at the Riverina Swimming Carnival in Albury this Friday.

A comprehensive report regarding the carnival can be found further on in this newsletter.

LNPSSA Basketball

Last Friday students travelled to Narrandera to attend Basketball trials and to take part in the PSSA Knockout competition. Our students had an excellent day dominating the competition. Well done. A comprehensive report can be found in this newsletter.

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners – Week 5 Term 1

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

Jay Clancy (Absent: Tye Clancy)
Regional Central Choir Auditions

Last Wednesday five girls travelled to Wagga to audition for the Riverina Central Choir. The choir participates in a variety of activities across the Region and State including Education Week and Schools Spectacular.

SRC Induction

At today's assembly we inducted the 2013 SRC members. The SRC plays an important roll in the school with the students being a voice for the entire student body at Leeton Public School. Congratulations to the 2013 SRC members:-

2M - Adelaide Meline, Tom Allen
2MG - Jessica Wells, Jhi Grundy
S2KA - Brooke Eglinton, Kruse Brady
S2KI - Jhie Deaton, Lily Sharman/Alexandra Glenn
S2M - Braith McCann, Chloe Dowling
S2T - Campbell Sidebottom, Tye Clancy
S3RA - Nathan Ryan, Daniel Barton
S3RY - Molly Wright, Christopher Ryan
S3S - Hannah Rhodes-Boulter, Jye Doyle
S3W - Riley Taskiran, Molly Dale

Many primary schools operate Student Representative Councils (SRCs). SRCs are a NSW public school tradition. An SRC is a group of students in a school elected by their fellow students to represent all students in the school and who organise ways for students to participate in school life. SRCs work democratically to represent the student body in school decision-making. Students work together, with help from a staff member, to improve school life and to contribute students’ ideas.

Mr Marsh and myself will be working closely with all members of the SRC throughout 2013 to develop students leadership skills as well as listening closely to their ideas for Leeton Public School.

VIBE DAY- LEETON

This Wednesday we have around 50 students from 3-6 taking part in the National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3® – is a traveling sport and music festival that brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people for a fun day of basketball, dancing and music. The event encourages sportmanship, teaches new skills and builds self-esteem, as well as promoting reconciliation at a grassroots level.

The action-packed event features a 3on3 basketball round-robin, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition and a health expo, all accompanied by a backing track of the latest RnB, hip hop and Indigenous music. I am sure that all involved in this day will have a wonderful time.

School Contributions

This week Parents and Carers will be issued with a letter explaining the 2013 School contributions. I would like to impress upon parents the importance of your contribution to the school. Schools receive a limited amount of government funds to operate. Out of the limited funds we receive we must pay for our utilities and relief teachers, minor as well as day to day expenses such as books, pencils, paper, tissues etc. This is before we purchase resources such as readers, library books, sports equipment, Maths equipment and photocopiers.

Your contributions allow us to ensure that the school is able to purchase readers and equipment which can be used every day to enhance your child's learning.

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

Change of address or phone details

Parents are encouraged to contact the office anytime your contact details change. It is important that the school always has current contact details for parents in the case of an emergency. If you have recently moved or changed your phone please contact the ladies in the office to ensure that all details are updated.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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 should 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.

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.

Merit Awards Winners

KF Mia McBroom, Tom Cooper
KO Holly Schmetzer, Cade Sims
KV Bruce Donald, Shelley Halls
1B Isabelle Ross, Connor Cregan
1MW Katelyn Winnel, Cody McCallum
2M Charlie Lamont, Blake McDonald
2MG Rutalina Smith, Tyson Collins
S2KA Brooke Eglinton, Reece Thompson, Richard Pouvi
S2KI Zoe Stockton, Benjamin Schmidt, Alexandra Glenn
S2M Tyler Stafford, Lailani Watts, Charlotte Rudd
S2T Emily Wright, Campbell Sidebottom, Jamie Chetcuti
S3RA Daniel Barton, Jesse Hopwood, Tess Chilby
S3RY Blayne Thompson, Isabel Ryan, Karen Chetcuti
S3S Kye Davis, Nioka Lowe-Brennan, Charlotte Morton
S3W Mark Hoggard, Isobel Frasersmith, Riley Taskiran

School banking

What a fantastic response we have had to the banking programme. We have had 17 new accounts join the program, some old bankers return and last week we set a record with 67 students banking. We would love to get this number over 70 and it is never too late to start saving.

Congratulations to 2MG for the class award for the month of February, this award is given to the class that has the most bankers for the month.

Rewards were ordered last week and should go home tomorrow with bank books. If we can consistently keep our numbers for banking over 50 we can bulk order rewards so children don’t have to wait, so please help us achieve this.

Please ensure that the deposit slip is filled out especially the student ID, as we are getting extremely busy and it is time consuming for us if we have to do several in a day. Just a reminder to people only one deposit can be done per day so if your child has missed the week before please just adjust the deposit slip accordingly. Parents please remind your children that there bank books are to be placed in the bags in class. If for any reason they have to take their book to the office please let the ladies know what class they are in.

I would like to assure everyone of the security of school banking. We are unable to access or see any information regarding your account. We only use the account number to set up a student ID number and from then on the student ID is used to process deposits. So if you ever require information in regards to your account you will have to see the branch.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Regards

Alana DeMamiel and Kristy Jackson
Banking co-ordinators

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Faith Young of 2M for receiving the Aussie-of-the-Month Award. Congratulations to the following students for being nominated for Aussie-of-the-month. Back row L-R: Carta Jackson, Faith Young (Aussie-of-the-month winner), Katelyn Winnel, Jayden Broadbent

Front row L-R: Liam Collins, Jacob Buchanan, Daniel Bridge
Clean Up Australia Day

What a wonderful morning of cleaning we had yesterday 3rd March, 2013. An enormous THANK YOU to the 49 children and their parents and grandparents, who volunteered to assist us with the cleaning up of Leeton. Not only did we pick up litter and rubbish along Palm Avenue but extended ourselves to Mallee Street, Belah Street and beyond. Delightful weather ensured that everyone involved enjoyed the great company, socialising and sunshine. The teachers and I truly appreciate you giving up your time. Thank you to all.

Ms Moore and the Team.

LPS Cross Country

Students are getting ready for our annual Cross Country run, by walking the course (through the High School and LPS grounds) and then jogging it for sport this Friday. Please note that this will also include Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year.

The LPS Cross Country will take place on Thursday 28th March, as is traditional, before the Easter holiday break. Starting time will be 9:30am. I will be asking for parents to ‘man’ points around the track at a later date.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin Cross Country co-ordinator

LNPSA Basketball Results

The Leeton-Narrandera PSSA hosted its annual Basketball Knockout Day at the Narrandera Stadium on Friday, with a large crowd on hand to witness some thrilling basketball across both male and female competitions.

The knockout format of the competition determined not only the local school to progress to the 5th round of the NSWPSSA Knockout competition, but also served as a selection trial for the LNPSA Representative teams that will contest the Riverina Championships at Albury Stadium on March 5.

The Girls Competition featured some display of talent. LPS played Small Schools in their first match with a winning score of 76-8. Their second match was another display of total domination with LPS shaping up to district rivals Narrandera PS in the final. Leeton PS Girls recording a 54 point victory and gained a place in the next round of the knockout. The final score was 54-0.

In the Boys Division, Leeton PS also dominated their opposition, scoring two impressive victories to progress to the next stage of the competition. A 74 point victory over Small Schools in their first fixture set up a final against a pumped up Narrandera side. Leeton PS Boys performance dominated the opposition with a combination of crisp passing and suffocating defence, which they ran out winners by 71 points with a final score of 54-7.

The behaviour, sportsmanship, skill level and teamwork demonstrated by our students was outstanding and is to be commended. Out of our 17 students who played at this Knockout Day, 13 students were chosen to represent Leeton Narrandera and will now go on to contest the Riverina Championships in Albury. Whilst at this next level, they will have a chance to be selected into the Riverina Basketball team and then, if successful, go away to the NSW PSSA State Carnival.

Girls Division

Leeton PS 76 (Jenna Elliot 20, Grace Korovata 12, Felicity Allen 10, Charlotte Maskus 8, Molly Dale 8, Makayla Broadbent 6, Jane Rhodes 4, Makayla Broadbent 2, Olivia Winnen 2, Elise Holt 2 )

Knockout Final

Leeton PS 54 (Felicity Allen 14, Charlotte Maskis 10, Jenna Elliot 6, Makayla Broadbent 6, Grace Korovata 7, Olivia Winnen 2, Jane Rhodes 1, Molly Dale 6, Elise Holt 2 )

Boys Division

Leeton PS 76 (Braxton Wallace 18, Daniel Barton 18, Koby Eglintion 12, Jarvis Thurgate 6, Dayne Butler 6, Kai Schmetzer 6, Zac Fairweather 6, Chris Ryan 2 )

Knockout Final

Leeton PS 73 (Braxton Wallace 20, Koby Eglintion 16, Daniel Barton 12, Dayne Butler 13, Zac Fairweather 4, Chris Ryan 2, Jarvis Thurgate 6)

Leeton-Narrandera PSSA Representative Players to compete at Riverina Championships (March 5)

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LNPSSA District Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 26th February LPS was represented by 52 students at the LNPSSA District Swimming Carnival. Despite a few challenges posed by the weather on the day, the team performed splendidly. Overall, Leeton Public was crowned both the Overall and Handicap Swimming Champions for 2013. All of the students are to be commended on their fabulous behaviour and sportsmanship.

In addition to the trophies captured by the school, LPS achieved five age champions.

Junior Boys: Taj Doyle
11 Year Boys: Reece Grundy
11 Year Girls: Talise Rudd
Senior Boys: Dayne Butler
Senior Girls: Ella Saddler

Based on the performances at the event, LPS has had 25 students advance to the Riverina PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival, to be held in Albury on Friday 8th February.

We wish all of these students good luck on the day

Dayne Butler, Jade Cooper, Dion DeMamiel, Jye Doyle, Taj Doyle, Koby Eglinton, Jhi Grundy, Reece Grundy, Jenna Elliott, Laura Johnstone, Portia Marks, Tatum Marks, Charlotte Maskus, Adelaide Meline, Harvey Meline, Charlotte Rudd, Harrison Rudd, Talise Rudd, Matthew Ryan, Ella Saddler, Campbell Sidebottom, Hayley Sloan, Reece Taylor, Blayne Thompson, Maria Tynan

Stories from 1Mc/W

On Saturday my Dad bought a Chevy and it’s very rusty and he got it from Wollongong. He went by himself. He came home before we came back from shopping. It was on a big trailer. I was so excited.

By Molly Shelton.

2013 University of NSW Competitions (Years 3-6)

The University of NSW Competitions will be held again this year at Leeton Public School. The following information is for those parents/carers who wish to enter their child/ren in any of the subject competitions.

COMPUTER SKILLS - $8.00
SCIENCE - $8.00
SPELLING - $11.00
WRITING - $17.00
ENGLISH - $8.00
MATHEMATICS - $8.00

Please see the front office to receive a permission note/entry form.

Closing date for ALL payments is Friday 5th April, 2013

LPS Vegie Garden Update

Many thanks to Jo Roberts for coming in and spending two hours in the vegie garden last week. The digging and weeding to the main bed was much appreciated. If there are any adults with an hour or two to spare we still need to dig over the soil in the other two beds to get them ready for autumn planting of such crops as carrots and beetroot.

Jenny Tiffin Gardening Co-ordinator

Golden Apple Dockets

A very big thank you to those parents, grandparents and carers who have been sending in their Golden Apple Supermarket dockets. A special thank you to those who have been putting the dockets in bundles and/or stapling them. This is not expected but is a great help when we are totalling them. Your assistance is saving these dockets is greatly appreciated as ultimately the students of LPS benefit from the extra donation given by the Golden Apple Supermarket.

By William Gray-Mills.

On the weekend I went to the river. I went with my mum and my dad. I swung on the rope then I had some watermelon. After that I had a swim. I felt great.

By Molly Shelton.
Information Hub Tech Talk- Cyber Safety Week at LPSI

In the Tech Zone last week all classes discussed the need for protecting our personal information when using the internet. At school we refer to this information as our YAPPY – the things we don’t yap about online!

Students in K-2 were introduced to Hector. Hector the dolphin helps to keep his underwater friends from sharing their personal information with people they don’t know. Year 3-6 students met the Cyberquolls, twins who go to visit their cousin who has a new computer with internet access. Students learnt about what information should be kept private, emailing, spam and safe searching on the net.

The cartoons, Hector’s World and CyberQuolls, are a product of the Australian Communications and Media Authority. The website, http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/ has information and practical tips for parents, teachers and schools as well as games and activities for children to reinforce the cyber safe message.

Internet safety is equally important in the home, the Library and other public places. By discussing online safety and creating a plan to be cybersafe in any location will ensure your children enjoy fun and rewarding online experiences. The aim is not only to protect children but to help them to make good decisions.

Parents can take a few simple steps to help create a cyber safe environment in your home:

- Look at where the computer is set up. If it is in a bedroom, move it to a public area of the house where it’s easier to supervise
- Make sure safety software is installed on the computer. This may include an internet content filter and other security software such as anti-virus programs, spyware and adware.
- Use a safe search
- Create family guidelines/rules

Please take the time to discuss internet safety with your child/ren.

Mrs Pearce, Mrs Thomason & Miss Grigg
Information Hub teacher
Information Hub Tech Talk - Apps of the Week

In the Information Hub we introduce students to many different apps which are available for ipods and ipads. We aim to give students, and now parents, an educational app which are relevant and, we believe, are worth the money!

Don’t’ forget to check out the LPS Information Hub wiki at

www.lpsinformationhub.wikispaces.com for activities used in class, great Book websites and educational games. All students have access to our wikispace through their student portal. Students can access their student portal from home through the link https://sso.det.nsw.edu.au/sso/UI/Login?goto=https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/ or by “googling” DET student portal.

Mrs Pearce, Mrs Thomason & Miss Grigg, Information Hub teachers

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*Prices at time of purchase. These may vary.
Canteen News

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

THANKYOU!
We would like to thank Tracey and Daniel Barton for their generous donation of yummy produce. It is very much appreciated and we certainly benefit from it. Thank you again!

What LPS Students are saying:

“My favourite thing in the Canteen is, Honey Soy Chicken Chips. They are yummy” - Brooke Pearce KO

Honey Soy Chicken chips - $1.10

“I love the icy fruit suckers. They are nice and cold.” - Cody Tatt 2MG.

Icy Fruit Suckers - 50c

“I love popcorn!!” - Scarlett Wallace KF

Popcorn - $1.00

“We love their food! We love their food! We love their food!” - Victoria Emery, Leilani Watts, Chloe Dowling

THIS WEEKS SPECIALS: (this week only)

TUESDAY: Mini Homemade Pizzas (10-15cms) choice of:
Hawaiian: Ham, Pineapple, cheese - $1.00 each
BBQ Chicken: Roast chicken pieces with cheese & BBQ sauce - $1.00 each

THURSDAY: Cabanossi & Cheese with crackers and French onion dip (10 jatz crackers, 5 pieces of cheese, 5 pieces of cabanossi served with a small dip - $1.00

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 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

ARE YOUR KIDS GROWING UP TOO FAST???

Information Evening – This event is for all community members, parents, grandparents

Monday 11 March, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Stan Axtill Centre - Cost FREE

Melinda Tankard Reist – Author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls. Melinda is the author/editor of four books, a columnist with the Sunday Herald Sun and a regular guest on Channel 7’s Sunrise and Morning Show.

Our society is plastered with hyper-sexualised messages and images. In media, billboards, toys, games, magazines and clothing. There is growing concern about the impact on girls of
stereotyped sexualised representations of women and girls. Boys too need help in resisting a toxic, pornographic message that harms their health and relationships. This presentation will empower parents, grandparents and community members to equip our children to make better choices to rise above the cult of celebrity, fashion and outward appearance and discover their true value and worth.

Your Play School Concert Invitation

Leeton Public School P&C is hosting a Play School concert at Leeton Soldiers Club. Tickets for two concerts on Tuesday 19th March 2013 have been released at 10am and 11:30am. If you would like to make a group booking please contact Elizabeth Mudford at leetonplayschoolconcert@gmail.com or on 0416014723. Group bookings receive 2 free tickets for every 20 tickets purchased.

Show Info – Humpty’s Showtime

Humpty is putting on a surprise show! Join him as he gathers together the Play School Toys to help with the big spectacular. There are starring roles for Jemima, Big Ted, Little Ted and Meeka and guest appearances from other Play School favourites along the way. Filled with fun songs to sing and dance along with, this 40 minute show will delight Play School fans.

These popular Play School live shows are specially designed to delight pre-schoolers and parents alike. The concert features songs, games and stories, presented by Alex Papps and Abi Tucker, along with the real stars of the show, the toys.

As with the television program, everything in the concerts is carefully paced especially for children. There are songs to move to, as well as quiet times to just watch and listen. The familiarity of the material and the presenters combined, totally engage the young audience and there is lots of audience participation.

Come along and see why Play School Live In Concert is Australian families first choice in quality children’s entertainment!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Tickets on sale now through

Leeton Jack in the Box 97 Pine Ave Leeton (cash sales only)
Photo Gallery – LNPSSA Swimming