Calendar – What’s On?

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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Last week was another busy week with students from Leeton Public School involved in VIBE and the Riverina Region PSSA Swimming Carnival at Albury.

VIBE

On Wednesday we had 50 students attend the indoor stadium to take part in VIBE a National Indigenous 3 on 3 Basketball, Hip Hop challenge. All of the students who attended the day had a great time. A big thank you to Ms Kane for organising our students to attend this important event and Miss Errey for helping her on the day.

Riverina Region PSSA Swimming Carnival

Last Friday we had 25 students attend the Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival at Albury.

Our students did an outstanding Job representing LNPSSA on the day.

Regional Central Choir Auditions

In last week’s newsletter, I mentioned that we had five students travel to Wagga to audition for the Riverina Central Choir. Last Wednesday Mrs Ryan informed me that all of our students were successful in gaining entry into this choir. The choir participates in a variety of activities across the Region and State including Education Week and Schools Spectacular.

Congratulations to Elise Holt, Charlotte Maskus, Jade Poulsen, Tahnee Walsh and Olivia Winnel for making it into the choir.

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners – Week 6 Term 1

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

Back Row L-R: Tye Clancy, Charlotte Morschel, Mary Coelli
Front Row L-R: Jordan Lanceford, Jonah Allen, Cody McCallum
Moving into Year 7 Expression of Interest Forms

Last Friday our Year 6 students were issued with the Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government school booklet. Parents are asked to ensure that they complete the Expression of Interest form inside the booklet (even if you will be attending a non-government school) and return to school no later than Friday the 22nd of March.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday the 3rd (Primary) and Thursday the 4th of April (Infants). Parents are reminded that in 2013 students will be required to wear their summer uniform for these photos. Envelopes will be issued to students when they arrive at the school.

P&C Day

As mentioned in the “P&C Page” of this newsletter, Wednesday 13th March is “P&C Day”. This will be a gold coin mufti day. Funds raised will go to our P&C, which ultimately benefits students from our school. I have spoken more about this at today’s assembly.

School Development Days

Advance Notice- The new Australian curriculum is being implemented in NSW in the syllabuses of English, Mathematics, Science and Technology and History. Some of these will commence in 2014. All NSW schools have been granted an extra School Development Day in Term 2 to be dedicated to professional learning in the National Curriculum. This extra day will be taken on the second day of Term 2 – Tuesday the 30th April. We will be working in our Learning Community to plan for the new changes. Please note the First day of Term 2 for students will be Wednesday the 1st of May. The other School Development Day will be as usual the first day of Term 2, Monday 29th April.

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

School Contributions 2013

A reminder that school contributions are now due. The 2013 contribution is $40 per child, $80 for two children and $15 for each additional family member.

The contributions will be used to purchase additional resources for Literacy, Numeracy, Technology and Student Welfare Programs.

Prize Draw: As an incentive, any family that makes the set contribution by Wednesday 27th March (please note change of date) will be eligible to go in the draw for a $200 voucher from the Golden Apple.

Merit Awards Winners

KF   Flynn Edis, Safiyyah Shafi
KO   Jye Teerman, Max Gerhardy
KV   Olivia Stafford, Jack Morgan-Smith
1B   Jack Evans, Emani Waqanivalu
1MW  Cadence Hopwood, Chayada Ekphatisawat
2M   Emily Pearce, Kai Gearing
2MG  Rachael Dowling, Will Aliendi
S2KA  Tharani Manoharan, Brianna Chitts, Noah Sands
S2KI  Austen Tiffin, Jhie Deaton, Izabel Halls
S2M   Lucy Rhodes, Sophie Mannall, Amy Ryan
S2T   Rosite Smith, Maria Tynan, Emily Wright
S3RA  Jenna Preston, Felicity Allen, Reece Taylor
S3RY  Tamara Bartram, Megan Gavel, Brock Martin
S3S   Makayla Broadbent, Harvey Meline, Madison Teerman
S3W   Jade Poulson, Lagi Fiso, Sophie O’Connell

School banking

Wow what an effort!!!

We had a massive 75 bankers last week! what a marvellous effort on behalf of all, keep up the good work!!  It is never too late to start enjoying the banking program and help your P & C raise valuable funds to go back into the school.

Rewards were sent home last week with student’s books. Once again rewards will be ordered on the last Tuesday of March, where hopefully we can also do a bulk order and have rewards on hand. We must ensure that we have more than 50 bankers per week this month to be able to place the bulk order.

A reminder to everyone that if you have children at home or in high school, you can still bank for them through the banking program, just send their bank books in with their sibling.

If you would like any more information on the banking program or have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office.

Regards
Alana DeMamiel & Kristy Jackson

Please note: School Contribution amendment for the date of the Prize draw is now Thursday 28th March
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has started again! The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Premier’s Reading Challenge books are labelled within the LPS Book Den, but if your child needs a helping hand choosing an appropriate book Mrs Pearce and Miss Grigg are only too willing to help! The Reading Challenge book lists are available on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website. All students in year 3-6, this week in the Tech Zone learnt how to search for books in the LPS Book Den through the “School Library” link on their student portal, this can also be done from home.

Shopping is something that Mrs Pearce and Mrs Thomason are always happy to do, and this week saw the arrival of over $1000 worth of new books for the Book Den! The books were purchased from the proceeds of the 2012 LPS Book Fair. All students and teachers were asked to contribute to the wishlist and we are pleased to say most of the “wishes” were granted! The books will be released for borrowing as soon as they have been accessioned.

Check out some of our new series, favourite authors and some fabulous classics!

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, educational apps which are relevant and, we believe, are worth the money!

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Teaching and Learning Activities

Play School Art Maker app is a fun way for kids to freely create pictures, animated movies and story slideshows using their favourite Play School toys and craft items. They can even add their own audio narration, upload their own photos as backgrounds, and save photos of their art. Play School Art Maker encourages imagination and creativity through open play – children are free to make and design whatever they like! There are no rules or timers.

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Teaching and Learning Activities

Get creative with paint without the mess and expense! Explore a packed toolbox of intuitive, natural painting tools like oils and watercolours that let you blend colours and textures on a realistic canvas. Add layers to your painting, import photos converting them to oil for smearing or pinned as a reference or tracing.
Don’t forget to check out the LPS Information Hub wiki at [www.lpsinformationhub.wikispaces.com](http://www.lpsinformationhub.wikispaces.com) for activities used in class, great Book websites and educational games. All students have access to our wiki space 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/](https://sso.det.nsw.edu.au/sso/UI/Login?goto=https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/) or by “googling” DET student portal.

Mrs Pearce & Miss Grigg
Information Hub teachers

Vibe 3on3 Day

Last Wednesday, 6th March a selected group of children, our Aboriginal students, basketball teams and dance group, and surrounding schools were invited to participate in the Deadly Vibe 3on3 basketball and hip hop challenge. This day was all about encouraging healthy lifestyles, sportsmanship, teaching new skills, and building self-esteem.

The opening ceremony was very interesting. The role models were introduced by the host actor Luke Carrol and they showed off their different talents. The role models were Kevin Kropinyeri, Darren Crompton, Nikki Ashby, DJ Jimblah and Corey Webster aka Nooky.

The art part of the day was very fun. We had to draw then paint artworks of our favourite Australian native animal.

The 3on3 basketball competition was a great activity which helped improved skill and fitness. There were four rounds of 3on3 basketball which encouraged sportsmanship by enabling teams to play teams from other schools around our region.

During one of the rounds we got to spend time with Nooky and do some rapping. We wrote our own rap and then sang/rapped it into the microphone. We also got to play an op on his phone.

More than 50 students signed up for the hip hop comp but the sad thing was that some dropped out of it and didn’t have a go. Nikki and Darren judged the competition.

After the dance comp, there was a closing ceremony where medals and certificates were handed out to winners of the art, rapping, dance and basketball competition. Certificates were also handed out to helpers and special guests.

All in all, it was a fun day!

By Jane Rhodes, Felicity Allen, Daniel Barton and Kai Schmetzer

LNPSSA AFL Trials

On Tuesday 12th March, fifteen LPS students will be attending the LNPSSA AFL trial at the Leeton Showgrounds. Good luck to the LPS students: Kane Deaton, Braxton Wallace, Dayne Butler, Nathan Ryan, Daniel Barton, Zac Fairweather, Blair O’Connell, Kai Schmetzer, Kye Davis, Jye Doyle, Harrison Rudd, Koby Eglinton, Josh Baulch, Reece Grundy, Travis Collins. Thank you to those parents and carers assisting with transportation on the day.

On Monday 18th March all Stage 3 LPS students will be participating in a Soccer Gala Day. At the event, our Boys and Girls Representational Side will compete against other Leeton-Narrandera teams in a knockout competition, with all other students participating in smaller soccer games throughout the day.

The Girls will be travelling to Parkview Public School and the Boys will be walking to the Leeton Town Oval. All Stage 3 students must be at school for a 9:00 am departure. Any students arriving late will be required to remain at school. Canteens will be running at each event, with orders made on the day.

Stories from 1McW.

Here are some recounts from our class. We are even beginning to use some paragraphs.

On Saturday my Nan looked after me. She looked after me at my home.

First we had hot chips for lunch.

Then we watched TV.

After that we played snakes and ladders. I had a great time.

By Cadence.

On Wednesday I went to Griffith with my mum, dad and my 2 brothers. We went inside the shop.

By Theresa.

On the weekend I stayed home with my mum and my little brother.

First I watched some TV with my little brother.

Then we played a game.

After that we read a book.

By Finley.
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

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

Canteen News

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

What LPS Students are saying:

“I like the popcorn the best” - Brielle Beaumont KV

Popcorn - $1.00

“The Lasagne & Salad tubs are really yummy.” - Brianna Chitts S2T

Lasagna Salad tubs - $4.50

“I like Sarah because she is always nice and we love the food she makes” - Charlotte Morton S3S

SOCCER GALA DAY - The Canteen P&c will be catering for the upcoming Soccer Gala Day to be held at No 1 ovals on Monday 18th March. We are looking for people to volunteer their time serving for 1 hour or two between 8.30am – 2.00pm. If you can volunteer please call Sarah on 69533471 between 9am and 1.00pm Monday to Friday.

THIS WEEKS SPECIALS: (this week only)

TUESDAY: (by popular demand) Mini Homemade Pizzas (7-10cm) choice of Ham & Pineapple & Cheese - $1.00 each

BBQ chicken (Roast chicken pieces with cheese & BBQ sauce) - $1.00

THURSDAY: Tuna Bake with salad - $4.50
Tuna Bake - $3.00

EASTER LUNCH - The Canteen is now taking pre-orders for Easter Lunch to be held at 1.00pm on Thursday 28th March. Parents/Carers can order from the following items.

- Crumbed Fish & Calamari & Chip pack - $5.00
- Roast chicken, lettuce & mayo roll - $3.70

PLEASE NOTE: No other lunch items will be available to purchase on this day. Pre-orders are to be placed on lunch paper bag with child’s name and class along with payment by Tuesday 26th March.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with lunch preparation and serving between 11am – 2pm. If you can volunteer please don’t hesitate to call us.

Canteen Roster

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Uniform Shop News

As of TERM 2, 2013, the Uniform Shop will now operate on Tuesdays 12.30pm – 2.00pm or if this is an inconvenient time for you, please don’t hesitate to call Sarah on 69533471 (9am-1pm) to arrange an appointment that suits. Alternatively, if you know what items you need to purchase, please place order and payment along with child’s name and class in a sealed envelope and send into Sarah (at Canteen) with your child. Items will be then sent home with your child.

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.

**P&C Page**

The P&C will hold its March meeting tomorrow night in the Primary staff room from 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Our first fundraiser for this year will be the Mufti Day on Wednesday 13th March. Students are encouraged to donate a gold coin which will be used to help fund resources from the students at Leeton Public School. Any further ideas for fundraisers or other issues can be discussed at the meetings or emailed to melissa.anthony@det.nsw.edu.au.

**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)

Phone Bookings Call Kids Promotions 1300 788 028


*$6.60 Transaction fee per booking not per ticket for phone & online bookings

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**Drum Lessons for Beginners**

from 8 to 13 years

Please call 0428 321 516 or 0428 551 251 AH
Photo Gallery – Vibe 3on3 day

Dance, Sing, rap and play

Monday, 11 March 2013
Term 1, Week 7