2015 Week 1 Term 1

Tuesday, 27th January
Staff Development Day

Wednesday, 28th January
School Commences Yrs 1-6

Thursday, 29th January
Kindergarten Students Commence

2015 Week 2 Term 1

Monday, 2nd February
Brian Taber Shield Cricket

Tuesday, 3rd February
LPS Swimming Carnival

Thursday, 5th February
AFL Footy Blitz Day - Clinics

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the 2014 school year. Once again the year has flown past. The year has been an extremely busy but rewarding one for staff and students alike. This year our students have been involved in a range of activities both inside and outside of the school aimed at providing all students with the opportunity for academic, sporting and cultural enrichment as well as giving back to our local community. The Choir and Dance groups have shone this year performing at a range of different occasions including Dance Festival, KROP, Sydney Opera House, School Spectacular, Proud and Deadly Awards and in the community of Leeton itself. Students also have had the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting events including the Annual Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals along with a variety of Gala days. Other activities our students have participated in have included visits to Carramar and Assumption Villa along with various performances throughout the year.

In 2015 we see the implementation of a new three year plan. Our Strategic directions for the next three years as set out in the DRAFT management plan are :-

1. **Leading 21st Century Learning** – To enhance leadership and teaching practices through 21st century pedagogy and targeted professional learning. Creating a professional environment that is aligned with the Australian Professional Teaching Standards, where teachers engage professionally and collaboratively to deliver 21st Century learning underpins this purpose.

2. **Quality Teaching of Literacy and Numeracy** – To improve literacy and numeracy standards through high quality teaching, innovative 21st century practices, personalisation learning and explicit high expectations. A culture of success and the development of relevant and engaging curriculum for 21st century learning underpins this purpose.

3. **Building a collaborative, engaged school community** – where we work together as a learning community to give our students the knowledge and experiences to achieve their personal goals and lead successful lives in the 21st century.

These three strategic directions will underpin all that we do at LPS to ensure that the students we have at our school achieve the best that they are capable of across the gamut of Key learning areas.

In 2015 we will continue to further strengthen student performance through targeted Professional Learning Programs such as L3, Focus on Reading and Quality teaching. Our teachers will continue to be actively involved in Professional Learning teams where they will work on further strengthening their knowledge on assessment for and of learning, feedback, continuity of teacher judgement and using quality research as a basis for the development of Quality Teaching and Learning programs.

I am sure that the 2015 school year will be a rewarding one for all who attend this wonderful school.

**HIGHLIGHTS FOR WEEK 10**

There were many highlights from week 10 with a variety of activities taking place within the school to tie together 2014. Events included the Platinum Assembly and lunch, afternoon tea for our helpers, visits by students to Carramar along with the K-2 Disco, Movie day and visits by our Dance group to various Senior Citizen residences around Leeton.

**Platinum Awards**

Last Monday we recognised 21 students who received their Platinum Awards at the last Platinum Assembly for 2014. Reaching Platinum level at LPS is a major achievement, one which all the students can be proud of. Well done to all our recipients listed below:-

Well done to all.
Byron Tarlinton S3W
Skye Heeb S3W
Caitlyn Waters S3W
Rhea Fairweather S3Ry
Tyler Stafford S3Ry
Tyson Melvin S3Ra
Jenna Preston S3Ra
Abbey Snell S3Ra
Amelie Sachs S3Ra
Isabelle Puntoriero S3Ra
Grace Kokke S3Ra
Tye Clancy S2/O
Emma Walleit S2/O
Chloe Matthews S2/O
Lailani Watts S2/O
Alexandra Glenn S2T
Campbell Sidebottom S2T
Jhie Deaton S2T
Madison Doyle S2T
Jade Cooper S2T
Victoria Emery S2K

2014 DANCE GROUP PERFORMANCES

On Tuesday & Wednesday members of the various 2014 Dance groups combined to performed at Carramar, Alf Herman Lodge and Assumption Villa. The students did a wonderful job and should be very proud of their efforts and the smiles they put on the faces of the Senior Citizens. A big thank you to Mrs Thomason, Mrs Pearce and all who accompanied our students to the various events.

VOLUNTEER HELPER AFTERNOON TEA

Last Friday we held an afternoon tea to thank the volunteers who have helped out our school in many ways throughout 2014. Leeton Public School continues to enjoy a high level of support from parents, grandparents and community members which is wonderful to see.

This support is appreciated throughout the school. Many thanks to all who give their time to help out in any way at LPS.

This week at LPS

Our final week will be a busy one at LPS with a variety of activities planned for our students including Lake Talbot on Wednesday. Our Primary students (Years 3-6) will have a Primary Disco on Tuesday evening to celebrate with our Year 6 students. The highlight of the week will be the Year 6 passing out on Wednesday afternoon when they will be able to ring the bell for the last time.

GIVING TREE

Today Mrs Jodie Ridge from The Salvation Army came to the school to collect the gifts which had been donated over the last two weeks. The gifts were handed over at a special assembly in front of the school. It was great to see the number of gifts which had been donated to this worthy charity. A big thank you to all who contributed.

SCHOOL/UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPEN TIMES

For the convenience of all community members, Leeton Public School will be opening at the following times for parents and carers to view everything our school has to offer:

Tours and new enrolments:

Friday, 16th January 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Monday, 19th January 9:00am - 12:00noon
Tuesday, 27th January 9:00am – 3:30pm

If you are unable to make it to school during these times, please ring the school during these times to make an appointment for a time that is more suitable.

Uniform Shop open:

Friday, 16th January 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Monday, 19th January 10:00am - 12:00noon
Tuesday 27th January 10:00am – 12:00noon

SCHOOL DATES

School finishes for students on Wednesday 17th December. Staff will undertake a half day development day on Thursday before also breaking for the holidays. The staff have worked on staff development sessions around the new English and Maths Syllabus out of school hours, including a whole day Saturday to enable us to break early this year.

Students 1-6 will resume school on Wednesday 28th January 2015 with our Kindergarten students starting the school career on Thursday 29th January.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas an enjoyable holiday period and if travelling please do so with care.

Jayne Gill
Principal

LPS Vision Statement

LPS staff have worked to create a vision statement for our school. This statement embodies the vision that we hold for LPS now and into the future. The statement will appear in the new school plan and aid in driving the school forward over the coming years.

At Leeton Public School we will empower learners by working in partnership within and beyond our school in a
strategic, enthusiastic and purposeful way. We will inspire the development of confident, creative, resilient and innovative individuals, fostering an environment of critical thinkers and problem solvers who are engaged and resourceful learners. We will collaboratively build the capacity of our community for a better future through leaders who are respectful, responsible and productive citizens.

Platinum Award Winners
Congratulations to these students who have shown exemplary effort, behaviour and participation over an extended period of time.

Back L-R: Abbey Snell, Amelie Sachs, Grace Kokke, Isabelle Puntoriero, Jade Cooper, Jenna Preston, Chloe Matthews, Rhea Fairweather, Tyson Melvin
Front L-R: Campbell Sidebottom, Tyler Stafford, Byron Tarlinton, Alexandra Glenn, Victoria Emery, Lailani Watts, Madison Doyle, Jhie Deaton, Emma Wallett
Absent: Tye Clancy, Caitlyn Waters, Skye Heeb

Special Award Winners for This Week

Diamond Award Winners
Congratulations to these students for their exceptional achievement, behaviour and service to others.

Back L-R: Hayley Bull, Jhi Grundy, Campbell Fields, Izabella McCormack, Blayne Thompson
Front L-R: Eden Richardson, Max Gerhardt, Jonah Allen

Commonwealth Banking Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have successfully made 10 deposits.

L-R: Lucy Rhodes, Nathan Ryan, Finley Sales, Adele Thompson

Merit Award Winners

KF    Cooper Cregan, Issac McWhinnie
KV    Jez Lashbrook, Thomas Johnstone, Riley Melvin
1M    Tom Cooper, Vula Wate
1S    Bridy Price, Ella Rhodes
2MG   Cooper Emery, Isabelle Ross, Lily Hodges
2MT   Grace Tynan, Sy Watts
S2K   Rayden Best, Madeline Sachs, Hayley Bull
      Shallan Stockton, Jonathon Sherlock, Brianna Chitts
S2M   Jayden Broadbent, Sajeevan Anandakumar, Elizabeth Lee
S2T   Holly Sharman, Blake McDonald, Lilly Hillier
S2/3O Fatima Ahmed, Charlotte Rudd, Braith McCann
S3RA  Jess Aliendi, Maria Tynan, Madeline Price
S3RY  Brayden Simpson, Jesse Smith, Amy Ryan
S3W   Mary Coelli, Molly Dale, Reece Grundy

Lost Property
A large number of school jumpers and other items have been left at school this year. If you think one of these items might be yours, or you would like to see if there is anything that might fit your child next year, please see the teachers in the infants K-2 staffroom or for primary please come to front office.
LPS Giving Tree

The donated gifts were handed over to Mrs Ridge from Salvation Army this morning at a special assembly. Mrs Ridge was overwhelmed by the generosity shown by our school and said that the gifts will be distributed to children in our town.

A very big thank you to our school community for supporting the LPS Giving Tree this year.

Mrs Gena Frazer

Alf Herrmann Lodge Visit

Last Tuesday, December 9th, 2014, IM, IS and the K-6 Christmas Dance Group walked to Alf Herrmann Lodge to entertain the residents. Firstly 1M and 1S sang "Mary's Boy Child" and "Santa Wear Your Shorts" and performed a dance to "Funky Jingle Bells".

After that, the K-6 Christmas Dance Group performed their wonderful medley of dances to various Christmas Carols. All the residents and staff thoroughly enjoyed the visit from LPS and we even had members of the audience up and dancing in the aisle.

We have enjoyed visiting Alf Herrmann Lodge throughout 2014 and have made plans to continue doing so in 2015. Mr Sales and I would like to say an enormous Thank-You to the staff for surprising us with lolly bags as we left. This generosity and kindness was totally unexpected and all students who visited were very appreciative. Merry Christmas to all.

Megan Moore

Lake Talbot

Students who have returned their notes and money will be attending Lake Talbot on Wednesday, 17th December. Students will depart school at 10am and return by 3pm. Each child will need to bring swimmers, towel, hat, t shirt/rashie, sunscreen, recess, lunch and water bottle. The kiosk at Lake Talbot will be open but we suggest you still provide lunch. School canteen will be closed. Casual clothes and thongs permitted on the day.
Korovata. I will miss all their smiley faces.

😊 WISHING YOU ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAYS!
(* Please note: all online credit will remain in your account ready to use in 2015.)

CANTEEN CLOSED WEDNESDAY DUE TO LAKE TALBOT.

UNIFORM SHOP

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PHOTO GALLERY

Year 2 Visit to Assumption Villa

K-2 Christmas Disco
Term 4, Week 11

Monday, 15 December

Kinder at Carramar

Carols in the Park

Dance Group at Assumption Villa

Platinum Lunch

Dance Group at Alf Herrmann Lodge

Dance Group at Carramar