Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Carers

Last week was another action packed week at Leeton Public School with a variety of activities keeping our students busy throughout the whole school. Along with our usual activities we had students taking part in VIBE 3 on 3 day on Wednesday and LNPSSA Soccer trials on Thursday.

Last Sunday 67 students met up with Ms Moore and other staff members as part of Clean Up Australia Day. The students did an amazing job cleaning up around Palm Avenue and side streets of Leeton. Well done to all of the students and parents who got actively involved in the day.

This week is once again busy with the Kindergarten Open Morning taking place on Tuesday March 4, P&C Mufti Day on Wednesday March 5 and the LNPSSA AFL trials taking place this Friday. Our staff will also be taking part in their usual Professional Learning meetings along with Stage 1 Teachers taking part in their second L3 training day at Yenda.

VIBE 3 on 3

On Wednesday February 26, 75 of our students took part in the VIBE 3 on 3 day. Our students joined over 400 other students at the indoor stadium to take part in a variety of activities including a RAP workshop, Dance competition, 3 on 3 Basketball and various health workshops. All of the students had a wonderful time with Sophie Mannall winning a medal on the day for her wonderful break dance effort.

Soccer

On Thursday the LNPSSA held our Soccer Trials and Gala days. The Girls played across at Parkview PS and had a great day although they went down in their matches. The LPS girls team had a draw Nil all in the 1st game and won against Small Schools 3-0 in the second. Five of our girls have been selected to represent the LNPSSA team at Riverina. Congratulations to Jenna Preston, Amelie Sachs, Grace Kokke, Zoe Stockton and Portia Marks.

Our boys side had an excellent day winning Round 1: LPS 7 def NPS 1 B and the Grand Final: LPS 3 Def PPS 1. This result means that LPS will advance to represent the LNPSSA in the next stage of the Knockout. Five of our boys have been selected to represent the LNPSSA team at Riverina. Congratulations to Zac Sharp, Jesse Hopwood, Jack Paterson, Dion DeMamiel and Reece Grundy.
This week at LPS

Kindergarten Open Morning - Tuesday 4th March – 10am-10:50am

On Tuesday March 4 we will be holding an open morning in the Kindergarten classrooms. Parents with students in Kindergarten this year are invited to come in between 10am – 10:50am to see what the students have been up to since starting school and how they have settled in. I am looking forward to seeing many of you here on the day.

P&C Mufti Day – Wednesday March 5

P & C Day is a way of providing an opportunity to promote the role of the P & C and to celebrate their outstanding contributions in the support of public education. Today P & C associations across the State contribute in excess of $50 million to our local schools. These efforts do not carry a personal benefit to the individual nor do they carry a financial reward. P & C’s are a place where the distilled wisdom of a local community can have real and positive impacts on how a school functions.

Celebrate the wonderful efforts of the LPS P & C by coming dressed in an outfit starting with either P or C and giving a gold coin donation.

P&C FETE – Saturday 22nd March

On Saturday March 22 the P&C will be holding their biannual Fete at Leeton Public School. The committee has put a lot of work into ensuring that everyone will have a great day with a variety of activities planned to take place throughout the day.

At the moment the P & C has their Daisy Drop tickets for sale. Buy a square for $5 for your chance to win a great prize on the day. The show bags are also currently being organised with notes going home last week. Please return notes and money to the school to ensure that you get a show bag on the day.

If you can help out on the day please talk to Melissa Anthony or other members of our wonderful P&C committee. This year funds raised will go towards replacing the Fort in our School grounds.

As always I would like to encourage parents who have a question or concern regarding their child’s education to contact the school to make an appointment with the classroom teacher or appropriate Assistant Principal. For major concerns please contact the office to make an appointment to see an Assistant Principal or myself.

Jayne Gill
Principal

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners

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

L-R: Braith Schmetzer, Jacob Buchanan, Neive Davies, Blayne Thompson

Merit Award Winners

KF  Holley Harrison, Harshan Muhunthan
KV  Charlotte Turner, Ivy Snell
1M  Alana Pike, Nicholas Mannall
1S  Callum Jackson, Alaree Tabain
2MG Molly Shelton, Adrian Mallamace
2MT Shania McKinnon, Jay Clancy
S2K Elizabeth O’Brien, Taj Doyle, Cohen Doyle
S2M Lachlan Heeb, Cody Tatt, Jayden Broadbent
S2T Hamish Johnstone, Alexandra Glenn, Kurt Young
S2/3O Josh Davis, Tharani Manoharan, Trinity Patten
S3RA William Pizzolante, Michael Wang, Isabel Ryan
S3RY Ethan Parker, Mikayla Boots, Grace Evans
S3W Mary Coelli, Skye Heeb, Sam Harrison

Golden Apple Dockets

A reminder/explanation to all families, to please keep your sales dockets from any department of the Golden Apple Supermarket and send them in to the office at any time during the year. A very generous donation is made by the Golden Apple, which is put towards purchases for the benefit of the students. A very big thank you to those parents/grandparents who have been sending in their dockets already.
Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion

A huge thank you to all the families that collected the stickers last year. From the promotion, we have been able to get some beautiful wind chimes, garden ornaments and dinosaurs for the sandpit in the K-2 area. All these things will add colour to our playground!

Thank you once again.

Mrs Frazer

SRC Representatives

Last Monday, our new SRC representatives for 2014 received their badges. Our reps will be meeting fortnightly and focussing on issues affecting the student body of LPS. The first SRC run event will be promoting Harmony Day on Friday, 21st March. The SRC has decided to host a no-charge Mufti-Day, with further details to follow.

Congratulations to our following SRC Representatives for 2014:

2MG – Iris Kalon & Taine Pauls
2MT – Luca Deaton & Coco Sands
S2T – Blake McDonald & Lilly Hillier
S2K – Victoria Emery & Shallan Stockton
S2M – Paiton Sainsbury & Junior Nikoro
S2/3O – Charlotte Morschell & Emerson Cody
S3W – Linkin Protheroe & Hayley Sloan
S3Ra – Braith Schmetzer & Michael Wang
S3Ry – Amy Ryan & Mikayla Boots

Miss Belford

VIBE

Last Wednesday, nearly 70 LPS students walked down to the Leeton Basketball Stadium to participate in VIBE. The full day included a range of activities including 3on3 basketball, hip hop dance workshops, art and rap workshops. Schools from all over the Leeton/Griffith area were involved in VIBE.

After enjoying a well-earned BBQ lunch, the day ended with a dance off and our very own Sophie Mannall was awarded first place in the Primary girl’s category.

A great day was had by all who participated! A big thank you to Mrs O’Halloran for her organisation and effort in getting the large LPS contingent to VIBE.

I loved playing 3on3 basketball. In Art, we painted a red belly black snake. The day was fun and exciting. Flynn Anthony S2K

The day was exciting! The best part was when we got to do the hip hop dancing because you could learn new steps. Mikayla Pearce S2/3O
**Canteen News**

For those children who order their lunch every day or a few times a week you are now able to hand in the weekly orders to me on a Monday morning with payment. If your child happens to be away on one of these days just contact me so I don't prepare their lunch and of course reimburse them their money. Any queries ring me in the canteen 69533471.

A big thank you must go to Kel Edis for coming in Thursday morning to make salad rolls, Belinda Fairweather, Renee Sharman, Amanda Sidebottom, Alana DeMamiel and Steven Thompson for helping me on Thursday at the soccer knockout,(setting up and packing up included,)And of course thanks to Rache Cody and Leanne Chaffey for running the canteen while I was at soccer .A good team effort.

**Uniform Shop OPEN -Tuesdays 12.30-2.00pm**
LEETON SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC
For all children aged from 0-18 years.
Please make an appointment
All treatment at our clinic is FREE.
Please telephone our call centre on:
1800 450 046
We hope to see you soon!

2014 BIDGEE CLASSIC
Join us on 9th, 10th, 11th March at Gogeldrie Weir
Loads of FUN family activities!!
More than $35,000 in prizes to be won! Lure casting, family games night, raffles and mystery campers prizes.
Programs and entry forms available at www.leetontourism.com.au or email us at bidgeefishingclassic@hotmail.com

LEETON JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
2014 Final Registrations for
Under 7 – Under 14 Rugby League Players
Under 7 - 16 League Tag Girls
Thursday 6th March, 4.30pm–6.30pm @ Leeton High School
Bottom ovals
Early Bird 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 a copy of their birth certificate or passport (which will be sent off with regos.
Unfortunately blue books, immunisation records and letters from schools are no longer accepted)
Training starts Thursday 13th March
4pm at the Leeton High School Oval
All enquiries to Kelly Pauls 0400 561 810
or Allan Jackson 0407 455 346

CYSTIC FIBROSIS DISCO - For Juniors & Teens
Date: Friday 14th March
Venue: Platform Lounge, Racecourse Rd, Leeton (Also known as the MIA Social Club)
Times: Juniors – Kindergarten – Year 6 6.00pm-8.00pm
Teens – Year 7 to Year 10 – 8.30pm-10.30pm
Entry: $5.00 each and Music by: DJ….ML

Auskick Registration is now open.
For Boys and Girls turning 4 to 11
All Registration are to be completed online at the following address http://www.aflauskick.com.au/register/
All players are to register as a new participant (new or old)
At the conclusion of your registration the following will be shown
This Auskick Centre offers online payment. If you wish to pay for this invoice now, please click the button below.

Invoice Number: 145007654
Click the link and make your online payment of $70
Bag collection will be on April 5 from 12pm till 4pm at the Leeton showgrounds. (In the upstairs room) Please bring receipt of payment.
First Auskick night will be Friday April 11 at 5pm till 6pm.
Further information auskickleeton@gmail.com or 0418684236

BEDWETTING
A DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796 – 12pm to 6pm

Leeton & District Bowling Club together with our SunRice Ambassador entrant Tayla Johnson invite you to attend our
TRIVIA NIGHT - Saturday March 8th
Come join us at the Leeton & District Bowling Club at 7pm
For a great night guaranteed! Lots of fun raffles and prizes and awesome games! Only $10 per head, Table bookings are essential!
Hosted by the Master, Kerry Hardie
For more information or to book a table, contact the L&D on 69532908
WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE NEW REWARD SYSTEM IS UP AND RUNNING.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

THE SYSTEM NOW TRACKS HOW MANY TOKENS EACH STUDENT HAS AND NOTIFIES US AT THE END OF EVERY SESSION WHO IS ENTITLED TO A REWARD. WE CAN THEN REDEEM TOKENS FOR STUDENTS AND REWARDS ARE THEN SENT THROUGH TO US FOR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE (THIS WILL MEAN THEY GET THERE REWARD THE FOLLOWING WEEK). **ALL DEPOSITS ARE NOW ENTITLED TO A TOKEN AND ARE ELIGIBLE TO REDEEM FOR PRIZES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE AT SCHOOL OR NOT.**

THE DATA BASE HAS BEEN CALCULATED TO DEPOSITS FROM 2010 TO CURRENT. **IF YOU HAVE BANKED 33 TIMES SINCE 2010 THE SYSTEM PRESUMES THAT YOU HAVE REDEEMED 30 TOKENS AND WILL CARRY 3 OVER FOR THIS YEAR. IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE ENOUGH TOKENS AND YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE ON THE SYSTEM WE CAN PHONE AND RECTIFY THIS FOR YOU.**

**PRIZES FOR TERM 1 ARE HANDBALLS, SCENTED PENCILS AND THERE ARE STILL SOME HEADPHONES AVAILABLE FROM LAST YEAR UNTIL STOCK RUNS OUT.**

We are currently in the process of working with Mrs Fraser to source some more seating for the infants department. This has been made possible using the $1000 that the banking program received for last year. Once this has been done we will see where we can make a difference to the primary department with this year’s money.

**Congratulations to 1M who has received the class award for February.** This award is presented to the class that has had the most deposits for the month.

Please ensure deposit slips are filled out we are getting more that have nothing written on them. Having approximately 75 students banking per week it is very time consuming and we do not have the time to be filling out slips.

Please remember if your eldest child started high school this year they can continue to bank just send it in with one of their siblings. Children not yet at school can also participate in the program.

For those that are new to the school we welcome you and would like to invite you all to join in the school banking program. This program is run through the P & C and is a great fundraiser towards P & C funds which are ultimately spent throughout the school.

**Banking is done every Tuesday** with bank books placed in class bags and then collected to be processed. **With every 10 deposits** a student receives an award presented to them at assembly. These awards start at Bronze and work their way up to a Gold award. Students are also able to claim a reward after every 10 **deposits.** The banking program is easy to enrol in. If your child already has a commonwealth youth saver account just send it in and they will be given a student ID number, if not you can open an account for them online if you are a commonwealth customer or alternatively pop into the local branch and open one.

If anyone has any questions or would like any more information on the program please don’t hesitate to contact us. We are available between 10am and 11am every Tuesday or leave a message for us with the front office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with old and new students this year and would encourage everyone to get involved in this wonderful program.

**Regards**

Alana DeMamiel & Kristy Jackson

Banking Coordinators
**FETE for the fort - 2014:**

**CASH COW money and tickets** - to be returned to the front office please. There is a $50 cash incentive to the student who sells the most tickets.

**SHOWBAG** order forms will be sent home this week and students are asked to complete and return their forms and money this week. There will be a limited number of show bags available on the day of the fete. If you want a guaranteed show bag, then you must pre-order. There are some great show bags available and they will be ready for collection on the day of the fete.

**CRAFT STALL:**
We hope to run a craft stall at the fete this year and we need donations of items to sell at the fete. If you, or anyone you know is keen to sell some of their handy work then please either drop off at the front office or send in with a student. Ideas for craft include:

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**Don’t forget P&C dress up Day is on Wednesday 5th March.** All students are encouraged to dress up as something beginning with either a P or a C and donate $1.00.

If you are able to help out on the day of the fete, please fill out the slip below and return to your child’s teacher.

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I am able to help out at the fete on Saturday 22 March at the times indicated below:

- [ ] Friday setup at LPS – from 3pm
- [ ] Saturday morning setup from 6.30am
- [ ] I can help at a stall for a short period of time (1-2 hours)
- [ ] I can help at a stall all day on Saturday 22nd March 2014.
- [ ] I can help with the pack up after the fete concludes from 1pm.

Name: __________________________________________ contact number: ______________________

Child’s name: __________________________________ child’s class: _________________________