**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We have had an excellent start to a very busy Term 2 at LPS. Our students have settled back into class and are working hard on a variety of activities.

This week will see the Year 6 Transition to High School Program commence along with our Mother’s Day Stall and shared lunch. On Friday Stage 3 students will be involved in LNPSSA Touch knockout and Gala day at the High School ovals.

**Leeton Community of Public Schools Middle Schools Initiative**

All of our Year 6 students will commence a 15 week program at Leeton High School this Wednesday 7th May, which will continue until the end of Term 3. The Middle Schooling Initiative is designed to service a number of needs identified by local public schools including:

- To provide innovative teaching of the Stage 3 curriculum utilising specific resources at Leeton High School. The areas of Science and Technology as well as Creative Arts will be a focus during these lessons.

- Assist with the transition of students from Year 6 to Year 7 as they gain familiarity with the LHS campus and teachers.

- Allow students to get to know their peers from local public primary schools.

During the initiative, students will engage in 3 week blocks of Science, Woodwork, Textiles, Visual Arts and Language. All of our Year 6 students received detailed information and a permission note. Parents are asked to ensure that notes are returned to school as soon as possible.

**Mother’s Day Shared Lunch**

Join us in the playground this Thursday 8th May for a picnic lunch from 1:00pm – 1:50pm. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mum from the P&C Mother’s Day Stall which will operated throughout the day in the Hall.
As a special treat the Infants Dance Group and the Stage 3 Dance Group will be performing at the beginning of lunch. Come along and have a look at what a wonderful group of dancers we have at these two levels.

PSSA Riverina Rep

A big congratulations to Kye Davis and Harrison Rudd who have been selected for the LNPSSA Riverina Rugby League team. They were chosen from a wide range of schools across Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera and small schools in the surrounding area. Well done boys.

Dates have also been set for the second round of the Trent Barrett Shield which is Monday 16th June. The Mortimer Shield will also be held on Monday 26th May.

Opportunity Class Placement Year 5

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Opportunity classes provide intellectual stimulation and an academically enriched environment for academically gifted and talented children in Years 5 and 6 who would otherwise be isolated from a suitable academic group. There are 74 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW. The nearest one to Leeton Public School operates in Wagga Wagga.

Opportunity class students are accommodated in one of the following class groupings according to the school structure: a Year 5 opportunity class; a Year 6 opportunity class; a Year 5/6 composite opportunity class; or a composite class consisting of opportunity class and non-opportunity class students.

Offers for opportunity class placement are made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test, school assessment and other evidence of academic merit.

Online applications open on Monday 28th April 2014. If you wish to apply you can do so by following the link below. If you do not have access to a computer and wish to apply please contact me at school.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Nut free school

At our school we have a number of children who are at risk of anaphylaxis if they come into contact with nuts. Please support us to keep these children safe by ensuring that you only send nut free food to school each day. If you would like to discuss this with me or would like more information about this extremely serious allergy, please don’t hesitate to contact me. If your child has any allergies which we are unaware of or you need to update your child’s Health Care plan, please contact the school immediately.

A reminder to all parents that a great way to keep up with what is happening at our wonderful school is through Leeton Public School’s Facebook page. We have established this page as another way of providing up to date information regarding events and happenings at Leeton Public School. Parents and community members who do not have access to Facebook through a Facebook account can still visit the page at:-

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Leeton-Public-School/326222750813973?ref=hl

By liking our community page you will receive updates on events and achievements at Leeton Public School.

As always if you have an issue or concern please contact the classroom teacher, the appropriate Assistant Principal or myself to discuss. From time to time issues arise at school. This is perfectly normal for any school setting so if you have any questions, issues, enquiries or you want feedback on any aspect of your child’s schooling please ring to make a mutually convenient appointment time with your child’s teacher, Assistant Principal or myself as required.

Jayne Gill
Principal

In the Classroom with S2M

Last week as a conclusion to their Science and technology unit of work students from S2M made cars using recycled materials and used this vehicle to see the distance that they would travel down an incline slope.
Mother’s Day Celebrations at LPS
Thursday 8th May

P&C Mother’s Day Stall
Shared lunch in grounds 1pm-1:50pm

Merit Award Winners

KF  Taj Deaton, Lily Thomason
KV  Toby Jackson, Kyis Ruttley
1M  Matthew Puntoriero, Jaxon Johnson
1S  Junior Falaniko, Max Gerhardy
2MG Taine Pauls, Izabella McCormack
2MT Jade Eglinton, Grace Tynan
S2K  Isabella Lotito, Lachlan Buchanan, Oscar Richardson
S2M  Junior Nikoro, Zaineb Ahmed, William Aliendi
S2T Rutalina Smith, Sophie Mannall, Matilda Ryan
S2/3O  Ella Gason, Caide McVittie
S3RA Nathan Ryan, Laura Johnstone, Brooke Eglinton
S3RY  Amy Ryan, Harrison Rudd, Matthew Ryan
S3W  Zaiden Bull, Hayley Sloan, Asha Gearing

Mother’s Day Stall

Our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held in conjunction with the Mother’s Day luncheon this Thursday 8th May 2014. Gifts will range from 50c to $10 for children to purchase.

Raffle books to be returned SOLD or UNSOLD to the office by Thursday 8th May. Any donations of gifts/homemade cakes welcome. If you could spare some time to volunteer on the Mother’s Day stall please contact Stephanie Glenn on 0419 993 572.

Dry nights with new bed wetting therapy

Leeton Community Health is now offering a new ‘Dry Nights’ program for the treatment of bed wetting.

The new therapy has been made possible by the donation of three bedwetting alarms by the Hospital Auxiliary.
Alarm therapy is a conditioning treatment which aims to teach the child to recognise and respond to a full bladder during sleep.

Bedwetting alarms are used to teach the child to wake up whenever wetting begins and to go to the toilet to finish urinating.

A number of children will outgrow bedwetting but for others this condition might persist into adulthood, said Leeton Child and Family Health Nurse Tania McVittie.

"Unfortunately bedwetting may interfere with social activities, relationships and performance at school. In addition self-esteem may also suffer."

"It is important to know you are not alone if you are dealing with this situation, and making an appointment to discuss it with your doctor or child and family health nurse may be a good first step," Tania said.

The Dry Nights program is a free service which involves family education, ongoing support and loan of the bed pad and alarm system.

Children require a check and referral from their doctor prior to commencing the program.

For more information, please contact Tania McVittie on 6953 1185.

**Canteen Roster**

**Week 2**

Monday 5th May - Marg Schmetzer
Tuesday 6th - Nicolle Sachs
Wednesday 7th - Renee Sharman
Thursday 8th - Belinda Fairweather

**MOTHERS DAY LUNCH 1PM-BEEF CURRY & RICE $5.00**

Friday 9th - Racheal Cody/Tracy Mannall (canteen)
Touch Footy knockout - helpers required 11am - 2pm
   - (ring or text Belinda 0427532401)

**Week 3**

Monday 12th - Marg Schmetzer
Tuesday 13th - Dee Poulson
Wednesday 14th - Alicia Legge
Thursday 15th - Joanne Mc Lennan
Friday 16th - Belinda Fairweather

**Week 4**

Monday 19th - Marg Schmetzer
Tuesday 20th - Leanne Chaffey
Wednesday 21st - Nadia Gerhardy
Thursday 22nd - SPORTS CARNIVAL-HELPERS NEEDED !!!!!

Friday 23rd - Tammi Ryan

**Canteen News**

**THURSDAY’S MOTHER’S DAY LUNCH, 1PM**

"SLOWCOOKED BEEF CURRY & RICE $5.00"

AS WELL AS NORMAL THURSDAY MENU

PRE-ORDERS MORE THAN WELCOME!!!

**Uniform Shop**

The boys brushed cotton shirts with logo have arrived and are available for $25. There will be 2 extra openings this week ONLY to grab your winter uniform needs.

* TUESDAY 3.30-5.00
** THURSDAY 8AM-9AM
* FRIDAY 3.30-5.00

If these times are inconvenient, you are able to send a note and money in an envelope to the canteen and I will get it to your child.

**Come and play Junior Hockey**

Get out and have some fun playing hockey! Starting this Saturday, May 10th, for all Juniors.

Fees are only $10 for the whole season. We wanted to make sport affordable for families and encourage children to have go. All new primary and high school players will be placed in a team and supported in learning to play.

**How do I register?**
Simply call Junior Co-ordinators before this Saturday.

Justin on 69 62 1939 or 0457 171 472
Gail on 0418 217 240

**What do I need?**
Own mouthguard is a must
Sticks, shinpads, shirts and socks provided

**Where?**
Westend Oval

**When?**
Games played on Saturday mornings

11.00am Minkey development Yr K to 2
11.20am Primary School Mixed Division & High School Mixed Division Boys Yr 7 to Yr 9 and Girls Yr 7 to Yr 10
12.15pm Primary School Mixed Division & High School Mixed Division Boys Yr 7 to Yr 9 and Girls Yr 7 to Yr 10

No Experience Necessary!!!
Farewell Dinner

Retirement Dinner for Dr Robert (Bob) Byrne

You are all invited to attend the retirement dinner for Dr Robert Byrne from Murrumbidgee Medical & Primary Care Centre. He has provided the MIA district with 47 years of dedicated service. We hope you can come for a chat and help celebrate this great milestone.

Where: Yanco All Servicemen's Club

Time: 6.30 for 7.00pm sit down meal

Date: Saturday 17 May 2014

Cost: $35 per head – this incl. a 3 course meal and presentation of gifts

RSVP: Wednesday 7 May to contacts below with payment please

Contacts: Phil Gray 0407 223 053

Rachael Fletcher 0427 535 562