Principal's Message

Dear Parents / Carers/ Community Members

Last week was an extremely hectic week with a variety of events taking place inside and outside of our school. We had students taking part in the Premiers Debating Challenge, performing at Carrarmar, Students taking part in the next round of the Paul Kelly Cup (AFL) and students participating at the LNPSSA Athletics Carnival. Our SRC also held a Muffin stall on Thursday to raise money for the Cancer Council.

On the Performing Arts side of things LPS received the wonderful news that students have once again made it into School Spectacular for the 5th Year in a row. We also received confirmation that students once again successfully auditioned for KROP (Kids Rapped on Performing) which will take place in Griffith in Week three of Term 3. This is a wonderful example of our Performing Arts program at LPS. Congratulations to Mrs Ryan and Mrs Thomason who have both put a lot of work into our students to ensure that they shine.

Probably the most exciting news for the week however was the arrival of the LPS chooks who are currently settling into their new home at our school.

This week I am excited to announce the Learn Play Shine program which we will be implementing at LPS for students 0-5. This program will operate over two days once a fortnight with the 0-2 program taking place on Tuesdays 9:45-10:45 am and the 3-5 program taking place on Wednesday morning 9:45-10:45 am. The program will commence in Term 3. A flyer has been attached to this newsletter.

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**Last Week at LPS**

**PREMIERS DEBATING CHALLENGE**

Last Thursday our two debating teams travelled to Coolamon to take part in Round two of the Premiers Debating Challenge. The students, who worked with students from Years 9 & 10 last week did an outstanding job debating two very difficult topics. Both teams won their debates.

The topic for the Year Six debate was that the" Media should stop reporting on the private lives of celebrities". Our Year six team took up the negative side of the debate giving several solid reasons why the media shouldn’t have to give up reporting on celebrities private lives. Their rebuttal was also very convincing.

The Year Five debate topic was “that parents should only allow children to watch TV on the weekend”. Our team had the affirmative side of the argument. The team developed a firm team line as well as having several solid arguments to support their view. The girls rebutted the Coolamon side well and came away solid winners on the day.

It has been a pleasure to watch the girls’ development as debaters which has been aided by the support of Mrs Lourigan from the High School along with the Year 9 and 10 debating team. Round three of the debating challenge will see the two teams go up against each other at home.

**LNPSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Last Friday students from LPS took part in the LNPSSA Athletics Carnival at the High School oval. Leeton Public School Students had an outstanding day taking out the Linda Gordon Shield as well as the Eric Dahl Trophy for the highest point score.

LPS students also took out 4 of the 6 age champions on the day. Congratulations to Demi Leighton (11 yrs girls), Nathan Baulch (11 yrs boys), Makayla Broadbent (Senior Girls) and Harrison Rudd (Senior Boys) for their wonderful achievement.

Students who were successful at this level will now take part in the Riverina Carnival on Monday June 23.

**This Week at LPS**

**P&C Meeting –TUESDAY JUNE 10**

The Next P&C Meeting will be held in the Primary Staffroom commencing at 7pm on Tuesday June 10. All interested parents and Community members are invited to attend and become involved in the LPS P&C.

**KINDERGARTEN 2015 - INFORMATION SESSIONS 11TH JUNE**

Information sessions for parents wishing to enrol students in Kindergarten or other classes in 2015 will be held on Wednesday June 11 at 2pm and again at 7pm in the KF classroom.

**STAGE 3 EXCURSION**

This week our Stage 3 students head off to Ballarat for their excursion. Leading up to the excursion students have been learning about what it is like to live in the early days. I am sure that their visit to Ballarat will give them a real insight into how many of their ancestors may have lived.

At Leeton Public School we encourage open channels of communication between home and school. If you have a concern regarding your child or education please make an appointment through the school office to see the classroom teacher or appropriate Assistant Principal at a mutually convenient time.

**Regards**

Jayne Gill
Principal

**Parent / Teacher Interviews - Tuesday 25th June 4pm- 7pm**

On Tuesday the 25th June we will be holding Parent / Teacher meetings in the School Hall between 4pm - 7pm. This year for the convenience of parents and the administration staff at Leeton Public School we have arranged for bookings for the Parent / Teacher evenings to be made online. Booking online is easy and simple and allows you to see what times are immediately available for the teachers you wish to see. I encourage you all to use this method. Bookings for Teacher interviews can be made online at -:


The process of making a booking is easy. Please follow the prompts given.

1. Enter the School Event code on the home page -:
   Event code 9EF4G
2. Enter your details
3. Choose the teachers you wish to talk to
4. Choose times which you wish to book.

For those parents that do not have access to the internet you can make a booking through the school office.

If you are unable to meet with the teacher on this date please contact the school to make an appointment with the classroom teacher at another time.
Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability (Including Medical Conditions and Learning Difficulties) – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. Under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) this will include students who have a medical condition e.g. asthma, anxiety or allergies and students with learning difficulties e.g. reading difficulties.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students. Better data will help the Government plan for student support.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy. Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

If you do not wish your child to be counted in the data collection please complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect any support they currently receive.


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact me.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection, please complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014.

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners

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

Back row L-R: Amelie Sachs, Caitlyn Waters

Front row L-R: Ella Rhodes, Lucy Rhodes, Isabella Lotito, Shelley Halls
SRC Muffin Day

Last Thursday, the SRC held their annual Muffin Stall. A massive thank you to all our SRC students and families and LPS staff who provided the yummy treats. Thank you to the SRC students for giving up their recess time to man the stall. $333.00 was raised for the Cancer Council.

Miss Belford, SRC Co-ordinator

‘Learn, Play, Shine’

After much planning and excitement, the ‘Learn, Play, Shine’ program will commence in Week 2 of next Term. The program will cater for 0 – 5 year olds, with the aim being to provide a stimulating environment where the children can have fun whilst being exposed to reading, musical and play opportunities. Two sessions will be run, with the 0-2 year old group on Tuesday morning, and the 3-5 year old group on Wednesday morning. The sessions will run once a fortnight, on the even school weeks. All attending children are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The structured component of the session will run for approximately half an hour, followed by an unstructured half an hour. In this unstructured time parents will be provided with biscuits and a cup of tea, as well as the opportunity to socialise and network whilst their children play.

A brochure with more information about the program has been sent home with students today. If the program is not relevant for your family, please feel free to pass it on to someone who may be interested.

We are still seeking donations of items required to make the program a success. If you have any unneeded playpens, fire/heater guards, toys, books, musical instruments, floor rugs etc that are in good condition we will happily receive your donations!

We are also wanting to brighten up the room, so if any parents could spare an hour or two to assist in painting / redecorating the room we would be very appreciative!

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Catherine Tabain, ‘Learn, Play, Shine’ coordinator

LPS Dance Group News

We are seeking donations of any used jazz or ballet shoes to fit our students K-6. We are hoping to get enough to use with all our groups for Leeton Eisteddfod and Shine performances in early Term 3. If you have any available please send into front office.

SHINE CONCERT

The Infants Shine item desperately needs the loan of 12 pairs of Pom Pom’s. I have seen some in Go-Low and The Reject Shop, however we have very limited funds and would prefer to borrow from any LPS student who has some to share. if you can help us out, please see Ms Moore. They will be carefully looked after and returned after the concert in Term Three.

Megan Moore

KROP Tickets

Our Senior Dance and Choral Group has been selected to perform in the 2014 KROP performances at the Griffith Regional Theatre on Thursday 31st July and Friday 1st August. Thursday and Friday are both night performances with Friday having a matinee. Tickets are available from the Griffith regional Theatre – 69628444 from today. Tickets sell fast so be sure to secure your tickets early.

Night performances – Adults - $20.00, Children - $12.00.
Matinee performance – Adults - $15.00, Children - $8.00
Sport News

Last Thursday the LPS Boys AFL Team travelled to Narrandera to compete against St Joseph’s Narrandera in the next round of the Paul Kelly Cup. Due to an extremely congested calendar the game was played after school on a cool, crisp evening.

Unfortunately, our team came up against a very skilled and experienced St Joseph’s side who emerged victorious on the day. LPS showed tremendous resilience on the day to continue pushing hard throughout the match. They should be congratulated on their sportsmanship and class on the field. A very big thank you goes out to all the parents who assisted with private transport to and from Narrandera on the day. Without your support these events are impossible.

Despite the loss, we still remain in the Tony Lockett Competition as the winners of the recent event in Griffith. We are currently arranging a game for the next round against Finley. Once the date and venue have been confirmed we will announce all the details.

UPDATE – STUDENT’S HEALTH CONDITIONS

Should your child require support at school for a medical condition (e.g. medication to be taken at lunch time), a request form must be completed beforehand. These forms are available at the front office. This is a Departmental requirement.

Canteen Roster

Week 7

Tuesday 10th – Dee Poulsen
Wednesday 11th – Amanda Sidebottom
Thursday 12th – Renee Sharman
Friday 13th – Tammi Ryan

Week 8

Monday 16th – Marg
Tuesday 17th – Leanne Chaffey
Wednesday 18th – Alicia Legge
Thursday 19th – Belinda Fairweather
Friday 20th – Tracy Mannall

Week 9

Monday 23rd – Marg
Tuesday 24th – Liz Tynan
Wednesday 25th – Dee Poulsen
Thursday 26th – Renee Sharman
Friday 27th – Tammi Ryan

Week 1 Term 3

Tuesday 15th – Cristy Heeb
Wednesday 16th – Nadia Gerhardy
Thursday 17th – Belinda Fairweather
Friday 18th – Tracy Mannall

Uniform Shop

Tuesdays 3.30pm - 5.00pm or by appointment.

CANTEEN 69533471 or text 0427532401
SCHOOL BANKING

DON'T FORGET YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A FAMILY HOLIDAY AND SOME OTHER GREAT PRIZES. ALL IT TAKES IS 3 DEPOSITS THIS TERM

Congratulations to all those students that have received their Bronze Certificate for making 10 Deposits this year, we have quite a few more students that are nearly there. Well done.

Term 2 see’s the program running another competition for the term with any student who makes 3 deposits or more for the term eligible to be in the draw. A pamphlet will be sent home tomorrow with banking students to explain how this works and what the prizes are.

The new reward system is working well. Please ensure you let us know what you want and we will order it for you and then you will receive it 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.

Prizes for term 2 are handballs, scented pencils, shark and penguin keyrings, whale shark pencil case and there are still some headphones and knuckles games available from last year until stock runs out.

Please ensure deposit slips are filled out having approximately 80 students banking per week it is very time consuming and we do not have the time to be filling out slips.

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.

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.

Regards

Alana DeMamiel & Kristy Jackson, Banking Coordinator

LEETON JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

A reminder to all Junior Rugby League players, could all raffle tickets be returned this Thursday 12th June to training as the raffle will be drawn on Saturday 14th June.

UNDER 12 HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT CLINICS

Hockey NSW is back on the road with our 2014 Stick 2 Hockey U12 Development Clinics. All sessions will be run by a current NSW State Coach and Regional Coaching Co-ordinator. The clinics are open to players of all levels born between 2002 and 2004. We’ll provide you a hockey stick if you’re first starting out or for more experienced players, we’ll make sure we put you through your paces and leave with the tools to take your game to the next level.

COST: $53.00 per player (includes 4% transaction fee)

Every participant leaves with a Hockey NSW Player Pack which includes a drink bottle and bag.

HOW TO REGISTER: www.hockeynsw.com.au

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FANCY DRESS DISCO

For all school age children

DATE: Friday 13 June

VENUE: Platform Lounge Racecourse Road, Leeton (Also known as the MIA Social Club)

TIMES: 6.00pm – 9.00pm

ENTRY: $5.00 pp

PRIZES FOR THE BEST FANCY DRESS

Full lock in with supervision, no persons will be allowed outside the premises until collected by an adult.

For further information contact: Colleen Willis on 0417771422 or A/H on 0429300067

LEETON DENTAL SCHOOL 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