Calendar – What’s On?
Week 4 Term 3 – 2014

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<td>Book Week dress up day</td>
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Principal’s Report

Dear Parents/Carers

Last week we celebrated Education Week at Leeton Public School with a variety of events taking place both at school and outside in the wider community. On Tuesday we held an Open Day at LPS with a large number of parents joining us for the Special Assembly and Shared lunch. Students wrapped up the day with Jump Rope for Heart taking place in near perfect weather. On Wednesday we had our debaters taking part in the Eisteddfod debating competition followed by our Dance Group and Choir performing at KROP on Thursday and Friday.

On Friday we also welcomed the Japanese Exchange Students from Tondabayashi Senior High School. The students visited our Infants classes singing songs and doing origami for the students.

This week once again our students will be out and about taking part in a variety of Sporting and Eisteddfod activities.

Education Week Assembly- Tuesday 29th July

Last week the students of Leeton Public School celebrated Education week in a number of ways. On Tuesday the 29th of July we held a Special Education Week and Platinum Award Assembly at the school followed by Open Classrooms, a shared lunch in the playground and Jump Rope for Heart.

At the Assembly the Infants Dance group wowed the audience followed by our wonderful choir. The choir performed two pieces on the day followed by our wonderful School Choir who sang “Corner of the Sky” and “Go for Gold”. This was followed by a performance by our Stage 2 Dance group who performed to Afro Circus. Finally some of our Islander boys performed a traditional dance. All of our performing students did a wonderful job showcasing just some of the wonderful things occurring every day at Leeton Public School.

At the Assembly we also took the time to recognise the contribution made to the school by parents and community members. Schools need parental and community support at all levels and the parents of Leeton Public School give to our school in many ways. Last Tuesday we acknowledged four wonderful individuals who have contributed to our school in a variety of ways over the years. Alana DeMamiel, Stephen Anthony, David Tiffin and Louise Johnstone.
Alana DeMamiel has been an integral part of Leeton Public School for over 20 years contributing in a variety of ways including most recently taking on the School Banking Coordinator role. Stephen Anthony has also given to the school being a tireless worker behind the scenes for various P&C events as well as helping out recently with our Junior Boys NRL team. David Tiffin has also volunteered extensively over a number of years through helping Mrs Tiffin out in our vast garden as well as coaching our boys Cricket Team over a number of years. Lastly Louise Johnstone has supported the LPS Dance Group over a number of years providing costumes, support for the teachers and countless hours of her own time.

Pictures from Education week can be found on our School webpage.

**KROP**

Last Thursday and Friday members of our Choir and Dance group performed at KROP (Kids Rapped on Performing) which took place at the Griffith Regional Theatre. The group’s performance was a dance put together by Ms Thomason to Stop the Beat from the Musical Hairspray. The choir directed by Mrs Ryan did an outstanding job as well.

I was extremely impressed with the polished performance our students gave. Their dedication and hard work over a number of weeks putting this item together has certainly paid off and they should be congratulated on the high level they have achieved this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Thomason and Mrs Ryan for organising the student’s participation at KROP and Mrs Pearce who spent the last Thursday and Friday with our students in Griffith.

**EISTEDDFOD NEWS**

The Leeton Eisteddfod kicked off last week with our Stage Three students participating in debating. Our students did a wonderful job with a difficult topic and should be commended for their efforts.

Today S3Ra and 2 MT took part in verse speaking at the Eisteddfod while S2K and S2T took part in one act plays. On Wednesday our Dance groups along with 1S, 1M and 2M will compete in the Dance sections. Good luck to all of our students taking part in the Eisteddfod this week.

**Platinum Awards**

At the Education week Assembly last Tuesday I was privileged to hand out 10 Platinum Awards. A platinum award is a wonderful achievement and one which our students strive for over many years at Leeton Public School. Congratulations to the following students on achieving this wonderful goal –

**Sophie Mannall, Grace Evans, Kasey Aliendi, Milly Garth, Amy Ryan, Karen Chetcuti, Blayne Thompson, Matthew Waddington, Demi Leighton and Chloe Dowling**

Last Wednesday I took these wonderful students out to lunch to celebrate their achievement.

**Sporting News**

This week we have three sporting activities taking place. Today the Riverina Region Athletics Carnival is taking place in Albury. Tomorrow we have our representative Rugby League team playing the next round of the Classic Shield in Temora. On Friday we have our AFL team playing the next round of the Tony Lockett Shield competition in Merimbula. Good luck to all of these students.

**Newsletters**

A reminder to all parents that Newsletters are always available online through the School webpage or at the Office if for some reason your child fails to bring one home on Monday when they are issued.

Please contact the office if your child is failing to bring home a Newsletter on a regular basis so we can address the issue.

As always I encourage open channels of communication between the home and school. Parents are encouraged to contact the school office to make an appointment to discuss any matters regarding their child's education with the relevant teacher or Assistant Principal (Students K-2 Gena Frazer, Years 3/4 Joanne Pearce, 5/6 Cathie Ramponi).

Jayne Gill

**School Self Evaluation Process**

As many of you know we are currently undertaking a school self Evaluation of Teaching and Learning with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy to aid in the completion of the 2015-2017 School plan. This self evaluation process will involve all stakeholders including students, parents and staff. Evaluations will involve surveys, community meetings and individual interviews.

As a school we will be randomly selecting approximately 30 parents who we will contact to arrange to have an interview with. These interviews can take place either over the phone or in person and take approximately 30 minutes to complete. At this stage we intend to complete all interviews over three days from Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th August. Parent and Community meetings will also take place on Tuesday 19th August at 2:30 pm and again at 7pm.

A part of this evaluation process is the completion of surveys asking for parent / community/ staff and student input into various areas of operation. Parents and community members are asked to take the time to complete a survey on School Community Engagement. This survey can be accessed using the link below and should only take 5 -10 minutes to complete.

If you are unable to access this survey online and would like a hard copy of the survey please contact the office.

Please complete or return the surveys by Wednesday 6th August.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZP6CLZY](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZP6CLZY)
P&C Meeting – 12th August

The next P&C Meeting will be held in the Staff room on Tuesday the 12th August commencing at 7pm. All interested Parents and Community members are encouraged to attend these meetings.

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: Isabelle Ross, Chloe Dowling, Blake McDonald Front Row L-R: Madeleine Glenn, Jez Lashbrook, Tom Cooper, Alaree Tabain, Bruce Donald

Stage 2 and 3 Dance Group Leeton Eisteddfod Performance

Dear Parents/Carers,

Below you will find some important information about our upcoming performances at the Leeton Eisteddfod.

We will be performing at the Leeton Eisteddfod on Wednesday 6th August. Stage 2 will be performing their dance Afro Circus, and Stage 3 will be performing their dance “You Can’t Stop the Beat”.

We will be performing in the session starting at 9.30 am. We will need to leave school by 9am to walk to the Roxy Theatre for our performances. Students will need to be at the library no later than 8.30 am to get dressed in their costumes. (The library will be open from 8.15am). Please arrive to dress at this time with:

*Stage 3 boys - hair neat, black shoes and black socks
*Stage 2 boys - hair neat, no shoes needed but please bring suitable shoes to walk to the Roxy in.

Any questions please see me as soon as possible.

Mrs Rachel Thomason

Merit Award Winners

KF Jayden Davidson, Lily Thomason
KV Zoe Smith, Sienna Costello, Amy Johnston
1M Jay Lea Hawke, Safiyyah Shafi
1S Ella Rhodes, Cade Sims
2MG Taine Pauls, Lily Hodges
2MT Ryan Brown, Coco Sands
S2K Madeline Sachs, Oscar Richardson, Jonathon Sherlock
S2M Jhi Grundy, Tyson Grundy, Jordan Lanceford
S2T Lily Hillier, Jhie Deaton, Matilda Ryan
S2/3O Olivia Price, Nomaan Mohammed, Nicholas Ormond
S3RA Jenna Preston, Amelie Sachs, Abbey Snell
S3RY Ethan Parker, Tyler Stafford, Leroy Smith
S3W Sarah Seymour, Taelah Jackson, William Murphy

Commonwealth Banking Awards

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

Back Row L-R: Hayley Bull, Isabelle Ross, Emali Waqanualu, Colby Edis, Zaiden Bull
Middle Row L-R: Toby Jackson, Joshua Narel, Cayden Hillier, Georgia Curry, Flynn Edis
Front Row: Grace Hill, Bruce Donald
Found

Found on the road outside the front office - An owners manual and service log for a White Mazda car with gray cloth trim. If this is yours or you know of someone who has lost this please call into the front office or call 69533488.

2014 ICAS Science results

Last term six Stage 3 students from LPS sat the 2014 Science Competition. The school’s average score for Years 5 & 6 was above the Australian average which is an outstanding achievement for LPS. Congratulations to Tharani Manoharan who achieved a Distinction for the test which placed her in the top 8% of Australia and to William Murphy who also achieved a Distinction for the test which placed him in the top 11% of Australia. Well done also to Maria Tynan and Amelie Sachs who both achieved a Credit, Taylor Moore who achieved a Merit and Sarah Zappala.

LPS Boys Rugby

On Tuesday 5th August, the LPS Stage 3 Boys NRL team will be travelling to Temora to compete against Young and South Wagga in the next round of the PSSA Classic Shield Competition. Good luck to the team.

If your child is on the team, could you please ensure that they arrive at LPS tomorrow morning by 7:30 am with all of their playing equipment, recess, lunch and drink. I big thank you to Mrs Ryan and Mrs Cody who are assisting with transport to and from the event.

News from K-2

Last week the K-2 staff and children welcomed some Japanese students and their teacher to our school. The students are part of a trip organised through Leeton High School for the students to experience some aspects of life in Australia. The Japanese students were very patient teaching the children the art of origami! We heard the song “Heads, shoulders, knees and toes” and we learnt how to say hello and goodbye in Japanese.

Last Wednesday KF welcomed Mrs Amin (Tazkir, Safiyya and Atiyya’s mum) to their class. Mrs Amin gave the children a lovely talk on Ramadan and Eid….a special time for Muslims.

It has been wonderful to have these special people freely coming to our school and enjoying sharing aspects of their culture with us.

AFL Tony Lockett Shield

This Thursday, our Tony Lockett AFL Team will make the long trip to Merimbula to compete in the next round of the competition. The boys will play against Merimbula Public School on Friday, with the winners then qualifying for the finals, to be played in Blacktown on Monday August 25th. We wish the boys all the very best. A huge thank you to the parents who have taken the time to train, coach and transport the boys.

Mr Sales and Mrs Vallance

Aussie-of-the-month

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated for the Aussie-of-the-month. Congratulations to the WINNER of the Aussie-of-the-month who was Jake Mallamace.

Back row L-R: Alaree Tabain, Chayada Ekphatisawat, Jay Clancy Front row L-R: Jay-Lea Hawke, Jake Mallamace, Issac McWhinnie

Canteen Roster

Week 4

Monday 4th –Margie
Tuesday 5th –Renee Sharman
Wednesday 6th –Nadia Gerhardy
Thursday 7th –Belinda Fairweather
Friday 8th –Tracy Mannall

Week 5

Monday 11th –Margie
Tuesday 12th –Leanne Chaffey
Wednesday 13th –Dee Polsen
Canteen News

☑ Dale Teerman from RIVERINA FRESH has kindly donated a variety of delicious sumo oranges, mandarins and navel oranges to the canteen which we are extremely grateful for. THANKS DALE!

I have been making small fruit salad cups @ lunch time for .50c & orange wedges, fresh or frozen for .10c. Individual pieces fruit .50c. Fruit salad tubs @ $2.00.

☐ Any donations of produce would be gratefully appreciated, except of course nuts and nut products.

☐ Thank you to Mikayla Boots, Isabel Ryan, Skye Heeb & Madison Teerman for their help with the selling of the RED FOOD on Tuesday, you all did such a great job & your help is very appreciated. Thanks once again to Marg, Belinda Fairy, Nadia & Cristy for their help on Tuesday absolute champions.

☑ Billabongs are no longer being produced & are being replaced by a new ice cream called FANDANGLES due shortly - these are in 2 flavours, fairy floss and choc/vanilla and retail @ $1.50.

😢 Just a reminder calamari is no longer on the menu.

☐ Although I have an awesome team of canteen volunteers there is always room for more!!! I feel I am continuously relying on the same fantastic people; If you can spare a few hours a term from 9-12.30 (even just 1 day a term would be a great help) give me a call or text 0427532401 & let me know what day suits you....many thanks, Belinda. The more the merrier!!

Uniform shop

3.30pm-5.00pm Tuesdays or by appointment

Unisex royal blue vests with logo have arrived @ $55.

Canteen 69533471 or text Belinda 0427532401

What is Messy Church?

First of all, it’s going to be a lot of fun! Messy Church is aimed at all ages (yes, even you!). There will be activities to do, a time for worship and a sit-down meal. Messy Church is ecumenical, so please invite EVERYONE you know!!

Come along to our first gathering:
Sunday 31st August, 2014
11.00am – 12.30pm
St Peter’s Anglican Church Hall, 24 Church St, Leeton
Cost: a donation, please
Want to know even more? Call 69532107 or visit http://messychurch.org.uk/australia
Leeton Public School
Learn, Play, Shine

Come and join us for singing, stories, playtime and more!

0-2 year olds
Tuesdays 9.45 - 10.45

3-5 year olds
Wednesdays 9.45 - 10.45

Our baby and preschool community growing together!

For further details call 0269 533 488

Leeton Public School
Learn, Play, Shine

Operating once a fortnight, in the wooden building in the Infants area of Leeton Public School. If you have children with multiple ages, please choose the session you would prefer.

0-2 year olds
Tuesdays 9.45 - 10.45

3-5 year olds
Wednesdays 9.45 - 10.45

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Activities and resources will be provided free of charge.

Dates for Term 3
22nd / 23rd July
5th / 6th August
19th / 20th August
2nd / 3rd September
16th / 17th September

Dates for Term 4
14th / 15th October
28th / 29th October
11th / 12th November
25th / 26th November
9th / 10th December

Creative play, reading aloud and sharing stories with your child promotes language, literacy and brain development. It also helps develop speech, imagination and counting skills.
Leeton Community of Public Schools presents

‘Shine’
on
BROADWAY

A performing arts extravaganza showcasing the talents of local public school students.

Leeton High School Multi-Purpose Centre
Wednesday 27th August, 7pm
Thursday 28th August, 11am and 7pm

Cost: Adults $10, Concession $5, Family $20
General Admission – No Reserved Seating

Tickets available from ‘Leeton Trophy and Gift Centre’ or your local Public School!

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