Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome!

I would like to welcome everyone back for the 2015 school year. This includes our brand new Kindergarten students who will commence tomorrow Thursday 29th January.

2015 will once again be a busy year for all at Leeton Public School on with a variety of activities planned for staff and students. As I mentioned at Presentation Day staff will continue to take part in regular Professional Development activities as part of Professional Learning Teams. These teams will be focusing on current Pedagogy and best practice aimed at ensuring all students at Leeton Public School are provided with a high quality education.

Students will once again have the opportunity to be involved in many varied activities including sport, debating, chess, Public Speaking, choir, dance and various other activities.

2015 Festival of Choral Music

Congratulations to Mrs Suzanne Ryan and our choir who have once again made it into the Festival of Choral Music. This is the second time that our students have been selected for this event and shows just how talented our school choir is.

The students will join students from other Public School choirs around NSW to sing at the Sydney Opera House in late 2015.

2015 Staffing / Class structures

We are currently finalising classes for the 2015 school year and whilst we are confident that we may have numbers to form a 14th class we cannot confirm this until after the school has submitted student numbers to the Department on Census day which is in week 3 of this term as any new enrollers / leavers over the upcoming fortnight could have an impact on the number of classes in operation.

The number of classes in NSW DEC (Department of Education and Communities) schools are determined by a range of factors including student numbers. These numbers determine classes and class sizes.

We will start the school year with 13 classes and they are as follows:

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We welcome back Mrs Tanya O’Halloran, Mrs Jane Vallance, Ms Lara Belford and Mrs Kate Spina. The ladies mentioned are all temporary members of staff but I am delighted that I can once again find employment for all of them as part of our LPS team.

Executive staff (Assistant Principals - AP)
LPS currently has as a staffing allocation for three AP’s. They all have a crucial role in the school in regards to supporting the Principal and supporting and supervising staff, as well as a plethora of other organisational, logistical, curriculum, welfare and teaching and learning responsibilities. Our AP’s are: Mrs Cathie Ramponi, Mrs Catherine Tabain and Mrs Rachel Thomason.

In 2015 Mrs Gena Frazer will cover Mrs Catherine Tabain as AP K-2 whilst she is on leave and Mrs Joanne Pearce will return as part time AP.

Meet The Teacher Night
Our annual “Meet the Teacher” night will be held on Wednesday the 11th February. Meeting times for the night are as follows:-
ES1 – 6:00pm – 6:20pm (Kindergarten)
S1 – 6:20pm – 6:40pm (Year 1 & 2)
S2 – 6:40pm – 7:00pm (Year 3 & 4)
S3 – 7:00pm – 7:20pm (Year 5 & 6)
I hope to see many of you on the evening.

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.

Holiday Helpers
I would like to take the time to thank Mrs Jenny Tiffin who took many trips to and from school to water the lawns and gardens over the school holidays. I believe that the appearance of a school is very important and thanks to Mrs Tiffin our school grounds look wonderful even though we had extremely hot weather over the break.

Summer Precautions
As is to be expected, we are experiencing some warm weather at the moment. It is important that we are all taking appropriate care of ourselves to deal effectively with this. Please ensure that your child/ren has a hat each day and brings plenty of water to drink. I have told teachers that I am happy for students to have drink bottles of water on their desks in class.

2015 School times
8:50am Supervision commences
9:20am – 11:20am Morning Session
(*Crunch and Sip for 10 min midway through session)
11:20am – 12:10pm Lunch
12:10pm – 2:10pm Middle Session
2:10pm – 2:30pm Afternoon Recess
2:30pm – 3:25pm Afternoon Session

Sport Development Sessions
We are fortunate that at our school we have access to many development officers in a range of sports. All students K-6 will be involved with Australian Football clinics next Thursday 5th February.

Newsletter
The LPS newsletter will be sent home with the eldest child in the family every MONDAY. Parents are also reminded that Newsletters are available each week on the Leeton Public School website. If you wish to submit something for the newsletter, it must reach the office by NO LATER than 3.30pm on the preceding Friday. As the collation of the newsletter is a massive task, I have directed the office staff not to accept submissions after this time.
**P&C AGM – Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} February**

An early reminder to all interested Parents and Community members that the P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} February.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a General Meeting.

**Issues / questions / enquiries**

From time to time issues arise at school. This is perfectly normal for any school setting. If you have any questions, issues, enquiries please ring to make a mutually convenient appointment time with your child’s teacher, the appropriate Assistant Principal or myself.

Wishing everyone a fantastic week!

*Regards*

*Jayne Gill*

*Principal*

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**Special Award Winners for last week of Term 4 2014**

**Diamond Award Winners**

L-R: Junaid Ahmed, Grace Hill, Jaxon Johnson, Adelaide Meline

**Sports Captains**

In Week 10 Term 4 2014 during House Meetings, the students had the opportunity to elect their new sports captains for 2015. These students were presented with their leadership badges at the last assembly for 2014.

Congratulations to:

- Kasey Aliendi and Nathan Baulch – Cook Captains
- Lily Sharman and Dylan Gordon – Cook Vice Captains
- Demi Leighton and Emerson Cody – Flynn Captains
- Kaylah Edwards and Jack Coelli – Flynn Vice Captains
- Mikayla Pearce and Matthew Waddington – Parkes Captains
- Tharani Manoharan and William Barnes – Parkes Vice Captains
- Chloe Matthews and William Pizzolante – Sturt Captains
- Rhea Fairweather and Zaiden Bull – Sturt Vice Captains
Term 1, Week 1

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Term 1 - Week 2**

Monday 2\(^{nd}\) February - Margie

**TUESDAY - CANTEEN CLOSED SWIM CARNIVAL**

Wednesday 4\(^{th}\) - Amanda Sidebottom

Thursday 5\(^{th}\) - Karen Kalon

Friday 6\(^{th}\) - Renee Sharman

**Week 3**

Monday 9\(^{th}\) - Margie

Tuesday 10\(^{th}\) - Liz Tynan

Wednesday 11\(^{th}\) - Jodie Lee

Thursday 12\(^{th}\) - Kel Edis

Friday 13\(^{th}\) - Tracey Mannall

*LPS CANTEEN IS ALWAYS AFTER MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ALREADY AWESOME TEAM GIVE ME (Belinda) A CALL OR TEXT ON 0427532401, LET ME KNOW WHAT DAYS SUIT AND HOW OFTEN YOU WOULD LIKE COME IN, EVEN ONCE A TERM IS A GREAT HELP. (from 9am-12.30pm)*

2015 CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back everyone I hope you all had a nice break.

I would like to welcome all our new families to LPS whether it be starting kinder or coming from another school. If anyone has any questions or queries about the canteen, ouronlinecanteen or uniform shop, please don’t hesitate to ring (02)6953 3471 or come and see me.

Over the holidays the LPS canteen committee gathered to discuss all aspects of the canteen and with much discussion it was decided we needed to increase a few of our canteen items by 10c-50c to keep up with the ever increasing cost of food.

* Milo cups now $2.50 (still below rrp) * Frozen Yoghurt now $1.80
* Red Rock Deli chips now $1.20 * JJ’s now $1.20
* Sausage Rolls now $2.70 * Hot dogs now $3.50
* Freshly made Lasagne & salad now $5.00.
* Fish Fingers & salad $4.50 or .80c each
* Burgers have increased by 20-30c

* We will be introducing a cheap Tuesday “Meal Deal” $5.00 for a slice of Pizza OR Pasta with your choice of drink (excluding 1 Cal’s). Single pizza or pasta still available for $3.50.

* Volo-au-vents discontinued.

* All of these changes are up-to-date on ‘ouronlinecanteen’.

**PLEASE DON’T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR CHILD/RENS CLASS IF YOU ARE AN ONLINE ORDERER.**

The LPS new look 2015 menu will be sent home in week 1.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**UNIFORM SHOP TUESDAYS**

3.30pm-5.00pm or by appointment.

Due to the huge influx of little boys starting kinder I have sold out of size 6 shirts.

Also I have sold out of size 8-11 girls socks.

I apologize for the inconvenience.
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48 DAYS FOR TEACHERS  47 DAYS FOR STUDENTS