Principals Report

Dear Parents & Carers & Community Members

I would like to take this opportunity to once again encourage all parents to complete the Parent Survey which is currently open. This Survey is anonymous and can be completed online quickly and easily by following the links that have been given in the newsletter. We use information gathered in surveys such as this to form the schools future direction. At this stage we have only 42 responses from over 270 families. Please take the time to complete the survey and have your say!!

This term we also have a review taking place where an external team will come into the school and along with a member of staff look at a particular area of operation at LPS. Part of the review process is interviews with parents and students. More information regarding the review can be found below.

**Last Week at LPS**

**Stage 2 Excursion**

Last Thursday and Friday our Stage 2 students travelled to Dubbo where they stayed the night. By all accounts our students had a wonderful time at the Gaol and Zoo as well as other places along the way. A big thank you to Mrs Pearce for organising this excursion and all of the Stage 2 teachers for their hard work over the two days.

**This week at LPS**

This week will once again be a busy week for our students with a visit from the Environmentors and students involved in other activities including the LCOPs Chess competition, Blast Cricket, Red Tennis Day and our annual walkathon.

**State Athletics Carnival**

Good luck this week to Demi Leighton and Blake McDonald. Both students will be competing at the NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival in Sydney representing the Riverina in Discus.

**P&C Meeting - Thursday 15th 7:30pm**

The next P&C Meeting will be held this Thursday 15th October commencing at 7:30pm in the Primary Staffroom. All interested Parents and community members are invited to attend this meeting.
Selecting High Schools Year 7 2017 Placement

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for students. Selective high schools include Yanco Agricultural High, Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Sydney Boys High School, Sydney Girls High School and Aurora.

Offers for selective high school placement will be determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2017, you need to do so soon.

Most applicants are expected to apply and submit applications online. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer to do this.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 13 October 2015 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Online applications close on 16 November 2015.

2016 Classes

The executive and I are currently working on classes for 2016. The composition of classes is a very complex exercise with many factors we need to consider. If you have a specific request regarding class placement for 2016 you need to put this in writing and address it to the Principal. Please note that this request must be supported by a sound educational reason. This must be received by Friday 23rd October.

Please note that this is a request only. The Principal has the final say on the composition of classes. Once classes are formed the only changes I envisage will be from students leaving or enrolling at our school.

Please also note that as this is a K-6 school, any teachers working at this school could be expected to teach anywhere from K-6. Please don’t assume that a certain teacher will be teaching in a particular grade (or Infants or Primary), even though they may have been teaching the same grade or in Infants/Primary for a number of years.

As planning is well under way now for 2016, it is also vitally important that I am aware if you are intending to leave LPS at the end of this year. Please inform me immediately if this is your intention so I can continue to organise staffing.

School Review – Week 4 – Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th October

Our school is always interested in improving the way we cater for students’ education. Sometimes this can be done by changing our organisation, offering new courses or developing further what we are already doing. The school can conduct an external review to help improve programs for the benefit of all students.

An external review of our school in the area of Teaching and Learning has been scheduled from Monday 26th October to Wednesday 28th October. A team will be visiting us at that time, and parents may be asked to participate in a phone interview with the team to talk about the school in a relaxed atmosphere. Your ideas for improvement will be most welcome.

A group of parents will be randomly selected to have a telephone discussion with a team member. If you are not selected but would like the opportunity to speak with the Review Team, please contact me here at the school.

A random sample of students will also be involved in discussions with the review team. Parents have the right to exclude their children from the review process. If you do not wish your child to participate in discussions with a member of the review team, please contact me.

The outcome of the external review will be a review report which we will be able to use for further planning. We look forward to your support and contributions.

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 Rachel Thomason & Joanne Pearce, 5/6 Cathie Ramponi).

Jayne Gill
Principal

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

At LPS we value parent feedback. I encourage you to complete the online survey below.

No username or login details should be required.

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_use
name=parent17100&j_password=Lee2386

If the survey opens to a login page, please copy and paste the link into your internet browser. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey.

If you are experiencing any problems with this process, please contact the school.
Term 4, Week 2

Monday, 12 October 2015

Merit Award Winners

KB   Declan Lawson, Chloe Curry
KF   Riley Langley, Emily Wells
KV   Avaril Deaton, Perry Rendell
1M   Rachael-May Davidson, Andrea Ferrando
1S   Phoebe Naylor, Harshan Muhunthan
2Mc  Grace Hill, Bruce Donald
2MG  Montanna McCann, Jye Teerman
S2C  Shallan Stockton, William Aliendi, Jessica Wells
S2K  Zaineb Ahmed, Madison Sharman, Taine Pauls
S2S  George Kokke, Emma Sherlock, Jay Clancy
S2T  Hamish Johnstone, Finley Sales, Kai Gearing
S3B  Campbell Sidebottom, Lucy Rhodes, Jarrod Young
S3O  Asha Gearing, Tyson Melvin, Elizabeth O’Brien
S3RA William Barnes, Jhardae Baker, Adrian Baker
S3RY Austin Tiffin, Victoria Emery, Lachlan Heeb

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations Charlie McCann who was the Aussie of the Month! Congratulations also to Rusty Skewes, Bruce Donald, Kyis Ruttley, Mathew Ierano, Zara Lamont, Jaxen Heath, Charli McCann who were all nominations for Aussie of the Month.

LPS Vocal & Dance Groups Fundraiser

The LPS Vocal & Dance Groups will be holding a street stall at Jarrah Mall Saturday, 17th October from 9:00am – 12:00pm to raise funds towards the cost of our Schools Spectacular trip to Sydney in November. Donations of cakes and slices will be greatly appreciated; labels for ingredients can be collected from the school office during the week. The cakes can be dropped off at school on Friday 16th October or at the stall any time from 9:00am onwards.

We are also running a raffle with the following prizes: 1st $400 worth of Toyo Tyres – donated by Lanhams Motors, 2nd $200 service voucher – donated by John Ryan Motors, 3rd $100 meal voucher – donated by The Village, 4th $50 meal voucher – donated by Benvenuti, 5th $50 gift card – donated by Woolworths, 6th $50 gift card – donated by Target, 7th - 8th Rip Curl mens & ladies watches – donated by Brad’s, 9th - 12th Beauty Gift vouchers – donated by Totally Covered, Invite Cilla and Frances Artese, 13th Scent pack.

Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. Tickets are available for purchase from the front office, from any of the 28 students in the Vocal or Dance Groups or you may request a book of raffle tickets to buy/sell over the next 7 days. The raffle will be drawn at the street stall at 12:00pm - Saturday, 17th October.

Suzanne Ryan, Vocal Group Organiser

T20 Blast Cricket

On Tuesday, approximately 60 students from Years 3 to 6, in teams of 8, will be walking to the Town Ovals to take part in a fun filled day of cricket. The day is organised by Cricket NSW to encourage children to take part in cricket and improve their skills. Mrs Tiffin and Miss Belford will be supervising the students.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin, LPS Cricket Co-ordinator

Environmentors Visit

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week LPS students from Years 1 to 6, will take part in Environmental Workshops. We will be learning about the principles of recycling and its importance caring for our environment. These lessons are provided by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council at no cost to our students. This is our fifth year of accessing these workshops and students always respond positively to the educators.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin, LPS Garden Co-ordinator

LPS School Photos

Parents and carers can still place an order for school photos via the Cliff Dykes website www.cliffdykes.com.au. Shoot keys can be provided by Cliff Dykes photography if need be.

WALKATHON

A reminder to all, this Friday is Walkathon Day! All students to wear sports uniform. This is a fundraising event for literacy resources for our school. Students are asked to seek the support of neighbours, friends and relatives to sponsor your child to do the walkathon. This can be a straight donation amount or donation per lap. The blue sponsorship card was sent home at the end of last term. Starting time is 9.45am.

Tanya O’Halloran, Walkathon Co-ordinator
THE CRUNCHY CABIN! ROSTER

Week 2
Monday 12th – Margie
Tuesday 13th – Robyn Mahalm
Wednesday 14th – Sue Mundy
Thursday 15th – Karen Kalon
Friday 16th – Kathryn Bechaz

Week 3
Monday 19th – Margie
Tuesday 20th – Liz Tynan
Wednesday 21st – Jenny Ryan
Thursday 22nd – Amanda Sidebottom
Friday 23rd – Tracey Mannall

Week 4
Monday 26th – Margie
Tuesday 27th – Leanne Chaffey
Wednesday 28th – Belinda Fairweather
Thursday 29th – Karen Kalon
Friday 30th – Tammi Ryan

THE CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS

It is very important your child brings their lunch order to the Crunchy Cabin BEFORE the 9.20 bell. Those children who fail to do so will receive a plain vegemite/jam/honey sandwich.

UNIFORM SHOP

The LPS uniform shop will be opened from 1.00pm - 5.00pm on Tuesdays

DON’T FORGET UNIFORM SHOP IS NOW ONLINE. GO TO “OURONLINECANTEEN” & CLICK ON UNIFORMS!

For your convenience! or by appointment with Belinda on 0427 532 401

A night for parents – Raising Teens in a Hyper-Sexualized Society

Teens are facing REAL ISSUES. Parents need answers. At a time when parents can feel overwhelmed and powerless to address issues such as sex, dating, relationships and pornography there is a huge amount parents can do.

This parents night aims to address the intimate questions that parents have while empowering them to be an influential presence in their children’s lives.

Tuesday 13th October
7.00pm
ARC – St Francis College

St Peter’s Anglican Church FETE and Rose & Geranium Show

Come along for a morning of fun including.....

Cakes, slices and pies / Sidewalk Café-Brunch and BBQ lunch / Produce, jams and pickles / Light refreshments served indoors / Plants / Craft and sewing / Cards / Kids Corner / Jumping castle

ANGLICARE OP SHOP WILL ALSO BE OPEN!

LEETON AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DAY

Jarrah Mall Saturday 17 October
10am – 12 noon

For anyone interested in joining the Leeton Swim Club or needing information. We will be continuing our 25m Squad on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Members that were registered with Leeton last season should have already received an email with the link to register online.

Training will commence Monday 2nd November 25m Squad, Beginners & Juniors: 4pm – 4.45pm, Seniors: 4.45pm-6pm

For any further information contact our registrar Estelle Cooper
Phone: 0419961109 or email: ecooper@mmtc.com.au

High Tea Fashion Parade 2015

Madonna Place
Sunday 18th October at 2.00pm

Featuring latest fashion from: Olli & Mac, Target Kids, Lanhams Jewellers.

Singer: Isabella Mercuri

Ladies get a table and enjoy the Fashion Parade with High Tea, Nibbles and Refreshments

Proceeds going to Carramar Nursing Home

*Buy your ticket before the 1st October to go in the Early Bird draw to win your ticket FREE

Residents are invited FREE but will need to have a Carer accompany them. Tickets $25.00
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**Note:** K-2 sessions are 45 minutes

Years 3-6 sessions are 1.5 hours