Principals Report

Dear Parent, Carers & Community Members

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the 2015 school year. Once again the year has flown past at a “break neck” speed. The year has been an extremely busy but rewarding one for staff and students alike. This year our students have been involved in a range of activities both inside and outside of the school aimed at providing all students with academic, sporting and cultural enrichment as well as giving back to our local community. The Choir and Dance groups have shone again this year performing at a range of different occasions including Dance Festival, KROP, School Spectacular and in the community of Leeton itself. Students also have had the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting events including the Annual Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals along with a variety of Gala days. Other activities our students have participated in have included visits to Carramar and Assumption Villa along with various performances throughout the year.

In 2016 we will continue to further strengthen student performance through targeted Professional Learning Programs such as L3, Focus on Reading, How2Learn and Quality teaching. Our teachers will continue to be actively involved in Professional learning teams where they will work on further strengthening their knowledge on the use of the Literacy and Numeracy continuums, Continuity of teacher Judgement and using quality research as a basis for the development of Quality Teaching and Learning programs.

I am sure that the 2016 school year will be a challenging and rewarding one for all who attend this wonderful school.

Last week at LPS

Last week was a busy week at LPS with the 2015 Presentation Day, Year 6 Graduation and various other activities taking place including visits to the Roxy Theatre and K-2 / 3-6 Discos.

PRESENTATION DAY

Last Tuesday we held the Annual Leeton Public School Presentation Day Assembly. This was a time to celebrate student achievement throughout the 2015 School year. Congratulations to the many students who received awards on the day. Students were recognised in areas of academic achievement, leadership, effort, sport, performing arts as well as many other categories.

A Special Congratulations to our 2015 Dux, Maria Tynan on such a wonderful achievement in 2015.

A big thank you to Mrs Robb and Mrs Ramponi who organised the day. A wonderful effort ladies. For photos from the day log on to the Leeton Public School website.

Year 6 Farewell

Also taking place on Tuesday as part of the formalities was a morning tea for our Year 6 students who are leaving us for High School next year. The students cut a cake and had morning tea with their relatives and guests.
2016 School Leaders

At Presentation day the 2016 School leaders were announced. Congratulations to Lilly Hillier and Jhie Deaton (Captains) Charlotte Rudd and Riley Arnold (Vice Captains). I know that these young people will be excellent leaders in 2016 for Leeton Public School.

VOLUNTEER HELPER AFTERNOON TEA

Last Monday we held an afternoon tea to thank the volunteers who have helped out our school in many ways throughout 2015. Leeton Public School continues to enjoy a high level of support from parents, Grandparents and community members.

This support is appreciated throughout the school. Many thanks to all who give their time to help out in any way at LPS.

This week at LPS

This week will see our last Platinum award recipients attending Benvenuti for their reward luncheon on Tuesday along with the Lake Talbot rewards day taking place on Wednesday 16th. School will conclude with the ringing of the bell at 3:15 by our Year 6 students who are leaving LPS for the last time.

Giving Tree

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to the giving tree this year. Once again the response has been overwhelming. The gifts under the tree will be distributed by St Vincent DePaul this year to those in need in the Leeton area.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Frazer who has taken the time to organise this wonderful initiative.

SCHOOL / UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPEN TIMES

During the holidays the school office and Uniform shop will be open on two days.

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SCHOOL DATES

School finishes for students on Wednesday 16th December at 3:25pm

Students Year 1-6 will resume school on Thursday 28th January 2016 at 9:25am . 2016 Kindergarten students will start their school career on Monday 1st February at 10am (please assemble under the COLA in the infants area).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas an enjoyable Holiday period and if travelling please do so with care.

As always if you have a concern regarding your child’s education please make an appointment with the office to speak with the relevant classroom teacher or Assistant Principal.

Regards
Jayne Gill
Principal
Sue Larkey – Workshop

Leeton Public School will be hosting a workshop with Sue Larkey who specialises in working with children with Autism on Wednesday 27th January 9am – 2:30pm. The day will be broken into two sections:


If you would like to join us for the day please leave your name, phone number and email address at the office by Tuesday 15th December so we can organise a suitable venue and catering.

Teaching Strategies & Behaviour Support Workshop with Sue Larkey

AUTISM / ASPERGER’S SYNDROME
For Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Families, Service Providers, Therapists

SUE LARKEY: International Author, Autism Spectrum Specialist, Teacher

Sue Larkey is a highly qualified special educator in mainstream and special schools. She has authored several books and collections of resource materials. Sue is uniquely positioned within the education system having taught both as a primary school teacher and a special education teacher. She has taught students with an autism spectrum disorder in the mainstream and at a special autism school. She combines this practical experience with extensive research, having completed a Masters in Special Education and currently undertaking a Doctorate of Education, focusing on inclusive education. Sue is unashamedly passionate about her mission – to inspire parents and educators and teach them how to Make it a Success.

“Come and join me for a fun, fast moving, exciting day.”

Course content:


P&C AGM Notification – Tuesday 9th February 2016

Leeton P&C Association will be holding the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9th February commencing at 7:30pm.

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners

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

Back Row: Todd Hockey, Jhi Grundy, Amritveer Singh, Zane Lyons

Front Row: Bridey Price, Tennyson Sales, Hayley Bull

CHILD SAFETY

Parents please be aware if you are dropping your children to school in Wade Avenue in the morning and/or the afternoon, that it is extremely important they are dropped off along the school side and not along the hospital side of the road. Our children’s safety is of utmost importance.
Commonwealth Bank

Congratulations to the following students who have made 10 Commonwealth Bank deposits into their accounts.

Back Row: Amrit Singh, Jade Cooper
Front Row: Demi Ollrick, Tom Cooper, Max Egan

Merit Award Winners

KB  Chloe Curry, Charli-Anne Davis
KF  Darren Smith, Salvatore Salerno
KV  Raffaele Mallamace, Charli McCann
1M  Taj Deaton, Jackson Cassidy
1S  Eli Doyle, Zoe Smith
2Mc Tom Cooper, Holly Schmetzer
2MG Callum Jakcoosn, Mackenzie O’Loughlin
S2C Jawad Salmani, Jayden Broadbent, Jessica Wells
S2K Jade Eglinton, Kasey Annetts, Sajeevan Anandakumar
S2S Holly Sharman, Katelyn Turek, Logan Mahalm
S2T Makiya Martin, Chelsea Clark, Hayley Bull
S3B Trinity Patten-Taylor, Braith McCann, Hugo Gerhardy
S3O Sophie Morgan-Smith, Francesco Ierano, Liz O’Brien
S3RA Skye Fairley, Shardae Baker, Will Pizzolante
S3RY Zaiden Bull, Grace Evans, Kruse Brady

Swimming Carnival 2016!!!

The LPS 2016 Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 12th February (week 3, 2016). Due to the early nature of the carnival nominations and election of house leaders will take place tomorrow for students in year 3-6 (2016). Students in Year 2 (2016) who are turning 8 will have the opportunity to nominate early next year, so keep practising over the holiday break!

Whilst students will have the opportunity to make minor changes next year, it is imperative that most adjustments are made prior to the end of 2015 school year to allow time for organisation of events.

It is important that parents discuss the events with their child and know their swimming capabilities. If your child is unsure if they can confidently swim 50m, please take the opportunity to find out before the carnival. Whilst we will be encouraging students to “have a go”, the carnival is not the place to swim 50m for the first time. Students who do not enter any events will have the opportunity to participate in a range of novelty events.

Events are as follows:

- 50m Freestyle (Age Races)
- 100m Freestyle
- 50m Butterfly
- 50m Breaststroke
- Relay
- 50m Backstroke
- 4 x 50 Individual Medley

The carnival will begin at 9:45am and conclude by 3pm. All students will walk down to the carnival at 9:20am and return to school at the conclusion of the carnival and will be dismissed as usual at 3:25pm.

More information regarding the 2015 swimming carnival will be available in the first newsletter of 2015.

Jo Pearce
Carnival co-ordinator
THE CRUNCHY CABIN ROSTER

Week 11-Pies/sausage rolls/mini pies ONLY
Monday 14th - Margie
Tuesday 15th - Sue Mundy

WEDNESDAY 16th - Canteen Closed!
Lake Talbot Fun Day!!!!!

The Crunchy Cabin can ALWAYS do with more helpers, if you are interested in helping out at any stage (even for 1 day a term or next year) don’t hesitate to contact Belinda 0427532401.

THE CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS!

Last Sunday the Leeton Public P & C Committee sold Spuds & drinks at Light Up Leeton. It was a very successful day selling over 130 spuds, & a big thank you must go out to the following people.

*Andrew & Amanda Sidebottom * Lisa Ryan
*Chris Thompson *Catherine Bechaz
*Louise Johnstone *Tash Deaton
*Liz Mumford *Kristy Jackson *Vicki Tiffin
*Robyn Mahalm *Jackie Eglinton
*Steph Glenn *Mel & Steve Anthony

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A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL MY VOLUNTEERS

The crunchy Cabin has had a great year and I couldn’t do it without the generosity of all the helpers and those who have donated produce.

All the very best to our beautiful year 6 students venturing off to High School, it has been a pleasure to get to know a lot of these students & I will be sad to see them go.

And of course I would like to thank everyone who has supported “The Crunchy Cabin” throughout 2015, myself, the committee & the volunteers are committed to providing healthy & substantial meals & snacks for the students & staff at affordable prices.

TODAY MONDAY & TUESDAY 14th & 15th December, the ONLY items available for lunch orders are:

* LARGE PIES,
* SAUSAGE ROLLS,
* MINI PIES

* DRINKS – MIA Fresh orange juice, Flavoured milk, Fruit box

Nothing else is available.

Wishing you all a great Christmas & Festive season, rest up for another big year next year.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be opened from 1.00pm-5.00pm tomorrow. Last delivery date for online uniforms will be tomorrow Tuesday 15th December.

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPENED IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR 2 DAYS ONLY
MONDAY 18th JAN 10.00-12.00
FRIDAY 22nd JAN 1.00-3.00
CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY

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

LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL
AUSTRALIA DAY COLOURING IN COMPETITION – LPS FRONT OFFICE HAVE SOME COPIES OF THE COLOURING IN COMPETITION IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE!
LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL & WOOLWORTH
PRESENT AN
AUSTRALIA DAY COLOURING COMPETITION.
FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
KEEP THE CHILDREN OCCUPIED DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND A CHANCE TO WIN
WIN ONE OF THREE WOOLWORTH
GIFT CARDS
$100, $50 & $30
ENTRIES CLOSE JANUARY 10TH 2016
PICTURES ARE ON THE TABLE IN WOOLWORTH ENTRANCE FOYER.
WHEN FINISHED, RETURN THEM INTO THE BOX IN FOYER.
ENSURE NAME AGE AND CONTACT DETAILS ARE ON THE BACK OF PICTURE.
Pictures are also available at the Visitors Centre, Council Office and library.
ANY QUESTIONS RING DAVE BOYD 69534272

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Continuous Storytime
10.30am daily. Free. Ideal for younger children

Holiday Activities
Cost $5. Ages 5+ Please book to avoid disappointment as places are limited

Cuddle-up and Read.
For carers and their babies. Free.

Saturday Bookchair
Every Saturday 10.30am Free.
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