Calendar – What’s On?

Week 4 Term 1

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<td>Friday, 20th February</td>
<td>LNPSSA Swimming Carnival - Narrandera</td>
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Week 5 Term 1

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<td>Tuesday, 24th February</td>
<td>Learn, Play, Shine commences</td>
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<td>Friday, 27th February</td>
<td>LNPSSA Boys/Girls Basketball, Narrandera</td>
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Week 6 Term 1

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<td>K-6 Open Day</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 4th March</td>
<td>LPS P&amp;C Dress Up Day – gold coin donation</td>
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<td>Thursday, 5th March</td>
<td>LNPSSA AFL trials – nominations Leeton Showground</td>
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<td>Monday, 9th March</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 10th March</td>
<td>Learn, Play, Shine</td>
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<td>Friday, 13th March</td>
<td>Soccer (football) GALA LNPSSA Parkview No 2 Oval</td>
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As a part of the consultation process I will be holding a number of meetings in week 6 where parents and community members are invited to come along to discuss the plan as well as put forward ideas for any changes.

Meetings will be held:

- Monday 2nd March 2:30pm – 3:20 pm
- 4pm – 5pm
- Tuesday 3rd March 7pm

Parents and community members are asked to contact the office to RSVP for an appropriate meeting time by Friday 26th February.

If you are unable to make these times but have ideas in how the plan could be adapted please email the school on leeton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your ideas.

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Carers

Last Wednesday LPS had a visit from The Hon. Mr Adrian Piccoli, Minister of Education and Member for Murrumbidgee. Mr Piccoli met the 2015 School Leaders and spent time talking to some of the staff at Leeton Public School.

2015 -2017 Draft School Plan

As many of you are aware the School has been working on a School plan which will take us through to the end of 2017.

The Leeton Public School plan is based around three strategic directions:

1. Leading 21st Century Learning
2. Quality Teaching of literacy and numeracy
3. Building a collaborative, engaged school community.

A draft copy of this plan has been uploaded to the school website and I would like to encourage everyone to take the time to have a look at the plan.
Also taking place last Wednesday night was an extremely successful Meet the Teacher evening. It was wonderful to see such a large number of parents coming out to meet up with the various teachers who will be responsible for their child’s learning journey throughout 2015. These evenings are a great way of getting to know firsthand about the exciting learning that will be taking place throughout the year. This certainly demonstrated to your children you value education and you want to be involved in the school. Many thanks for your attendance and support. I also know those who couldn’t make it, have received the information from your child’s teacher. The year has started very positively and I am sure the rest of the year will be just as successful!

P&C Meeting

Last Tuesday night the P&C held their Annual General Meeting. It was great to see an excellent turn out of enthusiastic parents and carers at this meeting. The P&C executive for 2014 are:-

President – Melissa Anthony
1st Vice President - Renee Sharman
2nd Vice President - Rob Fairweather
Secretary - Vicki Tiffin
Treasurer – Stephanie Glenn

I am looking forward to working with the P&C throughout 2015.

This week at LPS

LNPSSA Swimming Carnival

On Friday 20th February students from LPS will be competing at the LNPSSA swimming Carnival. This carnival will take place at the Leeton Pool. Good luck to all of our students taking part in the event. Students will be selected at this carnival to compete at the Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival which will take place on the 9th March.

School Contributions

This week Parents and Carers will be issued with a letter explaining the 2015 School contributions and an invoice. I would like to impress upon parents the importance of your contribution to the school. Schools receive a limited amount of government funds to operate. Out of the limited funds we receive we must pay for our utilities and relief teachers, minor as well as day to day expenses such as books, pencils, paper, tissues etc. This is before we purchase resources such as readers, library books, sports equipment, Maths equipment and photocopiing.

The contributions for 2015 have been set at $40 for the first child, $40 for the second child and $15 per child thereafter.

Newsletter Access

Many of our families elect to receive the weekly newsletter by email or are accessing the Website or Leeton Public School App to view the current Newsletter. There are many great reasons why we do this:

- the significant environmental ‘save’ (much less paper usage)
- a financial save to LPS (photocopying usage, toner, paper etc.)
- easy access for parents / carers to newsletter simply by clicking a button
- you are able to see the entire newsletter in colour
- easy links to LPS website and other mentioned sites
- no more “the kids didn’t bring the newsletter home!”

Please complete the yellow slip attached to the newsletter today and return it to school as soon as possible if you are in a position to receive the LPS newsletter by email or are already using the website or App. You simply need internet connection and an email account to be able to access these services. I look forward in anticipation to a very positive response.

I urge all parents to carefully consider the online options given to you to receive your Newsletters. Please note: If you are currently receiving the newsletter by email you do not have to send in this sheet. You will remain on our distribution list.

Complaints

A reminder to all that if at any time you find that you have a concern about anything to do with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and tell someone so that your concern can be resolved. It is our aim to work with all of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to ensure a productive, safe and enjoyable experience for our students. However, should you feel that you must raise a concern formally, the NSW Department of Education and Training has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. A brochure which provides information about how to lodge a formal complaint and a Complaint Form are available from the school office. Further information is also available in the Department’s Complaints Handling Guidelines which includes a guide to Lodging a Complaint. These documents can be accessed on the Department’s internet website at http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/…

I urge everyone to regularly read the newsletter to find out about upcoming events at Leeton Public School.

As always I would like to reiterate to all parents that if you have a concern or query regarding your child’s education please make an appointment to see myself, the relevant classroom teacher of Assistant Principal to further discuss the matter.

Jayne Gill
Principal
SCHOOLS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION SURVEY (SPANS)

A reminder that the SPANS survey will take place this Wednesday. Those students from K, 2, 4 & 6 who received envelopes are asked to return them to the school no later than Wednesday 18th. This is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in helping health professionals better understand children’s lifestyles such as their physical activity, fitness, food habits and movement skills. A team of specially trained teachers will collect the information on almost 8,000 students from Years K, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. The survey is being managed by a research team from the University of Sydney.

The survey will take place at our school on the Wednesday, 18 February 2015

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey – Students grades 4-6

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will once again participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey involving students from grades 4-6. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students this week. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

P&C Muffti Day – Wednesday March 4th

P & C Day is a way of providing an opportunity to promote the role of the P & C and to celebrate their outstanding contributions in the support of public education. Today P & C associations across the state contribute in excess of $50 million to our local schools. These efforts do not carry a personal benefit to the individual nor do they carry a financial award. P & C’s are a place where the distilled wisdom of a local community can have real and positive impacts on how a school functions.

Celebrate the wonderful efforts of the LPS P & C by coming dressed in an outfit starting with either “P or “C” and giving a gold coin donation.

Approaching the School Procedures

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice
- Express concern about actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld
- support sensitivity and confidentiality
- help reach an agreed solution

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

NB No parent should directly approach another person’s child. The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school’s Discipline and Welfare policy.

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<td>The welfare of own child</td>
<td>- For minor issues directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify information.</td>
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<td>- For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member (Assistant Principal).</td>
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<td>- To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details,</td>
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**Special Award Winners for this Week**

**Diamond Award Winners**

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

L-R: Jordan Lanceford, Abbie Doyle, Matilda Ryan, Jayden Broadbent, Madeleine Glenn, Jez Lashbrook, Thomas Johnstone

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**Merit Award Winners**

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<td>Rhea Fairweather, Jack Coelli, Victoria Emery</td>
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**Clean Up Australia Day**

This year, "Clean Up Australia Day" will be held on Sunday, March 1st. The parents and children of LPS are invited to assist with this from 9.00am-10.00am.

We will meet at the TAFE corner at approximately 8.45am and proceed to clean up Palm Avenue, heading to the Skate Park and/or Woolworths.

Please bring along your hat, rubber gloves, a water bottle and some plastic bags. Thank you for your support.

Megan Moore

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**Canteen Roster**

**Week 4**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>-Margie

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>-Nicolle Sachs

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>-Dee Polsen

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>-Jodie Lee

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>-Tammi Ryan.
UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP TUESDAYS 3.30pm-5.00pm or by appointment (69533471/0427532401)

P&C PAGE

Many thanks to the parents who turned up for the AGM last week. I am looking forward to another great year in 2015. Congratulations to the many who were re-elected, your hard work and contributions to the school are greatly appreciated. Last year was very successful with fundraising and we have committed to funding a Fort in Semester 1 as promised. We have been guided by the staff and students at the school as to what they would like to see. The footy uniforms arrived last week too and look tops! Thanks to Jak for her co-ordination of this. We purchased 2x sets of 20 and includes guernsey, shorts and socks. The much longed for smaller sizes are in abundance and we are ready for the kids to take to the field, looking fit and fabulous. Mrs Gill also brought a sample of the new chairs which the P&C contributed $1000 towards and these look great.

Fund raisers planned for this year are:

* P&C DRESS UP DAY – come dressed up to school in P or C themed clothing and bring a gold coin donation.

* MOTHERS DAY STALL – Friday 8th May. Steph Glenn and Chris Thompson will be coordinating and would love any offers of help for the day. Details to follow.

* Family Portraits were a success last year and there is interest for them to happen again this year. This requires minimal effort from us as a committee and results in a positive outcome. Maria Kelly will be our photographer again and they will occur in Term 2.

* Mick’s Pie Drive in July. Thanks to Tash Deaton for agreeing to coordinate this and she will forward more information in mid Term 2.

* Fathers Day Stall will be coordinated by Steph Glenn.

*We also have a major fundraiser planned for this year and more details for this will follow. A sub-committee will be formed and the first meeting for this will be today Monday 16th February at Leeton Pool from 6pm. Kids welcome. TONIGHT!!! All helpers welcome. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend a meeting, please email Melissa.anthony@det.nsw.edu.au with any other offers of help.

"STEPH’S SINGING STUDIO

– Half hour lessons $30.

Steph is a contemporary singer with a Bachelor of Music degree and a number of years experience in many vocal styles. From Musical Theatre to Classical to Pop – Learn it all! Call or text 0432 470 487 or email steph.dean.bmus@gmail.com for more information."
LEETON PHANTOMS JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB
Come one, come all you boys & girls
to the Rugby
REGISTRATION DAY
WHEN: SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
WHERE: JARRAH MALL
TIME: 9AM TO 12 NOON
Ages from the year you turn 5 years old up to 17 years old
All new players need to bring birth certificate
For all enquiries please contact Grant Johnstone
grant.mitre10@westnet.com.au 0427 127 690
or call Quinten Longhurst 0488 535 247

ANN RAYMENT ART
Primary Art Classes
Monday: 4.00pm – 5.30pm OR
Tuesday: 4.00pm – 5.30pm
5 weeks: 2nd and 3rd March – 30th and 31st March
Leeton Multi-Purpose Centre
Cost: $165.00 (supplies included)
A fun course for primary aged students to learn drawing, painting and mixed media techniques using a range of mediums including acrylic, pastels, charcoal and ink.
Phone Ann on 0409 215 107 or email: annray2705@gmail.com to confirm and an enrolment form will be forwarded.

LEETON ROLLER DERBY PRESENTS...
DISCO FEVER
Kinder – Year 6
Friday 27th February
6.30pm – 8.30pm
Rapps Room, Leeton Soldiers Club
Snacks and drinks available to purchase
$5.00 entry per child, 3 for $10

Auskick Registration
Rookies are those turning 5, 6 and 7; Auskick will be on Friday nights 5pm till 6pm.
Pros are those turning 8 and 9; Auskick will be on Thursday’s 5pm till 6pm.
All Registration need to be completed online at the following address
This Auskick Centre offers online payment. If you wish to pay for this invoice now, please click the button below.

Invoice Number: 157973012
Click the link and make your online payment of $70
Bag collection will be on April 24 at the Leeton showgrounds. (In the upstairs room) Please bring receipt of payment.

Rookies will kick off on Friday April 24 from 5pm till 6pm.
Pros will kick off on THURSDAY April 9 5pm till 6pm

Further information auskickleeton@gmail.com or 0418684236

Registrations close Friday April 3
CHILDREN UNDER 5 are welcome but must be supervised by an adult

ON ARRIVAL please sign your angles in and leave a mobile number in case of emergency

Parents – enjoy this time to yourselves but please be on time to pick up your little cherubs. Left over children will be auctioned to the highest bidder.

CENTRECARE SOUTHWEST NSW

Bringing Up Great Kids – A parenting program for building good relationships with children especially designed for the busy parent

All parents want to raise confident and happy children. It takes time and a lot of understanding to build strong and positive relationships with your children.

The Bringing Up Great Kids parent program is a fun 4-6 week parenting program that focuses on how parents communicate with their children.

It offers easy opportunities for parents to learn about how children understand and use messages from their parents in their development.

Topics include:

- Brain development in children - Values and beliefs about parenting - Helpful ways to communicate with kids - Understanding children's behaviour

Many parents have been part of the program and loved it. It is for parents with children who are 12 years old or younger.

To register, or obtain further information, please contact:
CENTRECARE on 69534677 (Leeton) or 0437154096
Email: cottomt@centacareswnsw.org.au

Hay School of the Air

Hay school of the Air is located at Hay NSW and offers personalised distance education to families who live in the Riverina, whom choose to travel for a term to 12 months.

Travelling families may encompass those having a holiday around Australia or the work, a working holiday or droving.

Families considering travelling are asked to contact Hay SOTA as soon as they make plans to travel. To enrol, families must meet the following requirements:

- Travel for a term but no more than 12 months
- Sign a statutory declaration of intention to travel with a detailed itinerary of 6 weeks in advance
- Be returning to the place of residence in the Riverina
- Provide a safe, supportive learning environment for students
- Understand and abide to the requirements for supervising student work and maintaining communication with the Hay SOTA teacher

Please phone: (02) 69931882 or FAX (02) 69933069
Email: hay-d.school@det.nsw.edu.au Website: www.hay-d.sCHOOLS.nsw.edu.au

Assisting Families Carer Workshops

Assisting Families is a group of workshops designed to help families, friends and carers of people with mental illness.

Families & friends can build on their knowledge, skills and find the most up to date information relevant to carers. These workshops value the experience of carers & families, are delivered in a relaxed atmosphere and can be a great place to enjoy support from others in similar situations.

Carer assist invites you to a free series of 5 workshops in Leeton providing information on the following topics:

- Mental Illness, Depression, Finding Hope in Grief and Loss, Recovery, Caring for yourself

Where: Leeton

When: Thursday 19th Feb, Thursday 19th March, Thursday 16th April, Thursday 18th June, Thursday 16th July 2015 times to be confirmed.

Please contact Sonia Skewes at Carer Assist Griffith 0269623099 for more information or to make a booking.

Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. You do not need to be on a Centrelink carer’s payment to attend these workshops

LEETON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY FOR GRIFFITH & LOCAL COMPETITION

Saturday February 21, 2015 – McDonalds restaurant - 10am to 1pm

Griffith U12, U14, U16, U18 Women, All Age Seniors & Local Juniors (4-15 years)

Details for Online Registration www.leetonunitedfc.org.au

Enquiries: Rod Harrison 0417 450 546
Shane Dunn 0428 649 481, Lena Porcu 0418 652 075

PLANNING TO TRAVEL? consider:........
Leeton Public School

Learn, Play, Shine

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

0 - 5 year olds
Tuesdays 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.

Dates for Term 1
24th February
10th March
24th March

Dates for Term 2
28th April
12th May
26th May
9th June
23rd June

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

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.