Calendar – What’s On?

Week 6 Term 1

Tuesday, 3rd March
- K-6 Open Day
- LPS Uniform Shop closed today

Wednesday, 4th March
- LPS P&C Dress Up Day – gold coin donation

Thursday, 5th March
- LNPSA AFL trials – nominations Leeton Showground

Week 7 Term 1

Monday, 9th March
- Riverina Swimming Carnival

Tuesday, 10th March
- Learn, Play, Shine

Friday, 13th March
- Soccer (football) GALA
- LNPSA Parkview No 2 Oval

Week 8 Term 1

Monday, 16th March
- Basketball trials

Thursday, 19th March
- AFL Western Riverina Trials

Friday, 20th March
- LPS Cross Country
- Science Performance Years 3-6

Week 9 Term 1

Tuesday, 24th March
- Learn, Play, Shine
- Parent/teacher/student conferences 4-7pm

Wednesday, 25th March
- Parent/teacher/student conferences 4-7pm
- State Swimming

Thursday, 26th March
- State Swimming

Friday, 27th March
- Rugby League trials @ Parkview
- UNSW Competitions Yrs 3-6 note & money due

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 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.

If you have any ideas on how the plan can be changed or adapted please contact the school.

The plan will be finalised and placed on the school website Term 2 Week 1.

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week saw the commencement of our successful Learn, Play, Shine program which involves 0-5 year olds for 2015. The program which operates every fortnight for an hour in the infants section of the school had an extremely successful start with 30 children turning up for the session. A big thank you to Ms Brooke Williams for running the program throughout Term 1 & 2.

Also taking place last week was the LNPSA Basketball trials at Narrandera. From all accounts our students, especially our girls, showed wonderful sportsmanship towards the other teams on the day which we are very proud of. Six of our students were chosen as a part of the LNPSA Basketball team.

On Saturday and Sunday students, parents and teachers from LPS took part in the Annual Clean Up Australia day. Over 70 students supported by numerous parents cleaned up along roadsides around Leeton. The Saturday evening group collected two ute loads of rubbish which was a fabulous effort and left the town a cleaner place to live. At LPS we put great pride in ensuring our students contribute to the local community. Well done to all who took part.
K-6 Open Morning - Tuesday 3rd March

This Tuesday 3rd March we will be holding an open morning across the school to allow parents the opportunity to see how students have settled into school in 2015. Classrooms will be open throughout the school at the following times. Please come along and have a look at the great things that are happening at our school.

10am -10:50am - Infants
10:20am-10:50am Stage 3
10:50am-11:20am - Stage 2

P&C Mufti Day – Wednesday 4th March

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.

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 10th March 7:30pm

The next P&C meeting will take place in the Primary staffroom on Tuesday 10th March commencing at 7:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to come along to this meeting. We are also in need of 2nd hand uniforms for the Uniform Shop. If you have any at home that you would like to sell or donate, please send them into the front office or to Belinda at the Canteen.

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 relevant classroom teacher or appropriate Assistant Principal to further discuss the matter. It is important that concerns are initially addressed with classroom teachers as often issues can be addressed quickly.

Jayne Gill
Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Parents or caregivers of children from Kindergarten through to Year 12 are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. This means all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school.

When children miss out on school they miss out on vital information, their learning routine is broken, they can lose confidence and they miss out on building up friendships.

Once children are enrolled parents are legally required to send them to school every day that the school is open for instruction or participation in school activities, such as sports days. A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- has to go to special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school, or has an infectious illness

Notes of Explanation

Parent/s or caregivers are required by law, to provide an explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence, as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written explanation because:

1. It is a parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence within seven days
2. A valid reason needs to be given. Stating my child was absent or absent for personal reasons is not acceptable. While not wishing to encroach on parents privacy, the reason needs to be acceptable to a court of law should it ever be required.
3. It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences
4. It avoids the school and the Home School Liaison Officer from making unnecessary investigations
5. It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school.

If you anticipate that providing a written explanation (a note) will be a problem for you, please contact the Principal to discuss alternative acceptable arrangements.

A note of explanation should contain the following information:

- the date the note was written
- your child’s name and roll class
- the days and dates that your child was absent from school
- the reason your child was absent
- the signature of the parent

The school is required to retain these notes for twelve months from the date they were received.

Should your child require extended leave for any reason, an application for Exemption for Attendance should be made to the Principal. Strict conditions apply to the granting of this leave. Application forms are available on request. If you are applying for an exemption please do so at least 2 weeks prior to taking leave.

Please remember that you can use the LPS school App to put in absentee notes.
School Contributions

Two weeks ago Parents and Carers were 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 photocopiers.

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

Technology Contribution

Parents also received a letter outlining the 2015 Technology contribution. This year the Technology contribution is once again $20. This allows students to access the two programs Reading Eggs and Mathletics. Both of these programs are used in the classroom environment to support student learning. Once contributions have been paid students are able to access these programs at home.

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: Charlotte Harrison, Tahlia Barton-Roden
Front row L-R: Ethan McDonald, Ella Rhodes, Cade Sims

P&C dress up day

This Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} March

Gold coin donation

Come dressed “P” or “C”

Merit Award Winners

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Clean up Australia Day

On Tuesday, 17\textsuperscript{th} February, 1M and 1S walked to Alf Herrmann Lodge to sing for the residents. It was a hot walk down, but all children were sensible and road safe, and happily sipped on their water bottles. Our first song was “Puff the Magic Dragon” followed by “I am the Music Man”. The elderly residents thoroughly enjoyed the percussion instruments that accompanied this song and were clapping along enthusiastically.

Our final item was Mr Sales' favourite Beatles song, “Yellow Submarine”. Everybody joined in with the chorus and a wonderful time was had by all. The staff thanked us for visiting and they are already looking forward to our next visit later in Term 1. A big Thank You to all the Year 1 students for their fantastic behaviour.

Ms Moore and Mr Sales.
2015 University of NSW Competitions (Years 3-6)

The University of NSW Competitions will be held again this year at Leeton Public School. The following information is for those parents/carers who wish to enter their child/ren in any of the subject competitions.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY (formerly known as Computer Skills) - $8.00

SCIENCE - $8.00

SPELLING - $11.00

WRITING - $17.00

ENGLISH - $8.00

MATHEMATICS - $8.00

Please see the front office to receive a permission note/entry form.

Closing date for ALL payments is

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2015

Year 2 Go the the Villa

On Tuesday Year 2 walked to the Assumption Villa to entertain the elderly folks. It was our first time for the year. 2Mc sang “Happy” and danced “AgaDoo” and “Dr Nickerbocker”.

2MG sang “Summer Holiday” and danced to the “Chicken Dance” and “Hokey Pokey”. It was awesome.

Jack Morgan-Smith and Bridey Price

LNPSSA Basketball Knockout

What a great day was had by the LPS Basketballers in Narrandera on Friday. We were represented by students who displayed wonderful sportsmanship and improved skill level.

The boys moved through to the final, but came up against a solid Narrandera team. All the boys are to be commended for great team work and strong defensive efforts.

Our girl’s sportsmanship was commented upon in support of our Smaller Schools team which consisted of mostly first timers to a basketball court. The girls played Parkview in the final and won convincingly. This means the girls will move through to the next round (probably late Term 2/early Term 3).

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to trial for the Riverina team which will be playing in Albury on the 16th March: Sarah Allen, Chloe Matthews, Hayley Sloan, Emerson Cody, Braith Schmetzer and Junior Nikoro.

“A big thank you and appreciation to Corey Ryan who coached the boys on Friday. He was able to provide much experience and guidance to the players

Ms O’Halloran

Back Row: Chloe Matthews, Demi Leighton, Zoe Stockton, Petesa Lio, Hayley Sloan
Front row: Sarah Zappala, Eleanor Barnes, Sarah Allen, Maria Tynan

Back Row: Tye Clancy, Braith Schmetzer, Caide McVittie, William Barnes, Junior Nikoro
Front Row: Nathan Baulch, Ike Ryan, Emerson Cody

Bookclub

Issue 2 of Book Club has been sent home. You will notice that there is now an option for the LOOP ordering system, to which our school is now registered. Through LOOP parents are able to order directly from Scholastic Book Club and pay by Credit Card with no need to return order forms or payment receipts to the school. Your order will then be shipped to LPS where it will be distributed as normal to your child’s class. See the advertisement further in the newsletter for
more information. Please note parents can still order through the school paying by cash, cheque or credit card if you prefer.
If you have any queries about the LOOP ordering please give me a call at the school.
Thanks
Jo Pearce

**Soccer Gala Day=HELPERS REQUIRED!!**

FOR OUR NEXT GALA DAY; FRIDAY 13TH MARCH YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER YOUR LUNCH ONLINE BY USING “SPECIAL EVENTS” MENU.

THIS WILL NEED TO BE PLACED BY WEDNESDAY 11TH , (2 DAYS PRIOR)

1 Cal fizzy fruit juices are currently unavailable. My apologies.

**PLEASE SEE BELOW OUR NEW ONLINE COMPETITION.**

**For every order placed online you will have the chance to win a $20 online voucher**

**LEETON PUBLIC SCHOOL HAS BEEN PICKED TO WIN!!**

How to Win:

Our Online Canteen wishes to thank you for your continued support of your school canteen. Ordering online brings many benefits to the canteen including saving time and keeping costs down. Simply place an online order from your school canteen by Thursday 12th of March to be in the running to win $20 online credit.

Two Winners will be drawn by Our Online Canteen and notified by email on Friday the 13th March. They will also be published in the following school newsletter.

Not Registered?

Please visit our website www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au select the Register tab and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions or need any help with the online ordering process please feel free to contact one of our friendly staff at Our Online Canteen on 1300 116 637 or email us at info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au

For any enquiries relating to menu items themselves please contact your school canteen at ashnblim@bigpond.com

Please note: This competition is run by Our Online Canteen and not the school canteen. There is no need to send us proof of your order to win as winners are drawn using the automated system. As soon as the winners are drawn the $20 credit is added to their online account.
UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP TUESDAYS 3.30pm-5.00pm or by appointment (69533471/0427 532 401)

DUE TO UNFORESEEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY MARCH 3.

WANTED: 2nd hand girls LPS uniforms for the Uniform Shop. Please leave at the front office or Belinda at the Canteen clearly marked with your name and amount you wish to sell for or donations are very welcome also.

MULTICULTURAL FRIENDSHIP GROUP

How would you like to help someone from another country settle into life in Leeton? Maybe assist with English language issues? Maybe become a volunteer tutor with English language? Perhaps you have come from another country and would like to meet new people and practise your Australian/English?

Perhaps you would like to share different cultures and foods? Maybe you have other ideas you would like to contribute?

Come to a meeting at the LEETON LIBRARY
in the Yellow Room
On Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 5.30pm
For more information call Susie Rowe on 0424 363 490
Please also remember another date and time - 29th March 2015, 1pm to 4pm Harmony Day celebration – more information coming soon!

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE LEETON-WHITTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB FOR THE 2015 SEASON

Registration information for SWJFL – under 11’s, 13’s and 15’s footballers and netballers
All football registration is to be completed online with credit card payment only using the web address below: https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?aiD=17883&key=39de23ae0d8a184ea1782ac874c3b0&cID=89950&formID=36056
All netball registration will be on following nights:
Thursday 5th March 2015 and Thursday 12th March 2015 at the Leeton Showgrounds – Crows Club Room – Upstairs from 4.30pm til 6.30pm
Rego for footballers: $90 per player
Rego for netballers: $90 per player

Family season pass: $20 per family
First official training night is Thursday 5th March 5pm to 6pm
Full payment must be made at time of registration. All new players must bring their birth certificate. Players born in 2006 or younger won’t be able to register for the under 11’s.
There will be NO late entries accepted after Thursday 12th March.

AUSKICK REGISTRATION

Rookies are those turning 5, 6 and 7; Auskick will be on Friday nights 5pm til 6pm.
Pros are those turning 8 and 9; Auskick will be on Thursday’s 5pm til 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
Pay Now
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 til 6pm. Pros will kick off on Thursday April 9 from 5pm til 6pm.
Further information auskickleton@gmail.com or 0418684236
Registrations close Friday April 3

BOUNCE 2015 BIDGEE CLASSIC FISHING COMPETITION

March 6th to 8th at Gogeldrie Weir
Entry: Adults $35, Juniors $20, Family Pass $85, Club Entry $20
Catch and release competition only
Huge prizes to be won: Camper/boat & motor package valued at $14,000 - Resort Holiday Wollongong Surf & Lkses - Camping Pack $1000 BCF Package plus lots more
Over $35,000 in prizes up for grabs
Visit: leetonbddgeeclassic.com for competition registration and event updates
Join us for three days of freshwater competition fishing across a 15km stretch of the beautiful Murrumbidgee River. The Bidgee Classic is an event for the whole family with food, activities and great prizes up for grabs.
Colouring in competition – Please see LPS front office