**Calendar – What’s On?**

**Week 7 Term 1**

- **Monday, 9th March**: Riverina Swimming Carnival
- **Tuesday, 10th March**: Learn, Play, Shine P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- **Wednesday, 11th March**: Rural Fire Service Visit
- **Friday, 13th March**: Soccer (football) GALA LNPSSA 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 CLOSING DATE

**Week 10 Term 1**

- **Monday, 30th March**: LNPSSA Netball & Rugby Gala Day
- **Wednesday, 1st April**: Girls soccer (football)
- **Thursday, 2nd April**: Primary AFL Final selections
- **Friday, 3rd April**: Good Friday

**2015-2017 Draft School Plan**

As many of you are aware the School community 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. I will also be seeking individual feedback from parents and community members over the coming weeks on the plan prior to it being published.

*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**

What a great week last week at LPS. On Tuesday it was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and carers visiting our classroom as part of our Term 1 open classrooms. Every classroom had numerous visitors who were able to see how the students have settled into school this year. In the senior classrooms many of the students were completing tasks using their devices and it gave parents the opportunity to see just how much learning has changed first hand.

Also taking place last week was P&C Day. The school was full of a wide range of characters including numerous cowboys, policeman, clowns, cats, cheerleaders as well as a pied piper, the prime minister Pokemon, Cleopatra, Coco Chanel and numerous other characters beginning with either P or a C.

**LNPSSA AFL Trials**

On Friday 14 students took part in the LNPSSA AFL trials. The students were involved in a development session then played several games. Congratulations to Taj Doyle, Nathan Baulch, Jack Coelli, Emerson Cody and Matthew Ryan, who were chosen to take part in the Western Riverina AFL trials.
This week at LPS

Riverina Swimming Carnival

Today we had students representing the LNPSSA at the Riverina Swimming Carnival in a variety of events. Results will be posted in next weeks newsletter.

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

The next P&C meeting will take place in the Primary staff room on Tuesday 10th March commencing at 7:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to come along to this meeting.

General Messages

Parent / Student/ Teacher Conferences- Tuesday 24th March 4pm- 7pm, Wednesday 25th March 4pm-7pm

On Tuesday March 24 and Wednesday March 25 we will be holding Parent / student / Teacher meetings in the School Hall between 4pm - 7pm. By having Interviews in term 1 parents are able to see how their child is progressing early in the year. This year we are trialling the three way conference method where students are also asked to be involved in the interview process highlighting their achievements and areas they may need to improve. As our journey progresses the format of these conferences will change. I have included a small fact sheet later in the newsletter to explain the process.

This year for the convenience of parents and the administration staff at Leeton Public School we have once again arranged for bookings for the Parent / Student /Teacher evenings to be made online. Booking online is easy and simple and allows you to see what times are immediately available for the teachers you wish to see. I encourage you all to use this method.

For those parents that do not have access to the internet you can make a booking through the school office.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

The process of making a booking is a easy. Please follow the prompts given.

1. Enter the School Event code on the home page :- Event code 7KPKX

2. Enter your details
3. Choose the teachers you wish to talk to
4. Choose times which you wish to book.

For those parents that do not have access to the internet you can make a booking through the school office.

Remember these interviews are for parents, students and teachers.

If you are unable to meet with the teacher on this date please contact the school to make an appointment with the classroom teacher at another time.

LPS Behaviour Policy

At LPS we have a Student Welfare & Discipline policy which sets out the behaviour expectations for LPS along with rewards and consequences. This policy includes details regarding our Merit system which I have placed below.

Merit Cards and the Award System

The Award system is cumulative – it does not start each year. Students build on from where they were the previous year.

For a full copy of the LPS Welfare & Discipline Policy please see the Leeton Public School Website.

A copy of the full policy is available on our School Website which you can access using our school APP.

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<td>Sport Merit Awards</td>
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<td>Sportsmanship, representing the school in a positive manner</td>
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<td>Service Merit Awards</td>
<td>YELLOW</td>
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<td>Lunch with the Principal. Community publicity.</td>
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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

What are three way conferences?

Three way conferences provides a forum for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievement.

In three way conferences students typically lead by explaining their learning achievements, as well as areas for further improvement. This may include displays of student work across a number of subjects and across a semester.

Both strategies are important avenues for involving parents and students in the learning process and help parents understand the teaching and learning, assessment and reporting process.

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<td>Allows for shared responsibility of student learning, assessment and reporting</td>
<td>Enhances self esteem by allowing them to share their learning opportunities in a positive environment</td>
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<td>Flows naturally from work produced in class</td>
<td>Critically involves students in self assessment and allows them to take responsibility for their own learning</td>
<td>Allows them to participate in the reporting process rather than merely responding to it</td>
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<td>Strengthens communication channels with parents about student’s learning and progress</td>
<td>Empowers students as they work toward and achieve syllabus outcomes</td>
<td>Provides evidence to support twice yearly written reports</td>
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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: Riley Arnold, Tharani Manoharan
Front row L-R: Jay-Lea Hawke, Tyce Thornton
Merit Award Winners

KB: Indigo Sands, Harman Gill
KF: Janushan Ananadakumar, Lara Lamont
KV: Kevin Lio, Sienna Ashton
1M: Edward Morschel, Maya Pages
1S: Zoe Smith, Mila Nalawakana
2Mc: Tom Cooper, Chloe Towers
2MG: Caydan Hillier, Thiviya Manoharan
S2K: Chase Lee, Trinity Matthews, Taine Pauls
S2S: Luca Deaton, Matilda Ryan, Kurt Young
S2T: Faith Young, Sari Leighton, Hamish Johnstone
S 2/3B: Oscar Richardson, Emily McVittie, Sophie Anthony
S3O: Zac Franks, Hayley Sloan, Emma Wallett
S3RA: Brooke Eglinton, Madison Doyle, Jayden Gill
S3RY: Noah Sands, Sarah Puntoriero, Chloe Dowling

Aussie-of-the-month

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for Aussie-of-the-month. A big congratulations to Bronson Crockett who is the Aussie-of-the-month!

L-R: Holly Schmetzer, Jye Davidson, Maya, Chloe Curry, Bronson Crockett, Cooper Cregan

LPS Cross Country

We will be holding our annual Cross Country races on Friday 20th March (Week 8) commencing at 9:40 am. All LPS students will participate. Children 5 to 7 years will run approximately 1 km, 8.9&10yrs will run 2km and 11,12&13yrs will run 3km through the picturesque grounds of LPS and LHS.

Children in 8 years will have the first two runners go on to the LNPSSA and 9 years will have the three runners go on to LNPSSA Cross Country. 10, 11,12 and 13 years will have the first five places go on to LNPSSA Cross Country.

I am calling for parent/carer assistance to 'man' checkpoints around the track. If you can spare approx. 2 hours on the morning of March 20, could you please fill in the return slip in this newsletter or ring the office with your name. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin LPS Cross Country Coordinator

LNPSSA AFL TRIALS

On Thursday 5th March, 12 LPS students went to the Leeton Show grounds to try out for the Western Riverina PSSA ALF team. First we started off with a warm-up which included a jog, stretches and ball skills. LPS joined students from Binya and Griffith to form a side which played two games in very windy conditions. The behaviour and sportsmanship of all students was outstanding. The students lucky enough to be picked for the pre-selection trials were Taj Doyle, Nathan Baulch, Jack Coelli, Emerson Cody and Matthew Ryan. These students will be at the show grounds again on 19th March for the next round of trials.

Written by Matthew Ryan

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
Kindergarten

Just wondering if anyone would have some dolls (e.g. Baby Born) no longer being used. If you are happy to donate them to our Kindergarten classes they would be cared for and looked after very well by the children!!

Thankyou

CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER

Week 7
Monday 9th - Belinda Fairweather
Tuesday 10th - Liz Tynan
Wednesday 11th - Dee Polsen
Thursday 12th - Jodie Lee
Friday 13th - Canteen - Amanda Sidebottom/Nadia Gerhardy.

**Soccer Gala Day, (Stage 3 boys) -

10.00am - Tammi Ryan, Chris Thompson, Belinda Fairweather
11.00am - Jodie Lee, Mel Young

Week 8
Monday 16th - Margie
Tuesday 17th - Leanne Chaffey
Wednesday 18th - Belinda Fairy
Thursday 19th - Karen Kalon
Friday 20th - Tammi Ryan

Week 9
Monday 23rd - Margie
Tuesday 24th - Liz Tynan
Wednesday 25th - Robyn Mahalm
Thursday 26th - Jodie Lee
Friday 27th - Tracy Mannall

Week 10
Monday 30th - Margie
Tuesday 31st – Catherine Bechaz
Wednesday 1st April - Dee Polsen
Thursday 2nd - Tammi Ryan LAST DAY

*FOR ALL THE STAGE 3 BOYS WHO ARE ORDERING THEIR LUNCH FOR FRIDAYS SOCCER GALA DAY PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDERS IN BY WEDNESDAY 11th, this will help out immensely, thank you.

-Cal fizzy fruit juices are currently unavailable. There has been no response to my numerous emails and phone calls to “Better Beverages”, I will look into finding an alternative. MY APOLOGIES.

UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP TUESDAYS 3.30pm-5.00pm or by appointment (6953471/0427 532 401)

*PLEASE NOTE THE UNIFORM SHOP DOES NOT HAVE EFTPOS FACILITIES, CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY. (CHEQUES WRITTEN OUT TO LEETON PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP)

*Please don’t hesitate to send a note with money with your child for any uniform requirements. I am usually quite busy in the mornings but will get the order to them in class later in the afternoon.

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.

LPS CROSS COUNTRY 2015

HELPER NOTE:

□ Yes I can help at the checkpoints from 9.30am-11.30am on Friday 20th March 2015.

Name: ................................................

Child’s name: ...........................................

Child’s class: ..................................
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.