Calendar – What’s On?
Week 10 Term 1

Monday, 30th March
LNPSSA Netball & Rugby Gala Day
Parent Homework Survey due

Tuesday, 31st March
Combined Scripture Service 10.45am

Wednesday, 1st April
Girls soccer (football)

Thursday, 2nd April
Shared lunch at 1pm and K-2 Easter Hat Parade 1.50pm
HARMONY DAY
Primary AFL Final selections
Last day Term 1

Friday, 3rd April
Good Friday

Week 1 Term 2

Monday, 20th April
Staff Development Day

Tuesday, 21st April
Students return

Friday, 24th April
Riverina Rugby League trials
Netball trials

Week 2 Term 2

Monday, 27th April
School Photos (Summer uniform)

Tuesday 28th April
School Photos (Summer uniform)

Thursday, 30th April
Tony Lockett Shield Day – Griffith

Friday, 1st May
Girls Softball trials

Upcoming Events

Monday, 4th May
LNPSSA Cross Country

Monday, 25th May
LPS Athletics Carnival

Tuesday, 26th May
LPS Athletics Carnival

Principals Report

Dear Parents/Carers/Community Members

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term 1. This term has been an extremely busy term with a variety of cultural and sporting activities taking place across the school including AFL, Basketball, Swimming carnivals, Rugby League, Cricket, Soccer Dance groups and the Leadership excursion to Sydney just to name a few of the many activities which have taken place.

It has also been great to see all of the wonderful things happening inside the classrooms at LPS which have a direct impact on student learning, our core business. The L3 program continues to make its mark in the Infant’s classroom with all classes now using this wonderful program to promote student learning. While BYOD and Focus on Reading continue to make their mark in the Primary classrooms.

Wow, what a term of Learning at LPS. I am sure that term 2 will be just as hectic.

Last week at LPS

Young Leaders Conference – Sydney

Last Sunday a group of Leeton Primary School students, representing our nation’s future leaders, travelled to Sydney to participate in the Halogen Foundation’s National Young Leaders Day, held at Sydney last Monday, 23rd March 2015.

Student leaders and Principals from Leeton, Yanco, Murrami / Whitton Public Schools attended the National Young Leaders Day, which is an annual event to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The program consists of keynote talks and presentations for students who aspire to lead themselves and others well. The students listened to speakers including Premier of NSW Mr Michael Baird, well known Wild life crusader Bindi Irwin, Rachel Leacar and Creators behind the Paper Planes movie Dylan Parker and James Norton.

The trip also provided students with the experience of commuting on public transport, with students travelling by public bus, train and ferry to the event from their accommodation at North Narrabeen. Highlights of the trip also included a trip to Narrabeen beach, the Sydney Opera House, Manly and the Sydney Aquarium at Darling Harbour.

LPS students were excellent ambassadors for our school and I was extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves whilst away.
NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday and Thursday we had five swimmers representing the Riverina Team at the NSW State Swimming Carnival at Homebush in Sydney.

HOW2 Learn

Last week the executive and I took part in Phase 1 training for the HOW2Learn program.

**HOW2Learn is a strategy focused on building students' capacity to learn.**

This is achieved by explicitly teaching dispositions and habits within the existing programs and practices at school to develop a learning culture that enables everyone to:

- Be self-aware in their learning
- Use the language and dispositions of successful learners
- Share a belief that intelligence is learnable and expandable

**HOW2Learn compliments the NSW Quality Teaching Model** and draws upon a respected body of research, including much of Guy Claxton's work on Building Learning Power which identifies the higher order ways that enable students to be successful lifelong learners.

The executive will be training the staff in the program throughout 2015/2016.

**This Week at LPS**

As always our last week of term will be a busy one with students involved in a variety of events including Rugby League & Netball trials, Primary AFL Final selection, Girls soccer, Easter Hat parade and Shared lunch on Thursday.

**Organisation for last day of Term one.**

The final day of Term one (Thursday 2nd April) will see a K-6 Picnic Lunch and K-2 Easter Hat Parade and dances taking place at the school. Times are as follows:

1:00-1:50pm – K-6 Picnic Lunch in the playground. All parents / carers welcome.
1:50pm – K-2 parade their Easter hats in the Primary quadrangle
2:10pm – K-2 to perform dances. Buddy classes and parents / carers to join in.

**Please note:**

- We suggest you bring a rug to sit on as lunch will be in the playground.
- For K-2 parents / carers: We would appreciate students making their hats at home, if this presents a problem please see your child’s class teacher.
- If you have any concerns about the Easter bunny visiting, please let your child’s teacher know

2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

The 2014 Annual School report is now available for all parents to access through the LPS website. This comprehensive report outlines progress made at LPS academically as well as other achievements including sporting and cultural.

If you would like a paper copy of the report please contact the office.

**Upcoming Term 2 events at LPS**

School Development day – Monday 20th April

Monday 20th April is a School Development Day. On this day the LPS staff will be looking at Assessment and Reporting as well as working on using technology in the classroom.

**Students resume Tuesday 21st April.**

ANZAC Services

On Friday 24th April we will be holding a short Anzac Day service at the school run by the school Captains. The service will commence at 11am under the COLA. Our school has been well represented in the town service in previous years and Mrs Ramponi is once again hoping to see a large number of students turning out for this important event. Students should wear full summer uniform on this day.

School Photos – 27th, 28th April

School photos this year will take place on the 27th and 28th of April (Week 2 Term2). Details regarding photos and the various packages available for purchase will be handed out when they arrive at school. This year students will be required to wear summer uniform for these days.

NAPLAN – 12th, 13th, 14th May

In Week three of term 2 students from years 3&5 will take part in the annual NAPLAN tests. These tests look at testing student Literacy, Numeracy and Writing skills.
**Athletics Carnival – 25th / 26th May**

This Year LPS Athletics Carnival will take place over two days, Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th May.

As always I would like to encourage parents who have a question or concern regarding their child’s education to contact the school to make an appointment with the classroom teacher or appropriate Assistant Principal. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe holidays. I am looking forward to seeing everyone back on board on Tuesday April 21st.

Jayne Gill
Principal

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**HARMONY DAY 2015**

Leeton Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 2nd April, in conjunction with the shared lunch and Easter Hat Parade.

Students are welcome to wear casual clothes on this day and encouraged to wear something ORANGE - the colour of Harmony Day. So dig out your orange ribbons, t-shirts or socks.

**There is no cost for wearing casual clothes.**

**Special Award Winners for this Week**

**Diamond Award Winners**

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

**Back Row:** Oscar Richardson, Charli Lamont, Olivia Price

**Front row:** Tom Cooper, Shania McKinnon, Bridey Price

**Merit Award Winners**

- KB: Isabel Thompson, Cordell Sharwood
- KF: Adelaide Tatnell, Benjamin Smith
- KV: Lucas Narel, Perry Rendell
- 1M: Arlo Ciavarella, Eden Richardson
- 1S: Jez Lashbrook, Sienna Costello
- 2Mc: Alana Pike
- 2MG: Safiyyah Shafi, Nicholas Mannall
- S2K: Alaeigha Smith, Jack Evans, Beniel Dakunibubului
- S2S: William Gray-Mills, Kalem Thompson, Carta Jackson
- S2T: Stephanie Veness, Blake McDonald, Victoria Glenn

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**EASTER HAT PARADE & SHARED LUNCH**

**Thursday 2nd April**

Please come along and enjoy a shared lunch with your child at 1.00pm. Kindergarten to Year 2 will then parade their Easter hats at 1:50pm. Everyone welcome!!!

Please note, this is also Harmony Day and all students are welcome to wear casual clothes and encouraged to wear something orange.

It would be wonderful to see parents/grandparents/carers wearing something orange too!
Combined Scripture Service

There will be a combined Scripture Service to be held in the School Hall tomorrow Tuesday 31st March. Parents who are not wishing their child to attend, could you please send in a note to their classroom teacher.

LPS Cross Country

First placings of the LPS Cross Country.

Front Row: Matilda Sidebottom, Ellena Halloran, Tennyson Sales, Charli McCann, Xavier Stanton, Jez Lashbrook, Caydan Hillier

Back row: Emily Baulch, Sari Leighton, Riley Arnold, Charlotte Edwards, Demi Leighton

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/carer 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 2014

CANTENE NEWS & ROSTER

Thank you to the Shafi family for the generous donation of some Bulla Ice-cream & some UHT chocolate milk to the canteen. With the ice-cream I have made ice-cream/chockie biscuit sandwiches which will be sold on Thursday as a special treat ($1.50) & also some Easter egg cupcakes ($1.00).

I would also like to thank all my volunteers who have taken time out of their often busy lives to help out in the canteen.

There is always room for more helpers if you are interested, even one day a term is actually a great help.

Also I would like to personally thank Mrs Chris Thompson who is the unsung hero behind the functioning of the canteen. Chris is the Canteen & Uniform shop Treasurer. This is a voluntary position in which she does a brilliant job paying all of my bills and paying my wage every week.

Thank you so much Chris.

CANTENE ROSTER

Week 10

Monday 30th - Margie

Tuesday 31st – Catherine Bechaz

Wednesday 1st April-Nadia Gerhardt

**Thursday 2nd - Tammi Ryan LAST DAY TERM 1 ££ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £

-1.00 LUNCH/EASTER HAT PARADE

THURSDAY MENU INCLUDES:

NACHOS, WEDGES, MINI PIES, SAUSAGE ROLLS,

LARGE PIES & VEGETARIAN PASTIES

AND ALL OF OUR EVERYDAY ITEMS SUCH AS LASAGNE, SANDWICHES, FOCACCIAS, FISH FINGERS & FISH SALAD TUBS ETC.

UNIFORM SHOP –
This week only for your convenience

UNIFORM SHOP TUESDAYS 3.30pm-5.00pm or by pre-arranged appointment (0427 532 401).

THURSDAY 1.30pm-3.30pm
(AFTER EASTER HAT PARADE & LUNCH)

*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
Whitton Courthouse and Historical Museum

is hosting an Open Day and Whitton Shire Tea

Easter Monday April 6, 10am – 4pm

Whitton Shire Tea served in the Tea Room

Museum entry fee: $8 Adults $5 Pensioners & Children

Whitton Shire Tea additional $5 per person

For more information or to confirm your booking please call Jodie 0404 944 220 or Tracy 69552640 before April 4.

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

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 auskickleeton@gmail.com or 0418684236

Registrations close Friday April 3

AUTUMN HOLIDAYS @ LEETON LIBRARY

Phone: 63590945 enquiries & bookings

Monday 6th April - CLOSED for Easter Monday

Tuesday 7th - Wed 8th April - Continuous Storytime 10.30am

Thursday 9th April - Continuous Storytime 10.30am

Paint Library Bags 2.30pm

Friday 10th April - Continuous Storytime 10.30am

Sunday 11th April - Saturday Bookchair 10.30am

Monday 13th April - Continuous Storytime 10.30am

Tuesday 14th April - Continuous Storytime 10.30am

Decorate Library Windows 2.30pm

Wednesday 15th April - Continuous Storytime 10.30am

Thursday 16th April - Continuous Storytime 10.30am

Cuddle-up & Read 10.30am

RED CARPET DAY

At Leeton Visitors Information Centre, 10 YANCO AVENUE, LEETON

SATURDAY 18 APRIL - 9AM TO 2PM

Join us on Saturday 18th April for our fifth Leeton Visitors Information Centre Red Carpet Day proudly sponsored by the Daily Drinks Company! Over 25 stallholders will be showcasing and selling their handmade and homemade products, produced right here in Leeton and throughout the Riverina Region. There will be plenty of fun activities on site for the whole family to enjoy and participate in. Don’t forget to enter our giveaway competition on the day for the chance to win one of twenty five local product prizes. Find us on Facebook for more information about this exciting event, plus details of the many stallholders that will be joining us on the day!

For more information contact Leeton Visitors Information centre on 69536481 - email brentl@leeton.nsw.gov.au or visit www.leetontourism.com.au

AUTUMN 2015 WESTERN RIVERINA JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT – GRIFFITH

Where: Griffith East Public School Hall, Griffith (McKenzie Place off Wakaden St)

When: Friday 17th April 2015 (last Friday of the school holidays)

Time: 9.30am to 3.00pm

Entry fee: $10 ($15 for a family) payable on the day

Open to: Anyone under the age of 18 who likes to play chess

Prizes: Guaranteed trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in U18 & U12. Possible prizes for U10 depending on numbers

Register by: 14th April 2015 by contacting: Noel Maddern Ph 0428 887 626

What to bring: Lunch & refreshments (soft drink, juice and water for sale)

You don’t have to be a great chess player, as this is a fun tournament but knowledge of the rules is required.

The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings

Chess: the clever sport