Calendar – What’s On?

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Principals Report

Dear Parents / Caregivers

This week at LPS we have students involved in a variety of activities including Debating, NAPLAN testing and Touch Football.

**Last Week at LPS**

**LNPSSA Cross Country**

Last Monday in beautiful weather conditions the LNPSSA Cross Country event was held at Leeton Public School. The course the students ran took them through our grounds and the grounds of the high school.

Once again we did extremely well as a school taking out both the Points Score trophy and Handicap trophy.

A big thank you to Mrs Tiffin, Miss Belford and Mrs O’Halloran for all of their hard work in organising such a successful day.

**Mothers Day Shared Lunch**

Last Friday we celebrated Mother’s day at Leeton Public School with a shared lunch. It was a wonderful day with our grounds filled with parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and carers sharing their lunchtime with our students.

Thank you also to our wonderful P&C ladies lead by Stephanie Glenn who did an outstanding job helping our students pick that special item for their loved ones at the P&C stall.

**This Week at LPS**

**NAPLAN**

This week students in Years 3 & 5 will take part in the NAPLAN testing regime which takes place across Australia. Whilst compulsory for all schools across Australia, at LPS we realise it is just a snapshot of a student’s performance on one day. We encourage all students to try their best but use a variety of ongoing assessment tools to fully gauge a student’s progress and performance at school.

Students will take part in Literacy, Numeracy and Writing tests over three days commencing on Tuesday.

Tuesday 12th May

Wednesday 13th May

Thursday 14th May

Friday 15th May- Make up day for students who are absent on previous testing days.
Premiers Debating Challenge

On Monday our students will take part in round one of the Premiers Debating Challenge. This will involve the two LPS teams debating each other today.

Next Tuesday our Debaters will take part in a Debating Gala Day against teams from Coolamon Central School and Parkview Public Schools.

P&C Meeting – Tuesday May 12 – 7pm

The next P&C Meeting will take place at Leeton Public School in the Primary Staff room this Tuesday May 12 at 7pm (Winter times). All interested Parents and community members are urged to attend.

Attendance Matters

At the commencement of 2015 a new Attendance Policy was introduced by the NSW Department. This policy meant that from the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School procedures. Travel outside of vacation times is now counted as an absence.

Parents are able to apply for a certificate of Extended Leave if they wish to travel however the policy states that a principal should only accept a reason for travel during school term if it is in the best interest of the student and an educational, social and participation reasons should be specified on the application.

Travel documentation should also be supplied and attached to applications where appropriate.

If you intend to travel please collect an Application for Extended Leave (travel or holiday) from the school office.

Kindergarten 2016

Although, not yet half way through the 2015 school year, planning has already commenced for our 2016 Kindergarten students. This year we will be holding two information sessions regarding Kindergarten 2016 at the school on Wednesday 10th June at 2pm and again at 7pm. I would like to encourage all parents with students enrolling at LPS in 2016 to attend these sessions. This year we are once again offering an extended transition period for our new students starting next year. The transition program will commence on Wednesday 9th September (Week 9, Term 3) until 25th November (Week 8, Term 4). Initially the program will run from 11.30am until 1.30pm each Wednesday. As we assess the children’s progress the timing may alter to cater for identified needs.

If you know of anyone from within the Leeton area who may be interested in engaging their child in our transition program, please ask them to contact the school for more details. Likewise, the information can also be located on our website at www.leeton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

At Leeton Public School we encourage open channels of communication between home and school. If you have a concern regarding your child or education please make an appointment through the school office to see the classroom teacher or appropriate Assistant Principal at a mutually convenient time.

Parent Teacher Interviews – Term 3

The next Student/ Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3. These interviews will once again take place over two nights Tuesday 21st July and Wednesday 29th July.

After the overwhelming positive response from parents and teachers we will be once again involving students in the interview process.

Parents will be able to book online late Term 2.

As always if you have an issue or concern please contact the classroom teacher, the appropriate Assistant Principal or myself to discuss. From time to time issues arise at school. This is perfectly normal for any school setting so if you have any questions, issues, enquiries or you want feedback on any aspect of your child’s schooling please ring to make a mutually
convenient appointment time with your child’s teacher, Assistant Principal or myself as required.

Jayne Gill
Principal

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: Ella Gason, Matthew Ryan, Chloe Dowling
Middle row L-R: Alexandra Glenn, Jessica Wells, Rachael Dowling, Molly Shelton
Front row L-R: Safiyyah Shafi, Nicholas Mannall, Tate Tabain

SRC Muffin Day

Next Tuesday, 19th May, the SRC reps will again be holding their Muffin/Cupcake stall at 2nd half lunch. Each muffin/cupcake will cost 50 cents. We will be raising money as part of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

SRC students are asked to supply the muffins/cupcakes, however any donations of cooking would be more than welcome.

Miss Belford
SRC Coordinator

Merit Award Winners

KB  Patrick Ginnns, Charlie Veness
KF  Lana Sims, Zavier McVittie
KV  Izac Andjal, Avaril Deaton
1M  Lily Thomason, Ethan McDonald
1S  Eli Doyle, Sienna Costello
2Mc  Brooke Pearce, Liam Collins
2MG  Olivia Stafford, Jye Davison
S2K  Zaine Ahmed, Kasey Annetts, Titi Faoa, Lainothy Toia
S2S  Rhiannon Jagers, Jay Clancy, Louis Allan
S2T  Libby Olrick, Makiya Martin, Colby Edis
S2/3B  Emily Mahalm, Campbell Fields, Lucy Rhodes
S3O  Elizabeth O'Brien, Remy Pages, Chloe Matthews
S3RA  Ben Faoa, Jess Aliendi, Charlotte Morschel
S3RY  Amina Firdous, Jock Petrie, Leroy Smith

INFO HUB - Hayley Sloan

LPS Athletics Carnival

This year the carnival will be held on Monday, 25th May from 9.30am until 3.15pm, and on Tuesday, 26th May from 9.30am until 3.15pm.

To help with organisation during the carnival, we will once again be asking for parent helpers. If you have the time to help fill a role at the carnival it would be greatly appreciated. We will also require some parents to help with setting up the field events at approximately 8:00am on Monday 25th May.

To indicate your availability, please fill out the parent/carer assistance request note sent out today and return it to school as soon as possible.

Please also note the LPS Canteen will be closed at the school for the two days as it will be operating at the carnival.

Regards
Jo Pearce

Living Safely with Pets

On Friday the infants students participated in the Living Safely with Pets program. Carman spoke to the students about how to care for their pets and how to safely and respectfully interact with dogs.

The students enjoyed patting Carman’s dog Zeta and learnt how to approach an unknown or angry dog.
Students listening to the “Living Safely with Pets” talk

Mother’s Day Stall

This year’s Mother’s Day Stall was another success. I am sure there were some very lucky Mums, Nanny’s and Aunties on Sunday.

Thanks to Naomi Sands, Amanda Sidebottom and Kristy Jackson for helping set up on Tuesday. Thanks to Chris Thompson, Tash Deaton, Vanessa Pages, Leanne Chaffey, Kylie Teerman, Naomi Sands and Renee Sharman for helping the children make the tough decision on what to purchase.

Thanks to all the families that donated to the stall and the raffle.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE

1st - Tammi Watts
2nd - Eli Doyle
3rd - Gwen Spadaro
4th - Sarah O’Meley

Western Riverina Netball Trials

On Friday 24th April Kasey Aliendi, Chloe Matthews, Brooke Eglinton, Sarah Puntoriero and Sophie Mannall went over to Westend Stadium in Griffith for the Western Riverina Netball Trials.

The girls were put through their paces playing several very tough games against Coolamon, Griffith and Moulamein.

Kasey, Brooke and Chloe played in the possible and probables team, with Kasey and Chloe being selected to go onto the Riverina trials in Wagga later in the term.

A big thank you to all the families for bringing the girls over and to Nicole Matthews and Tracey Puntoriero for assisting with umpiring.

Boys Riverina Soccer Trials

Last week, four LPS students travelled to Cootamundra to participate in the Boys Riverina Soccer trials. Congratulations to Jack Coelli, Hayden Morley, Matthew Ryan and Zaiden Bull who all showed excellent sportsmanship and skill throughout the day. Jack Coelli was nominated to participate in the final team selection for the day however did not ultimately qualify for the eventual Riverina team.

Congratulations to all the boys for their achievement. Thank you to the parents who assisted with transportation on the day.

Back: Hayden Morley Front L-R: Matthew Ryan, Jack Coelli & Zaiden Bull

LNPSSA Cross Country

Last Monday 3rd May LPS hosted the zone Cross Country. Races took place around our track for children from Parkview PS, Narrandera PS, Leeton PS and Small Schools. The day was organised by Miss Belford, Mr Sales, Mrs O’Halloran, David Tiffin and myself. A great team effort one and all!

LPS once again won the PointsScore Trophy and the Handicap Trophy. This was the result of the combined efforts from all the LPS students who competed on the day. Well done everyone!

Individual performances of note were:

8/9 Years - Girls - 2nd Sari Leighton, 3rd Emily Baulch
8/9 Years – Boys – 1st Cayden Hillier, 3rd Flynn Anthony
10 Years – Girls – 4th Charlotte Edwards
10 Years – Boys – 2nd Jhi Grundy
11 Years – Girls – 1st Brooke Eglinton, 3rd Alexandra Glenn, 4th Lily Hillier

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11 Years – Boys – 4th Jack Coelli
12/13 Years – Girls – 2nd Demi Leighton, 3rd Kaylah Edwards
12/13 Years – Boys – 1st Hayden Morley, 3rd Braith Schmetzer, 4th Nathan Baulch

Children who placed in the first 4 places are now eligible to attend the district Cross Country at Gundagai on June 11th. Due to the PSSA changing scheduled dates after posting them at the beginning of the year, this carnival now clashes with the Stage 3 excursion. Children affected by the clash will have to choose which event they wish to attend. I will be looking after the LNPSSA children attending.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin  LPS Cross Country Coordinator

CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER

What a busy week for the LPS Canteen, Monday being the LNPSSA Cross Country and then Friday Mother’s Day lunch. I would especially like to thank Margie Schmetzer, Tracey Mannall and Tammi Ryan for all their hard work on these 2 days. And thank you to Racheal Cody who helped serve at lunch time Friday!

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 4
Monday 11th-Marg
Tuesday 12th-Robyn Mahalm
Wednesday 13th-Belinda Fairweather
Thursday 14th-Karen Kalon
Friday 15th-Amanda Sidebottom

WEEK 5
Monday 18th-Marg
Tuesday19th-*Sue Mundy
Wednesday 20th-Nadia Gerhardy
Thursday 21st - *Jenny Ryan
Friday 22nd – Tammi Ryan

WEEK 6
Monday 25th/Tuesday 26th – SCHOOL CANTEEN CLOSED – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - HELPERS NEEDED (0427532401)
Wednesday 27th – Robyn Mahalm
Thursday 28th - Amanda Sidebottom
Friday 29th - Renee Sharman

UNIFORM SHOP

TUESDAYS 3.30pm-5.00pm OR BY APPOINTMENT 0427532401.

😊 I have sold out of size 10 track jackets, (they should be here soon as they were ordered a few weeks ago.)
😊Size 12 Jackets have arrived.

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED TUESDAY 26TH MAY.

CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY!!

*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.

Photo Gallery – Mother’s Day Luncheon & Zone Cross Country
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.