Principals Report

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Once upon a time Term 2 was the quiet term of the school year with the major item on the Calendar being the issuing of Student Reports. The times have changed and now you would be pressed to find any quiet times on a school calendar. Between sporting commitments and cultural pursuits every week is filled with a variety of different events aimed at extending and enriching a student’s education.

This week, LPS is no different with a bounty of events taking place across the school involving our students including the LPS Athletics Carnival, the arrival and installation of our new playground equipment, the Year 6 Transition Program, Auditions for KROP and Read more in May Day which is being held this Friday as well as our SRC Pyjama fundraising day.

Last Week at LPS

Excellence in Professional Practice Conference

Last week I travelled to Sydney to attend the Excellence in Professional Practice conference. The conference was outstanding with a variety of presenters including Professor John Hattie who spoke at length on the importance of quality feedback and student ownership of learning in promoting student outcomes and growth.

At LPS we have been working towards this focus over the last two years.

Premiers Debating Challenge- Gala Day

Last week our students took part in several rounds of the Premiers Debating Challenge against teams from Coolamon Central and Parkview Public School. The Gala day format allowed teams to take part in several debates on the day.

Both of our teams performed exceptionally well with the LPS Thinkers winning all of their debates on the day. The LPS talkers also performed well on the day. Well done to both teams on a great performance.

This week at LPS

This week will once again be a busy week with our students involved in the LPS Athletics Carnival and Read More in May

Calendar – What’s On?

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Day on Friday and the arrival and installation of our new playground equipment.

**LPS Athletics Carnival**

The LPS Athletics Carnival is once again being held over two days. Today we held the Infants Races, Field events and the Primary novelties events at the Leeton High School Ovals. Tomorrow the Primary track events are to be held.

**Read More in May Day- Friday 29th May**

To celebrate the conclusion of National Read More in May Month LPS will celebrate with a shared lunch and reading activities all in their pyjamas! The SRC are holding a Pyjama day to help raise funds for new learning resources at LPS. A gold coin donation is required for this day.

The day will commence at 12:45pm with the LPS Dance Groups performances. This will be followed by a shared lunch in the playground at 1pm. During lunch time the Bookfair will be open, at 1:50 parents are invited into classrooms to take part in a variety of shared Reading activities.

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.

Jayne Gill
Principal

**Leeton Public School P&C Lucky Loot**

Would you like to win $10000 cash? Buy a ticket in the P&C Lucky Loot competition which is now being run. The lucky winner will walk away with $10,000 (maximum of 1200 tickets being sold).

Fill in green Lucky Loot application forms and send back to school with money enclosed. Tickets will be issued by the P&C.

Prize for the highest ticket seller.

Draw will take place on September 5th at P&C Gala night.
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: Libby Olrick, Lucy Rhodes, Will Pizzolante, Jack Coelli

Front row L-R: Cruz Wallace, Makiya Martin, Taine Pauls

Merit Award Winners

KB: Indigo Sands, Ellena Halloran
KF: Janushan Ananadakumar, Bronson Crockett
KV: Raffaele Mallamace, Lucas Narel
1M: Rachael-May Davidson, Shanae Best
1S: Holley Harrison, Ivy Snell
2Mc: Isaiah Sharwood, Ella Rhodes
2MG: Thiviya Manoharan, Bridey Price
S2K: Isabelle Ross, Maddison Sharman, Tahlia Barton-Roden
S2S: Rutalin Smith, Isabella Polimeni, Sy Watts
S2T: Elizabeth Lee, Kai Gearing, Finley Sales
S2/3B: Jana Deaton, Jessica Wells, Rachael Dowling
S3O: Zoe Stockton, Tharani Manoharan, Ella Barnes
S3RA: Kasey Aliendi, Will Barnes, Lilly Hillier
S3RY: Nathan Baulch, Noah Sands, Kaylah Edwards

SRC Pyjama Day

Just a reminder the SRC Pyjama day is this Friday 29th! Come along to school in your favourite PJ’s yes you heard right wear your pyjamas to school!!! Please wear suitable footwear. A Gold coin donation is required as this will contribute towards learning resources for the school.

SRC Cupcake Stall

The SRC held a fantastic cupcake stall to raise funds for the Cancer Council, with over $150 raised.

A big thank you must go to all the families and LPS staff members who provided cupcakes and muffins for the stall. Also thanks to the SRC students for their assistance in setting up, running and packing up on the day.

There are a few containers waiting to be collected. They are being stored in Miss Belford’s classroom.

Debating Gala Day

Last Tuesday several rounds of the Premier’s Debating challenge were argued at Leeton Public School. The LPS teams were:

The Thinkers - Sarah Allen, Maria Tynan, Francesco Ierano & Lilly Hillier.

The Talkers – Brooke Eglinton, Will Barnes, Tharani Manoharan & Madison Doyle.
Of the five debates LPS participated in we won four and narrowly lost the fifth. All the debaters were a credit to our school and showed growth and confidence as public speakers. For most of them it was their first time competing in debating. I was very proud of their efforts.

Coach: C. Ramponi

The Thinkers first debate was against Coolamon Central School. The topic was ‘That schools should devote one day a week to health & fitness.’ LPS was the affirmative team and they were victorious. *Maria*

Next the Thinkers debated against Parkview Eagles. The topic was ‘We should allow kids in Year 5 and above to use social media such as Facebook & Twitter.’ LPS was the negative team, winning in a close result. *Francesco*

Finally the Thinkers debated against Parkview Hawks. The topic was ‘All primary school students should have to learn a musical instrument.’ LPS was the affirmative team, winning for the third time in a great debate. *Lilly*

The Talkers first debate was against the Parkview Hawks. The topic was ‘Parents should have to pay pocket money to their kids.’ LPS was the negative team, winning in a close debate. *Will*

Next round the Talkers battled against Coolamon Central School. The topic was ‘Schools should teach computer skills instead of art & music.’ LPS was the affirmative team in a tough but close debate. In the end Coolamon won very narrowly. *Brooke, Madison & Tharani*

**Aussie-of-the-month**


Back L-R: Charlotte Turner, Junaid Ahmed, Jaxon Johnson, Henry Rhodes, Ethan Lyons

Front L-R: Aimon Doyle, Sophie O’Callaghan

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**CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER**

*A big thank you to Hamish Johnstone who donated some eggs from his very own pet chooks which he received for his birthday off his grandparents. Hamish has 12 chooks so 1 egg each was perfect!*

*Once again just a reminder that THE CANTEEN NO LONGER STOCKS 1 CALS OR ROCK-ITS, THEY HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY LOL’S (TROPICAL OR RASPBERRY) AND ARE 2.00.*

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL- CANTEEN CLOSED AT THE SCHOOL**

Monday 25th - Jodie Lee - Jenny Ryan - Belinda Fairweather
Tuesday 26th - Liz Tynan - Leanne Chaffey - Sue Mundy - Belinda Fairweather
Wednesday 27th – Margie
Thursday 28th - Amanda Sidebottom
Friday 29th - Renee Sharman

**Week 7**

Monday 1st June - Margie
Tuesday 2nd - Leanne Chaffey
Wednesday 3rd - Belinda Fairweather
Thursday 4th - Sue Mundy
Friday 5th - Tracy Mannall

**Week 8**

Monday 8th - Margie
Tuesday 9th - Robyn Mahalm
Wednesday 10th - Jenny Ryan
Thursday 11th - Jodie Lee
Friday 12th - Tammi Ryan

**Week 9**

Monday 15th - Margie
Tuesday 16th - Liz Tynan
Wednesday 17th - Nadia Gerhardy
Thursday 18th - Sue Mundy
Friday 19th - Amanda Sidebottom

©Week 10

Monday 22nd - Margie
Tuesday 23rd - Robyn Mahalm
Wednesday 24th - Belinda Fairweather
Thursday 25th - Jodie Lee
Friday 26th - Tammi Ryan/Tracy Mannall

LAST DAY OF TERM 2
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL MENU

- TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICH $3.00
- LARGE PIE $3.20
- SAUSAGE ROLL $2.70
- HOTDOG $3.50 (NO EXTRA FOR SAUCE)
- MINI PIES $1.00
- CHICKEN OR BEEF NOODLE CUPS $3.00
- TOMATO /BBQ SAUCE SACHETS .30C

@MONDAY =
FRESHLY MADE CHICKEN & CORN SOUP $2.50

@TUESDAY =
SPUDS WITH MINCE, CHEESE & SOUR CREAM $5.00
- SOFT DRINK CANS $2.00
- WATER $2.00
- FRUIT BOX $1.50
- LOL RASPBERRY OR TROPICAL $2.00
- TEA/COFFEE/MILO $1.00

UNIFORM SHOP

SALE !!
LPS SPRAY JACKETS
WERE $60 NOW $30

UNIFORM SHOP NOW OPENED
1.00PM - 5.00PM
TUESDAYS......BUT CLOSED THIS WEEK DUE TO ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

TUESDAY 1.00pm-5.00pm OR BY APPOINTMENT 0427532401.

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.

STEPPIN OUT 4 YOUTH
K-6 disco @ THE Rapps Room
Friday May 29th
6pm-9pm
Chips, Drinks, Glowsticks are available for purchase

What is Messy Church?

Messy Church is a lot of fun!
Messy Church is aimed at all ages (yes, even you!)
There will be activities to do, a time for worship and a sit-down meal.
Messy Church is ecumenical, so please invite EVERYONE you know!!

Our next gathering will be:
Sunday 31st May, 2015
11:00am to 12:30pm
St Peter’s Anglican Church Hall
24 Church St, Leeton
Cost: a donation, please.

Want to know even more?
Call 69532107 or visit http://messychurch.org.uk/australia

KID’S SAFETY ON FARMS

The Downside Community, along with local agri-business and WrokCover NSW, is holding an Interactive Fun and Informative SAFETY AWARENESS DAY with the aim to provide kids with knowledge to minimize safety risks on farms.

Fact: Farms are fantastic places to grow up and live
FACT: Farms are also workplaces with REAL hazards
FACT: KIDS who live on farms are more likely to be hurt than kdis awho live in town
FACT: KIDS are at GREATER risk of injury or death than their farming parents or other farm workers.

Kids Fashion Parade, COLOURING competition, presentations and interactive demonstrations

Sausage sizzle, sandwiches, tea, coffee and drinks available for purchase

DOWNSIDE HALL
Sunday 31st May 2015, 12pm – 3pm
RSVP: www.facebook.com/downsidehall; or tractornorth@bigpond.com or 0427200599

Wear your every day farm clothes and enclosed footwear.
Leeton Public School
Book Fair- Mid Year

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to open a world of possible.

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – Kings, Queens and Castles: Enter the Kingdom of Books!

LPS Book Fair opening times

Wednesday 27th May  9.30am – 3.30pm
Thursday 28th May  11.30am – 12.10pm, 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 29th May  8.30am – 3.00pm
Monday 1st June  9.30am – 4.30pm

Students will be able to view and purchase books during their usual Information Hub (library) lesson times.

LPS SRC Fundraising

Pyjama day this Friday 29th May – Gold coin donation

To celebrate the conclusion of ‘National Read More in May Month’- LPS will celebrate with a shared lunch and fun filled reading activities.

12.45  K-2, Stage 2 and Stage 3 Dance Group Performances
1.00  Shared Lunch
1.50  Shared Reading in K-6 classrooms
3.00  Read More in May Day activities conclude

LPS Book Fair is open 1.00– 3.30pm

The SRC will be hosting a pyjama day on this day also. All students are invited to come along in their favourite PJ’s!
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.