Calendar – What’s On?

**Week 9 Term 2**

- **Monday, 15th June**
  - ICAS Competition – Writing

- **Tuesday, 16th June**
  - ICAS Competition – Spelling
  - State Library Visit

- **Friday, 19th June**
  - Girls Touch trials
  - Reports sent home

**Week 10 Term 2**

- **Monday, 22nd June**
  - LNPSSA Athletics

- **Tuesday, 23rd June**
  - Learn, Play, Shine

- **Thursday, 25th June**
  - School NAIDOC day

**Week 1 Term 3**

- **Monday, 13th July**
  - Staff Development Day

- **Tuesday, 14th July**
  - Students return

- **Wednesday, 15th July**
  - KROP Rehearsal

**Week 2 Term 3**

**Week 3 Term 3**

- **Monday, 27th July**
  - Aboriginal Eye Tests

- **Tuesday, 28th July**
  - ICAS Competition – English
  - Education Week – open day

- **Wednesday, 29th July**
  - Trent Barrett Shield

- **Thursday, 30th July**
  - KROP

- **Friday, 31st July**
  - KROP
  - Rotary Ball – S3 Dance Group

**Week 4 Term 3**

**Week 5 Term 3**

- **Tuesday, 11th July**
  - ICAS Competition - Maths

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**Principals Report**

**Dear Parents / Carers/ Community Members**

Last week was a much quieter week at LPS with our Stage 3 students out on their excursion to Canberra. There was however some events that did take place including the Riverina Cross Country at Gundagai, Kindergarten Information sessions and of course a visit by members of the Cronulla Sharks football team.

This week we have students practising hard for the Aboriginal dance group which will perform on NAIDOC Day which will take place Thursday 25th June.

**New Classes**

As many of you may be aware we have recently obtained enough numbers to make a 15th class at Leeton Public School. This means that we will be splitting the Stage 2/3 class to make a stand alone stage 2 class, which will be taught by Mr Shane Creece and a Stage 3 class taught by Ms Lara Belford commencing day 1 term 3. Students from other stage 2 and 3 classes will also join to make these new classes.

Whilst this may cause some apprehension amongst parents there will be many positive benefits for all students across our Primary classes.

A letter will be sent home to all students transitioning to the new classes. We hope to have these classes meet at the end of Term 2 for a day as they transition into their new class.

**Last Week at LPS**

**Cronulla Sharks Visit**

On Thursday members of the Cronulla Sharks visited the school to speak to the students. All of the students were very excited by the visit especially our Trent Barrett Football team which had a training run with some of the team members and coach, Shane Flanagan.

**RIVERINA CROSS COUNTRY – Gundagai**

Last Thursday we had 11 students travel to Gundagai to take part in the Riverina Cross Country. All of our students performed outstandingly on the day and should be congratulated on their wonderful efforts, especially considering for many of them it was the first time competing at this level.

**KINDERGARTEN 2016**

Last Wednesday we held two informative Kindergarten Information sessions. These sessions were well attended by
prospective parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Frazer for organising the sessions along with three very brave Kindergarten students for presenting at the sessions.

If you know of any school aged students eligible to attend Leeton Public School in 2015 please encourage them to come into Leeton Public School to register for our transition program in Term 3.

**STAGE 3 EXCURSION**

Last week our Stage 3 students travelled to Canberra for their school excursion. The students all had a wonderful time and should be congratulated for their great behaviour whilst away. A big thank you to all of the teachers who took our students on this excursion.

**This Week at LPS**

**Student Reports – Friday 19th June**

Over the last week or so I have been busy reading student reports prior to them being sent home this Friday. I have been extremely impressed with the student performance this year and know that our students will continue to show improvement throughout Semester two.

This Year we are trialling a new reporting format which, while meeting all Departmental Reporting guidelines is much more reader friendly and gives parents a better understanding of where their child is. This reporting format allows us to incorporate specific learning goals for each child, supporting the individualised learning of all students.

The reports are set out using Achievement indicators which have been taken directly from the applicable syllabus. Students are assessed using the A - E scale which is aligned with where they are working in regards to their stage.

I would like to take the time to remind all parents that with the A - E reporting system a student who achieves a C on their report is actually working at the appropriate stage level. A B is awarded to students who are working above their stage level, often bringing into their work prior knowledge. Students achieving an A are working well beyond their current stage level and have an outstanding understanding of the content covered and can apply this to new situations.

The A to E reporting system is a state wide reporting system. Students who achieve an A at Leeton Public School should achieve an A at any school in NSW.

The Common Grade Scale describes performance at each of five grade levels.

**A** The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

**B** The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

**C** The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

**D** The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

**E** The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Parents have the opportunity to discuss their child's performance throughout Semester 1 at the Parent Teacher Interviews which are being held next Tuesday June 24. More details regarding these Interviews can be found below with a link to the booking site on the school website.

**NAIDOC Day**

On Thursday June 25 we will be celebrating NAIDOC day at Leeton Public School. The day will commence with a Flag raising and Welcome to Country Ceremony at 10am followed by a variety of activities. More details regarding the day will available in next week’s newsletter.

We will also be joining in on the Town Flag raising ceremony on Wednesday 24th.

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.

Regards

Jayne Gill
Principal
Merit Award Winners

KB Isabel Thompson, Connor Owens
KF Luke Bechaz, Reuben Haasbroek
KV Janae Bull, Sienna Ashton
1M Madeleine Glenn, Tennyson Sales
1S Amy Johnston, Kyis Ruttley
2Mc Chloe Towers, Tom Cooper
2MG Montanna McCann, Caitlin Stewart
S2K Jade Eglinton, Sajeen Anandakumar, Tahlia Barton-Roden
S2S Coco Sands, Grace Tynan, Matthew Wallett
S2T Blake McDonald, Izaak Halls, Grace Barnes
S2/3B Lachlan Buchanan, Rayden Best, Campbell Fields, Jarrod Young
S3O Nicky Robinson, Emma Wallett, Matthew Waddington
S3RA Junior Nikoro, Cody Williams, Jacob Boots
S3RY Chloe Dowling, Milly Garth, Grace Evans

NAIDOC Day

Dreamtime Art Competition

Students are invited to create an artwork depicting their favourite Dreamtime story.

Students are able to choose the medium they wish to use to create their artwork.

A description outlining which Story they used as inspiration should also be included with the entries.

Entries close Wednesday 24th June

(Please hand into the office)

Winners announced Thursday 25th June

LPS LUCKY LOOT
WIN $10,000

Tickets $20ea

Application forms available at LPS front office

Maximum of 1200 tickets sold

Leeton Public School
Kindergarten 2016

Information Sessions
Wednesday 10th June, 2015
2pm & 7pm

Kindergarten Transition Program
Starting Wednesday 9th September 2015

For further details contact Leeton Public School
Malke Street, Leeton
NSW 2795
Ph: 0269 653 488
Email: leetonp.school@det.nsw.edu.au
www.leetonp.schools.nsw.edu.au

NSW Government
District Cross Country
Gundagai 11th June 2015

We were blessed with a beautiful day to attend the District Cross Country in Gundagai. I had the pleasure of being team manager for LNPSSA team. Several students from LPS were part of this team. Despite being off the pace to go to the state Cross Country at Eastern Creek in July, LNPSSA students performed with great heart and determination.

Results for LPS students were as follows:-
Emily Baulch 8/9 Girls 14th
Sari Leighton 8/9 Girls 22nd - a fine effort as Sari is only 8
Cayden Hillier 8/9 Boys 26th - a fine effort as Cayden is only 8
Flynn Anthony 8/9 Boys 30th
Lilly Hillier 11 Girls 31st
Alexandra Glenn 11 Girls 33rd
Demi Leighton 12/13 Girls 10th
Kaylah Edwards 12/13 Girls 36th - despite rolling her ankle
Hayden Morley 12/13 boys 29th
Nathan Baulch 12/13 Boys 43rd
Braith Schmetzer 12/13 boys 46th

Much money was spent on Riverina gear, so be on the lookout for the distinctive black and white hoodies, shorts, socks, caps and back packs. All wore with much pride.

I would like to acknowledge the support of families on the day, for driving their children to Gundagai and encouraging them in their efforts. Thank you one and all, it was a pleasure to be LNPSSA manager.

Mrs Jenny Tiffin
LPS Cross Coordinator

Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra

When we set off to Canberra there was a lot of excitement and singing until we got to the highway, it started quietening down and we started playing small games like I Spy and Snap. When we arrived in Canberra everyone stopped what they were doing and started staring at the city.

The first place we visited was the CSIRO. There we learnt about science and some of their scientific research and inventions that are in progress like flexible solar panels that you can put on your windows to gather energy and on your iphone and they will charge them so if they go flat you don’t have to get the charger to charge them. You can also put them on your clothes. The CSIRO helped NASA with some of their missions like the Mars rovers. We also got to look at the environment and how the CSIRO are helping to save it. There where many exhibits to look at as well as some hands on activities like “Feed the max” where you got to scan 5 foods and he would tell you if it’s healthy or not.

Deep Space Communications Complex – we found the food interesting. The orange juice looked like black water and the biscuit looked like brown soup. There was a space suit you could stand up on a stool and put your face in and look like an astronaut. There was a model of a spacecraft called a rover. We found there was a woman that flew to the moon. The Deep Space Communications Complex is tracking New Horizons Space Probe that will land on Pluto approximately 9.40pm 14th July 2015!

Trivia Night

After dinner on Wednesday night the LPS students had to form teams of 8 for trivia night. The teams were – Rebels, Double Trouble, Bananas, Dreamers, Swaggahoods, Jungle Bunch, Eggheads and the Jeffs.

In trivia there were 8 rounds of 10 questions, amongst the questions there was a question on each teacher. After each round we got filled in on the scores then between every few rounds there were riddles for individuals to solve. Mrs Ramponi solved the first one.

At the end of trivia we found out which team won the packet of Tim Tams to share, it was the Swaggahoods consisting of: Sarah Allen, Grace Evans, Brooke Eglinton, Will Pizzolante, Will Barnes, Maria Tynan, Jack Coelli and Matthew Ryan.

When we returned to our cabins it was freezing outside.

Old Parliament

When we arrived at Old Parliament House we were greeted by our tour guide who led us into a small room ready to watch a short video. After the video we were split into 2 groups and attended a number of activities. After the activities we went to the senate and William Barnes was selected to act out Sir Isaac Isaacs (first Australian Governor General) and Asha Gearing acted out Quentin Bryce (the first female Governor General).

Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)

First we got off the bus and we walked about five steps and with our own eyes saw one of the Australian Netball teams walk inside to the AIS. All the girls who like netball were all so excited. We followed them into the AIS. When we got inside we sat down and our tour guides arrived and gave us a free information book and a pen which were our passports. Our tour guide took us to lots of different training facilities such as the volleyball centre, gym centre, basketball/netball centre, swimming pool and last but not least there was the gymnastics. After that we all got to go to the sports play area for about half an hour. When we finished there we got to go to the shop and buy something.

It was a great place to go and visit. I recommend it to go back with your family and visit again.

War Memorial

On Thursday we went to the Australian War Memorial. Firstly we got broken up into class groups we then got to go and look at all the little exhibitions they were really informative, there
were planes, boats, old cannons, old clothes, videos and paintings. Secondly a tour guide came and showed us around and explained all of the main parts of the exhibitions. Luckily we got to be there for the Last Post ceremony and two of our captains, Matthew Ryan and Brooke Eglinton got the chance to lay a wreath. The ceremony was broadcast on their national website. Most of our students were moved and excited.

Before we went to the war memorial, we went to the ANZAC Parade.

*After we finished at new Parliament House we went out to the Capital City Exhibition where we discovered interesting things about Canberra and how it was built. Once the tour was finished we had lunch and set off for home, the trip was more peaceful than the trip up. We watched movies and slept almost the whole way.*

**Leeton Public School comes alive with Sharks!!!**

Last Thursday the students of Leeton Public School were extremely lucky to have a visit from some of the Cronulla Sharks! The children were introduced to the players and coach and learnt about where they grew up and what positions they play. They then watched a video of some of the other Sharks players who couldn’t make it to Leeton and they also talked about what their favourite food is, what they do before games and what they do in their free time. Children also had the chance to win Cronulla sharks prizes if they were able to answer questions correctly, which included wrist bands, mini footballs and posters. The highlight of the visit was the autograph session!! Many children brought in footballs, guernseys, posters and other items for the players to sign.

The generosity of the Cronulla Sharks did not stop there. The players and Coach, Shane Flanagan, returned to LPS later that afternoon to run a training session with our boys Trent Barrett Team and their excitement could hardly be contained. They ran through some passing and tackling drills as well as ran races against Sosaia Feki and Jaden Clarke and took high bombs off Wade Graham.

The excitement on the faces of our LPS students was amazing to witness and we would like to say a big THANKYOU to Timmy DelGuzzo, Shane Flanagan, Jeff Robson, Wade Graham, Sosaia Feki and Jaden Clarke. They have created a wonderful memory for our children, one they will never forget.

Mrs McDonald
SCHOOL BANKING!!

School banking is done every Tuesday.

It is as simple as sending in your deposit book and put it into your class banking bag.

This year Commonwealth Bank is running a competition to win a trip to DISNEYLAND. This astronomical prize includes return flights, five nights accommodation, transfers, three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

All you need to do to be eligible for this great prize is make 25 deposits or more.

If you are currently not part of the school banking program it is as simple as dropping into your local Commonwealth Bank Branch and open a youth saver account you don't even need a deposit to open an account.

You can deposit as little as you like.

We still also have lots of children eligible for rewards so if you wish to redeem your 10 silver tokens for a reward please send them in with what reward item you would like.

Many of you would know that we haven't had silver tokens for some time now. Please be patient as these are on back order and we have been advised that they probably won't be available until next term. Student's deposits are recorded electronically so if you know you are eligible for a reward please place your slip in your book and we will redeem for you.

Currently available rewards are:

Blue Wallet, ET DVD, Headphones, Intergalactic Rocket, Knuckles game, Planet Handball

Projector Cup, Scented Pencils, Shark Keyring, Swim Bag

Please make sure deposit slips are completely and correctly filled out as it becomes very time consuming for the coordinators if they have to fill them out.

You can also bank for siblings not yet at school or who have moved on to high school just send all deposit books in together for processing.

If you have any questions about school banking please we are available at the school each Tuesday from 10am-11am or leave a message at the front office.

Regards,

Kristy Jackson and Steph Glenn
Banking Coordinators

CAKTEEN ROSTER

Week 9
Monday 15th - Margie
Tuesday 16th - Liz Tynan
Wednesday 17th - Nadia Gerhardy
Thursday 18th - Sue Mundy
Friday 19th - Kathryn Bechaz, Jenny Ryan

😊 FRIDAY 19th
PIE DRIVE PICK-UP BETWEEN
3.00PM-4.00PM

😊 Week 10
Monday 22nd - Margie
Tuesday 23rd - Robyn Mahalm
Wednesday 24th - Belinda Fairy
Thursday 25th - Jodie Lee
Friday 26th - Tammi Ryan/Tracey Mannall

😊 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!!

Week 1 (TERM 3)
Monday July 13th - Margie
Tuesday 14th - Leanne Chaffey
Wednesday 15th - Jenny Ryan
Thursday 16th - Jodie Lee
Friday 17th - Amanda Sidebottom

Week 2
Monday 20th - Margie
Tuesday 21st - Liz Tynan
Wednesday 22nd - Nadia Gerhardy
Thursday 23rd - Sue Mundy
Friday 24th - Tammi Ryan
UNIFORM SHOP

NOW OPENED TUESDAYS 1.00pm-5.00pm - For your convenience! or by appointment 0427 532 401

SPRAY JACKETS STILL ON SALE FOR $30 and are now available to order through ONLINE CANTEN for $30. These have been discontinued so all must go.

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.

NIDA winter courses Griffith

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) is Australia’s leading centre for education and training in the dramatic arts, offering a variety of creative learning experiences, including full-time study and short courses for all age groups.

These school holidays NIDA Open will be running a range of short courses in Griffith. Courses provide the perfect opportunity for your students to gain access to NIDA’s expertise and develop practical skills in a fun and supportive environment.

NIDA school holiday courses

Grades: 3–12

Dates: Monday 29 June–Sunday 5 July 2015

Venue: Griffith High School, Coolah St, Griffith

Classes fill fast, so get in quick! For more information and to book, visit open.nida.edu.au/national or contact NIDA Open on 02 9697 7626.

Leeton Domestic Violence Committee

Over 12 months, on average, one woman is killed every week as a result of intimate partner violence.

Intimate partner violence is the leading contributor to death, disability and ill-health in Australian women aged 15-44.

Domestic and family violence is the principle cause of homelessness for women and their children.

One in four children are exposed to domestic violence, which is a recognised form of child abuse.

There’s increased risk of mental health, behavioural and learning difficulties from childhood exposure to intimate partner violence.

Children exposed to violence in the home are at an increased risk of going on to commit or experience violence.

As of the 1st of May 2015, there have been 15 confirmed cases of female deaths resulting from domestic violence.

These are just some of the chilling facts surrounding Domestic Violence in Australia. It is time for the community of Leeton to stand up and say NO to domestic violence, but we need your help.

When: 2pm 24/6/15
Where: 28 Maple St, Leeton NSW
Who: Any persons interested in helping to end domestic violence

Holiday Camp

GRIFFITH

Wednesday July 1st 2015
9.30am – 3.00pm
West End Oval & Sporting Fields
Merriwong St Griffith

$50 includes:
• Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea ●
• A whole day of fun activities ●
• AFL Pack (Football etc) ●
• AFL, Footy and Games ●

All activities delivered by AFL, Development Dept

TO REGISTER CONTACT AFL, GRIFFITH
Cla Jenkins
e: cljenkins@ aflsw.wact.com.au

Group bookings of 5 or more are $40 each