Principals Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

One of LPS’ Strategic Directions is Leading 21st Century Learning through enhancing leadership and teaching practices through 21st Century Pedagogy. One of the processes we are using to achieve this strategic direction is to implement the How2Learn program at LPS. How2Learn stands for Higher Order Ways To Learn and means going from good to GREAT. How2Learn is a strategy focused on building students capacity to learn.

All staff at Leeton Public School are undertaking training in How2Learn and will be embedding the program in all areas across the school to encourage success and build aspirations. Staff have an understanding that everyone can rise to the challenge if we teach them the skills they need and provide opportunities to practise these skills until they become habits. We encourage our children to reflect on how and why goals have been achieved and what they can do to continue improving. Teachers will use a range of positive teaching practices that can be utilised with all students to encourage clever thinking and lifelong learning.

Staff will be talking the language of learning and students will learn a vast new learning vocabulary such as reciprocity, resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness, responsibility, collaboration, interdependence, distilling and accountability just to list a few. This new vocabulary will be taught explicitly so that students understand the meaning of the word and how it applies to their learning and life.

The How2Learn strategy empowers learners by developing 5 dispositions and 20 habits that improve all round learning fitness.

The 5 dispositions are:

Self Regulation
Reciprocity
Resourcefulness
Reflectiveness
Responsibility

Over the coming months and years you will be hearing more about these dispositions as we embed them into our school.

Calendar – What’s On?

Week 6 Term 3

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Platinum Lunch

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of taking our Platinum Award recipients to lunch. What a wonderful group of students. It was great to have the opportunity to take these students out. They were wonderful ambassadors for our School.

Eisteddfod News

Last week saw Leeton Public Students involved in choral groups take part in a number of Eisteddfod sections. All of the students did a wonderful job and should be congratulated for their efforts.

Kindergarten Choir - 1st Place
Year 1 Choir - Highly Commended
Stage 2/3 Choir – Highly Commended
LPS Choir – Highly Commended

LPS Choir lead by Student – Maria Tynan

Well done to all of our students and the wonderful Teachers who have worked hard with these students over a number of weeks.

This Week at LPS

This week we will once again have students involved in the Eisteddfod as well as the 3/4 Rugby League Gala day. Some of our Dancers will also be going on tour visiting the Pre School, Early Learning Centre and Good Start.

This week also sees the very important Tell Them From Me surveys open. Parents, students and Teachers have the opportunity to have their say regarding the school culture through these surveys.

Eisteddfod News

On Thursday August 20th S3O, S3RY and the Infants percussion group will be performing at the Eisteddfod. S3O and the Infants Percussion Group will be performing percussion items while S3RY will be performing Recorder items.

LNPPSSA 3/4 Rugby League Gala Day

On Friday students from years 3/4 will be taking part in the Rugby League Gala Day along with students from Parkview, Narradera and Small Schools. A big thank you to Mr Sales for organising this day.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by tomorrow 18th August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


More information regarding this survey will be sent home tomorrow. I encourage you to take part in the survey by following the link below and completing the questions. No username or login details should be required.


If the survey opens to a login page, please copy and paste the link into your internet browser. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey.

If you are experiencing any problems with this process, please contact the school.
P&C Fundraiser- Lucky Loot

I want to encourage all of our Parent population to get behind the P&C committee’s latest fundraiser. The Lucky Loot competition allows a lucky winner to walk away with $10,000 cash while raising money for our School.

With under 4 weeks to go until the draw takes place it is important that we sell all the tickets. Please ask friends and family if they would like to buy a ticket. Tickets are available at the Front office if you haven’t received any forms recently from school.

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners

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

Back L-R: Kiesha Poulson, Finley Sales, Jack Evans, Jonathon Sherlock Front L-R: Matilda Sidebottom, Coco Sands

Merit Award Winners

KB Henry Rhodes, Willis Beaumont
KF Zara Lamont, Janushan Anandakumar
KV Avaril Deaton, Max Egan
1M Lily Thomason, Riley Legge
1S Jez Lashbrook, Lily Hansen
2Mc Daniel Bridge, Holly Schmetzer
2MG Montanna McCann, Nicolas Mannall
S2C Jayden Broadbent, Madison Bull, William Aliendi
S2K Shailah Smith, Evan Johnston, Zaineb Ahmed
S2S Isaac Norden, Tom Allen, Luca Deaton
S2T Makiya Martin, Jonah Allen, Abbie Doyle
S3B Taj Doyle, Amina Firdous, Jarryd Wînnel
S3O Chloe Matthews, Nomaan Mohammed, Sarah Seymour
S3RA Dylan Gordon, Victoria Morgan-Smith, Ben Faoa
S3RY Jack Coelli, Lailani Watts, William Murphy

As always I encourage open channels of communication between the home and school. Parents are encouraged to contact the school office to make an appointment to discuss any matters regarding their child’s education with the relevant teacher or Assistant Principal (Students K – 2 Gena Frazer, Years 3/4 Rachel Thomason & Joanne Pearce, 5/6 Cathie Ramponi).

Jayne Gill

Device Effect Study

As some of you may be aware it is planned that NAPLAN testing will move from paper to the online environment in the next few years. To prepare for NAPLAN online Pearson Education have been employed by ACARA to do a study into devices (including tablets, computers and laptops) that different schools have and how these can be used to complete the testing process.

LPS has been selected to take part in this study with 30 students from Years 3 and 5 involved in the Device Testing next Friday. I believe it is important to be involved in such trials as it allows us to become familiar with the technology needs and the process which will be used to conduct these tests first hand.
**Commonwealth Bank**

Congratulations to the following students who have made 10 Commonwealth Bank deposits into their accounts

Saniya Kalon

**LUCKY LOOT!!**

The P&C has decided to cancel the Gala Night which was to be held on 5th September. This is due to unforeseen circumstances. The draw will take place at **Jarrah Mall on Saturday 5th September at 12 noon**. Any prize winners will be notified.

**Stage 2 NRL Gala Day**

This Friday, 19th August, all Stage 2 students will be participating in a Rugby League Gala Day at the Leeton High School Ovals with students from Narrandera, Parkview and Small Schools.

The day will be split into two draws; a non contact League Tag draw and games that include tackling. We will have three contact teams comprised of students who previously participated in the Trent Barrett NRL Competition. All remaining students will participate in League Tag to develop their skills and understanding of the game.

Permission notes were sent home last week, along with a menu for lunch pre-orders. Could you please ensure that your child returns these to school by Wednesday 19th August.

All parents and community members are welcome to attend and provide support.

**Premier’s Spelling Bee 2015**

Our best wishes and crossed fingers to the following students who will be representing Leeton Public School at the Regional Final on Tuesday 8th September at Griffith East Public School.

Years 3 & 4 representatives are: Adelaide Meline & Chase Lee

Years 5 & 6 representatives are: Jharda’e Baker & Francesco Ierano

We wish these super spellers all the very best and look forward to their results

**LPS Choir - Eisteddfod**

Last Wednesday the Primary Choir performed in four different sections at the Leeton Eisteddfod. We were awarded three highly commended places and one first place. The Primary Choir was conducted by our own student, Maria Tynan.

**Fruit & Veg Month 2015 – Let’s Go Green!**

Our school is participating in the fun of Fruit & Veg Month, which runs for the last 4 weeks of this term - Monday 24th August to Friday 18th September.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities that aim to encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

Watch this space for updates. Or, better yet, ask your child what activities they have been involved in. It is a great way to bring the healthy eating message home!

_Jenny Tiffin, Fruit & Veg Month School Co-ordinator_
National Children’s Book Week – Saturday 22 August – Friday 28 August “Books light up our world”

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Teacher librarians tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. For more information please have a look on http://cbca.org.au. Next Week LPS will be celebrating with a dress up on Friday 28th August. Come dressed as your favourite book character or casual is ok! All primary school students are to wear their joggers due to sport on Friday. The town library will be celebrating Children’s Book Week in Week 8.

**GALA DAY PARTICIPANTS PLEASE HAVE LUNCH ORDERS IN TO ME BY WEDNESDAY.** There will be plenty of food available on the day so it is NOT essential to pre-order.

**Name the Canteen competition**

The Canteen Committee, consisting of LPS parents, had their meeting on Tuesday night to decide on the winning name and entrant for our “Name the Canteen competition”. This was a very difficult decision as we had some great entries, they needed to:

* Sound catchy & easy to remember.
* Sound healthy & fun!

**THE NEW NAME OF OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL BE:**

"THE CRUNCHY CABIN"

Jarrod Young from S3B came up with that name & he will receive a $20 voucher at the canteen…oops, I mean "The Crunchy Cabin!"

The canteen committee intend to have “The Crunchy Cabin" painted in a cabin like theme, but this may not be until the end of the year or early next year.

Thank you to all that entered & a special mention to the Infants children who got involved.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**LPS Uniform Shop will be closed tomorrow 18th August** (I have an appointment in Wagga)

**DON’T FORGET UNIFORM SHOP IS NOW ONLINE.**

**GO TO "OURONLINECANTEEN" & CLICK ON UNIFORMS!**

**SPRAY JACKETS STILL ON SALE FOR $30 available to order through “ONLINE CANTEEN".**

For your convenience! or by appointment with Belinda on 0427 532 401

**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.
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
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Ph: 0269 633 488
Email: leeton-ps@ed ssl.nsw.edu.au
www.leeton.p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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After School AFL Auskick

LEETON

Day: Monday
Who: Girls and Boys
Age: Kinder – Year 6
Dates: August 31st; September 7th, 14th
Venue: Parkview Public School
Time: 3:45pm – 4:30pm
Cost: $15.00 for 3 weeks
Includes: Program run by AFL NSW/ACT Development staff, and a Sherrin football.

REGISTER: e)
che.jenkins@aflnswact.com.au
Ché Jenkins – AFL Development Coordinator

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Kids Disco
FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST
6:30 – 8:30PM
RAPPS ROOM AT THE SOLDIERS
DROP YOUR KIDS OFF AND ENJOY SOME
“YOU” TIME.
$5 PER CHILD
Snacks and Drinks available to purchase

Children under 5 are welcome with parent supervision
Parent/Guardian are asked to sign in/out their children and leave a mobile number in case of emergency.

Hosted by Leeton Roller Derby.
Thank you for your support.
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

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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 3**
- 21st July
- 4th August
- 18th August
- 1st September
- 15th September

**Dates for Term 4**
- 13th October
- 27th October
- 10th November
- 24th November
- 8th December

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.