### Calendar – What’s On?

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### Principals Report

**Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members**

It is hard to believe that the end of Term 3 is already upon us. This term has been extremely busy with a wide variety of activities taking place which our students have been involved in including KROP, Education Week, Trent Barrett Shield, Leeton Eisteddfod, Premiers Debating Challenge, Premiers Spelling Bee, PSSA Netball, PSSA Basketball and the Riverina Athletics Carnival just to name a few.

Next term is also shaping up to be a busy one with students involved in a variety of activities including excursions, Festival of Choral Music, School Spectacular and a variety of school based activities.

**Last Week at LPS**

**Trent Barrett Shield Wednesday 9th**

Last Wednesday our Trent Barrett Girls and Boys teams travelled to Wagga to take part in the next round of the competition. Both teams played well on the day with our Boys team making it through to the grand final where they eventually went down 16-12. A full run down on the days events can be found further on in the Newsletter.

A big thank you to the coaches, Hayley Patterson and Scott McDonald for all their hard work and coaching and supporting our League Tag and Rugby League players. I would also like to thank Mrs McDonald for all of her hard work organising.

**Premiers Spelling Competition**

Last Wednesday we had four students travel to Griffith to take part in the Premiers Spelling Bee. Adelaide Meline, Chase Lee, Jhardae Baker and Frescesco Ierano. All of our students did extremely well in the competition, spelling some difficult words.

Well done on a great effort.

**Year 1 Alf Herrman Lodge Visit**

Last Thursday students from year 1 visited the Alf Herrmann Lodge where they entertained the residents with dancing, singing and stories. It is great to see our students working with our older community residents.

**White Balloon Day**

On Friday we celebrated White Balloon day at LPS by pausing and thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe. White Balloon Day is Bravehearts’ key awareness and fundraising.
Term 3, Week 10

Monday, 14 September 2015

campaign supported by communities right across Australia to help protect children.

Kindergarten Transition Program

The transition program for students starting Kindergarten in 2016 commenced last Wednesday. We welcomed 45 students on the day with all of our 2016 Kindergarten students having a great time on the day working with Mrs Vallance and Mrs Frazer.

The program will run for 10 weeks (until Wednesday 25th November) from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm. If you know of anyone who would like to attend the transition program and are planning to enrol their child at LPS in 2016 please encourage them to come into the school office to obtain an enrolment pack.

This Week at LPS

P&C Meeting Tuesday 13th September

The next P&C meeting will take place tomorrow night Tuesday September 13th commencing at 7pm in the Primary Staffroom. All interested Parents, Carers and Community members are invited to come along to these meetings.

Coming Up at LPS

LPS Concert – Thursday 17th September 2015

A reminder to everyone that the 2015 LPS Concert will take place this Thursday, September 17th in the MPC at Leeton High school. We will be holding two sessions with one taking place at 12:30 pm followed by an evening session commencing at 6pm.

TERM 4 DATES

Term four commences on Tuesday October 6th at 9:25am and goes to Wednesday 16th December.

Finally the staff and I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. If you are travelling please take care on the roads.

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
Principal

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

At LPS we value parent feedback. I encourage you to complete the online survey below.

No username or login details should be required.
https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?i_use
name=parent17100&j_password=Lee2386

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.

Attendance and absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 have a responsibility to make sure their children attend school every day. On occasions, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Parents are required to provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Parents can contact the school by telephone, written note, text message or email. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on your child's record.

Currently with the high level of sickness in the area, I would like to encourage parents who have students sick at home to get a medical certificate from the Dr to cover the days students have been absent.

RESULTS FROM PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE 2015

Well done to our representatives who tried their hardest last Tuesday in Griffith.

Chase Lee made it to the third round before bowing out of the competition. Adelaide Meline made it to Round 6 before the word proficient showed her there is always room for improvement!

Francesco Ierano made it through to Round 5 before the word motif caused him some confusion! Jharda’e Baker made it all the way to Round 4 before the word warfare eliminated her! We are very proud of all of you.

C. Ramponi, Premier’s Spelling Bee Co-ordinator
Term 3, Week 10

Monday, 14 September 2015

Special Award Winners for this Week

Diamond Award Winners

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

Back row: Shallan Stockton, Kasey Annetts, Katelyn Winnel

Merit Award Winners

KB Indigo Sands, Charlie Davis
KF Adelaide Tatnell, Bakhto Salmani
KV Halle O’Meley, Andrew Sherlock
1M Matilda Sidebottom, Tennyson Sales
1S Cruz Wallace, Eli Doyle
2Mc Elia Rhodes, Grace Hill
2MG Jacob Buchanan, Joshua Narel
S2C Emily McVittie, Jayden Broadbent, Benny Barnes
S2K Aleigha Smith, Titi Faoa, Jasmine Green
S2S Kalem Thompson, Matilda Ryan, Madeline Sachs
S2T Flynn Anthony, Matilda Ryan, Madeline Sachs
S3B Olivia Price, Sophie Anthony, Jade Cooper
S3O Ella Gason, Matt Waddington, Asha Gearing
S3RA Seth McBroom, Jess Aliendi, Maria Tynan
S3RY Amy Ryan, Noah Sands, Brayden Simpson

LAND A’HOY!

It is time to pull out your eyepatch and parrot and get ready for our ...

Pirate Dress up day!

on Friday 18th September

(gold coin donation please)

All proceeds will go to Leeton High School to be used for the garden surrounding the Stephanie Scott Memorial Amphitheatre.

We will also have a donation bucket at the LPS Concert to allow others to donate to this wonderful cause.

P&C Thank you

Thank you so much to all of the parents and children for their help with the Lucky Loot. We were able to raise almost $12,000 from a combined effort and we are grateful for all of the assistance. However, a big push in selling from Amanda Sidebottom, Tash Deaton, Belinda-Maree Thompson, Chris Thompson and Steph Glenn at IGA and Woolies in the last few weeks enabled our profit to climb. Thank you also goes to Nat and Jenny at The Coffee Tree for their massive number of sales and of course to Adelaide Meline for selling tickets in her holidays and on weekends. We hope she is enjoying her new iPad mini.

On Thursday at the concert, the popular Infants Family Portraits will be for sale. We know that these are special to many families and that many are still working on their collection. They will be $2 each and are available on Thursday at the concerts. All money raised goes directly to the P&C and the school.

LPS Lucky Loot

Congratulations to Adelaide Meline who won an iPad mini for her efforts in selling the most Lucky Loot tickets.
Thursday 17th September, 2015

12.30pm & 6pm

Leeton High School MPC

Showcasing our 2015 Performing Arts

Little Performers Showcase

Gold Coin donation supporting performing arts at LPS.
Trent Barrett Shield - Grandfinal

Last Wednesday 25 students including 14 girls and 11 boys travelled to Wagga to take part in the final round of the Trent Barrett Shield. The first round of games saw the boys draw with Young Public School after Young dashed away down the side line to score after the siren. The girls started the day with a loss in a very fast pace game against St Pats Gundagai. The second round of games were very successful for both teams, with the boys winning 28–0 against Turvey Park and the girls winning 4-0 against Henschke. The third round of games saw the boys have another win against Beelbangra 28-8 and the girls had a close call with St Mary’s Hay, going down in the last few minutes 6-4. The 4th game for the girls, was yet another close one, only going down by 1 try to Boorowa Public School. As the boys finished first in their pool, they played the semifinal against Gundagai and came from 2 tries down with great determination and power to take the victory 18-12. This then guaranteed a place for them in the grand final against St Mary’s Young. Despite showing great passion and determination and having 2 tries disallowed, the boys did tire and went down in a closely contested match 16-12.

It was an outstanding effort for both teams to make it to this final round with over 220 teams competing in the Trent Barrett Shield this year. For our girls to finish in the top 15 and our boys to come runners up, is a huge accomplishment, that they should all be so very proud of. It was also great to see Kurt Young score his first try in footy this year and Cody Tatt his first ever try. Congratulations to both Noumea Kember and Jhi Grundy for being awarded the players player on the day for your consistency, never give up attitude and great sportsmanship.

A special thankyou to Hayley Patterson and Scott McDonald for all their hard work and dedicating their own time to coach and support our young League Tag and Rugby League players. They have encouraged and inspired all the students to give their best and improve their individual games which is so much more than any trophy at the end of the day, so THANKYOU!!!

A big thankyou now to the players, you have represented Leeton Public School proudly with great passion and dedication. You have put the name of Leeton Public School out there as a force to be reckoned with when it comes to League Tag and Rugby League, and we can’t wait to see what next year brings! Congratulations: Hayley Bull, Alaeigha Smith, Noumea Kember, Emily Pearce, Emily Baulch, Sari Leighton, Isabella Lotito, Isabella Polimeni, Keisha Poulson, Faith Young, Adelaide Meline, Adele Thompson, Elizabeth Lee, Charlie Lamont, Jhi Grundy, Tom Allen, Logan Mahalm, Louis Allen, Cody Tatt, Kurt Young, Blake McDonald, Kalem Thompson, Jayden Broadbent, Flynn Anthony and Taine Pauls.

UNSW Global Spelling Educational Assessment Competition results 2015

Well done to all our students who recently competed in the UNSW Spelling Competition.

Participation certificates were awarded to: Adrian Mallamace, Sajeevan Anandakumar, Jamie Chetcuti, Tharani Manoharan and Maria Tynan.

Merit certificate awarded to: Sarah Allen, Bushanne Malunas and William Murphy.

Credit certificates were awarded to: Adelaide Meline, Matilda Ryan and Francesco Ierano.
UNSW Global Writing Educational Assessment Competition results 2015

Further congratulations to all our students who recently competed in the UNSW Writing Competition.

Participation certificates were awarded to: Sajeevan Anandakumar, Adelaide Meline, Matilda Ryan, Jade Cooper, Sarah Allen, Bushanne Malunas and Sarah Zappala.

Merit certificate awarded to: Tharani Manoharan.

Year 2 Excursion

On Thursday in week 8, Year 2 students participated in an excursion to the Leeton Tourism office, Whitton Museum and Cotton Gin. This excursion supported the children’s learning in our Science unit called ‘Paddock to Plate’ where they have been learning about how food and materials are grown and processed. Despite a few showers of rain, all the children had a great time and learnt more about local produce and how it is grown and processed.

First we attended the Leeton Tourism office, where children had the opportunity to learn about some of Leeton’s local produce and how it is grown and processed, including oranges, rice, walnuts and cotton. They were also lucky enough to receive a sample bag with information about these products and processed samples.

Next we headed to the Whitton Museum. Despite being a bit wet underfoot, we were able to shelter in the main building to eat crunch and sip. As the showers eased, the children enjoyed walking around the Museum looking at old machinery that was used to harvest crops as well as ways earlier generations cooked and lived. The jail and courthouse was a hit with many. Our original plan was then to have lunch at the Whitton Park, however due to the inclement weather, the Principal of Whitton Public School, Mr Duncan Adams, kindly allowed us to shelter and have lunch within the school grounds.

Our next stop was at the Cotton Gin, where children learnt about how cotton is grown and brought into the gin to be processed. One amazing fact the children learnt was that it only takes 46 seconds for a module of cotton to travel right through the entire gin in order to be cleaned and bailed. Each module weighs 2.5 tonnes. The children enjoyed watching the gin in process and were thankful for the ear plugs to keep the noise down. Once again all the children received a sample bag of cotton and seeds as well as some pamphlets about the wonderful resource of cotton.

To wrap up our great excursion we stopped off at Mountford Park to enjoy recess in the sun and down time on the play equipment with our friends. All children represented Leeton Public School proudly and it was also lovely to receive feedback from the Leeton Tourism office on how well behaved and interested all the children were. A great time had by all! We would like to thank Karen Cooper and Tracey Mannall for coming along with us.

THE CRUNCHY CABIN! ROSTER

Week 10
Monday 14th – Margie
Tuesday 15th – Liz Tynan
Wednesday 16th – Nadia Gerhardy
Thursday 17th – Belinda Fairweather
Friday 18th – Amanda Sidebottom/Tracey Mannall

School holidays!!!!!
THE CRUNCHY CABIN NEWS

I will be having all this week off so Tracey Mannall and Amanda Sidebottom will be running the Crunchy Cabin & Uniform Shop for me.

It is very important your child brings their lunch order to the Crunchy Cabin BEFORE the 9.20am bell. Those children who fail to do so will receive a plain vegemite/jam/honey sandwich.

Please note next term I will NOT be allowing students to bring me in noodle cups from home for me to prepare. I feel they are too dangerous to transport to the class & too hot to hold & too dangerous without a proper lid (I place foil on as a lid). The ones we sell in the canteen have a cardboard sleeve wrapped around it to protect their hands & a plastic lid. The Crunchy Cabin sell Namee noodle cups for $3.00 in both Chicken and Beef flavours.

Hope you all have a lovely school holidays and I will see you all again when I am Belinda Young.

UNIFORM SHOP

The LPS uniform shop will be opened from 1.00pm -5.00pm

DON’T FORGET UNIFORM SHOP IS NOW ONLINE. GO TO “OURONLINECANTEEN” & CLICK ON UNIFORMS!

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