February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Your child has been chosen to participate in the Leeton Public School Stage 3 Dance Group for 2016. It is intended that this group will participate in a number of events throughout the year providing students with many wonderful opportunities. These events will involve student participation during and out of school hours.

As this dance group is in effect a ‘team’, it is important that the students demonstrate a high level of commitment to practice and participation in events throughout the year. For most of the time, this will mean one practice on Monday lunch times and a second dance activity on Wednesday afternoons during PACAS. Representing our school through performances are indeed a privilege and sometimes extra rehearsal times are needed, especially at the start of the year.

There will be many opportunities for your child to be involved in dance throughout the year. This term we are busy preparing for Riverina Dance Festival Auditions at the end of Term 1. If successful in our audition the 2016 Riverina Dance Festival will be on Friday 24th June in Griffith. This will require a commitment from parents to transport students or arrange transport for your child with another member of the Stage 3 dance group. The festival often doesn’t finish until approximately 9.30pm.

Most costumes for the dancers will be provided by the school. There may be some smaller items your child will require for costumes. There is a $15 levy per student to contribute to consumable items and props that we require throughout the year. Girls will require a pair of jazz shoes throughout the year and it is beneficial if students have their own shoes. I would appreciate if both your child and you would complete the note of permission/commitment below and return it to me by Wednesday 17th February. They should be returned to the front office. I am looking forward to working with a wonderful group of students in 2016 and being able to provide them with some great opportunities in dance.

School Spectacular: This year LPS will once again audition for dance in School Spectacular. Members of the 2016 school spectacular team will be selected from an audition held for the 3-6 dance group students. LPS can only have a maximum of 16 students in their School Spec dance group. School spec dancers are required to have high level dance skills and during the audition process the audition panel of school spec may select only certain students from our audition to participate. Once LPS have allocated numbers from the Schools Spec audition that is the number we MUST take. There is no room for students to pull out once the allocation is made.

If successful in the audition the 2016 Schools Spectacular will be in Sydney from Tuesday 22nd November – Sunday 27th November. We will be travelling by bus to Sydney with other local schools vocal group and dancers on Tuesday 22nd November and returning on Sunday 27 November 2016. There will be a cost to you for 5 night’s accommodation, food and travel to and from Sydney. These are 5 very long days, in particular the 2 performance days where we are up and going by 7am and not returning to the accommodation till approximately midnight! So please take this into account when you are deciding if your child might like to audition.

The anticipated cost will be around $600 which must be finalised before attending. All students will be required to do additional fund raising which will be used to pay for additional food and costume items needed. If you would like your child to audition for this school spec dance group please provide permission on the next page. Students will be required to practice and learn the routines from u-tube links and there may also be out-of-school hours rehearsals which your child must attend.

Mrs Rachel Thomason (Dance coordinator)  Mrs Jayne Gill (Principal)
LEETON PUBLIC SCHOOL DANCE GROUP 2016  Note of commitment/permission

I ............................. of Class ........ commit myself to the LPS Dance Group and practice during 2016........................................ (Student Signature)

I give permission and support my child ................................. in his/her commitment to the LPS Dance Group during 2016. ........................................ (Parent/Carer Signature)

I have enclosed the $15 2016 levy.

Phone number:______________ (H) Mobile:______________ Work:______________

LEETON PUBLIC SCHOOL School Spectacular DANCE GROUP 2016  Note of commitment/permission

I give permission and support my child ................................. to audition to be a member of the 2016 LPS School Spectacular Dance Group during 2016.

........................................ (Parent/Carer Signature)

I do not wish my child to audition for the LPS school spec dance group team, and understand the responsibilities and financial commitments should they be successful.

........................................ (Parent/Carer Signature)

Please complete the note of permission/commitment above and return it to school by Wednesday 17th February