KINDERGARTEN 2016 - ORIENTATION

The first of our Kindergarten orientation sessions will take place next Tuesday, 20th October commencing at 6pm. This information session will give parents a chance to meet the Principal, some teaching staff, our school counsellor, admin staff and P&C executive.

If any parent knows of a family who may still need to enrol their child in school for 2016 could you please urge them to enrol now. Thank you.

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

Coming Events

Week 2
15/10 – UBMMF Evening Performance, KPS

Week 3
20/10 – Kindy Orientation Evening for Parents - 6pm
21/10 Cyber Safety Meeting for Stage 3 Parents - 7pm
22/10 – P&C Meeting - 7pm

Week 4
27/10 – Argyle Concert - Stage 3 Choir
28/10 – Walkathon
29/10 – Wellbeing, Happy Children Better Learners Night (see attached flyer)
30/10 – Movie Night at school (see P&C notes)

Week 5
3/11 – Kindy Orientation - Best Start, 1:45pm
4/11 – Principal’s Assembly, 2pm
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our final busy Term for 2015! Where has this year gone? It has been particularly fast for me, but absolutely great fun all the way.

Music and song
Leura Public has once again participated in the Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival held each year at Katoomba Public School. We have had a large group of Stage 1 children participate as members of the combined choir. The children’s final performance is this evening and I wish them and Mrs Mann our choir conductor, all the very best for this finale. Congratulations also to Tegan who performed a vocal solo, “Home” to a large audience this week. Her performance was exceptional. We have such clever and talented students across our fortunate school.

Value of the week – Responsibility
Our values program continues this week with a focus on taking responsibility for our own success and achievement.

Calendar – important to watch
We have many important school events occurring this Term that we enjoy seeing many parents attend. Please place these important dates into your calendars so that you are well informed ahead of time and don’t miss anything.

It has been a delight to see fresh and enthusiastic faces on our return to school this Term. We do indeed have a beautiful school of wonderful children to be proud of.

Here’s to another busy Term that will be packed with special events!

Ms Anne Bahnisch
Principal
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - Term 4
VALUE OF THE WEEK

Week 3: Resilience - A resilient student helps others and allows others to help them
Week 4: Responsibility - A responsible student picks up their belongings

OZ OPERA - CINDERELLA

After a long wait we were recently treated to a wonderful performance of Cinderella.

From all reports the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

WALKATHON

Just a reminder … Our school Walkathon will be held on Wednesday, 28th October, 2015. This year we are in desperate need of updating the school’s Wi-Fi. The current system is not coping with our iPads, interactive boards and other devices.

It would be wonderful if you could come along and share all or some of the day with your children. Bring a blanket and enjoy the atmosphere or even walk a few laps with your child. Pack a picnic or you can order lunch from the P&C BBQ. Students have been asked to pre-order.

Helpers are still needed for the BBQ. If you can help please email Di at lpspc.president@gmail.com

Completed sponsorship forms must be returned to the class teacher by Tuesday, 27th October, for recording laps covered. Please arrange to have all money to be collected and returned to the school office, along with sponsorship forms, in an envelope marked with the child’s name and class by Friday, 27th November.
STAGE 2 EXCURSION TO OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND ELIZABETH FARM

On Friday, 9th October Stage 2 classes went on a fantastic excursion to:

1. Old Government House at Parramatta
   At Old Government House we went to class with Mrs Johnson as our teacher. We wrote on slate with chalk. We were told to grip our chalk tightly and we were only allowed to speak when spoken to. If we were asked a question we would answer and say her name after. At the end of our old fashioned lesson we all had to line up and say good afternoon to Mrs Johnson. The girls did a curtsy and the boys did a bow. After we had a tour of the house. It was great fun.

2. Elizabeth Farm, Rouse Hill - the oldest house in Australia built by Lachlan and Elizabeth Macarthur

THE GREAT BOOK SWAP IS BACK!

Leura Public School P&C, teachers and students are once again supporting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation for our combined fundraiser for 2015.

The GREAT BOOK SWAP will be held at school on Thursday, 12th November - Indigenous Literacy Day.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students and staff donate one of their favourite books and pay a gold coin donation to swap it for someone else's book.

So students...

- Choose a book (or books) they loved reading but are ready to let go to a new home.
- Will receive a bookplate to fill in to tell its new owner why they loved it.
- Bring in their chosen book/s, along with a gold coin for each book to donate to the Great Book Swap.
- Will be given a voucher, in return for their book and coin donation, to use at the GREAT BOOK SWAP.
When we went to Elizabeth Farm we were asked to put on an apron. The girls wore a bonnet and boys wore a cap. We pretended to go back in time and be convicts. We went around the house doing different activities. We went to the bedroom and found out that they slept on three different beds: one made out of straw, another one horse hair and the last one was a feather mattress. We had to do convict chores like washing clothes in a tub and polishing pots in the kitchen.

By Belle, Keira and Arlo.
HAPPY CHILDREN,  
BETTER LEARNERS

Leura Public School Information session for parents on our programs for childrens’ wellbeing and social and emotional development

Thursday 29th October  
(Week 4 Term 4)  
6pm School Library

Sessions will present information about:

Our student’s feedback about their wellbeing at school

Blue Mountains City Council initiatives and our school’s participation in these important initiatives

How to develop Resilience in children and young people

Our school’s work in the Kidsmatter and Positive Behaviour for Learning programs

Tea and coffee available  
A free information session

All parents are encouraged to attend to find out more about what our school is doing to support the wellbeing and development of our children
Leura Public School P&C's next evening meeting

7.00pm to 8.30pm on Thursday, 22 October 2015

It was wonderful to see some new faces at the last P&C night meeting, but we would love to see many more! Our next P&C meeting is again a night one so hope you can join us. We will be providing some light nibbles, so please let us know if you will attend – email lpspc.secretary@gmail.com

Don’t forget if you can’t make it to a meeting but have something to discuss with us please email P&C President, Di Kipp at lpspc.president@gmail.com

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Canteen update

Our new menu for Term 4 is up and running. We now have chicken burgers and frozen yoghurt.

We are still looking for volunteers so if anyone could spare a recess on Friday, just to serve at the counter, that would be great.

Please email Kim at lpspc.leuracanteen@gmail.com

Swampcare

Thanks to Year 6 students Kanayla, Grace, Tom and Nate for their bush regeneration work last month; removing Privet and some very large Red Hot Pokers weeds.

Join us this term for some sociable weeding in bushland adjacent to the endangered swamp behind the school. Tools and training are provided.

There will only be two more sessions this year – dates to be advised. We work from 1-3pm, meeting at the gate on the back playground.

For more information please contact Lisa Scott-Smith on 0414642512 or just turn up on the day! (Long sleeves and pants recommended.)

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*** A note about Halloween Movie Night will be coming home soon! ***

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