WESTERN SYDNEY REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday, 16th March, Kaleigh and Caitlyn and myself went to Sydney Olympic Park to swim in the Regional Swimming Carnival.

It was an amazing day, although I was very nervous and my goggles came off when I dived in.

Caitlyn swam 50m freestyle and came 3rd in her heat and then in the final came 8th. Kaleigh swam 50m backstroke and came 5th. I swam 50m butterfly and came 8th.

We all did really well and I had a very exciting day.

By Coco, 3/4D
Dear Parents and Families,

Well here we are already arriving at our very last day of Term 1 2015!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first Term here as Principal and would like to share my list of a few things I have appreciated about this wonderful school...

- The warmth of the community that supports our students and school - it has been a pleasure to get to know many of you through the P&C, chats, out and about in the playground to see and feel the dedication and encouragement the children receive from our diverse and involved families

- The hard working and professional executive and teaching staff that are looking forward to the plans and programs we have begun to rework, devise and implement - exciting times!

- Our 'do everything' office staff and support staff that seem to have boundless energy, answers and knowledge of exactly where to find things. We are all lucky to have these special ladies supporting us each day.

- Our grounds and cleaning staff who, I know you will understand, the amount of 'over and above' work they do. This is certainly a unique and fortunate part of our school.

- Lastly the students of this lovely school are to be commended in the careful and thoughtful effort they have given to their schoolwork and school-life this term. It has been a pleasure to be amongst them at work and play, enjoying their time here at Leura Public School.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable family time over these next few weeks, as we get ready for another fast and full term of work ahead at Leura School. I look forward to heading over to see my parents and family in Adelaide during these weeks and to returning ready to get started on another great term ahead.

Anne Bahnisch,
Principal
CROSS COUNTRY

On a blistering Friday, Leura Public School's annual cross country carnival was held. Brave faced competitors gulped water before gathering at the starting line to commence their races. They were cheered on by friends and house mates, who squatted under the shade of a solitary tree, either exhausted from already competing, or eagerly awaiting their turn to greet the elements.

Congratulations to all participants. Everyone's behaviour was exemplary, ensuring a successful and fun carnival. A gigantic thank you is extended to the Leura families who assisted on the day. The tasks you had were varied: helping the competitors navigate the course, marking sweaty, tired arms and assisting at the finishing line. Without you the day could not run so smoothly. Thank you to the student leaders and house captains for their cooperation and assistance and a huge thank you to Mr van Gemert for ensuring the track was pristine and the course clearly marked.

Listed below are the competitors who have advanced to the next level. The district carnival will be held at Blackheath on Friday, 15th May.

8/9 Yr Boys  10 Yr Boys  11 Yr Boys  12/13 Yr Boys
Theo   Jett   Jordan   Aiden
Henry  Leon  Oliver  Nate
Arlo  Tyler  Wilkie  Alex
Quinn  Eden  Tom  Sebastian
Lex  Samuel  Lucas  Harry
Aiden  Christopher  Dashiell  Jack
Rylan

8/9 Yr girls  10 Yr Girls  11 Yr Girls  12/13 Yr Girls
Emma  Caitlyn  Megan  Kaleigh
Lauren  Zoe  Beata  Olivia
Isabella  Hannah  Taliya  Lucy
Mia  Grace-Emily  Samantha  Monica
Ashleigh  Melissa  Grace  Annabella
Shelby  Coco  Annabella

Mrs Aldred
Organiser
PERMISSION TO PUBLISH (orange form)
Parents please note, if you have returned your ‘Permission to Publish’ form and given permission for the school to use unlabelled images of your child for educational and promotional purposes in the school newsletter, please be aware that our newsletter is also uploaded as a PDF on our website.

HOUSE CAPTAINS/VICE CAPTAINS AND SRC REPRESENTATIVES
The House Captains and House Vice Captains for 2015 are:-

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The SRC representatives for 2015 are:-

- 1/2R: Thalia and Jude
- 2F: Joanna and Liam
- 3/4D: Phoebe and Patrick
- 3/4M: Belle and Arlo
- 3/4V: Isabella and Aaron
- 5/6A: Rebecca and Ivy
- 5/6D: Mali and Aiden

AFL GALA DAY
On Tuesday, 24th March, Stages 2 and 3 had the opportunity to play AFL against other schools in the Upper Blue Mountains. It was a great day had by all … until the rain poured down on us. I would like to say a huge thank you to all those parents who were so fabulous at picking up their children from the field so promptly. No-one was left waiting and we were out of the rain quickly. Also thank you to Zoe Jerrat for taking the shelter to the venue.

Ms Weir
AFL Coordinator

CHILDREN’S SAFETY
When entering and leaving the school from Willow Park Avenue please remember to use the single gate walkway and not the driveway. The double gates, even if open, are for use by staff entering and exiting the school. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
ANTI-BULLYING POSTER COMPETITION

As part of the National Day Against Bullying and Violence, our children were given the opportunity to participate in a competition to create an anti-bullying poster.

As a result, one of our students, Tegan, was awarded a 'Highly Commended' certificate and invited to attend the award ceremony at the Powerhouse Museum on 20th March, where the Governor General presented the awards.

Congratulations Tegan.

LEURA PUBLIC SCHOOL REWARD SYSTEM

Level 1 awards are given out to the children to reinforce positive responsible, respectful and resilient behaviours. When the child has collected TEN Level 1 awards they give them to their class teacher who will exchange them for a Level 2 award.

On collection of five Level 2 awards the child hands them in to their class teacher who will give them a Level 3 award. Alternatively they can hand in 4 Level 2 awards and one white Values award (assembly award).

Once the child receives a Level 3 award the child and their parents/caregivers are invited to the next Principal's Assembly where they receive the award. They are also invited to a wonderful afternoon tea after the assembly.

All awards are carried over to the next school year.

NOTES/PAYMENT REMINDER

To assist families, the following is a list of activities and associated costs, for which permission slips and/or monies are to be returned to the school. If there are any difficult circumstances in regard to any payments by the due date, for incursions/excursions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

When: Week 5, Term 2

Highlight: Book Parade.

Tuesday (19th May)

Start planning your costumes

May is “National Family Reading Month”!
Community Announcements:

African Children's Choir - after selling out Blue Mountains in 2013, the African Children's Choir is coming back with a new group of children to entertain and inspire Australian audiences.

Blackheath Concert: Phillips Hall, Blackheath Community Centre, Blackheath on Thursday, 21st May at 7.30pm. Adults $25, children/concession $18, families $68.

Penrith Concert: Lighthouse Theatre, Penrith Anglican College, 338-356 Wentworth Road, Orchard Hills on Friday, 22nd May at 7.30pm. Prices as above.

Drum and Dance Workshop: Lawson Public School Hall, Wednesday, 20th May at 7.30pm. Adults $18, children/concession $12, families $48 (two adults & two children)

Book tickets at kwaya.org. Phone Brendan O'Reilly on 0437 347 657

Sculpture at Scenic World- 15th April to 10th May. Program information at Office.

Gateway Family Enrichment Project:

Circle of Security - For Dads. Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre, Tuesday evenings from 19th May to 23rd June. 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Cost: gold coin donation.

Hey Dads! Let’s Talk parenting teen and pre-teen daughters, Thursday, 16 April, 10am – 12 noon. Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre.

Let’s Talk Grandparenting, Wednesday, 17 June, Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre. 11am – 12.30pm

Raising Resilient Young People, Building an optimistic mindset for life! 29th April and 2nd June from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Blaxland High School.

For more info on the above phone 4782 5326 or 1300 316 746. Email annec@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

SCHOOLBIZ

April school holidays

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.


School calendar

What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView
Dear Parents,

I am very excited and pleased to introduce to you our staff and new Centre Coordinator on our last newsletter for the term. Our new Coordinator is Tara Howell. Our Educators are Courtney and Sydney. Some parents might have already met Tara as she is also a parent of Leura Public School.

I am very happy to have Tara onboard. Tara has a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood) and many years of experience in the child care industry including 4 years as a centre director. In addition to her experience in the field she has been the principal of a local dance school for 13 years teaching children between the ages of 2 and 21.

Tara is a big believer that children hold a very important role within our community and that their interests, skills and needs should be nurtured, expressed and encouraged. Tara is very excited to join Sherpa Kids and hopes that she can share her enthusiasm and passion for the care of children with all the parents and develop partnerships with all the families.

Tara is at the school hall every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. She will also be there during Vacation Care. Tara is looking forward to meeting all the children and parents.

Our most popular Educator is Courtney Shipley. Most parents who have visited us in the school hall have met Courtney. She is has a Diploma of Children’s Services. Courtney loves cooking for the children. Her specialties are Spaghetti Bolognese and Sushi rolls. In fact, most of our children love making sushi rolls. On top of that, she loves taking the children outdoor to run around and play sports.

Last but not least, we have Sydney Ma. Sydney has been on maternity leave since the beginning of this term. She now has a little boy and a little girl. She will return to Sherpa Kids on a part time basis beginning from vacation care.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about any of our staff, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0403 018 038.

We look forward to meeting all the parents. Please come and visit us in the school hall!

Warm regards,

Jonas
Leura Public School P&C’s NEXT MEETING INCLUDES OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - April 2015

All positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and nominations are needed for all Executive Positions:

- President
- Vice President (x2)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Publicity Officer
- Fundraising Coordinator

A number of these positions are already vacant and some position holders would love to hand over to someone new so don’t be shy – if you think you might be interested in any of the above, contact current President Di Kippo for more information: lpspc.president@gmail.com

Canteen reopens 1st Friday of Term 2

The canteen will be open on Fridays for recess and lunch, offering a range of sandwiches and wraps as well as a variety of hot food, home-made baked goods and more.

For a copy of the menu and ordering details, please see our website www.leurapandc.weebly.com.

*Volunteers are needed to make this successful.*

If you can spare a couple of hours to help serve in the canteen once a week, once a month or even just once a term between either 10am - 12pm or 12pm - 2pm on a Friday, please email Kim Craddock at lpspc.leuracanteen@gmail.com.

If you want to help but can’t make it in, you can help with the home-made baked goodies – recipes can be supplied.

Thank You! Thank You!

To everyone who helped out at the Election Day BBQ on Saturday March 28. Together we raised over $900. A fantastic effort to add to P&C fundraising in 2015. Special mention to our Grumpy Old G.A. & Ken Stockbridge who were on hand from start to finish & ensured everything ran smoothly.

SWAMPCARE

Our next session is Thursday, 23 April 2015

We meet at the back fence at 1.30pm and are back by 3.00pm.

To RSVP or for further information please contact Lisa Scott-Smith on 0414 642 512 or lisa.scottsmith@gmail.com

More information on the Swampcare Group and further dates for 2015 can be found at www.leurapandc.weebly.com

Happy Easter!

Leura First Sunday Markets
Sunday April 5
9am – 2pm
Stalls * Face Painting * Live Music
* 11am Easter Egg Hunt *
Enquiries please contact Di 0433 031 563
leura-markets@gmail.com

Don’t forgets
Cookbook recipes need to be in by Week 1 Term 2!