ANZAC DAY MARCH

Our school leaders at the Anzac Day March in Katoomba Street.

Coming Events

Week 2
1/5 - Soccer Gala Day - U11's and U12's
1/5 - Auskick Program Commences K-2
1/5 - P&C Annual General Meeting - 1:30pm

Week 3
8/5 - Soccer Gala Day - U9's and U10's
8/5 - Stewart House Envelopes due

Week 4
12/4 - 14/4 - Naplan Testing
15/4 - District Cross Country

Week 5 - Book Week
18/5 - Back-up day for Cross Country
19/5 - Book Parade
20/5 - Principal's Assembly - 2:00pm
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what will be a fast and action-packed Term 2! A special welcome to our newly enrolled children across the school. I hope everyone had a fun and restful holiday break as I did.

Thank you to Mr van Gemert and Ken for taking care of our school so well during the holidays.

NAPLAN
We will be holding our 2015 NAPLAN assessments in line with all schools across Australia in May on:
Tuesday 12th (Language Conventions and Writing)
Wednesday 13th (Reading)
Thursday 14th (Numeracy)
Students in Years 3 and 5 are doing a sensible amount of preparation in these weeks prior to these assessments and our hope is that children take the tests in their stride without too much fuss and worry.

ANZAC Day and the local Lone Pine ANZAC commemoration
My thanks to our Student Leaders Grace, Seb, Oliver, Kanayla, Kaleigh and Tom and all other students who proudly represented our school at these two separate commemorations over recent weekends. I felt most proud of our students and their wonderful participation. We had a large turn out of families and this was lovely to see amongst other schools in the upper mountains.
Thank you to Mrs Colton and Mr Atkinson for their part in arranging our school commemoration held on Monday this week.

Canteen
Thank you to everyone for the fabulous support you are giving our canteen. We will have this worthwhile service for our school community growing in no time I can see!

The Term ahead...
This Term we will be involved in many activities, some of which will be:
- Soccer Gala days
- Leura Public School Book Fair and Parade
- Senior Debating
- Handball Competition
- Nepean Dance Festival auditions

Here’s to another great term in anticipation of all the action here at Leura Public School.

Ms Anne Bahnisch
Principal
**STEWART HOUSE**

Stewart House envelopes were handed out to the children last week regarding their donation drive for 2015. Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year. To be in the running for a $4,000 holiday, all envelopes must be returned to the office no later than Friday, 8th May.

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**ANZAC DAY - A big thank you**

Leura School was extremely well presented at this year's Anzac March and wreath laying ceremony in Katoomba. Seb, Grace, Oliver, Kanayla, Tom and Kaleigh led our students in the march. School captains, Seb and Grace, laid a wreath on our behalf and then Seb went on to the service at Katoomba Public School. As our school representative he was seated on the stage and he read a prayer in front of a large audience.

Mrs Aldred, Mrs Jinks, Ms Weir, Mrs Fendall and Ms Bahnisch supported our children at the Anzac Centenary March and wreath laying ceremony.

Thank you to our school leadership team and the following children: Theo, Iggy, Jack, Aiden, Mali, Jett, Jai, Megan, Ben, Nate, Huw, Cody, Ella, Belle, Evie, Coco, Tegan, Ivy, Annabella, Nate, Kayle, Zoe, Jules, Gabriel, Harry Lucy, Bayley, Caitlyn, Lauren, Sienna, Lucy, Lily and Ruben.

Thank you to the children's families for their support on the day.

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**2016 OPPORTUNITY CLASS APPLICATIONS**

Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2015 are now open. Applications are online only. There are no paper applications. The Opportunity Class application website is at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

Please note: Parents must submit the application by 15 May. The Department will not accept late applications.

We have a few printed application information booklets available from the office.

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22 July 2015.
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES
As previously mentioned, concerns have been raised at the number of cars parking in the drop off zone at the school. Please note the increased penalties for parking illegally. Council Rangers will be patrolling the area randomly during the term.

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES
Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2014

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<td>Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.</td>
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<td>Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.</td>
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<td>DOUBLE PARKING You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.</td>
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- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $311 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: $415 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $173 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: $519

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 28 June 2015. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.

SCHOOLBIZ TIPS
Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

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”!

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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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<td>Student Medical Details &amp; Emergency Contacts Form 3-6</td>
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<td>AFL Auskick Program - K-2</td>
<td>$27.50</td>
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** Original note said payment and permission slips due 6th June
Dear Parents,

I would first like to thank you all for your support in welcoming me to Sherpa. So far I have had a wonderful time getting to know the children and introducing new families to the fun at after school and vacation care.

Our recent vacation care was a particularly exciting time with many interesting activities. One day that was a highlight was ‘Science Day’. During this day we explored many science experiments including making a balloon inflator with a plastic bottle, vinegar and bicarb soda. The children were very inquisitive with this experiment and soon had their minds ticking for more possibilities with the given ingredients. It got messy but very fun!

Term 2 for Sherpa Kids, Laura will continue to see positive changes as we strive for the very best care possible for your children. We are dedicated to providing quality care to the families of Laura Public School and one change to conquer this is the recent addition of 2 new staff members, Chelsea Kael and Jasmine Howlett. Both teachers are qualified, experienced and eager to further their learning and be mentored in out of school hours care. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them and supporting them in their Sherpa journey.

If you would like any information on enrolling your child with us, or would just like to have a chat, please do not hesitate to call me any time on 0446 731 966. I am also still contactable anytime via penrith@sherpa-kids.com.au

Alternatively you can pop into the school hall any afternoon for a visit!

Warm regards,

Jena
Leura Public School P&C's next meeting includes our Annual General Meeting
1.30pm Friday 1st May 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 positions contact current President Di Kipp for more information: lpspc.president@gmail.com

The Canteen is open

Just a reminder that the school canteen is up and running every Friday.
* Hot food lunch orders need to be in the office by 3pm Wednesday.
* All other lunch orders can be dropped off at the office until 9.15 Friday mornings.

Please place all lunch orders in a brown paper bag - if you don't have one you can buy one from the canteen.

We aim to provide our children with healthy and tasty food.

Volunteers are always necessary to keep the canteen up and running so if you can spare an hour or so once a term or simply bake some cupcakes for the canteen it would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help please contact Kim Craddock at lpspc.leuracanteen@gmail.com

Find of the menu are at: www.leurapande.weebly.com

Congratulations School Bankers

An excellent effort last term with a record number of deposits – fantastic!

Remember to keep on banking to redeem your tokens for your prizes. This term you can get Invisible Martian Pens and a Rocket Football.

And don’t forget about that grand prize! Make 25 deposits over the school year and you will automatically go into the draw to win a family trip to DISNEYLAND!

So keep on banking Leura Public School!

*NEW BANKING COORDINATOR NEEDED*

We are currently looking for a new school banking coordinator (or two). It will only take a couple of hours every Thursday morning at the school and you will be given training. If anyone is interested please contact Di Kipp, P&C President at lpspc.president@gmail.com

Fundraising

Easter Bake Sale: A big thanks to our K-2 families (and others) for providing the many yummy treats for our bake sale. It was a huge success, raising more than $700 for the school. Special thanks to all those who helped with the stall including Keris, Kelle, Kirstie, Belinda, Vikki, Tatum, Rebecca and everyone else who gave some of their time.

Mothers Day Stall: Our Stage 2 families are running the Mothers Day Stall on Thurs 7th May. Gifts will be priced from $2 to $7. A note will be sent home with children this week.

Mother's Day Hamper Raffle:
Leura First Sunday Markets, this Sunday May 3
9am – 2pm
Market Stalls * Live Music
* Great KIDS Stalls * Face Painting
Crafts, Jumping Castle *
special appearance by ‘Anna’ from Frozen
Enquiries please contact Di 0432 021 883
leura-markets@hotmail.com

Happy Mother's Day!

SWAMP Care
Our next session is
Thursday 21st May 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 the P&C website:
www.leurapande.weebly.com