MUSIC CAMP

On 28th April, 2015 three Leura School students departed on a 4 day music camp in Kurrajong. The camp consisted of roughly 100 students from the western Sydney area. The students ranged from Year 5 to Year 12. The children from Leura were Tegan, Mali and myself, Tom.

The people there were split into 4 groups, the string ensemble, the vocal ensemble, the jazz band and the concert band. We performed on the last day of the music camp. The performance had a great turnout and we all had lots of fun. I think the music camp was very influential for us and improved our musical abilities greatly.

I would like to thank all the parents, staff and tutors and Mrs Mann for giving Mali, Tegan and I this incredible experience that we were lucky enough to have.

Tom, 5/6A
Dear Parents,

We have had many events occur in these past few weeks at our fabulous school. I have felt proud of the work being done here by our great staff and community when attending meetings with other schools. It is indeed a privilege to work in a school where so many contributions are made towards creating the best learning environment for our students.

You can find out more about our work ahead in this week’s Newsletter.

**NAPLAN this week**

Congratulations to all our Year 3 and 5 students for their approach to this year’s assessment days. The children sat calmly throughout their test experience. Thank you to our parents and teachers for their support and preparation of our Year 3 and 5 children for this year’s assessment.

**Book Fair and Parade**

Thank you to Mrs Colton for her work towards planning a fun week, next week in celebration of reading and literature. Our annual Book Fair and Parade will be centred on the theme of ‘Your favourite book character’. I have seen some amazing results from Leura School’s community when it comes to dressing up in a theme, so I am looking forward to this coming week, especially the Parade on Tuesday.

**SRC on the starting blocks**

On Friday 22nd May I will be conducting our first SRC meeting for this year. I am keen to work with our representatives in a new way. I aim to focus our conversations on the school’s learning priorities and how we can best support our students to achieve their potential. More to come on what I know will be an interesting journey.

**Still to come this …**

This Term we will be involved in many activities, some of which will be:

- Leura Public School Book Fair and Parade
- Senior Debating
- Handball Competition
- Nepean Dance Festival auditions
- Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival – Stage 1 children this year
- ‘Tour de Cure’

Ms Anne Bahnisch
Principal
STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2015
Bags for the Stewart House Clothing Appeal for 2015 will be sent home tomorrow with the children. It would be appreciated if all bags could be returned to school no later than Thursday, 4th June. They can be left outside Ms McMahon's classroom.

SCHOOLBIZ
Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: [http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au](http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au)

Is your child making friends at school?

Mastering spelling
BOOK FAIR IS NEXT WEEK!

When: Monday – Wednesday in the library

Highlight: Book Parade.
Tuesday (19th May)
In the hall at 11.15am

May is National Family Reading Month!

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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SOCCER GALA DAYS
On Friday, 1st and Friday, 8th May the much anticipated and hotly contested Soccer Gala days were held at Katoomba Leisure Centre. Leura Public School was strongly represented by 13 teams who braved the icy mornings to be ready to play by 7:45! All the teams should be commended on their behaviour.

Leura Public School had a very successful meet. The 10 yr boys won their age division in a nail-biting penalty shoot out. The 10 yr girls, showing great determination also won their age division. The 11 yr boys and 9 yr boys came third, narrowly missing out on the final. The 11 yr girls surprised even themselves, earning a valiant second place. The 12 yr boys have been undefeated for an impressive four years heading into this gala day and desperately wanted to conclude their last gala day in the same fashion..... which they did, winning 2-0 in the final. Aaron, Aiden, Megan and Lucy were all awarded Player of the Tournament. Well done to all competitors.

A huge thank you is extended to the parents who managed teams of excitable children; Vikki, Danni, Janine, Leilani, Laura and Nikki. Finally, a very special thank you to Ollie, Aiden, Alex, Nate and Seb for giving up most of their available lunchtimes to train and manage the other teams. They were brilliant!

Mrs Aldred
Dear Parents,

What a busy few weeks it’s been at Sherpa Kids!

Not only have our existing families enjoyed getting back into our morning and afternoon activities, we have also had many new families join the fun at Sherpa Kids Leura this term.

For both groups the rage the last couple of weeks has been cubby house building. We have seen an amazing display of creativity and skills from all our children using many different resources and furniture to create and build their own little sanctuaries. While a lot of thought went into the building process many children focused greatly on the design feel of the inside, making it nice and cosy with lots of pillows. These interests were then extended for many weeks with cubby house challenges, both inside and out, and even alliances being made between groups in an all out cubby house war!

Over the next couple of weeks we will be exploring all things literacy to celebrate and embrace May as national family reading month.

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 0468 731 966. Jones is also contactable via penrith@sherpa-kids.com.au

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

Warm regards

Tara
Welcome & Congratulations! to the new
Leura Public School P&C Executive Committee

President: Di Kipp
lpspc.president@gmail.com
Vice President #: Vikki Wilmott-Sharpe
lpspc.president@gmail.com
Vice President #: Cara McDonald
lpspc.president@gmail.com
Secretary: Rebecca Williams
lpspc.secretary@gmail.com
Treasurer: Alison Tuck-Lee
lpspc.secretary@gmail.com
Publicity Officer: Belinda Ottmann
lpspc.publicity@gmail.com

Fundraising Coordinator/s: VACANT
* Please let us know if you are interested in the
Fundraising Coordinator position.
* The above positions were filled at our recent AGM,
BUT we still need you! There are lots of different ways
you can be involved so come along to a meeting
or chat with one of our friendly members to find out
how! *

FUNDRAISING
The Mother’s Day stall
was a huge hit once again.
The children loved shopping
and spending their money
on something special for mum.
We had a good range of hand-made
items thanks to Vikki, Kim, Angela and
Lyn. All of these items were hugely
popular so we hope to get more hand-
made items next year!
Special thanks to the following mums
who helped run the stall: Kellie,
Angela, Belinda, Kirstie, Beck and
Dindy who really was the most amazing
salesperson. The stall raised around
$600 for the school.
These events don’t happen without
volunteers from the school community.
So if you have an idea for a future
fundraising event that you would also
like to help co-ordinate, please
contact the P&C at
lpspc.fundraising@gmail.com.

BANKING COORDINATOR/S
NEEDED*
We are still seeking volunteers to be
our new school banking
coordinator/s. 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

Leura First Sunday Markets
next markets:
Sunday June 7
After a wash-out in May let’s make this next
market a great one! It’s the long weekend so a
perfect time to shop amongst our wonderful
unique stalls –
& support your school!
Don’t forget that Leura school families can set
up a stall too & join in the fun: student stalls
free, parents only $15. Bookings essential.
Contact Markets Manager:
Di 0432 021 863
leura-markets@hotmail.com

SWAMP CARE
Our next session is
Thursday 18th June
2015
We meet at the back fence at 1.00pm 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.leurapandc.weebly.com

Have you been receiving our emails?
If you haven’t been receiving P&C emails, register now at
www.leurapandc.weebly.com or email your name, your
child’s name and class to lpspc.publicity@gmail.com