TOUR DE CURE FUNDRAISER

On a glorious June Thursday, Leura Public School students showed how much they cared about those less fortunate when they brought in mountains of gold coins for the charity ‘Tour De Cure’. Students rode scooters and bikes to school and wore yellow and red to raise awareness of the brilliant work undertaken by Tour De Cure, not only supporting people with cancer but also funding research into the disease. Stage 3 students selected this charity for the school to support as it has made a number of breakthroughs into the disease. The House Captains and Student Leaders supported each class, as they journeyed to the hard court, showing them on which line to place their money.

It was a pleasure to witness students bringing in pocket money or busking money they had saved and laying coins along the various coloured lines. In a very close finish, ($1.35 between 1st and 4th) Waratah were declared winners, receiving 10 minutes of extra playtime, supervised by Ms Bahnisch. A total of $595.05 was raised! Well done to the Leura community.

D. Aldred

Coming Events

Week 9
15/6 - ICAS Writing
16/6 - ICAS Spelling
18/6 - Stage 1 Excursion to Museum of Fire

Week 10
23/6 - Principal's Assembly
2pm
23/6 - Debating at LPS
24/6 - Parent Teacher interviews
25/6 - Recorder Cluster Rehearsal
26/6 - Last day of term - PBL day of “Respect” (wear yellow)

Term 3
Week 1
13/7 - Staff development day
14/7 - Students return
Dear Parents,
Thank you for taking the time to read our Newsletter this week.

Leura Public School Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017
Just a reminder to all parents that our next School Development Day will be spent looking at and understanding our new draft of the School Plan.
There are 3 main areas of focus for our plan. They are:
- Student wellbeing
- Contemporary education and
- Learning about how we learn

We will be spending a considerable amount of time in the rest of 2015 devising action plans to support our plan, whilst we evolve it as a document to best reflect our whole school community’s values and vision.
Please take the time to read it and I welcome your feedback on it. You can write feedback to our school’s email address at leura-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Our School Development Day to be held on the first day of Term 3, Monday 13th July, will be largely dedicated to working on this document. If you as a parent would like to join us for the morning session on this day, please contact me using the above email address.

Late arrival to school and extra early arrivers
Please note that all NSW DEC schools are required, by law, to keep accurate attendance records on all enrolled students. This data is also required to capture late arrival to and early leaving from school.

A number of students are arriving late to school regularly and I appeal to those parents to please add time in the morning routine to ensure children arrive on time to school. Consistent lateness is monitored and contact can be made personally to families that send children to school late on a regular basis.

Further, children have a more successful morning of learning if they arrive on time and are settled, ready for the school day, by being here at school well before the bell to go into class sound.

Another matter of concern that has been raised with me is the small number of children who arrive very early in the mornings, well before supervision commences at Leura Public School.

This is a great concern for the school and I ask that children arriving at school before 8.40am be placed in the care of the before school care, Sherpa Kids. This will be monitored to ensure children are not unsupervised for extended periods before school.

I thank parents for their support in these important school matters.

2016 Enrolments – another reminder
We are about to commence a series of school tours and brochure drops to local preschools so please let us know if you have a new enrolment for next year. We are aiming to increase our enrolments by ensuring we have all children enrolled that are within our school’s area. If you know of a family that will start at LPS next year, please pass this Newsletter on to them so they can come in and fill in an Enrolment Form.

Thank you to teachers who have spent recent weeks writing reports for our students. I encourage all parents to attend the up-coming interviews on offer to hear about their child/ren from our professional team of educators.

Ms Anne Bahnisch
Principal
YEAR 6 BBQ FUNDRAISING
Alongside the handball competitions, run by year 6, the students had the opportunity to feast on sausage sizzles, slurp juice poppers and devour ice blocks, which they did in abundance, making this a very successful venture. Year 6 will truly have a farewell worth remembering. We would all like to say a huge thank you to the Leura school community who supported this fundraiser. It definitely exceeded our expectations. A massive thank you is extended to the parent helpers who made this event possible. These hardworking people behind the scenes were: Vikki, Nick, Mary, Ken, Sarah, Sharan, Anna, Lisa and Justin.

D. Aldred, S. Atkinson and Year 6.

HANDBALL COMPETITIONS
The last 3 Thursdays, the handball competitions were held at lunchtimes. We could not believe the sun shone proudly on each of these days. The first Thursday, saw year 3 compete with the new official handball rules, the 2nd Thursday, sports crazed year 4 tried their skills on the handball courts and on the final Thursday, our class mates, year 5 competed. All competitors were very well behaved and there were no reported arguments with the umpires. A special mention goes to Scout, Henry, Belle, Tyler, Megan and Sachin for winning their competitions. Thank you very much to the rest of year 6 who eagerly and very capably managed this event as lines people, ball people and messengers. Mrs Aldred kept raving about how great you all were. We all had a great time and learnt a lot as umpires.

The Student Leaders
Grace, Seb, Kanayla, Ollie, Kaleigh and Tom.

YELLOW ALERT
Friday, 26th June is our PBL Values Day for the term. We will be acknowledging "Respect" as one of our core values. Children are invited to wear yellow and have a great last day of term.

M McMahon
DEBATING
On Tuesday, 2nd June, Leura Public School hosted the 2nd round of the Premier Debating Competition. The Mt Riverview ‘A’ team travelled to Leura to debate that computer games should be banned for school children. Leura students were arguing for the negative, adamantly declaring computer games should NOT be banned. In an evenly matched debate, that had the audience guessing who would be victorious until the very end, Leura Public School was awarded the win!! Congratulations to Hannah, (1st speaker) Ollie, (2nd speaker) Tom, (3rd speaker) and Kaleigh, (team advisor). Leura Public School will again be hosting the next debate in week 10 against Minchinbury Public School. Good luck to Kaleigh, Tom, Nate and Hannah, who will represent Leura School in that debate.

BOOK FAIR AND BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Recently we held a very successful book fair. Thanks to the support of our students and their wonderful families we have raised just over $2013 in books for our school library. Amazingly, this was over $300 more than last year.

We also celebrated an early book week with a fantastic Book Character parade. The children and staff had great fun. A big thank you for the wonderful effort put in by the students and their families.

Special thanks to Rachel Miller and Leanne Smith who gave up their own time to help with the fair.

E. Colton, Teacher/Librarian

NOTE: A silver horseshoe-shaped bangle was lost on the Book Parade day. If found please hand into the office.

Community Announcements:
Play Softball – Registration 12th and 19th July, 10am to 1pm Lomatia Park, Springwood. For more info phone 0477 459 560

“Fire Stories - a Lesson in Time” - to do an online survey - go to www.firesurvey1.com if you saw the film at a cinema or www.firestory2.com if you saw the film on YouTube or DVD

Help for Nepal - screening “Everest Sea to Summit”, 7pm, June 24, at Mt. Vic Flicks. Tickets $15, $5 cons. All ticket sales and donations will help with the reconstruction of Himaganga School and village.
FIRE ENGINE VISIT
Last Monday, Kindergarten was lucky enough to have a special visit from two local fire fighters. The afternoon commenced with a safety talk and demonstrations in the kindergarten classrooms. Students learnt about the protective clothing that fire fighters wear and when to stop drop and roll. We then ventured outside to explore the fire truck. The students were shown the different equipment on the truck and were able to make the steep climb into the cabin to have their photo taken. The visit ended on a high when the students all had a turn of spraying the very powerful fire hose. The visit was extremely fun and educational and we are very grateful to the local fire fighters who gave up their time.
C Cooke, Teacher

SCHOOLBIZ
Parent-teacher interviews
Parent teacher interviews coming up. Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.
Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

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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Dear Parents,

Winter has arrived at Sherpa kids with a winter craft extravaganza!

Everyone has been hard at work creating our very own winter wonderland making snowmen, snow globes, snowflakes, and our winter group collage.

With only 2 weeks until school holidays bookings are being taken for our action packed vacation care. Sherpa kids Leura will be open every day of the school holidays as well as the staff development day on Monday 13th July. Our operating hours are 7am – 6pm. More seek peaks of the program for you! Pizza party disco, Magic Craig's Magic Show, and get ready to show us your special expertise with our very own talent quest!

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 leurasherpakids@gmail.com

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

Warm regards

Tara
Leura Public School P&C’s
Evening meeting

The P&C is considering holding a future meeting in the evening to ensure that more school families have a chance to attend.

We’d love your feedback on this idea, so if you have any thoughts on an appropriate time or day of the week, please email us at 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

New Canteen menu for
Term 3 coming soon

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

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

P&C fundraising vacancies

Can you help out with coordinating fundraising activities?

We’d love to share the load and have a number of coordinators across the various Stages working with the P&C and the School.

If you are interested, please contact Di Kipp, P&C President at lpspc.president@gmail.com

**SCHOOL BANKING COORDINATOR**

We are still seeking another volunteer to help out with the School Banking.
It will only take 1-2 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

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

Don’t forget if you volunteer at school you need to fill in a ‘Working with Children’ 100 points check at the school office.

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

Our mailing list allows us to communicate with families quickly (via email) on all of our initiatives, including fundraising events, services and meeting dates.
Blue Mountains Water Skink Evening Talk

Wednesday, 17 June @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Come along and hear about the latests research for the Blue Mountains Water Skink.

PhD candidate, Sarsha Gorissen of the University of Sydney, is towards the end of her research project that aims to uncover more about the ecology and conservation biology of the iconic and endangered Blue Mountains Water Skink. This lizard is known worldwide only from the Blue Mountains and Newnes Plateau areas, so your backyard. Its image is featured locally on urban design, and it is the only endemic vertebrate to the Blue Mountains. It is known only from the highland, peat swamps of the area, which are also endangered, and which many Bushcare volunteers have worked in. Her project focuses on the the impacts of fire and groundwater loss on urban and bush populations of the lizard.

Conserving the fauna of highland swamps. The Blue Mountains Water Skink (*Eulamprus leuraensis*) is found only within the endangered highland swamps of the Blue Mountains and the adjacent Newnes Plateau. This endangered lizard is restricted to about 40 isolated swamps, most of them small, fragmented and close to urban areas. This unique habitat type is threatened by processes acting on a local scale (e.g., urbanisation, weed invasion, introduced animals, forestry and mining) as well as on a landscape scale (e.g., changes in climate and fire regimes). In particular, the effects of changes in fire and hydric regimes on *E. leuraensis* remain unknown. A research project on a landscape scale, requiring volunteer assistance – the end result being guidelines for more effective management and conservation of this highly distinctive, highly threatened system.

As Bushcare Volunteers working in these swamps it will be interesting to see if there is anything we can do to help.

A light supper will be supplied please book in with the Bushcare Office 4780 5528 or bushcare@bmcc.nsw.gov.au