DEBATING NEWS

On Friday, 22nd May, Leura Public school debating team travelled to Hazelbrook Public School to compete in the first round of the Premier Debating Competition. This is the first year Leura Public School has entered the competition. The children were only given the topic 1 hour before the debate and then were in lockdown, (with no adult assistance) to prepare for the debate. The topic selected was “homework should be banned.” A toss of the coin determined we were the negative. A little under half an hour saw the Leura Public School Lasers victorious over the Hazelbrook Hazelnuts.

Congratulations to the team, consisting of Grace (1st speaker), Ollie (2nd speaker), Seb (3rd speaker) and Mali (Team Adviser). The 2nd round of debates will be against Mt Riverview Public School. Good luck to Hannah, Nate, Tom and Kaleigh who will represent Leura Public School in that debate.

Mrs Aldred
Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Newsletter this week.

**Leura Public School Strategic Plan 2015 - 2017**

All Public Schools across NSW have undergone a new process for planning and publishing their school plans. This week we have published our draft Strategic Plan on our website. The plan takes into account the large number of reforms that are currently underway within the large system we belong to. The reforms represent the largest reform agenda ever undertaken in NSW DEC history.

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.

**Book Fair and Parade**

Thank you to Mrs Colton for her work in holding the annual Book Fair and parade over the past week. Thank you also to the many children and families that supported our book fair, by purchasing books and other materials to help raise funds for our school library and for putting so much effort into costumes on the day! I love the way Leura Public School families get stuck into our fun days. It is wonderful to see such fantastic support for our great school!

**2016 Enrolments**

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 our hard working parent and community volunteers who have been so involved in the recent weeks, achieving fantastic things for our school. We wouldn't be able to do what we do or have what we have, without this participation. From Swamp Care to grant application writing to welding beautiful wings for a dragonfly to gardening to “sausage sizzling”, I have noticed your work and thank you sincerely.

Ms Anne Bahnisch
Principal
DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
The annual district cross country carnival was held on a sublime autumn day on Friday, 15th May. Forty-eight competitors represented Leura Public School by courageously running around Blackheath Pool Park, for either 2km or 3km depending on the age group. Behaviour and sportsmanship as always, was excellent. Congratulations to Caitlyn, Jett, Jordan, Kaleigh and Kanayla who will now represent our district in the area competition on June 10th. As well as individual successes we also had team success. The 10 year boys team came 1st, the 10 year girls team came 2nd and the 12 year boys team also came 2nd. Leura Public School placed 3rd overall. A fine effort!

Mrs Aldred

CORE VALUES – Term 2, Week 5

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STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL
Just a reminder ... Stewart House clothing appeal bags due back at school by Thursday, 4th June.

The bags can be left outside the 3/4M classroom up until this date.
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016
We are now taking enrolments for 2016. If your child turns 5 before 31st July, 2016, he/she is eligible to commence school. Please contact the school office if you would like an enrolment form.

CHILD PROTECTION – WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
For volunteers who assist at our school, the Department of Education requires that they complete a declaration for working with children. This has to be renewed each year. Forms are available from your class teacher or the school office. Please return completed forms to the office.

Transporting Children: If asked to transport children to an activity using a private motor vehicle, volunteers are required to present their current driver’s license and registration papers to the office so a copy can be kept on file.

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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Community Announcements:
Penrith Symphony Orchestra - “Peter & The Wolf”, Q Theatre, 11am, Sunday, 14th June. For bookings ph. 4723 7600 or go to www.thejoan.com.au

Springwood Aquatic Centre – has registered to be a part of the world wide World’s Largest Swimming Lesson Guinness World Record attempts – 18th June at 10am. For more info contact Julie Coburn at the Centre on 4723 5111


Gateway Family Services – Circle of Security for Dads. Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre, Tuesday evenings 19th May to 23rd June, 7pm to 8.30pm. Cost: gold coin donation. Ph: 4782 5326 or 1300 316 746

Gateway Family Services – “Raising Resilient Young People, Building an Optimistic Mindset for Life”. Blaxland High School, 2nd June from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. For bookings call ENRICH on 4782 5326 or email resilience@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au
Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful 2 weeks at Sherpa with some amazing creativity and imagination being displayed.

- With May being national family reading month we explored many of the children’s favourite books and stories with group reading time and acting out our favourite parts on the stage. The children had lots of fun designing sets and costumes and even came up with alternate endings to the stories. This then lead to us all contributing to our own original Sherpa make-believe story!

Cooking with Courtney is a weekly activity that is becoming one of the highlights in our program. Last week it was gingerbread men with some creative decorating ideas.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be embracing the cold and celebrating winter with lots of wintery crafts and activities.

As we head into week 7 we are at full steam organising an action packed vacation care program. A little peak for you…………………… my kitchen rules day, t-shirt making, and excursions!

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
Leura Public School P&C's next meeting

**Thursday 11th June 2015**
**1.30pm in the Staffroom**

Everyone’s welcome - hope to see you there!

For copies of previous minutes and reports, or the draft agenda please see the meetings tab at www.leurapandc.weebly.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

Evening P&C Meeting being considered

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

Coming up soon …

**Leura First Sunday Markets**

next markets

**Sunday June 7**

It’s the long weekend so a perfect time to shop amongst our wonderful unique stalls - & support your school!  There’s always something new to discover each month.

Come along & check out the new ‘Kids Zone’:

Crafts, Face Painting & Jumping Castle

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

**SCHOOL BANKING COORDINATOR**

Welcome to Amy Stewart who has taken on the role of school banking coordinator this term.  We still need more volunteers who can share the role so if you would like to learn more (training will be given) please contact Di Kipp, P&C President, at lpspc.president@gmail.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.

**SWAMPCARE**

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

Support our Canteen

The school canteen is open every Friday.

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

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.