SNOW DAY – FRIDAY, 17TH JULY 2015

Coming Events

**Week 3** – Education Week
28/7 – Open Day for Education Week
28/7 – ICAS English

**Week 4**
4/8 – Banksia Concert – Recorder
6/8 – Mimosa Concert – Strings

**Week 5**
10/8 – Oz Opera – Cinderella
10/8 – Choral Choir Rehearsal
11/8 – ICAS Maths
13/8 – Premier’s Spelling Bee

**Week 6**
17/8 – Life Education commences
Dear Parents,

Welcome to another busy Term. Our teachers have been so impressed by the joy and enthusiasm children have shown in returning to school this Term. What a fabulous, positive start for everyone!

Welcome also to our guest Principal, Ms Marina Saulig, who is visiting on exchange from Ottawa, Canada, for 10 days. Marina has a wealth of experience and is thoroughly enjoying our students and their beautiful manners and excellent schoolwork. I am very proud that we have impressed our visitor, no end!

School Development Day
I sincerely thank our committed teachers for their work and participation on our recent School Development Day. We investigated the detail in our new School Plan, by looking into the NSW Department of Education reform policies and their impact on the work we have ahead of us for the students at Leura Public School.

We were joined by P&C President, Ms Di Kipp, who participated in our group work throughout the morning session. Thank you Di for taking the time to attend our sessions. Your presence and participation made a significant impact on the success of our day.

My thanks also to our outstanding Canteen Coordinator, Ms Kim Craddock, who catered for our day with absolutely delicious and fresh hot food, which helped to give our staff a sense of being appreciated and valued.

Athletics Carnival today
All students from 8 Year olds to Year 6, participated in our LPS Athletics Carnival today. I am proud that the day had a fun and inclusive atmosphere. Thank you to all students for the sportsmanship shown today.

Thanks also to our P&C for their support in providing some refreshments for the day. A big thank you to Mr Atkinson for coordinating a successful Athletics Carnival.

Welcome Ms Gail Sunderland - School Counsellor
As announced in our last Newsletter, Mr James Anderson is taking leave, pending retirement. Our newly appointed Counsellor is the highly experienced Ms Gail Sunderland. Gail can be contacted through our school's office on 4784 1251. Welcome Ms Sunderland.

Evening P&C meeting - yesterday
Last night we held an evening P&C meeting and welcomed many people. Thank you to all parents who attended our catered meeting and thank you to Kim Craddock again for the delicious hot snacks.

Congratulations to our President, Di Kipp and P&C on an excellent meeting. The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 20th August at 7pm in our staffroom. Please let the P&C know if you would like to attend.

Ms Anne Bahnisch
Principal
REMINDER ....
When sending in money (and permission slips) please put in an envelope, clearly marked with child’s name, class and what the payment is for. This would be greatly appreciated.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday, 15th July to Tuesday, 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker onto a sticker sheet and when it is complete, the sticker sheet can be dropped into the collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new resources. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students - including resources for maths, English, science and some fantastic fun supplies for arts and crafts, sport and for library. If you would like to know more, visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE
Yes! It's on again. The Premier's Spelling Bee competition will be held on Thursday, 13th August, 2015. Please visit the Premier's Spelling Bee official website @ http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2015-premiers-spelling-bee for additional information and to review this year's word lists. The password for the lists is robot.

ATTENTION ALL COOKS !!

Testing of all recipes received for the Leura Public School Cook Book will be taking place shortly.

The P&C is looking for volunteers to actually cook the recipes from scratch to ensure the recipes are clear and concise.

Please contact the school office if you are interested.
CONGRATULATIONS
One of our Year 5 students, Sachin, has successfully been chosen in the first 15, U10’s Penrith District Rugby Union Squad. Congratulations on this wonderful news.

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:
Gateway Family Services - Circle of Security Parenting Group. Waratah Cottage, 27 Waratah Street, Katoomba – Mondays, 27th July to 7th September, 12 noon to 2pm. Gold coin donation. Registration 4782 5326 or email Eleanor on eleanorm@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Dear Parents,

Although term 3 has just begun the fun never stopped at Sherpa Kids!

Our recent vacation care was a particularly exciting time with many interesting activities. We went on a big adventure to the Edge cinema to see the ‘Minion’ movie and even had a visit from Magic Craig the very entertaining magician. One day that was a highlight was ‘Colour Day’. During this day it got messy but very colourful and fun! We made tie dyed t-shirts, experimented with colour mixing in bubbly soapy water, had a colour treasure hunt and made collage pictures from our findings, made coloured salt jars and even ate rainbow spaghetti!

A new fun aspect at Sherpa Kids this term will be ‘Mira’s joke of the week’. Mira is one of our wonderful children at Sherpa who always has a very funny and clever joke to share over afternoon tea, so we thought we would share it each week on our notice board. The popular ‘Cooking with Courtney’ will continue and we will also be starting a weekly science experiment with Chelsea. We will also be having an exciting ‘Bring a Friend Day’ so keep an eye out!

Term 3 for Sherpa Kids Leura 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 Leura Public School.

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 or email 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 evening meeting

7.00pm to 8.30pm
Thursday, 20 August 2015

We will be providing some light nibbles, so please let us know if you will attend – email 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

Thank you to all those families that have sent in recipes.

We are still accepting entries so please continue to send in any old or new favourites.

We are about to start testing, so also need volunteers to make these recipes at home.

If you are interested in testing some of our great entries or have a recipe to contribute please email: leuracookbookcommittee@outlook.com

**News & Info**

**What are we fundraising for?**

This year funds raised by the P&C contribute to:

- upgrading our canteen facilities
- expanding our vegetable gardens
- enhancing our children's access to technology

**How you can help?**

Would you like to help coordinate our Father's Day Stall? (Thurs, 3rd Sept)

Do you or anyone you know make handmade gifts that could be sold at our Father's Day Stall?

Would you like to help coordinate a Halloween Disco? (TBA Late October)

Are you or is anyone you know a DJ who would be willing to support our Disco?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, PLEASE contact us by email: lpspc.fundraising@gmail.com

**Vegetable Garden Volunteers needed**

While plans are progressing for our second vegetable garden, work has been underway on revitalising the current garden outside the hall.

A big thanks to local resident Carol Conway who has volunteered her time in helping to get the garden cleared and planted.

LPS parent Robert Coleman has been working with Carol, and has offered to coordinate a roster for a band of merry volunteers.

If you are interested in helping with the garden for an hour or so on a Friday afternoon weekly, monthly or even just once a term contact Robert by email: rochico@netspace.net.au

**SWAMPCARE**

Our next session is Thurs 20th August

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