PAPER PLANES COMPETITION

Last Friday on the 14th of August, K-6 students competed in an amazing paper plane competition. All students greeted this concept enthusiastically and before they knew it, the playground was a battlefield of paper planes flying everywhere.

Seven talented students from Leura Public School have been selected for throwing their planes at least the whopping distance of twelve metres. These students will now travel to Sydney to compete against other students from all over the state.

The competition itself is called the Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge, run by an organisation called the Science Teachers Association of New South Wales.

I would like to thank Mr Atkinson, Sarah Delaney and all of the teachers who helped the running of our participation in this competition.

By Tom, 5/6A

Coming Events

Week 6
20/8 – P&C Meeting - 7pm

Week 7
24/8 – Milo Cricket Gala Day
24/8 – Life Education - last day
25/8 – Nepean Dance Festival – Rehearsal & Matinee
26/8 to 28/8 – Stage 3 Camp
27/8 – K-2 Sports Day

Week 8
3/9 – Fathers’ Day Stall
4/9 – District Athletics Carnival Blacktown

Week 9
8/9 – UBMMF Choir Rehearsal – Katoomba Public School
8/9 – Operation Art Stage 1
8/9 – Woolworths Earn & Learn finishes
9/9 – Operation Art Stage 1
9/9 – Regional Athletics
9/9 – Basketball Gala Day
10/9 – Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
10/9 – Operation Art Stage 2
11/9 – Operation Art Stage 2
Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our LPS Debating Team
This year Leura Public School has decided to step up to participate in the Premier’s Debating Challenge, a statewide ‘knock-out’ style of competition.
I am extremely proud to praise the success of our student team who have become Zone Champions, winning over several rounds with several Blue Mountains schools.
Our fabulous team will now compete at the Western Sydney level and so on behalf of our whole school community I would like to wish them all the very best in their next level of debates. Go Leura! Thank you to Mrs Aldred for her coaching and leadership of our team.

Staffing and classes for 2016
This Term we are progressing our planning for the way we structure our classes in 2016. It is with this in mind that I ask our school community two important questions:
1. If you are intending to leave Leura Public School at the end of this year, please inform the office in writing, as soon as possible.
2. If you have any special circumstances that you would like considered when placing your child in a class for 2016, please write directly to me in a hard copy letter. Please understand that requests for a particular teacher will not be considered. Please forward your letter to me marked ‘confidential’ by the end of Week 9, 11th September.

Dance Stars
Thank you to Mrs Forrester, Ms Weir, Mrs Jinks and Mrs Cooke for the wonderful opportunity many of our students have had in participating in this year’s Nepean Dance Festival. It is a huge undertaking for staff, students and families who work hard during many hours including lunchtimes, to prepare for their performance.
Congratulations to all 78 students involved. This amounts to around a third of our school’s enrolment!
I look forward to being in the audience next week, to proudly watch our performers.

Late payments for excursions and events
We have been experiencing some timing and processing issues related to late payments for school events etc. It is with this in mind that a new practice for processing payments will begin when a cost is called for.
From next week, a closing date for payments will be clearly written on each note, so that the office is not processing any payments on the day of an event. Please respect that our office staff will be able to process payments made by the closing date, but cannot after the nominated closing date. The closing date also applies to on-line payments, noting that if on-line payments are made after the closing date, these too will not be processed.
If you are experiencing difficulty in making a payment by a given closing date, please contact me on 4784 1251.
Thank you for your anticipated support in making this important processing change.

Ms Anne Bahnisch
Principal
OZ OPERA - CINDERELLA

As everyone will be aware the performance of Cinderella was cancelled recently.

Cinderella will now go ahead on Tuesday, 6th October which will be the first day of Term 4.

DEBATING NEWS

On Friday, 7th August, Leura debaters travelled to Winmalee Public School to compete in the 5th round of the Premier’s Debating Competition. The topic for the debate was “Yr 5 and 6 children should be forced to do 1 hour of sport after school every day.” A toss of the coin determined that we were the affirmative. The students were in lockdown for 1 hour to prepare the debate and when the final argument had been argued and the final rebut had been retorted Leura Public Lasers were declared the winners. Congratulations to Mali, Seb, Nate and Grace for arguing with style and gusto.

Leura Public School are now the zone champions!

The next round of competition will be against Shelley Public School, with the losing team being eliminated and the winners being sent to the quarter finals. Good luck to Ollie, Seb, Tom and Grace who will be representing Leura Public School in that debate.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE - PLEASE READ

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

SICK LEAVE - REMINDER

The Department of Education has made changes to the Attendance Register Codes with regard to sick leave.

An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days from the first day of any absence. All absence explanations must be in writing. This can be actioned via an email to the school or a written note to the classroom teacher.

PRINCIPAL’S ART COMPETITION

Just a reminder ......

Entries for the 8th Annual Leura Public School Principal’s Art Competition must be received at the school office by Friday, 9th October (with the tear off slip from the original note).

This year’s theme is “Creatures Great & Small”. All entries must be of A3 size and may be a drawing, painting, collage or a mixture of these techniques. They must also represent the child’s own work.
FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Term 3 has been incredibly busy for music students at LPS, and it’s not over yet!

The Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival Stage 1 choir have rehearsed twice now with surrounding Mountains schools, achieving memorisation of 11 songs for their concerts in October. Tickets for the festival will be available before the end of term, so stay tuned!

Primary Proms choir is thoroughly ready for their concert at Sydney Town Hall, having enjoyed an excursion to their cluster rehearsal in Wentworth Falls earlier in the term.

Stage 3 choir also enjoyed a cluster rehearsal with Arts Unit musical staff. Finest singers from 6 local schools gathered in preparation for the Opera House concert next term. Good Luck choristers, in memorising your big-band repertoire!

The Festival of Instruments was a great success, with our largest number of participants yet! A lovely (but cold) day in Sydney lunching, rehearsing and then dining out at the Quay, was topped off with a stunning performance by the massed recorder and string ensembles in the spectacular Opera House. I was really proud of the behaviour and discipline shown by Leura students on the day, and particularly in the long lead-up to this huge event. Well done Seb, Hannah, Zoe, Ollie, Aiden, Megan, Mali, Elisabeth, Nate, Annabella and Alannah for your dedication to this challenging program! See you on stage for our end-of-year concert!

Music Dates!!

Sept. 8 UBMMF Rehearsal #3
September 15th Primary Proms at the Town Hall!
October 6th NEW DATE for CINDERELLA
Oct 12 - 14 UBMMF Performances
10 December End-of-year concert

AUDITIONS

Monday 31 August
UBMMF for accomplished soloists (all stages) wishing to perform an individual item at the UBMMF. Mrs Lanyon will visit school See Mrs Mann for NOW!

Wednesday 16th September
Students learning an instrument OUTSIDE of school (at another music school or with a private music teacher) should play their piece for Mrs Mann during lunchtime to try out for places in the end-of-year concert.
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.

REMINDER …
When sending in money (and permission slips) please put in an envelope, paper bag or plastic bag, clearly marked with child's name, class and what the payment is for.
This would be greatly appreciated.

OPERATION ART EXHIBITION
The following students' artwork will be on display at the Operation Art Exhibition at the Newington Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from 5th September to 25th October - Emily in 1W, Gabriel in 2F, Annabella in 3/4M and Sukey in 5/6A. Well done.

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
39th Annual Springwood Art Show - August 28, 29 and 30 at Springwood High School, Grose Road, Faulconbridge. Friday night $15 which includes light supper and wine. Saturday and Sunday Adult $5, Concession $2.50 and Family $10. For more info contact Springwood High School.

Blue Mountains District ANZAC Memorial Hospital Fete celebrating 90 years of caring - Friday, 25th September from 9am to 2pm. Official welcome 11am.

Wesley Mission - Make a Difference: Become a Foster Carer Today. There is a current need for more foster carers in the Blue Mountains area. For an information package contact: Ph. 4587 4200, email dalmaroohc@wesleymission.org.au or visit the website www.wesleymission.org.au/dalmaroohc
Meetings aren’t for everyone, so how else can you get involved?

**SWAMPCARE**
Next session - 1-3pm on Thurs 17th September
Contact Lisa Scott-Smith on 0414 642 512

**Vegetable Garden Volunteers**
any Friday afternoon
Contact Robert: rochico@netspace.net.au

**Leura PS Cookbook**
Submit your favourite recipe or become a tester
Contact: leuracookbookcommittee@outlook.com

**Canteen**
Bake or volunteer some time to prep and serve
Contact Kim: lpspc.leuracanteen@gmail.com

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**Leura First Sunday Markets**
**Sunday 6th September**
**Proud to be hosting**
☆ Katoomba/Leura Rural Fire Service Open Day ☆
Enquiries: Di leura-markets@hotmail.com 0432 021 863

**Thank You** to everyone who donated baked goods for the tea & coffee stall at the recent Primary Athletics Carnival, & to everyone who helped out on the day - in particular Alison Tuck-Lee & Ken Stockbridge who manned the stall all day. Even the small activities like this don’t happen without all of your help.

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The P&C will be running the Fathers’ Day Stall on Thursday, 3rd September.
We need 4 or 5 volunteers to help run the stall on the day.
If you can spare a few hours, please email lpspc.fundraising@gmail.com
We are also still seeking handmade items. So if you are the creative type, just let us know at the same email address.

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* Canteen update *

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS so if you can spare some time email Kim – lpspc.leuracanteen@gmail.com
Don’t forget: There is a purple bin outside the canteen for any donations of canteen items. This helps us to keep costs low and therefore raise more funds for the school.