THE VIEW @ LEURA

Newsletter of the Leura Public School Community

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PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

Coming Events

Week 4
7/8 - Debating - Winmalee PS

Week 5
10/8 - Oz Opera - Cinderella K-6
10/8 - Choral Choir Rehearsal
11/8 - ICAS Maths
12/8 - Principal’s Assembly 2pm
13/8 - Premier’s Spelling Bee - Stages 2 & 3

Week 6
17/8 - Life Education begins
18/8 - Nepean Dance Festival Rehearsal
19/8 - NDF Evening Performance
20/8 - P&C Mtg. - 7pm

Week 7
24/8 - Last day of Life Ed.
24/8 - Milo Cricket Gala Day
25/8 - Nepean Dance Festival Rehearsal & Matinee
26/8 - 28/8 - Stage 3 Camp
27/8 - K-2 Sports Day

RESPECT  RESPONSIBILITY  RESILIENCE
Dear Parents,

Principal for a day program
Each year Principals' Institute Australia offers schools the opportunity to run their program, Student Principal for a Day (SP4D). Leura has again run the program this year, with the help of our guest Canadian Principal, Ms Marina Saulig.

Our 3 wonderful Principals were Ella, Hamish and Tom.
Our 3 Principals began their day presenting to many parents at our Public Education forum in the Hall. They then proceeded to undertake many Principal duties for the remainder of the day. They were welcomed into our staffroom for recess and lunch; however, the duties required didn't give them a great deal of time to stop and sit.

It was indeed a proud day at Leura with such wonderful examples of our students. They also looked so impressive in their Principal clothing.

My thanks to these outstanding students. I also thank our total of 13 applicants for the 3 positions. We have truly impressive children at Leura School.

School Plan and our 3 Strategic Directions
This Term we are progressing full steam ahead, to address our priorities within our School Plan. Our 3 Strategic Directions are:

**Strategic Direction 1: Safe conditions for rigorous learning**
At Leura Public School we establish a school-wide culture focused on student wellbeing and create optimum physical, social and emotional conditions for all learners. We will consciously establish supportive yet challenging conditions that provide students with increased opportunities for high quality learning. Power will be shared and student autonomy will be fostered.

**Strategic Direction 2: Personalise and connect learning**
Our school will design a learning provision that is connected to students’ lives and the communities in which they live to enhance the relevance and rigour of learning. Learning experiences will be designed and provide for prior knowledge as a basis for new learning. Real life problems and issues will be presented using local and global contexts.

**Strategic Direction 3: Develop expert learners**
At Leura Public School we will support students to become aware of how they learn and explicitly teach a repertoire of alternative learning strategies, approaches and skills. We will develop meta-cognitive understanding by fostering discussion about the processes used to construct knowledge. We will learn about learning.

We will begin working over these directions during our next 2 staff meetings. We will begin by analysing and aligning our existing practices and thinking through the strength in other approaches that we could adopt.
Our conversations have been highly energising so I look forward to this work ahead with our staff.

**Wellbeing event**
Please keep the 29th October free in the evening, as we will be conducting an information session on our school programs that support student wellbeing. We hope to have some guest presenters from organisations in the Upper Mountains. My thanks to Paula Forrester, Margaret McMahon and Justine Jinks who are on the organising task group.

**Snow Policy**
Please see within this Newsletter our newly devised Snow Policy. Leura hasn't had a formal policy in the past so we have designed one ready for the next time we have snow fall. Please read over it and if you have any feedback, please inform a P&C member as I will discuss the policy at our next P&C meeting.

Term 3 is always a busy Term and it is with this in mind that I would like to thank our parents and carers for their wonderful support and encouragement for our great school, expressed to me as I walk around the school during our school day. It is a pleasure to be able to pass on your positive feedback to our staff.

Ms Anne Bahnisch
Principal
Our school athletics carnival was held on 23rd July, after much deliberation over the weather. The day was a great success. Thank you to our wonderful teachers for their help on the day as well as the many parents whose help and support allow this event to run smoothly. Thanks also to our P&C who provided refreshments during the day.

The winning House was Wattle with 359 points, followed by Banksia with 355 points, Waratah with 313 points and Boronia with 293 points. Well done to all competitors.

The age champions for this year are:-

Junior Girls Champion: Caitlyn Martin
11 Years Girls Champion: Mali MacDiarmid
Senior Girls Champion: Kaleigh Martin

Junior Boys Champion: Aaron Shields
11 Years Boys Champion: Jordan Buckley
Senior Boys Champion: Alex Rivas

The District Athletics carnival will be held on 4th September at Blacktown. More information will be given to competitors shortly.

FAMILY TRAVEL

The Department of Education has made changes to the Attendance Register Codes, with family holidays no longer an accepted category for exemption from school attendance. Students who are absent as a result of family travel will have all absences recorded as “leave”. All leave taken will be reflected in the student’s and school’s records. All holiday absences of 5 days or more will require an application for extended leave-travel to be completed. This form can be obtained from the school’s office.
SICK LEAVE
Another change that has come about with regard to changes made to the Attendance Register Codes applies 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.

SCHOOL BANKING
Get involved in the school banking program. School banking is every Thursday morning.

When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

LEURA PUBLIC SCHOOL SNOW POLICY
Children:
- If snow – early morning attendance is discouraged due to dangerous conditions on the roads, footpaths and playground
- If roads are open, send children at recess – 11am
- Please do not leave children until you confirm that teachers are at school, as very few teachers live in Leura
- The canteen will not operate on snow days. Children must bring own food

Teachers:
- Can elect to report to their local school and remain until roads are open
- If teachers are unable to reach Leura or their local school, a FACS leave form must be completed for that day
- Principal will confirm attendance at the local school

If snow is predicted to fall during a given day the school will do its best to communicate this ahead of that day if time permits.

Evacuation Procedures:
- In the event that snow falls during a school day, parents are asked to collect their children immediately
- Parents are asked to use their friend and community networks to collect their children should they not be able to in person. Please ensure the school has your written permission for the elected friend / community member to collect your child from school
- Staff will ring parents of any remaining children
- Staff will be evacuated if possible

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Dear Parents,

Sherpa Kids has gone paper planes crazy!

Everyone at Sherpa Kids has been very excited to share all their wonderful paper plane ideas and designs. We have been trying new planes, planes from the popular movie and also the good old classic paper plane. The school hall has been a buzz for the past 2 weeks with planes of all different shapes, sizes and colours zooming around. The challenge was then set to make a plane that could make it from the stage to the very end of the hall and it was finally achieved on Wednesday!

During week 6 we will be running a ‘Bring a Friend’ promotion. All children enrolled in Sherpa are invited to bring a friend along to any session to try it out. The session of your choice will be free of charge for both the enrolled student and their friend. Please contact me to make a booking before bringing your friend along.

For more information on bring a friend week, or if you would just like to have a chat, please do not hesitate to call me any time on 0468 731 966 or email leurasherpakids@gmail.com.au

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

Warm regards

Tara
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 your help.

Meetings aren’t for everyone, so how else can you get involved?

SWAMPCARE
Next session - 1-3pm on Thurs 20th August
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