STAGE 3 CAMP

During week 7 in term 3, Stage 3 went to Kincumber for the Great Aussie Bush Camp, for 3 WHOLE DAYS!!!!

The first day of camp, we worked together to make a floatable raft to sail out to a buoy near the waters edge, Group 2 went first, all rafts were successful in this group, not so much in Group 1.

Group 1 went fencing first, YEP fencing. You’re probably wondering, why would you let years 5 and 6 students FIGHT WITH WEAPONS! Well, the swords weren’t exactly swords, the tools that we used are called foils and it won’t hurt a thing. We had a great time.

The second day was even better. The whole stage did 4 activities, archery, abseiling, canoeing and the BEST of all…………..THE GIANT SWING!!!! The giant swing was terrifying but so much fun, even MR ATKINSON AND MRS ALDRED had a go!

The very last day was fun but tragic because we had to leave. The last activities were rockclimbing and orienteering. The overall highlight of camp was that we all had a go and we all enjoyed ourselves and Stage 3 gives their regards by saying “we recommend to all”

By Grace
Dear Parents,

**SASS Appreciation Week - Thank you to our fantastic LPS team!**
This week is SASS Staff Appreciation Week, giving us the opportunity to show our thanks to our hard working team of ancillary staff members:

Lyn Vidler, Kerrie Harris, Sarah Parsons, Jillian Fearnley, Peter van Gemert and Ken Stockbridge

Each member of our team plays an essential role in ensuring our school is well run and maintained. This week we have held a surprise ‘thank you’ assembly where all our SASS staff were tricked into being special guests on specially decorated chairs on the stage, at a celebration assembly. (well done to all students and teachers for keeping this a great big surprise!) Our wonderful staff were presented with a crown and a card made by our classes. The assembly finished on a beautiful note, with a song performed and written by Mrs Mann and students. We have a copy of the thoughtful lyrics in today’s newsletter.

THANK YOU TO OUR SASS STAFF TEAM. WE COULDN'T DO ANY OF THE THINGS WE DO, WITHOUT YOU!
(Thank you to our teachers and students whose cards, crowns, song and chairs made our assembly such a memorable time for our SASS staff)

**Paper Plane Champion amongst us!**
Well we have been a busy school over these past weeks with many achievements to celebrate! One of which has been our very own Jett, in Year 4, for coming second in the entire state for his paper plane flight distance. Jett participated in this fun competition in Sydney last Saturday, alongside our own finalists and others from across NSW. Fantastic effort Jett and congratulations to you from all the students, staff and community.

Thank you to Sarah Delaney and Steve Atkinson for supporting our participation in this competition and for taking our finalists to Sydney last Saturday for these state finals.

![Image of students at an assembly]

**Stage 3 Camp to the Great Aussie Bush Camp, Kincumber**
It has been such a pleasure to see the faces of our students when they talk about the fantastic time they have just had on camp this week. It is great to see everyone back after having so much fun from participating in the challenging outdoor programs that were at Kincumber. The organisers were so impressed by the students from Leura - what a delight to have this feedback.

Great work everyone. I’m glad you are all back with these wonderful memories and experiences. Thank you to Steve Atkinson and Daniele Aldred for their work in taking our students for this great experience. Mr. Atkinson is about to head overseas for some long service leave, so we wish him all the best for his big trip.

We welcome back Mr. White for the next 2 weeks, while Mr. A is away.

**Leura Spring Fair**
Thank you to our P&C, particularly Zoe Jerrat, our Fundraising Co-ordinator, who has secured a place in the Telstra grounds for a set of LPS stalls at this year’s Leura Fair. I have personally had a call from the Leura Village Association President to express thanks to our P&C for their exciting plan for the stalls.

We are certainly a busy school!

Anne Bahnisch
Principal
BLUE ALERT

Friday, 18th September is our PBL Values Day for the term. We will be acknowledging “Resilience” as one of our core values.

Children are invited to wear blue and have a great last day of term.

M McMahon

ORAL READING & PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Lily and Ben, our Stage 2 Oral Reading representatives.

Stage 2 children (Patrick and Liam) and Stage 3 children (Hannah and Oliver) will be representing our school in Public Speaking at Winmalee Public School next term.

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Alert: If anyone has found a pair of pink square-framed reading glasses please advise the office.
K-2 SPORTS DAY
Sport Day is a day where we have lots of fun activities and we march down the hill with flags. Banksia won. It was so much fun. There were parents who came to help with the races. At the end of sports day it was so much fun and it felt lovely.

Written by Thalia and Jude

The champions were:-

5 Yr Boy  Harry  5 Yr Girl  Evie  
6 Yr Boy  Joel  6 Yr Girl  Ellie  
7 Yr Boy  Cody  7 Yr Girl  Audrey  
8 Yr Boy  Harry  8 Yr Girl  Kaylee  

Mrs Rhodes  
Co-ordinator

DEBATING
On Friday, 21st August the debating team once again headed down the mountain to strut their stuff, this time against Shelley Public School in Blacktown. The topic selected was that 'Spelling Bees should be banned'. With a flip of the coin we were the affirmative, which was quite ironic as our first speaker won our school spelling bee and was now arguing that they should no longer exist. The team looked panic stricken walking into lockdown. After an hour they emerged all smiles with 6 very convincing arguments for the abolition of the dysfunctional, highly soul-destroying spelling bee. The poor spelling bee didn't know what had hit it. After the debate had run its course with arguments and rebuttals flying left and right, Leura Public Lasers were declared the winners. This win placed the team in the Greater Western Sydney quarter finals. A huge congratulations is extended to Ollie, Seb, Tom and Grace. The next debate was against Matthew Pearce Public school, in Baulkham Hills. Ollie, Nate, Tom and Grace, represented Leura in that debate on Wednesday and although the children put in a galiant effort, they were defeated: however, the school is very proud of all the debaters' achievements. Well done!

PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE 2015
In week 5, 48 students from Stage 2 and 37 students from Stage 3 competed in the state wide Premier's Spelling Bee. From Stage 2 Patrick and Liam will represent Leura Public School. From Stage 3 Ollie and Hannah will also represent Leura. Congratulations to everyone who participated from our school and good luck to the four students that will represent Leura in week 9.

Written by Ollie, Hannah, Liam and Pat.
SASS APPRECIATION WEEK - SONG LYRICS

Into the classrooms
Comes Mrs Parsons
And our eyes light up
And we get our work done with FUN!

Mrs Harris is fast with ice
She makes us better
Mrs Vidler is always nice
She's quick with a letter, home

Round the tables and the chairs
You show us lots of care
Thank you! Thank you!
For us you're always there..

Ken and Mr van G
You clean so much that we
Are happy every day
So much that we can say ..... YAY!

2015 YOUNG SCIENTIST PAPER PLANE CHALLENGE

On the 29th of August 2015 students from Leura public school went to the University of Sydney to fly paper planes.

A few weeks before the competition 270 students took part in the school competition. Only 7 out of 270 made it through to the next level. Over 800 students from nearly 100 Schools statewide took part on the day.

Jett Fendall threw over 26m in the semi-finals and was in the top 6 overall who competed on the day which meant he was in the finals. In the finals he threw his plane just over 25m, placing him 2nd in the State. The 7 students were accompanied by family and School organisers, Mrs Sarah Delaney and Assistant Principal Mr Atkinson.

It was a beautifully sunny day and paper planes literally flew the entire day.

By Jordan

PRINCIPAL'S ART COMPETITION

Just a reminder, entries for the Principal’s Art Competition must be received at the school office by Friday, 9th October and must be accompanied by the tear off slip which was on the bottom of the original note.

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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Blackheath Rhododendron Art Show

ATTENTION: MS ANNE BAHNISCH

Dear Anne,

Once again it is time for the Blackheath Rhododendron Art Show which will be held from Friday October 30th to Sunday 8th November. The entries will be exhibited in the Local Primary School Project Section, the conditions of which are set out below. Entry fees are waived for schools in the designated area.

LOCAL PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL PROJECT SECTION

Item 12 of Conditions of Entry

This section is open STRICKLY to students attending local schools within the communities of Bell, Blackheath, Dargan, Katoomba, Leura, Medlow Bath, Megalong Valley, Mt. Irvine, Mt. Victoria and Mt. Wilson and does not include students attending schools outside the designated areas.

a. Students attending Primary Schools outside our designated area are welcome to enter for an entry fee of $5.00 per works.

b. Students attending Secondary Schools outside the designated areas are welcome to enter for an entry fee of $10.00 per works.

The Committee feels that all paintings must be framed, as this will enhance the work and put all works on an even basis. The judges have been very enthusiastic with the standard of works from the children and hoped that the Committee would keep this section ongoing …

Enclosed are the details for the entries, conditions of entry, prizes and also Opening Night details. Please note that as I wish to list the children’s work in the catalogue, I will need their names etc. and cost of paintings by Thursday 8th October. If you have any questions, please phone me on 4788 1053. Entries can be lodged via my email margaret-stevenson@bigpond.com

The parents may purchase their child’s work, but please advise me prior to the show.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Stevenson
Convenor
Blackheath Rhododendron Festival Incorporated  
ABN 605 200 95 241  
Registered Charity No. CC14164  
A Prize of $1000 will be awarded to the  
**BEST PAINTING IN THIS EXHIBITION**  
A Prize of $700 will be awarded to the  
**BEST LOCAL ARTIST**  
A Prize of $500 will be awarded to the  
**BEST PORTRAIT**  
(In Sections 1, 2, 4)  
Note – People’s Choice award of $300 will be presented at conclusion of Art Show  
Prize winners of the above three sections will  
Be eligible for prizes listed below.  

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Dear Parents,

Well it’s still paper plane crazy at Sherpa Kids! And with the weather finally feeling like it’s starting to warm up we have been able to test out all of our designs in a more open space. While the classic dart seems to still be the fastest we have tried, Ayden and Christopher have been very creative by coming up with some planes that do some amazing tricks.

Now that week 8 has crept up on us, Sherpa Kids have been busy planning a fun-filled program for the September school holidays. With so many exciting activities on offer it will be hard to choose when to come along. We have an energetic drama workshop, a reptile show visiting, an excursion to the movies and Scenic World, Mexican day, and even a pyjama day, just to name a few!

For more information on vacation care, 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
Leura Public School P&C’s next meeting

1.30pm to 3.00pm
Thursday, 17 September

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

Newcombe Ball Gala Day
Thursday 10th September

Leura Public School will be hosting this always fun event, with schools from the upper mountains joining us for the day.

P&C will be holding a BBQ for all the participants & to ensure its success volunteers are needed.

Please email Di lpspc.president@gmail.com if you can spare a few hours.

All funds raised will go towards our goals for this year: gardens, canteen & technology.

Leura First Sunday Markets
this Sunday 6th September

Bring Dad out to celebrate Father’s Day!

Approx. 80 stalls! Hot Food! Live Music!

KIDS ZONE – Face Painting, Craft, Jumping Castle

Proud to be hosting

Katoomba/Leura Rural Fire Service Open Day

Enquiries: Di leura-markets@hotmail.com
0432 021 863

Our Canteen

This is not a repeat ad – we really do need more volunteers to share the load. If you can bake or serve for a couple of hours once a term, it really helps.

If you can spare some time email Kim – lpspc.leuracanteen@gmail.com

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.

Our Term 4 menu will be out soon!

SWAMPCARE needs more parents, but is otherwise going strongly.

Students are making a great contribution. Each month Kanayla is organising a small student contingent.

Last month they sawed and weeded privet, bagged weed seeds and took photos of the bushland surrounding the swamp.

Our next session is Thursday 17th September from 1.00pm.

We meet at the gate on the back playground. Enquiries to Lisa Scott-Smith ph. 0414642512.

We’d also like to promote the

Blue Mountains Conservation Society’s
THREATENED SPECIES MONTH EVENT

Saturday 5th September at 1 pm
Mid Mountains Community Centre
7 New Street Lawson

SPEAKERS:

- Chris Tobin: Welcome to country and a Darug perspective
- Sarsha Gorissen: Blue Mountains Water Skink
- Dr Ian Baird: Giant Dragonfly
- Dr Kellie Leigh: Koalas and Badger the Detection Dog
- Dr Brad Purcell: Dingoes (what makes a dingo a real dingo?)

The day will finish with a Q & A
ALL WELCOME - - - Gold Coin Donation

You can find more information on the speakers at http://www.bluemountains.org.au/threatened.htm