STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2016

Back row: Lucas, Ms Bahnisch, Russell, Jordan,
Front row: Hannah, Tegan and Zoe

Coming Events

**Week 3**
11/2 - Scripture begins

**Week 4**
17/2 - 3-6 Assembly - pinning of House Captains
17/2 - Meet the Teacher (note to follow)
18/2 - Swimming Carnival
19/2 - Canteen Re-opens
19/2 - African Drumming Performance
25/2 - P&C Meeting, 1:45pm

**Week 5**
22/2 - Principal’s Assembly 2pm
Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to you for the start of the school year! A special welcome to our new little Kindergarten children and newly enrolled students across the school. It is lovely to be back amongst our wonderful, positive school community. I trust everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating family holiday.

I am excited to begin another year at Leura School with so many plans for 2016. Our first student free day was spent looking at the key goals from our Strategic Plan that we have for this year. Our priorities for 2016 are:

This year we warmly welcome two wonderful new staff to our great team: Miss Katherine Cox (3/4C) and Miss Jacqui Crowe (3/4 J). I acknowledge and appreciate the work both our new teachers have put in so far (together with our existing staff) to establish their classrooms and be well prepared for this year’s start. It is inspiring to see the professional commitment to your children from all staff on our team. Our school continues to have that wonderful, positive vibe and our teachers, support & admin staff all help towards this.

It has been a delight to see the excitement and anticipation in the children’s faces, right across the school on their return. Thank you for the support you have given to your child / ren to help make the start of this school year both successful and fun.

Here’s to a great year ahead in anticipation of all the places we will travel, in search of even further improvements for our collective interest, the beautiful children of Leura Public School.

Ms Anne Bahnisch, Principal

**STAFF FOR 2016**

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Library: Mrs Colton
Learning & Support: Ms Dickie
Reading Recovery: Mrs Jinks
Art: Mrs de Croos
Music: Mrs Mann
School Learning Support Officer: Ms Parsons

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**NEW BELL TIMES**

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**THANK YOU**

Mrs Rhodes (Class 1/2R in 2015) has forwarded a thank you to the school as follows:

"Thank you all so much for your amazingly generous gifts, cards and kind wishes for my retirement. I am thinking of you all returning to a new school year, which I hope is a happy, fun and fulfilling time for you all.

The Leura school children and community hold such a special place in my heart with so many fond memories, and I thank you all for this most sincerely."

**MESSAGES FOR CHILDREN**

It would be appreciated if messages are to be passed on to children in the afternoon prior to 3pm that they be communicated to the office by 2.45pm. This will allow enough time to advise the child/ren. Thank you.

**NEWSLETTERS FOR 2016**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

All new Kindy children have been given a copy of our first newsletter for the year. For all children newsletters are available to view on the website or if you prefer you can have future copies emailed to you or a paper copy sent home with your child.

Please indicate below which you would prefer.

☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by email. My email address is:

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OR

☐ I would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter.

Signed: ........................................................................................................................................... Date: ........................................

Child's Name: ................................................................. Class: .................................................................

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Thursdays 8.45am - 10am

**SCRIPTURE**

Thursdays 2.00pm

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - Term 1**

**VALUE OF THE WEEK**

Week 3: A responsible student acts safely

Week 4: A resilient student copes with changes and bounces back
Welcome back to another wonderful year of making music at our lovely school! Lots of performing opportunities are being organized. See below for details, and sign up fast!

**Stage 3 choir** - This year we perform at the Opera House with PULSE, the Western Sydney showcase, along with the Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival.

**Stage 2 choir** - Primary Proms promises to please! Sydney Town Hall, 16th September!

**Stage 1 choir** - Beautiful songs and assembly items!

**Recorder Group** - 11 lucky students have the opportunity to perform at the Sydney Opera House on August 22nd. Fortnightly rehearsals Mondays.

**BAND** - There are still a few places for instrument hire and band tuition this year. See the office for an Expression of Interest form to see what's on offer!

**INDIVIDUAL INSTRUMENT TUITION** - Jane (Piano) Gaye (Woodwind, brass and electric bass), Raman (guitar) and Frank (drums and percussion) are ready to accept new students! See the office for more information!

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**What's the difference between band tuition and individual tuition??**

**Band tuition** is for large groups of the same instrument type, to learn the band repertoire together. Lessons are half an hour on Thursdays. Students attending band tuition then attend Band Ensemble on Mondays, where all instruments come together for the full band experience.

**Individual Instrument Tuition** gives your child a personal experience with their instrument. Repertoire is chosen to suit the student, and technique is fostered to encourage solo performance and mastery of the instrument. These students also attend Band Ensemble, and they may perform solos and duets at our annual Music Concert.

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Year 2 will be learning recorder this year. Please purchase one soon so they can practise at home in the positive environment you create!!

An interactive African percussion performance is on Friday 19th Feb! Please bring notes in and pay early! $6 per student.

Oz Opera comes to LPS again with the beautiful HANSEL AND GRETEL show. Save the date: 10th March. Notes home soon!

**NB ALL LARGE GROUPS PRACTICE ON MONDAYS, SO BRING RECORDER/INSTRUMENT/CHOIR MUSIC/BAND MUSIC ON MONDAYS. HAVE I SAID MONDAY ENOUGH? (MONDAY MONDAY)**

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL - IMPORTANT NOTICE**

All children attending the swimming carnival on Thursday, 18th February are required to come to school to be marked on a roll, as attending school that day. Please note that all students will be transported to and from the pool by bus.
INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL NEEDS: We have a number of students with medical needs. In particular, some students suffer allergic reactions to foods such as nuts and nut products. Please consider alternate foods to nuts and their products when preparing your child’s food for the school day.

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY LEAVERS: It is important that when a student arrives late to school, they come to the office and inform either Mrs. Vidler or Mrs Harris that they are present. They will be given a late arrival pass which they then take to their teacher and attendance data can be amended immediately. At times late comers neglect to let the office know of their arrival and therefore could be marked absent for the whole day. If you need to pick up your child early from school, please sign your child out at the office first, before going to your child’s classroom. You will be given an early leavers pass to hand to the teacher.

DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE: With regard to morning and afternoon traffic in the immediate vicinity of the school …… please note that the turning circle is only for dropping off or pick up students, not for parking. Rangers patrol the school zone on a regular basis and the fines for parking illegally are quite substantial.

RECEIPTING OF MONEY: When dropping off money and permission slips at the office, it would be appreciated if parents could please ensure money is in an envelope, clearly marked with the child’s name, class and what the money is for. Thank you.

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/incursions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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Community Announcements:

From Blue Mountains Transit - Opal Cards.

The company will no longer be able to look up a name and be able to call mum or dad in case of a lost, frightened child or in an emergency. It has been suggested that parents could maybe write just a simple ICE (in case of emergency) number on or inside the bags in case of lost children or missed stops. This could save a lot of tears and anxiety from students, parents, teachers and bus drivers.

Blue Mountains TAFE Outreach – Basic Computers – fee free for eligible applicants. Commences 2nd March and ends 6th April, 9.30am to 2pm at Wentworth Falls College of TAFE. For more information contact Auriel on 0405 087 769

Blue Mtns Youth Choir – new format for 2016, weekly sessions at two new venues. Katoomba - Wednesdays 3.45pm to 5pm. Springwood - Thursdays, 3.45pm to 5pm. Fees: $100 per 10 week term. Email: bmyc@academysingers.com.au. Website: http://www.academysingers.com.au

2016 Cool Kids - free group program for children with anxiety issues – Years 3-6. During school terms 1 and 2. Please note that all families must attend a pre-group assessment to determine suitability. For information please call the Community Health Central Referral Service on 1800 222 608. (timetable for contact details are held in the office)

Blue Mountains TAFE - Women’s Program: successfully navigating your way back into the workplace. Cert II in Skills for Work and Training. Cost $320 or $80 concession. For more info contact Jann Dillon on 4753 2128. Email: jann.dillon@tafensw.edu.au
The P&C is a great friendly group to be a part of. We have lots of different activities happening on a regular basis that we’d love you to be a part of:

- Uniform Shop
- Mother’s & Father’s Day stalls
- Monthly Markets
- Discos
- School Banking
- Canteen
- Other fundraising initiatives

There are lots of ways which you can join in, meet other families, help your school, and have fun!

Hope to meet you soon!

Di Kipp  P&C President
lpspc.president@gmail.com

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**Leura First Sunday Markets**

*this* Sunday, 7 February

Approx. 80 stalls
Hot food, Coffee, Live Music, Eating Area

**Discover something new each month.**
Come along & check out the ‘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

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**School Banking**

School Banking Day is **Thursday**

This year’s Rewards Theme is "Outback"

*Don’t forget banking every week earns you a silver token.  * 10 silver = 1 gold token = Reward! *

Banking Coordinator: Amy Stewart
Contact: leuraschoolbanking30@gmail.com

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**SWAMP CARE**

Resumes Thursday 18th February

See separate page for information on how you can help preserve our wonderful hanging swamp.

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Leura Public School P&C’s next meeting

1.45pm – 3.00pm
Thursday 25th February

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

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Canteen re-opens Week 4

Friday 19th February 2016

We always need helpers so please donate some time or bake some muffins to ensure our canteen continues to run smoothly.

Shifts are 9.30 - 11.30am and 1.30 - 2.30pm.

You can volunteer as much or little as you like: once a term, fortnightly etc.

The new menu and a formal call for volunteers will be going home soon.

Kim Craddock, Canteen Manager
lpspc.leuracanteen@gmail.com

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or visit our website

www.leurapandc.weebly.com
Have you ever considered getting involved in Bushcare?

Leura Public School has a Bushcare/Swampcare group that meets for two hours, 1 -3 pm, on the **third Thursday of each month**. If you can’t make it every month, that’s no problem. (We would also happily look at changing the day if another day would work better for new hands.)

Our school is lucky enough to be situated just above a beautiful Blue Mountains Swamp. Blue Mountains swamps are endangered vegetation communities that play an important role in filtering and regulating water flow. They are the habitat for some threatened species, including the Blue Mountains Water Skink, which is celebrated by a beautiful sculpture in the school playground.

Our bushcare site is above the swamp, just behind the school and we finish our sessions in time for school pick up. It is easy, fun sociable work addressing the weed threat to our endangered swamp. We are a parent group and are joined regularly by small groups of students. We meet at the back fence. Pre-schoolers wearing closed-in shoes and long pants are welcome.

More information about the group and dates can be found on the P&C website – [www.leurapandc.weebly.com](http://www.leurapandc.weebly.com)

**Dates for 2016:**

Thursday 18th February
Thursday 16th March
Thursday 28th April
Thursday 19th May
Thursday 16th June
Thursday 21st July
Thursday 18th August
Thursday 15th September
Thursday 20th October
Thursday 17th November
Thursday 15th December

**RSVP or enquiries to**
Lisa Scott-Smith 0414 642 512