LEURA SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Coming Events

Week 6
4/3 - Ride2School Day

Week 7
8/3 - AFL Gala Day
8/3 - KHS Parent Info Session
9:30am to 10:30am
10/3 - Oz Opera, Hansel and Gretel

Week 8
14-15/3 - Debating Camp
17/3 - Swampcare, 1pm - 3pm
17/3 - Cross Country Trials

Week 9
21/3 - Harmony Day
(info to follow)
24/3 - Easter Bake Sale & Easter Hat Parade
24/3 - Cross Country Trials - Backup date
25/3 - Good Friday

Week 10
28/3 - Easter Monday
29/3 - Principal’s Assembly 2pm
Dear Parents,

We have been a very busy school so far this year… a fabulous start. So busy however, that we suddenly find ourselves half way through Term 1! There are still many events and activities ahead for the remainder of this Term so please keep a close eye on the calendar on the front page of our Newsletter.

**Payments to school**
Recently we have had a few parents concerned that the cut off dates for payment have been enforced, resulting in their child not attending an event or activity. Please understand that our due dates for payment are set to give our hardworking office ladies enough time to process payments and forward payment on to the service we are using. Each note has a due date clearly marked. Thank you for your cooperation in this process.

**Parking around the school**
Another matter of concern at this time is parking around our school. On occasion, the local Parking Ranger visits our school and we have been targeted for a visit some time in the near future. Please support the safety of traffic movement around our school by following the road rules in our street.

For safety reasons, I appeal to parents to take absolute care when parking. Please note that the car park on our grounds is a Staff Car Park and parents are asked not to park or drop children off in our Staff Car Park.

Parents are also requested to always use the pedestrian gates and not the Staff Car Park gates to walk their child/ren into our school.

I appreciate your respect for these safety requirements.

**SRE sessions – Thank you**
I would like to thank our hard working SRE providers for their cooperation and support in the change of time and day of the week for 2016. The change was a significant move from the longstanding time and day so I sincerely thank the SRE providers for this.

*Anne Bahnisch*
*Principal*
LEVEL 2 AWARDS RECIPIENTS
The following children recently received their Level 2 awards:

**Week 5**
- K/1C: Max
- 1AJ: Ellie, Lauren (x 2)
- 1/2W: William, Zoe
- 2A: Jenny, Aidan, Sarah, Heath, Levi, Huw, Jacq, Austin, Chloë, April, Caitlin
- 2/3F: Finn
- 4/5M: Leon, Aaron, Ava, Jack
- 5/F: Trystan

POEMS FROM 4/5M

“The Hell of Last Names!”

They are hard to spell
They are hard to say
If you say them wrong
They can be rude in a way
You might have to practice
It will be prickly
And annoying like cactus
Once you get it right
You will love that cactus
But oh no!
You have made a new friend
With a long last name
Better get practising
It’s your one aim.

By Annabella

“Falling Asleep”

As I fall asleep I start to be
Sick as the moon rises and
The stars disappear
I can feel my heart
Beeping as it goes to bed
My eyes start to shut
As quick as a duck.

By Marek

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The day turned on beautiful sunshine and a wonderful atmosphere. Students competed tirelessly in their events, whilst participating with house spirit. Thank you to the teachers for their hard work. A special mention must go out to Eames K for his enthusiastic work as starter, to Karim...
Sai for his focused support in the marshalling area, and to John Martin for managing the exacting head timer duties. To all parents, grandparents, family and friends that supported our carnival either through time keeping, supporting the Sports Houses or cheering enthusiastically, a very sincere thank you!

Our Age Champions for this year are:-

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BLUE MOUNTAINS ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the Leura Public School Zone Swimming Team who competed at the PSSA carnival at Glenbrook last Friday, 26th February. Every swimmer represented Leura Public School proudly by supporting their team, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and swimming extremely well amidst the high level competition.

Our Zone Swimming Team: Tegan, Lily, Max, Caitlyn, Coco, Jett, Samuel, Ike, Georgia, Ava, Arlo, Quinn, Chet and Ruben. A special mention goes to Lauren. Lauren made the zone swimming team and although unable to swim herself came to the carnival showing great support for all the Leura PS swimmers.

A significant thank you to Mr Martin, who volunteered his expertise as timekeeper for the entire event day. Thank you to Ms McMahon for organising such a successful Leura Public School carnival and entering our qualifying swimmers into the PSSA Blue Mountains Carnival. Additional thanks to all of the parents, grandparents and carers who transported the competitors and cheered enthusiastically for every Leura swimmer.

It was an absolute pleasure to manage the Leura Swimming Team for the carnival day with all students representing themselves and their school impeccably.

Mrs Fendall.
DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE - IMPORTANT MESSAGE
There are still some parents parking and alighting from their car in the drop off-pick up zone near the bus bay. As you can appreciate this practise creates a dangerous precedent as people then tend to double park to let their children out. There are hefty fines relating to school zone parking offences, as set out below.

It should also be noted at this time that the staff car park is for staff only and not to be used as a drop off/pick up area.

In the interest of safety for our children your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated. Thank you.

CHANGE OF BUS NUMBERS
As of 1st March all school buses from Blue Mountains Transit will display a new 4 digit school bus number. The new number and the current (old) number will be displayed in the front window of each bus for a full term (longer if needed).

Students are to approach the bus as normal - same driver, Old school bus number will be displayed and there will be NO CHANGE to the runs directions or destinations.
OPAL CARDS

Eligible students can travel without a valid school Opal Card until 14th March. However, if you have applied and have not received your card by the above date just mention that to the bus driver when getting on the bus. Here is some important information about travelling with Opal:-

- The school Opal Card is only for travel to and from school
- The school Opal Card does not cover travel to after school care, school excursions, sport and other activities away from school
- Students should use a Child/Youth Opal Card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays
- School Opal Cards will not be activated for light rail or Sydney Airport Link stations
- Students should tap on and tap off every time
- New customers should apply online at transportnsw.info/school-students

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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<td>Monday, 7th March</td>
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<td>Debating Workshop - selected students</td>
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Community Announcements:

Katoomba Wolves Junior AFL. Players needed for the Under10’s team. Games played on Sunday morning, with training on Friday afternoons, commencing 4th March. To sign up go to www.katooombajafl.sportingplus.net. Enquiries to David Turner on 0405 249 347 or Kim Lynch on 4782 3820.

Blue Mountains Bat Night - discover the incredible world of bats, meet a flying fox etc. Sausage sizzle provided by Blackheath/Mt. Victoria RFS. Free event - Friday, 11th March at 6.30pm at the NPWS Heritage Centre, Govett's Leap Road, Blackheath. For enquiries phone 4787 8877.

Video Editing for Beginners - 10-18 Years. Learn basic (Mac) video and sound editing. Saturday, 5th March from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Katoomba Library. Cost $10. Book at any Blue Mountains Library Branch. Note: payment is to be made at time of booking.

YA Video Award - Your Library. Create a short video (maximum 2 minutes) on the theme “Your Library” - give a tour, showcase your favourite place, tell a story. Blue Mountains City Council Library just has to feature in some way in your video. Open for children aged 10-18 years. Entries due close of business Friday, 15th April.

Museum of Fire: the 29th Annual Penrith Working Truck Show and Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday, 20th March.
Opportunities for you
Are you interested in using your skills or learning new skills; implementing new ideas and making new friends?
Our school provides all of this, and more!
There are a number of opportunities included below and there will be many more throughout the year.
Contact details are included for each, but if you simply want to contribute your ideas, please email me at lpspc.president@gmail.com.

School Vegetable Garden
If any wonderful parents would like to help out in the gardens, Friday afternoons is the time.
Sarah is there most Friday afternoons from 2pm.
You could give her a call on 0402 613 368 to check that gardening is going ahead on any particular Friday.
No gardening experience necessary

Treasurer
Would you like to gain experience in operating what is essentially a small business or would you like to learn accounting software?
While our wonderful Treasurer Alison will be leaving us by the end of the year, she is committed to assisting anyone interested in being confident in this role.
You do not need to be an accountant or book-keeper. You do need:
• computer skills
• confidence with numbers
• an eye for detail
• 3-5 hours/week (at home at a time to suit you)
Interested? Please contact Alison at lpspc.treasurer@gmail.com or Di at lpspc.president@gmail.com

Uniform Shop
Our lovely Tessa is moving on after many years of wonderful help in the uniform shop.
Kylie and Eames would like to welcome a new volunteer for Thursday mornings.
It’s fast and friendly and a nice way to contribute to the school.
No experience necessary!
Please come and visit Kylie and Eames any Thursday between 8.45 and 10am to volunteer your services.

Canteen
Bring in your baked goodies or come in to help prep or serve. Shifts are 9.30-11.30am and/or 1.30–2.30pm.
Email Kim at lpspc.leuracanteen@gmail.com

WAMPCARE
Swampcare didn’t go ahead last month as most of our regular volunteers were helping with the swimming carnival.
Weather permitting, we will meet on Thursday 17th March – 1pm (at the gate on the back playground).
Council provides us with tools and a bushcare officer to supervise and assist us.
If you are helping out at the cross country carnival that day and will be a bit late, that’s fine. Just call Lisa when you are ready (number below) and someone will come and unlock the gate for you.
It’s not actually swampy where we work – in case the thought of boggy mud might put you off.
We work in truly beautiful bushland above the swamp in order to protect it and its endangered inhabitants from weed invasion. It really is an enjoyable couple of hours.
We would love for you to join us. If you have any queries, please call Lisa on 0414 642 512.

Di Kipp, LPS President