

LEONAY

PUBLIC SCHOOL



*Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year!*

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season

From all the staff

Thank You and Best Wishes from Miss Payne and the staff of Leonay Public School

As this is the last newsletter for 2018, I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for your support throughout this year. This has enabled us to provide a quality learning environment for our students. This year has been another busy and productive year for us at Leonay. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from us all at Leonay PS. Looking forward to a great 2019.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly

A special assembly will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 19 December at 2pm to officially farewell Year 6. Parents/Carers are most welcome to attend this assembly. At the conclusion of the assembly we will form an arch for Year 6 to run through.

2019 Classes and Staffing

At the beginning of 2019 we will begin with 11 classes. If you are not returning to Leonay PS in 2019 and have not yet informed the office, it is critical that you do so immediately. If you are aware of any new in area enrolments in the community, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible.

As the 2018 year draws to an end we say goodbye to Mrs O'Hara who is returning to her substantive school in 2019. Thank you for all your hard work and leadership with stage 2. Mrs Kemble has received a permanent position at Samuel Terry PS in 2019. Mrs Cunneen will return to casual work in 2019 and I am sure we will see her again. Mrs Bearman has decided to retire and enjoy time with her family. We thank each of these teachers for their hard work and dedication to Leonay PS and wish them all the best in their new adventures.

2019 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the following students on being inducted in to the School Leadership Team for 2019:-
School Captains – Jaspa M and Maiara C, Vice Captains – Isaiah G and Kosta T. We wish them all the best in their leadership roles.

Presentation Assembly - Special Awards

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Presentation Assembly last Wednesday. Mrs O'Hara and her team including Mrs Green and Mrs Trouve, once again did an excellent job in the organisation of the day. I would like to acknowledge some special awards that were presented on the day:

Dux - Jacob H

Beckett Shield for Citizenship - Hannah W

Lindsay Award - Maya G

All Rounder Award - Lily S

Owen Smith Shield for Leadership - Tyler B

Congratulations to all the award winners across Kindergarten to Year 6.

Last Day of 2018 and 2019 Commencement Dates

Wednesday 19 December 2018 is the last day of school for all students.

Staff will be on site on Thursday 20 December but have completed two Professional Learning sessions during term 4 for Friday 21 December.

In 2019 Year 1 to Year 6 students return on Wednesday 30 January whilst Kindergarten students start on Monday 4 February.

Unauthorised Use of School Grounds

During our summer break please keep an eye on the school and surrounding grounds. If you see any sign of suspicious or unauthorised use please contact School Security on **1300 880 021**. Thanks for helping keep Leonay PS the lovely school that it is.

Upcoming Dates for 2019

The calendar for 2019 is beginning to fill up fast. Here are a few dates of significance.

School Swimming Carnival - Night Carnival at Glenbrook Pool - Thursday 14 February - 6pm-8pm

Year 5 and 6 Interrelate Sessions - begin Monday 18 March

School Photos - Monday 11 March

More information will be provided at the beginning of 2019.

Miss Payne

R/Principal

Term 4 Weeks 9 - 10

Silver Awards

Isabella M

Gold Awards

Owen C, Harmony S, Riley P, Saffryn A, Oliver M,
Eleanor W, Koby S, Lincoln H, Veygas A, Imani B,
Jack J, Amelia C, Hamish A, David W, Charli C,
Imogen L

Platinum

Bailey M, Liam W, Piper E, Kaleb H, Ella T,
Brodie W, Isaac D, Adam H, Maddison O,
Olivia W, Amelia-Rose F, Kayd h, Ella F, Cooper P,
Kayley R, Levi B, Tasos S, Imani B, Luke G,
Cohen D, Charli W, Cameron S

Principal's Award

Olivia Z, Adam H, Maddison O, Imani B,
Harrison W



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Movement of Families in 2019

Family Name: _____

Child/Children's Names: _____

Please indicate with a ✓:

My child/children will **not** need a class place at LPS in 2019. My child /children will be attending _____ school in 2019.

My child/children will return late to LPS in 2019 due to travel/holidays.

Date of return: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

Date: _____

(Please return the note to the school office as soon as possible)

Some Resources and Tips for Parents

This information has been put together to assist you in supporting your child or young person in the coming weeks. The end of the school year can be a big relief for children and young people and the summer break will hopefully provide some rest and relaxation, however for some it can be a challenge. You may find the following information helpful. There are some links to services for children and young people who need support, as well as to some holiday activities, and tips for those getting ready to start school, transition to high school or return to school.

Please keep this sheet handy.

Here's a link where you can find some tips for keeping your child or young person safe during the holidays.

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/parenting/keeping-children-safe/during-holidays>

Signs that may suggest that your child or young person is struggling

It is normal for young people to have ups and downs. However changes in mood, levels of participation and thinking patterns that continue for more than a couple of weeks may indicate that your young person needs extra support.

Changes in mood include:

- Being irritable or angry with friends or family for no apparent reason
- Feeling tense, restless, stressed or worried
- Crying for no apparent reason, feeling sad or down for long periods of time

Changes in activity include:

- Not enjoying or not wanting to be involved in things they would normally enjoy
- Being involved in risky behaviour they would normally avoid
- Unusual sleeping or eating habits

Changes in thinking include:

- Having a lot of negative thoughts
- Expressing distorted thoughts about themselves & the world (e.g everything seeming bad & pointless).

If you're concerned about your child or young person, there are a number of ways you can seek help and advice. If you believe that your young person is at risk of harm you should seek professional support from your GP, mental health service or emergency department.

Here are some resources and services that you or your young person can access:



These factsheets contain some very helpful information:

'Support your young person during the school holidays' headspace School Support Factsheet:

www.headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Corporate/Support-your-young-person-during-the-holidays-web.pdf

'If your Friend is not OK' - a resource for young people to encourage them to seek help if they are worried about a friend.

www.headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Resource-library/Young-people/If-your-friend-is-not-okay-web.pdf

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Christmas Fair & Carols

5:00 PM · all ages fair

WITH A JUMPING CASTLE, PONY RIDES,
A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND MORE!

6:30 PM · outdoor carols

BRING A BLANKET AND JOIN IN A NIGHT
OF FUN AND CAROL SINGING!

Free! CHRISTMAS EVE



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Short Street via Mundy Street.
Plenty of parking. 1 minute from Lennox Shops.

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CINEMA ★ UNDER THE ★ STARS!

FREE MOVIE NIGHT
ON FRIDAY JAN 11, 2019

SHOWING
SHREK
(PG)

STARTS
AT 6:30 PM



PLAYSPACE POP-UP CAFE

JANUARY 16, 17 + 18, 2019

9 AM - 11 AM
Barista coffee

10 AM - 11 AM
Daily kids activity

Come grab a barista coffee
& relax while the kids play!



FAMILY SLIME ARVO

MAKE YOUR OWN SLIME!

\$5
PER CHILD

FRI 25 JAN, 2019
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Includes family slime + dinner!



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