

## LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

### February 2019

14/2	Swimming Carnival
18/2	Challenge2Bfit fitness program commences
25/2	Challenge2Bfit

*A very warm welcome to all our students new  
and old.*

### NOTES HOME

Swimming Carnival - Due 11/2

### ASSEMBLY DATES

15/2, 1/3, 15/3, 29/3

## Welcome Back

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to yet another exciting year at Leonay PS. A warm welcome to the new families who have joined us this year. It was pleasing to see our students return safely from their holiday. The students have settled quickly and the classrooms have a very calm, productive feel to them.

## 2019 Class and Staff Information

This week I have submitted our number of 269 students and therefore we have been able to maintain and form 11 classes. A great deal of thought and effort goes into the formation of these classes and many factors are taken into account in the placement of students. We welcome Mr Tsitos, Mrs Campbell, Mrs McKay, Mrs Davies and Mrs Renny to our staff at Leonay PS. Mr Gill is continuing in his secondment role for 2019.

## Executive Staff

Relieving Principal – Miss Christine Payne; Assistant Principals – Mrs Nicole Longhurst (Stage 3 Supervisor), Mr Adrian Davies (Stage 2 Supervisor), Mrs Belinda Garbutt-Young - Relieving Assistant Principal (Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Supervisor for approx. 5 weeks)

## Teaching Staff

KJ - Mrs Jodie Wallace (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Jaclyn McKay (Fri)  
K/1R - Mrs Sandra Osborn (Mon-Tues) Mrs Emily Renny (Wed- Fri)  
1B - Mrs Michele Baldock  
1/2A - Mrs Ashley Foskett (5 weeks)  
2N - Mrs Natalie Devine  
2/3/4D - Mr Adrian Davies  
3/4C - Mrs Fiona Connelly  
3/4T - Mr Evan Tsitos  
5/6L - Mrs Nicole Longhurst  
5/6M - Ms Kerri-Ann Mills  
5/6D - Mrs Laura Davies  
Teacher Librarian (Tues-Thus) In class Support (Mon and Fri) Mrs Belinda Garbutt-Young  
RFF - Mrs Jenny Munday (Tues and Thurs)  
Learning and Support Teacher - Mrs Tracie Campbell (Tues-Thurs)  
Support - Mrs Jenny Fisk (Mon-Tues) Mrs Stephanie Bellino (Wed-Fri)  
Kindergarten Support - Mrs Danielle Demuth (Mon-Wed)- 4 weeks  
Executive Support - Mrs Sue Marks (Thurs)  
School Counsellor - Mr Ian Birrell (Thurs and ½ day every second Friday)

## Administration Staff

School Administration Manager - Mrs Donna Green (Mon-Thurs)  
School Administration Officer - Mrs Brigitte Trouve (Mon-Thurs)  
School Administration Officer - Mrs Tina Gordon (Wed, Thurs, Fri)  
School Administration Officer - Mrs Donna White (Fri)  
GA - Mr Rodney Sutton (Mon and Wed)  
Cleaner- Mrs Fawziah Ghulam (currently on leave)

## Parent/Carer Class Information Meetings

During week four, each teacher will be presenting an information session on how their class will be operating this year. I would encourage you to attend these meetings to meet with your child's teacher and to learn as much as you can about how your child's classroom will be structured this year. **These meetings will be held on Wednesday 20 February. Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 class sessions will be from 6pm – 7pm. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 class sessions will be from 7pm - 8pm. All sessions will start in the library. Mr Davies- will attend both sessions.**

## School Photos

Our annual class and school group photos will be taken on Monday 11 March. An envelope to order photos will be distributed to each child soon. These envelopes must be returned on the morning of photos only, not prior to as in previous years. We trust the weather will be kind to us and we'll be able to have them taken outdoors. Please ensure your child is wearing their summer school uniform and appropriate shoes on this day.

Please note that due to child protection issues, the purchase of additional photos by extended family members (e.g. grandparents) must be organised through the custodial parent. Please ensure that you organise the delivery of these photos personally and not request the school to forward them on.

### House Captains

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as leaders of their House groups;

**Buring** - Captains - Estella C and Zachery C, Vice Captains - Lachlan M-H and Lily R

**Jamison** - Captains - Noah K and Mariella N, Vice Captains - Kody H and Imogen C

**Forbes** - Captains - Tyler W and Ellie A, Vice Captains - Riley P and Sebastian J

Their first job will be at the Swimming Carnival next week. All nominations for events are due to Mrs Wallace by Monday 11 February.

### Kiss and Ride' on Fairway's Avenue

I have included the following information on how the 'Kiss and Ride' zone on Fairways Ave should work. **The 'Kiss and Ride' zone is simply an area on Fairway's Avenue to drop off and pick up students. It is unnecessary to park and get out of the car.** You should stop in the area, stay in your car, leave your engine running, and ensure that your child safely exits or enters on the kerb side of the car, then move off. If everyone follows this procedure then we'll avoid a build up of traffic. Please do not drop off or pickup your child in the 'No Stopping' zone. Following these basic road rules helps to make our school a safer place for all. Police regularly patrol the area around the school.

### Permission Note/Money Dates

All of our permission notes have a return by date and time of 10am on them. Please be mindful of this date and time and ensure your child's note is returned to the school office by that date. **No late payments/permission notes will be accepted. If there are any circumstances in regard to paying by the closing date, please contact the school before the due date.** All of our current notes can be downloaded from the school's website.

### Parent contact with school staff

If you would like to discuss any aspects of your child's welfare or education with school staff, please arrange a time with them that is mutually suitable to both parties. Appointments can be made via written requests or a phone call to the teacher on the school number (4735 5999). First point of call is always the class teacher. The Assistant Principal supervising the grade may also be able to assist with any matters. Our school website contains our policy 'Approaching the School' which outlines the process and expectations of how to approach any staff at Leonay PS.

### Voluntary School Contributions

Each year public primary and secondary schools across NSW request financial contributions from their community to enhance the school's educational programs. This request occurs because there are no actual fees to attend public schools. These voluntary contributions help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of our students. Our voluntary contribution for this year is \$48 per child. Payments can be made at any time throughout the year.

### Excursions - Signing Out

From time to time excursions conclude outside of the school environment and/or outside of normal school hours. When this occurs parents/caregivers are required to collect their child in person and sign their child out on the attendance register. This procedure enables the teacher to account for the safety and whereabouts of their students at all times. Please under no circumstance just collect your child and go before signing them out. Written permission from the parent/caregiver is required for any other person including grandparents to collect their child.

### Parking on School Grounds

Parking on school grounds is only for staff vehicles and those approved by the Principal. This is a safety procedure the department has in place. Parents and Caregivers must park on the street, unless approved by the Principal. If you are attending before and after care the same rules apply. Please do not park in front of any gates or in the driveway at the back of the hall. Please also be aware that no students or parents are permitted to walk through the carpark area at any time.

### Office Hours & Communication Requests

Please be mindful that our office hours are from 8.30am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday. Please refrain from asking our office staff to pass on personal messages to students about after school arrangements e.g. after school play arrangements.

### Leonay Public School Skoolbag App

It is pleasing to see that many of our families have downloaded this free app. If you haven't as yet, we would encourage you to do so. The app provides parents with the ability to sign notes, send in sick notes and receive current notes, push notifications, etc. To install it, just search for our school name – Leonay Public School – in the Apple App Store, Windows Phone, and Windows Store or Google Play Store. For Windows Phone and Windows Store, search for Skoolbag, install the app and then find our school. Please note it must be a Windows 8.1 device. Additional installation instructions can also be found on our website under News on the home page.

### Student Mobile Phone Policy & Procedures

Mobile phones are personal property and any student bringing one to school does so at their own risk. We do on the other hand understand that for safety reasons parents/carers may like to have their child walk to and from school with a mobile phone. Whilst every effort is taken to ensure student phones are locked away in a secure location; the school does not accept responsibility for the security of the phone.

Students bringing a mobile phone to school must:-

- provide the school with a letter of approval from their parent/carer each year
- switch their phone off before entering the school grounds
- hand their phone in to their class teacher at 9.00am
- collect their phone at 3pm
- only switch their phone on after leaving the school grounds

Students who fail to hand their phone in at their classroom or use their phone during the school day, will be breaching school rules, and will be dealt with under the School's Student Welfare and Discipline Policy. The phone will be confiscated, locked away, and returned to the student at 3pm. Any photos or videos taken at school by the student will need to be deleted at the end of the day under the supervision of an assistant principal and the principal. Parents will be informed of their child's breach of this policy.

This policy and the parent/carer approval letter can be downloaded from the school's website. A new form must be completed each year or when circumstances change.

### Term 1 Calendar

Please find attached a calendar for this term and be mindful of the following upcoming events

14 February - Swimming Carnival for competent Yr 2 swimmers and all older students. Nominations only.

15 February - Assembly

19 February - P & C Meeting 7pm

20 February - Class Parent/Carer Information Evening- beginning in the library

28 February - District Swimming

### P & C Meeting

Our first meeting for 2019 will be held in the library on Tuesday 19 February, commencing at 7pm. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

### Assembly

Parents/carers are welcome to attend our first K-6 assembly on Friday 15 February starting at 9.10am. A reminder that if you wish to photograph your child with their award you will need to wait until the conclusion of the assembly.

Here's to a wonderful year of learning!

*Miss Payne*  
*Relieving Principal*

# P&C News

Welcome parents and carers to another year at Leonay. We have some big things planned this year, so please keep an eye on the newsletter, our Facebook page and the noticeboards for updates and notices. We are always looking for new ideas and fresh perspectives, so please feel free to reach out and share any thoughts or ideas you might have throughout the year.

Our first meeting of the year is Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will be looking at the plan of activities for the year and will discuss ideas for our major fundraising event later in the year. We hope to see you there. Also note our AGM will be Tuesday 19 March where all executive positions will be open for election. Please come along and be part of the conversation!

## **Parent Volunteers!**

Do you have time to spare and want to help our little community? Do you have a particular skill you think would benefit the school, or any ideas you want to share with us? We would love to hear from you!

We are looking for volunteers to help with some arty and gardening projects around the school over the coming weeks and months. We are revamping the toilet blocks and need help with some creative painting! If you like painting signs or murals and have an artistic streak, please reach out as soon as you can.

## **Working Bee**

We are planning a Working Bee on our school grounds towards the end of Term One (when things cool down!) and are looking for volunteers to help with things like general maintenance, painting, gardening etc. A post will be going up on the Facebook page soon, so please keep an eye out for it!

We're also looking for parents and carers with a landscaping background or strong interest in gardening to help us plan a few things on the school grounds. If you think you could help, please express your interest and we'll be in touch.

You can contact us through our email address ([PandCleonday@gmail.com](mailto:PandCleonday@gmail.com)), or reach out to the President, Stephanie Cook directly ([Tooheycook@bigpond.com](mailto:Tooheycook@bigpond.com)) with any ideas or suggestions.

## **Canteen Volunteers**

We are looking for more volunteers for the canteen over the coming months. No experience is needed, all training will be provided. You will have to commit to at least one full Friday per term, or a day during the week to serve snacks and drinks. Our canteen manager Angela Pearce is always happy to chat and answer questions. She will be holding a meeting Thursday 7 February at 2:30 so anyone who is interested in volunteering is welcome to attend. You can also message her via our Facebook page.

## **Canteen Co-Manager**

As you can imagine the role of managing the canteen is a big one, and Angela is looking for someone to share the role within the canteen. She is specifically looking for someone who is willing and able to work alternate (or an agreed number of) Fridays and effectively run the canteen on the day and coordinate the tasks and volunteers. A description of the 'role' is below. Angela will continue to handle the administration and ordering, she is just looking for someone to help share the coordination in the canteen on Fridays. Please let us know if you can help out!

Thank you everyone! See you all around the school.

**Canteen Co-Manager – Alternate Fridays**  
**Key Responsibilities and Processes (Abbreviated)**

***PLEASE NOTE: This is a brief description of Friday tasks. If you would like to see the full list of processes, tasks and responsibilities, please speak to Angela Pearce.***

Arrive in canteen at around 8.15am. open up shutters at 8.30 when first bell goes

Turn on all ovens.

Prepare paper bags, menus and pens on counter.

Basket for lunch orders in the corner of bench with counting sheet

Prepare Milo Shakes (Summer), Hot Chocolates (Winter)

Mark off all lunch orders before the money is taken out of bags

Put lunch orders in class baskets

Tally up all orders

Two people then start the drinks, jelly etc for each class

Start food preparation, beginning with frozen food.

Canteen Manger then completes shopping list, go to the supermarket at Lennox shopping centre for the fresh items.

Once all lunch order drinks and shopping has been complete you need to get ready for recess.

Serve students during recess.

After Recess - Start cooking the fresh food and preparing produces, wraps etc.

During preparation ensure any gluten free products are prepared in a separate area of the canteen kitchen.

This all should be completed by 12.00 pm so the volunteers can have lunch.

12.30pm complete all burgers and wraps, then pack orders in the lunch baskets ready for the students to collect at 12.50pm.

### FROM THE COUNSELLOR

#### Children and Anxiety

School can be a very challenging place for children and for many it is a source of great anxiety. Anxiety is a normal emotion and serves a protective purpose for us all; however, when anxiety prevents us from engaging positively with the world around us, it is a problem that can have significant, ongoing, negative effects on life goals and on our general health. When we observe acute anxiety in our children, we can be at a loss in knowing how to help them. We can be torn between the desire to protect them from whatever is causing their distress and the knowledge that we need to help them to become strong, independent individuals. The good news is that there is a lot that we can do to help our anxious children. I encourage you all to access the link below, which has an excellent article on helping children deal with anxiety.

<https://www.heysigmund.com/3-proven-ways-to-strengthen-and-protect-children-and-teens-against-anxiety/>

This year, I am at the school every Thursday and every second Friday morning. If you would like to discuss issues your child is having at school, such as anxiety, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange an appointment.

Ian Birrell

School Counsellor

# Volunteers Needed!

If you have spare time and would like to help out our little school community, please reach out!

We are looking for **canteen volunteers** as well as parents and carers who would like to join the committee or help us run events like school discos, BBQs and Mother & Father's Day stalls.

Please reach out via our Facebook page or email us at [pandcleonay@gmail.com](mailto:pandcleonay@gmail.com) and ask to be put on the mailing list.

Thank you everyone!

P&C Committee



Search for Leonay Public School P&C and ask to join



*Leonay Public School P & C Association*

Email: pandcleonay@gmail.com

### **Canteen Reusable Lunch Bags**

We will be placing an order on behalf of school families to purchase reusable lunch bags for canteen orders. Samples of the lunch bags are available in the office and you can also check out the products online at <http://stickybeaks.com.au>.

It is not compulsory to purchase a lunch bag as paper bags will still be accepted.

Please return order form and payment to office by 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019

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### **Canteen Reusable Lunch Bag Order Form**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Black Lunch Wallet** Quantity: \_\_\_\_ @\$11.00 each

Colour binding (Please circle)

Blue/Pink/Green/Red/Yellow/Grey/Purple

**Insulated Lunch Wallet** Quantity: \_\_\_\_ @\$13.00 each

Colour binding (Please circle)

Grey/Blue/Red

**Allery Lunch Wallet** Quantity: \_\_\_\_ @\$11.00 each

Colour Binding - Orange Only

**Total amount enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE WITH ANY OTHER SCHOOL PAYMENTS***

***IF PAYING BY CHEQUE MAKE OUT TO Leonay Public School P&C***





# Leonay Public School Canteen Menu

BURGERS	
<b>Beef Burger</b> Beef Pattie, Lettuce, Tomato, Lite Cheese, Beetroot (optional), Lite mayo, BBQ or Tomato sauce	\$5.50
<b>Cheese Burger</b> Beef Pattie, Lite Cheese, Beetroot (optional), BBQ or Tomato sauce	\$4.00
<b>Chicken Burger</b> Char grilled chicken fillet, lettuce, tomato, Lite cheese, Beetroot (optional) BBQ or Tomato sauce	\$5.50

WRAPS/ROLLS/SANDWICHES	
<b>Salad Wrap</b> Lettuce, Tomato, Lite Cheese, Grated Carrot, Beetroot (optional)	Jnr \$4.00 Snr \$5.00
<b>Chicken Wrap (Either Plain Chicken Strip, Sweet Chilli Strip, Gluten Free Strip or Shredded Chicken.)</b> Lettuce, Tomato, Lite Cheese, Beetroot (optional) Lite Mayo, Sweet Chilli Sauce	Jnr \$4.00 Snr \$5.50
<b>Salad Roll</b> Lettuce, Tomato, Lite Cheese, Grated Carrot, Lite Mayo, Beetroot (optional)	\$4.00
<b>Egg &amp; Bacon Roll</b> With choice of sauce	\$4.50
<b>Bacon Roll</b> With choice of sauce	\$4.00
<b>BLT</b> Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato with choice of sauce	\$4.00
<b>BLTC</b> Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Lite Cheese, with choice of sauce	\$4.50
<b>Vegemite, Cheese or Jam</b>	\$1.20
<b>Ham, Cheese and Lettuce</b>	\$3.00
<b>Salad Bowl</b> Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Lite Cheese, Grated Carrot, Beetroot (optional) Boiled Egg Shredded Ham	\$4.00 Extra 20c Extra 50c

HOT FOOD	
Jnr Pie	\$2.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Potato Pie	\$3.50
Meat Pie	\$3.50
Dino Nuggets (5 pack)	\$3.50
Gluten Free Nuggets (5 pack)(GF)	\$3.50
Nacho Dipper (GF)	\$3.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$3.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.20
2 Minute Noodles (Chicken) <b>(Winter Only)</b>	\$2.50
<b>Pizza</b>	
Hawaiian (Ham and Pineapple)	\$3.50
Margarita (Cheese)	\$3.50
Meat Lovers	\$3.50

LUNCH PACKS Inc drink and either Quelch Fruit Ice block or Jelly Cup. UP & GO EXTRA 20c. SAUCE SACHEL EXTRA 30c	
Jnr Pie Pack	\$3.60
Pizza Pack	\$4.80
Dino Pack	\$5.00
Macaroni Cheese	\$5.00
Nacho Dipper (GF)	\$5.00

SNACKS & EXTRAS	
<b>SAUCE SACHEL (BBQ or Tomato)</b>	<b>\$0.30</b>
Red Rock Deli Honey Soy Chicken Chips	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$0.50
Pretzels	\$0.70
Jelly	\$0.50
Apple Slinky	\$0.60
Fresh Fruit Cups vary with season	From \$0.20

DRINKS	
Water	\$1.00
<b>Flavoured Spring Water</b> Apple & Raspberry, Orange or Lemon & Lime	\$1.30
<b>Just Juice</b> ~ Apple, Orange or Apple & Blackcurrant	\$1.00
<b>Milk</b> ~ Strawberry or Chocolate	\$1.30
<b>Up &amp; Go</b> ~ Chocolate	\$1.50

ICE BLOCKS & ICE CREAMS	
<b>Frozen Milk (1<sup>st</sup> half lunch only)</b> Strawberry or Chocolate	\$1.30
<b>Frozen Just Juice (1<sup>st</sup> half lunch only)</b> Apple, Orange or Apple & Blackcurrant	\$1.00
Quelch Fruit Sticks	\$0.50
<b>Bulla Frozen Yogurt</b> ~ Strawberry or Mango	\$1.00
<b>Bulla Lite Ice Cream Cups</b> Chocolate, Caramel or Strawberry Topping	\$0.60

BREAKFAST FRIDAYS ONLY FROM 8.30am	
Hot Chocolate (winter)	\$1.00
Milo Shakes (summer)	\$1.00
2 Slices Toast with Jam or Vegemite	\$1.00
2 Slices Raisin Toast	\$1.00



# The Hon **Stuart Ayres MP**

## Member for Penrith



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to confirm that the Active Kids program for 2019 is now open, allowing every parent with a school-aged child in New South Wales to claim the NSW Government's \$100 Active Kids rebate. This rebate will help families cover the cost of participating in sport and other approved physical activity programs.

The enormously successful first year of the Active Kids program saw families save more than \$54 million in children's sport, fitness and recreation activities.

Additionally, I am pleased to advise that, new for 2019 is the NSW Government's Creative Kids program. Parents will be able to use one voucher for every school-age child per year to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design.

The great news is that the Active Kids and Creative Kids programs can both be claimed meaning parents can save \$200 for each school aged child.

Parents can claim their Active Kids and Creative Kids vouchers online at [www.service.nsw.gov.au](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au). If you would like to know more, please email [penrith@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:penrith@parliament.nsw.gov.au) and write 'Active Kids' or 'Creative Kids' in the subject line and we'll send you information on how to get access to the voucher.

Yours sincerely,

**Stuart Ayres MP**  
Member for Penrith  
Minister for Western Sydney  
Minister for WestConnex  
Minister for Sport  
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Term 1 2019 Leonay Public School (as of 8/2/19)

Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
Wk 1	28	29 SDD	30 Students return	31	1 <b>February</b> House Captains 11.30	2/3
2	4	5	6	7 Enrolments submitted	8 Newsletter	9/10
3	11	12	13	14 Scripture begins School Swimming carnival 6.30-8pm Glenbrook Pool	15 Assembly	16/17
4	18 Challenge 2Bfit	19  P and C mtg 7pm	20  Meet the Teacher Night 6-8pm	21	22 Newsletter	23/24
5	25 Selective HS placement entries due 9pm Challenge 2Bfit	26	27	28 Zone swimming carnival	1 <b>March</b> Assembly	2/3
6	4 Challenge 2Bfit	5	6	7	8 Newsletter	9/10
7	11 School Photos	12 Sydney West Swim  Challenge 2Bfit	13	14 Selective HS placement test	15 Assembly Bully No Way Day	16/17
8	18 Interrelate Stage 3 Challenge 2Bfit	19  P and C mtg 7pm	20	21 Harmony Day	22 Newsletter	23/24
9	25 Interrelate Stage 3 Challenge 2Bfit	26	27 Yr 5 Graffiti Ed	28	29 Assembly	30/31
10	1 <b>April</b> Interrelate Stage 3 Challenge 2Bfit	2	3 Parent Teacher interviews	4	5 Newsletter	6/7
11	8 Challenge 2Bfit	9 ANZAC service at Penrith Paceway	10 Easter Hat Parade	11	12 Assembly School ANZAC service	13/14