

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

June - July 2019

4/7	Calmsley Hill City Farm - Kindergarten
24/7	Australiana Village - Years 1 & 2
30/7	Opera House Recorder Group Ensemble
26/7	Athletics Carnival

ASSEMBLY DATES

28/6,

NOTES HOME

Athletics Carnival - Due 24/7

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Maintenance Work

We have had a significant amount of work happening around the school over the last few weeks. Painting the covered walkway area and hall, new carpet and linoleum in the library, a new sink in K/1R, new wet area flooring in A and B block classrooms. This has freshened up some areas in our school. The staff and students have been very flexible during this time and the end results are most definitely worth it.

NAIDOC Open Day- Wednesday 26 June- 11.30am-3.00pm

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. At Leonay PS all classes will be involved in a variety of activities on Wednesday 26 June. These include Aboriginal sport, stories, painting and music. We will also have a performance by the Nepean Creative and Performing Arts Aboriginal dance group. At 2pm the whole school will listen to Jason and Trevor from Dalmarri, who will present aboriginal stories and artefacts. Parents are most welcome to join us on the day from 11.30am onwards. Students are reminded that it is a mufti day and to dress in Aboriginal colours of red, black and yellow or Aboriginal shirts or clothing.

Staff Professional Learning

On Wednesday this week all Leonay PS teaching staff attended a 3 hour workshop titled 'Understanding Adversity: A brain-based approach to emotional and behavioural challenges.' We combined with the staff of Emu Plains PS and Emu Heights PS for the session. It focussed on the key areas on child development and trauma, child well-being and resilience and trauma informed practices in schools. The 3 hours of professional learning will count towards completing the Friday Staff Development day at the end of term 4. The workshop complements the aspects Mr Davies and his team are focussing on with student wellbeing.

Before School Supervision

The school supervision roster starts from 8.30am each morning. There is no staff available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time. Whatever arrangements are made, parents need to understand that they are legally responsible for their child prior to 8.30am when supervision begins. Please ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at school before 8.30am.

School Carpark- Out of Bounds

Due to safety concerns, please note that all carpark and driveway areas are out of bounds for both students and parents. I encourage all parents to walk safely on path areas both before school and in the afternoon, setting a positive example to their children. Please remember the Kiss and Drop rules for Fairways Ave. Parents and carers are able to legally drop off or pick up their children within a two-minute timeframe. Penrith Council rangers have been patrolling this area recently as a result of a number of complaints. Please adhere to the rules for the safety and welfare of our students and community. An information page is included in this newsletter.

Athletics Carnival

Our athletics carnival will be held on Friday 26 July at the Emu Plains Sporting Oval, Leonay. Parents and visitors are most welcome to attend so please add this date to your calendar. If postponed due to inclement weather, the carnival will be held on Friday 2 August. Also a P and C BBQ will be held on the day, notes were sent home this week.

Sydney West Cross Country

Congratulations to Ellie A, Sevan B, Tom B, Isobel C and Findlay T who represented Leonay PS and Penrith District at the Sydney West Cross Country on Wednesday 12 June. It was reported that all students did an excellent job in their respective events.

Premier's Debating Competition

Congratulations to our Premier's debating team who won their debate against Wilberforce PS last Thursday. The team consists of Lachlan M-H, Sebastian J, Atilla H, Kosta T and Riley P. We wish them all the best for future debates.

Semester One Student Progress Reports

These reports will be distributed to families on Tuesday 2 July.

What's happening at Leonay PS for EDUCATION WEEK?

Theme - 'Every Student, Every Voice'

Here's an important date for your family calendar! We will have our **Open Day** on **Wednesday 7 August** from 9.15am.

All family and friends are most welcome to attend. Come along and see learning in action at Leonay!

More information will be distributed in the Week 10 newsletter.

P & C Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 20 August, commencing at 7.00pm in the library.

Assembly

Final assembly for the term – 9.10am on Friday 28 June. K/1R are performing. Family and friends are most welcome to attend.

Miss Payne



Last year, we began our involvement in the KidsMatter program which saw an increased emphasis on the mental health of our students and the introduction of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) in class programs. KidsMatter has now merged with a number of other nation-wide organisations and now comes under the wider umbrella of Be You. In 2017, Beyond Blue was appointed by the Australian Government to lead Be You. They have drawn from a wide research and evidence base to create a framework that allows preschools, primary and high schools to support infants, children and young people to achieve their possible mental health.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! As part of the planning process, it is important that we get an accurate and representative snapshot of how well parents believe our school is currently supporting their child/ren in becoming happy, resilient, resourceful and connected young people.

Be You The Be You Family Survey is designed to help gather mental health and wellbeing-related perceptions of all parents and carers within our learning community. Responses gathered from parents and carers can help highlight what we are doing well, and what we can do better as part of our commitment to continuous improvement.

- *This survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and includes 26 questions.*
- *Your responses are anonymous and only summarised results are used to help us better understand how to improve mental health and wellbeing in our learning community.*
- *Although not every question may seem relevant to you, please answer each honestly and as best you can. The term 'learning community and learning environment' refer to your child's school.*
- *If you have several children and/or young people attending the learning setting, please respond to questions from an overall perspective.*

The survey is not compulsory and you can skip questions if you want to.

The link for the survey is:

<https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/survey.php?mid=uNo38ypjA1yd2cg3n16fskyl98qq1>

The link to this survey has been sent out on both the Skoolbag App and via e-mail. If you have not received any correspondence relating to this, please contact the front office and check that your contact details are correct and up-to-date. The survey needs to be completed by the end of June.

Mr Davies and the Be You Team.

P&C

Disco Party!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Disco. You all looked amazing and we were happy to hear that everyone had a great night.

We would like to thank DJ Jewels for keeping the party going and a special thank you to Tracey Proctor, Germaine Quinn, Bud (Mark) Brennan, Debbie Gosling, Angela & Matt Pearce for all your help making a great disco.

With your help we were able to raise \$1242.93

\$660 raised through School Banking!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised \$660 for our school through the School Banking Contributions Program in 2018 (\$462) and Term 1 of 2019 (\$198).

Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

We would love to hear your thoughts on what these funds should go towards, especially from our regular savers.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, *whether you're saving a little or a lot each deposit earns you a rewards token.*

Don't forget you can bring your younger/older siblings banking as well, even if they don't go to LPS.

Keep up the great work and remember, School Banking day is **every Wednesday**.

Book Club.

Issue 4 due in today Friday 21st June. Catalogue online if you have misplaced the one sent home. Let Michelle Clague know if you need more time.

20% of each order is rewarded back to the school as "reward dollars" to purchase new resources.



Construction Kids – Building Mini Bridges

In the July school holidays this year, come and participate in **Lendlease's Construction Kids – Building Mini Bridges** interactive sessions, for children aged between 6-9 years of age. The Construction Kids program has been designed to promote knowledge in aspects of construction including: engineering, the environment and safety - through fun filled activities. The programme has several 1hour sessions running on the 10th and 17th of July. This will be hosted at Penrith Panthers and be conducted under the Club's supervision policy. Registration is free and parents are welcome to stay and join in on the fun!

We are excited to be implementing a free fun-filled school holiday programme and we hope you can come along. Contact our Lendlease Community Team to sign up today by contacting us on 1800 870 665 or email: tnr.community@lendlease.com.

Drop-off and Pick-up zones

Safety tips

Safety tips for drivers using a Drop-off and Pick-up zones

- Always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures.
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the Drop-off and Pick-up zone.
- Make sure children use the Safety Door (the rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- Make sure the handbrake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Always park legally.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.



Kids and Traffic Safety
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Safety tips for students

- Always get in and out of the vehicle through the Safety Door, the rear footpath-side door.
- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the Drop-off and pick-up area.
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, such as on the floor.
- Be ready to get out of the vehicle with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.

Safety tips for volunteers

- For easy identification, wear a safety item, such as a fluoro vest, sash or hat.
- Remain on the footpath when helping students to exit and enter each vehicle, in turn, in the Pick-up and Drop-off zone.
- Do not attempt to direct traffic and do not enter the road environment.

More information

[Keeping our kids safe around schools](#) has information for principals, parents and members of the school community.

Order Safety Door stickers from the Centre for Road Safety website [online catalogue](#).

roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

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