

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

December 2020	
11/12	K - 2 Sydney Zoo
16/12	Last Day of Term for Students
29/1	Years 1-6 Students Return Term 1 2021

From the Principal.....

Thank You

Once again, a big thank you to the Leonay PS community for your generous donations for the Mama Lana charity. We were able to donate a large number of gifts to help this local organisation. Thank you to Michelle C from the P and C for delivering everything. Well done Leonay!!



Classes 2021

Based on our current enrolment for 2020, our numbers indicate that 9 classes can be formed. This is as a result of a drop in enrolments especially in Kindergarten. If you are not returning in 2021, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the office immediately. Official enrolment numbers must be submitted to the Department of Education by Thursday 4 February. Information regarding classes will be sent home at the beginning of 2021 when all children including Kindergarten are accounted for at school.

Christmas Concert

We hope you enjoyed watching the Christmas Concert movie with your family. It can be accessed through your child's Google Classroom. A special thanks to Mrs Davies who completed all the editing.

Thank You to our Canteen Volunteers

A big thank you to the many parent helpers who have volunteered their time to work in the canteen during the week or on a Friday for lunch. Kirsti L has taken on the role of Canteen manager in 2020 and we thank her for all her efforts. We also thank these parents: Jessica W, Brooke HD, Kerrie S, Rebecca J, Siew L, Ellen H, Sara-Leanne E, Debbie G, Alisa T, Tracey P, Angela P, Steph C, Michelle C, Stacey C, Sondra C, Celeste C, Yasmin L, Rebecca K, Mellissa W, Linden H, Lee H, Melissa O, Belinda M, Shayne S, Kiri A, Dorian T, Jessica A for giving up their time to help out. We are still looking for volunteers in 2021 to help out with rosters, ordering, serving, lunches. Please contact the office or the P and C Facebook page if you are available. At this stage in 2021, we will only be able to provide a limited canteen during the week and Friday lunches at limited times throughout the term.

2020 Presentation Assembly

Due to the current regulations in place, our 2020 presentation assembly will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 9 December commencing at approximately 9.30am. The Zoom link was emailed to all families yesterday. The school will grant access to parents for this ceremony from 9:00am. All parents must be logged into the system by 9.25am so we can begin at 9.30am sharp. To ensure that the assembly runs smoothly and to time, we will not be admitting anyone once the assembly has commenced. During the year our fortnightly assemblies provide an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of all students. At this assembly only a select number of prestigious class awards are presented to recognise those students who have performed at the highest of standards throughout the year. Due to many activities being cancelled because of COVID restrictions, this year each class teacher will give an additional 2 awards to recognise those students who would have achieved in the areas of creative arts and physical education.

Year 6 Farewell and Graduation

Year 6 Farewell will go ahead at Emu Plains Sports Club on Thursday 10 December. There are a number of guidelines in place for this event that will be provided to Year 6 parents prior to the evening.

Year 6 Graduation will be on Wednesday 16 December at 12noon via Zoom. The link will be sent to all Year 6 parents prior to this date. The farewell arch will be held at 2.50pm. . The students will complete the arch walk on the ball court. Parents and Carers are permitted to stand outside the school fence along Buring Avenue. Please ensure that you adhere to social distancing guidelines in place at the time.

Semester Two Student Reports

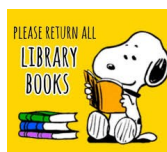
These will be distributed on Monday 14 December. Following a very positive and overwhelming response from our parent survey, the report contains learning indicators for all key learning areas. An explanation page will accompany the report.

Last Day of 2020 and 2021 Commencement Dates

Wednesday 16 December 2020 is the last day of school for students. In 2021, Year 1 to Year 6 return on Friday 29 January (there are two Staff Development days - 27 and 28 January), whilst Kindergarten start on Tuesday 2 February.

Miss Payne
Principal

LIBRARY



We have 51 students with 70 outstanding books. Please check at home and return any of these outstanding books.

Congratulations to K/1D for being the first class to return all of their library books for 2020.

Dear Leonay P.S. Staff, Parents/Caregivers and Students,

It is with so many emotions that I will say goodbye, on 15 December 2020, to Leonay P.S. where I have taught for the last 17 years, and to a teaching career that has been a huge part of my life for over 30 years.

To ALL the staff both past and present, many who have become lifelong friends, THANK YOU to all those who gave me support, encouragement and friendship throughout the many good times as well as the challenging times. Teaching is so much better when you work with a committed and dedicated team and I have been lucky to do so many times during my career.

To the Parents and Caregivers, THANK YOU for all your help both in the classroom and on excursions, for your kind words and for all your support in any way that was required. I have appreciated everything you have done and it has made the partnership between school and home a rewarding experience.

To ALL the Leonay PS students over the last 17 years, especially those that I have had the pleasure of teaching, YOU are the reason I became a teacher all those years ago, YOU are the reason I taught for over 30 years and YOU are the reason it is so hard to say goodbye. THANK YOU – I will never forget your happy smiles, inquisitive minds and bubbly personalities.

I take away so many fantastic memories of my time here at Leonay, some very special ones being of my numerous debating teams and their competitions, the fun Zoonsnoozes and the great Yarramundi Camps.

I look forward in retirement to spending more time with my wonderful family both here in the Blue Mountains, and hopefully when I can, visiting my youngest daughter who lives in NZ, more often, as well as travelling around our own beautiful country with my husband in our newly purchased van.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2021.

Mrs Jenny Fisk

TERM 4 WEEK 5 MERIT AWARDS

KW	Emily H	Thomas K
K/1D	Madison H	Moses VM
1W	Emily C	Maggie T
2D	Emma H	Evelyn M
2R	Myah S	Charlotte K
3/4C	Kieren P	Blake V
3/4M	Lilly-A F	Lucas H
4/5D	Jai T	Ashdene M
5/6L	Nicky W	Xander C
5/6T	Ainsley C	William M

TERM 4 WEEK 7 MERIT AWARDS

KW	Benjamin B	Eli D
K/1D	Kian A	Angus W
1W	Bronte P	Lara T
2D	Quinn D	Ella S
2R	Ella B	Mila D
3/4C	Lulu-R F	Jackson M
3/4M	Emma W	Sarah D
4/5D	Lucas P	Drew C
5/6L	Amelia C	Chase H
5/6T	Cameron S	Gabrielle S

INChurch Presents

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT FILM

Streaming online from December 19th-24th

OUTDOOR CINEMA EXPERIENCE

DECEMBER 18TH, 19TH, 20TH 7:30PM

Hosted by INChurch & WestCare Community Services
1 Simeon Rd, Orchard Hills

Book FREE tickets at inchurch.com.au/christmas




INChurch's Christmas Concert Film – Outdoor Screening Event

Date
18th-20th December

Times
7:30pm gates open
8:15pm kids preshow
8:30pm screening begins

Extra information
Food available on the night,
BYO seating (picnic rugs,
chairs).

INChurch has a COVID Safe
plan in place and will be
adhering to it.

Head to website for more
details:
<https://inchurch.com.au/christmas>



Leonay Public School

Movement of Families in 2021

Family Name: _____

Child/ Children's Names: _____

Please indicate with a v:

My child/ children will **not** need a class place at LPS in 2021. My child /children will be attending _____ school in 2021.

My child/ children will return late to LPS in 2021 due to travel/ holidays.

Date of return: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

Date: _____

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