

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

February 2020

27/2

District Swimming Carnival

ASSEMBLY DATES

28/2

NOTES HOME

Recorder Purchase - Due 27/2

Choir - Due 27/2



Please check your emails, Skoolbag app & website to download current notes and newsletters.

Please retain this front sheet to keep informed about school activities

Parent/Carer Information Meetings

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the information sessions on Wednesday night. We hope you found these helpful and informative. Please take the time to complete your parent questionnaire and return to your child's teacher by Wednesday 26 February.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival was held last Thursday 13 February at Glenbrook Pool at 6.30pm. It was extremely successful and a high level of participation from our students was displayed on the night. Thank you to Mrs Wallace for her coordination of the carnival. District swimming will be on Thursday 27 February at Penrith Pool. Information has been sent home for eligible students. Ribbons from the school swimming carnival will be presented on Friday 28 February after the assembly.

Coffee and Chat

On Wednesday 26 February at 2.30pm our new School Chaplain Mr Phil Irvine will be hosting a coffee and chat session in the library. Feel free to drop in and say hello. Phil's role in the school is to support the social and emotional wellbeing of the staff, students and the community. At present he is working alongside the teachers in different classes as he gets to know our students and also during lunchtimes in the playground.

School Photos

Change of date to Term 2- Tuesday 26 May. Summer uniform will still be required.

Homework Survey

Last week a note was sent home with all students regarding Homework. As a school we are reviewing our current homework practices in order to streamline and develop consistency. A link to a parent survey was on the note and was also emailed to all families. Thank you to those that have completed it. At most it will take 4 minutes. The link is included below. Primary students are also completing a similar survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSV2CXQ>

Please complete by Wednesday 26 February.

Permission Note/Money Due Dates

All of our permission notes have a return by date on them and cut off time of 10am. Please be mindful of this 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 that date.** All of our current notes can be downloaded from the school's website in the news section. They are also sent out via email and on the Skoolbag App. Please notify the school of any changes to address, phone, email or emergency contacts. All online payments must be made by 6pm the night before to process overnight and be in the next day.

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 stage at our front office.

School Representation

Congratulations to the following students on their sporting achievements:

Xander C on being chosen to trial for the Sydney West Boys Cricket team

Maddison O and Cooper C on making the Sydney West Basketball teams

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 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.

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. Rangers regularly patrol the area and issue hefty fines.

P & C Meeting- Thank You

The next P & C meeting will be held in the library on Tuesday 17 March, commencing at 7pm. All parent/carers are welcome to attend. This will be the AGM. A special mention to Ms Stephanie Cook who has held the role of P and C president for the past three years but will step down as her term has concluded. She has worked tirelessly for the school over this time and we thank her, and the P and C volunteers for all their hard work.

Assembly

Next assembly – Friday 28 February, parents and carers are most welcome. 5/6L are performing. Please note that if you wish to take a photo of your child with their award, then you will need to wait until the conclusion of the assembly.

*Miss Payne
Relieving Principal*

LIBRARY NEWS

2020 promises to be another busy and exciting year in our library.

It is terrific to see students in K-6 enthusiastically borrowing books to read, both at home and at school. A library bag helps to ensure the minimum of damage to library books on the trip from school to home and back again. It also helps children not to lose their books. A plastic shopping bag, drawstring bag or school library bag are all suitable to use as library bags. Please encourage your child to bring their library bag to school on the class' library day.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) will begin in March. Given that the correct number of suitable books are shared with all students in K-2 during library and class time, parents can take a rest from recording these books this year. The K-2 children will still be bringing PRC books home from the library to read and share with you, but you don't need to note them down.

Children in 3-6 will need to record the PRC books they read. The PRC forms are due late August. I will distribute forms and step the children through the process over the next fortnight.

As always, if you have any questions or queries regarding the PRC, your child's reading, borrowing books or if you would like to suggest books for our library please contact me through the school office. I'm always more than happy to chat and help wherever I can.

Mrs Garbutt-Young

EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



P&C

Thank you to all those who came along on Tuesday night, to our first P&C meeting of 2020. It was lovely to see so many new faces. Our next meeting is the AGM on 17 March, where a new Executive will be elected, and then our next general meeting, where we will pick up on discussions around our School Fair fundraising events and our fundraising goals and purchases for 2020. Please come along and join in the conversation, everyone is welcome! 7pm at the School Library.

P&C are urgently looking for an Auditor

Unfortunately the lovely Auditor we have been using is unexpectedly unavailable, leaving us needing someone to check our figures before the March AGM.

The auditor does not need to be a qualified professional. The auditor must possess appropriate skills and experience in auditing and financial record management together with an appreciation of the issues of probity as they relate to the role of association auditor.

If you, or someone you know, has bookkeeping or auditing knowledge/experience and has a small window of availability, we would greatly appreciate your/their assistance.

Please make contact with the Treasurer Belinda Manewell (0412070774) or with anyone on the P&C Executive, through the P&C Facebook page, via the school front office, or via the P&C email pandcleonay@gmail.com

We promise the paperwork is organised - it's not a shoe box of invoices and receipts.

Second Hand Uniform Stall

The Leonay Public School P&C have a Second Hand Uniform Stall at every Friday assembly. There is a range of clothing and sizes, with every piece a Gold Coin donation. Donations of clothes are also welcome at any time in the year. As a special at the assembly next week, we will have scrunchies on offer – made from the same material as the girls dress, these scrunchies will be a huge hit! There are limited quantities, so only 1 per purchase, no holds and \$2 each. Get in quick! Thanks to the crafty Mum Alisa T for creating these popular gems!