

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Calendar 2022



8/11,15/11 & 22/11	Kinder Orientation
11/11	PSSA Gala Day
15/11	Stage 1 Excursion to Warragamba
15/11	P & C Meeting
16/11	Nepean CAPA Music Students Visit
23/11	Student Leader Speeches
1/12	Last Scripture - Combined Service
7/12	Presentation Day
8/12	Year 6 Farewell
12/12	Semester 2 Reports Home
12/12	Christmas Concert
16/12	Year 6 Graduation
16/12	Year 6 Arch
16/12	Last Day of Term 4 for Students

Penrith Valley Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Ruby M, Misha M, Laura R and Findlay T who represented Leonay PS last week at this Public Speaking competition. Laura came 2nd in the year 5 section and this week competed in the Grand Final.

I am very pleased to announce that Laura presented and delivered a very moving speech on Wednesday, that resulted in her winning the overall Year 5 section. This is a magnificent effort, and she thoroughly deserves this. Well done Laura!

Community Service Award

Congratulations to Chloe S who was nominated by Leonay PS staff to receive a Rotary Community Service award. Chloe, her mum and I attended a special presentation dinner on Tuesday night at Emu Plains Sports Club. Chloe has worked tirelessly during her time at Leonay PS in many capacities including representing the school in choir and dance and volunteering to work as a Book Buddies tutor and run Interest Groups during Long Play sessions. Congratulations Chloe on this well-deserved achievement.

Christmas Concert Monday 12 December - Save the date!!

We are looking forward to holding our annual Christmas Concert on the school oval once again. Each class will prepare a Christmas Item for the concert and there will be some other special items included as well. The night will begin at 6pm. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Colour Run

Thank you to the Leonay Community (and beyond) for your continued support and amazing donations to the school Colour Run. It is a magnificent effort for a little community. The money raised (combined with a P and C donation) will be used to add more fixed playground equipment in the playground.

Kindergarten 2023

Next week we welcome our new Kinders for 2023 on site for their first orientation session. Thank you to Ms Rothwell and our wonderful office staff for all their hard work and organisation of this. The next two sessions will be Tuesday 15 November and Tuesday 22 November. It is not too late to enrol your child for next year. Please contact the office immediately to organise the paperwork.

Enrolments for 2023

Please return the information slip at the end of the newsletter if:

- ◆ Your family is definitely moving and your children won't return to Leonay PS in 2023.
- ◆ Your child is attending another school eg private, opportunity class
- ◆ Your family will be on holidays and may return late in Term 1 2023.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

1,2,3 Magic

At Leonay PS we use 1,2,3 Magic in our classrooms with our students. I have attached to the newsletter today information regarding free parent sessions being run about 1,2,3 Magic. You are welcome to register and find out more about the program

P & C Meeting

Final meeting - Tuesday 15 November, commencing at 7pm in the library. Thank you to all members of the P and C and other volunteers who have helped raise money this year through various events that were held. It is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Next Assembly

Friday 11 November at 2pm. Maximum 2 adults per family may attend.

Miss Payne
Principal

Selective High School Information for Year 7 placement in 2024

Applications for selective high school placement are considered on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form is available now to view at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Student Holidays

If you are planning a holiday during school term, you must request an Application for Travel from the office. Any leave taken without the Principal's approval will be marked as not approved by the school and will be marked as unjustified. These forms must be completed prior and not retrospectively. This is a Departmental requirement. There are exceptions for funerals or bereavement where a student may have to travel during school term.

Rock and Water

In Rock and Water this term the students have been learning about how we **always have a choice**. This has been done through playing different games where the students switch between being firm, like a rock and flexible like water. One phrase that we have taken time to reflect on is:

When I lose my basis, I have lost my balance
When I lose my balance, I lose my self-control
And when I lose my self-control, I risk losing everything.

This program has been designed to teach the students that they are in control of the way that they act and respond in any situation. It has been great to see how the students have been engaging with the Rock and Water program. I encourage you to ask your kids to demonstrate one of the games they have learnt and then ask them what that has taught them about living with others.

Mr Irvine

ROTARY CLUB OF LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS



Samraong Primary School Expansion – Cambodia

15 years ago, Lower Blue member, Mick Harriden, had the vision to build a primary school in the impoverished & land mine impacted Samraong area in north-west Cambodia. He & a group of friends, supported by numerous Rotary clubs along the route, cycled from Ballarat to Penrith & raised \$35000, sufficient to build a school & library.

The school has been highly successful & now needs to be expanded, so Lower Blue Mountains Rotary has registered a new RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) project to fund the required building work.

Mick & the Lower Blue team will be grateful of your support. Donations to RAWCS projects are tax deductible & you can donate by clicking on this link.

<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/11-2022-23>





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Club of Lower Blue Mountains

ROTARIANS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN COMMUNITIES

Would you like to do more to support your community?
Individuals can do little by themselves, but...

Join Lower Blue Mountains Rotary Club and work
with 50-60 other like minded citizens to:

- Mentor youth - education and leadership
- Join the fun of staging Growers/Craft Markets in Glenbrook
- Support Gateway Family Services and the underprivileged in our community
- Recognise outstanding community leaders of all ages - lavish Christmas parties for senior citizens
- Promote Pride of Workmanship in all vocations
- Share in the delight of Australia Day celebrations and our unique Gnome Convention in Glenbrook
- Support Australian Rotary Health's research programs into mental illness and suicide prevention
- Join 'band of workers' to assist children and parents at local hospitals

Internationally, become part of the largest humanitarian 'army' of 1.2 million Rotarians in our world and support the work of The Rotary Foundation:

- Peace and conflict resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment, including the END POLIO NOW campaign to rid the world of the dreaded Poliomyelitis virus
- Basic education and literacy - especially for the female child
- Maternal and child health - locally and around the world
- Provision of fresh water and economic development in all countries
- Caring for our environment

For more information, talk to a Rotarian:

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

MEET NEW FRIENDS

overseas student exchange

volunteering

AWARDS

RANZSE Rotary Australia New Zealand

Student Exchange offers an adventure in experiencing life and schooling for a term in New Zealand. Australian students aged 14-16 have the opportunity to stay with a New Zealand host family and attend school with a NZ student who will then come to live and study with them in Australia during the following term.

RYEA Rotary Youth Exchange Australia

Interested in travelling and experiencing a new culture? Through Rotary Youth Exchange Australia, you will spend a year studying abroad living with Rotary volunteer host families who will introduce you to a new culture, language, and lifestyle in one of over 12 countries.

NYSF National Youth Science Forum For students passionate about science, National Youth Science Forum gives an opportunity to visit a large variety of some of Australia's leading scientific facilities and talk to many of our top scientists enabling informed career choices to be made.

RYPEN Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

provides a group of young people aged 15-17 an opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills. This weekend program will see you engage with likeminded people, while having fun and learning new skills in areas such as problem solving and public speaking. On top of learning these skills, RYPEN will give you a chance to put them to practical use, through debate and physical activity.

RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Award

is a 7 day residential leadership seminar for aspiring leaders aged 18 to 25 years. The week incorporates a lot of self development through a variety of mechanisms. Participants can seize the opportunity to develop leadership, communication and problem solving skills, can practice new behaviours, forge life-long friends and challenge their personal belief systems and values.

Interact

Be part of a club for young people like you who want to join together to tackle issues in your community that you care most about. Through Interact, you can carry out hands-on service projects, make international connections, develop leadership skills, and Have fun!

FIND OUT MORE

www.rotaryaustralia.org.au

Rotary  **Youth Programs Australia**



123 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Program

Building positive relationships between parents and children

- ? Want to learn how to manage challenging behaviours and ways to encourage more positive behaviours from your children?
- ? Looking for advice, tips and strategies on how to help your children identify and manage the emotions driving their behaviour?

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching is a FREE 3 week parenting program that teaches carers positive parenting skills that produce quick results.

The 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching course helps parents and carers learn:

- How to manage challenging behaviours in your child
- How to use positive parenting skills with your children
- How to help your children manage their emotional responses

REGISTER NOW



PROGRAM DETAILS

WHEN: Wed 16th, 23rd & 30th Nov

WHERE: Online via ZOOM

TIME: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

COST: FREE



Contact 4720 6500 or groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE VAPING?



Vaping – what parents and carers need to know

Webinar for parents and carers

Thursday, 10 November 2022, 7:00-8:00 pm AEDT

P&C Federation is co-hosting this webinar with NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education to help parents and carers understand more about the facts on the health risks of e-cigarette use (vaping). You will learn about where to find more information including the NSW Government's 'Do you know what you're vaping?' campaign and [Vaping Toolkit](#).

Webinar overview

This webinar will answer your questions about vaping:

- What are the harms of vaping?
- What is the impact of nicotine on young people?
- What are signs to look out for to know my child is vaping?
- What are the sources of support to quit nicotine (smoking and vaping)?
- What can I do to support my child?
- Is the sale of vapes legal? What is the situation for children under 18 years of age?
- What are schools doing to address vaping?

Panellists

The following panel will be at the webinar to share information and answer your questions:

- Dr Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary, Population and Public Health, NSW Ministry of Health
- Renee West, PDHPE Curriculum Advisor 7-12, NSW Department of Education
- Dr Bronwyn Milne, Head of Department Adolescent Medicine, Sydney Children's Hospital Network, Staff Specialist Paediatrician and Addiction Medicine Specialist

P&C Federation President Natalie Walker will facilitate the webinar.

At the conclusion of the presentation, there will be the opportunity for attendees to ask questions of the panel.

Register now: <https://www.pandc.org.au/vaping-webinar/>

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Movement of Families in 2023

Family Name: _____

Child/ Children's Names: _____

Please indicate with a ✓:

☐ My child/children will **not** need a class place at LPS in 2023. My child
/children will be attending _____ school in 2023.

☐ My child/ children will return late to LPS in 2023 due to travel/ holidays.

Date of return: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

Date: _____

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