

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

March - April Calendar 2022



4/3 - 1/4	Dance2bfit
8/3	Pancake Tuesday
15/3	P & C AGM
16/3	District Swimming Carnival
23/3	Sydney West Swimming Carnival
29/3	School Photos
4/4 - 6/4	Stage 3 Narrabeen Camp
8/4	Easter Hat Parade

COMPASS IS HERE!!! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the parents who have embraced our new management system Compass even with a couple of glitches along the way. We are all learning how to navigate the platform together. Logins were resent last week to any parent and carers who had not previously logged in.

All communications from the school including notes and messages will be via Compass.

There are two ways you can access this information. Firstly logging in with your username and password and following the messages to view items. You can also submit attendance notes through this platform. Secondly you can access information through the Compass App that can be downloaded to your device. We are no longer using Skoolbag App or Class Dojo at Leonay PS. Both were used as communication channels over the past two years at a time when parents/carers were limited to site access. Thankfully this has now changed and parents/carers are able to re-enter school grounds. It also coincides with the introduction of Compass, streamlining all our programs into one platform for greater ease.

Please remember that at anytime if you wish to speak to a teacher, you can ring the school or send an email. The office staff will pass these messages on, and the teacher will get back to you when they are available.

Goal Setting Conferences

Thank you to all the parents who attended Goal Setting Conferences this week. This is the first time we have used our new Compass system. I am pleased to say we had 70% attendance. Well done Leonay! We will hold these again in Term 3. I hope you found meeting the 2022 teacher and setting learning goals for your child a valuable experience.

Student Wellbeing Changes

As part of our Strategic Improvement Plan, Mrs Longhurst and her team have reviewed our current Well-being policies. Parents, students and staff have had opportunities to participate through surveys and discussions. These will continue throughout the year as we continue to refine these policies and practices. Attached to our newsletter today are the new school expectations. Please take time to discuss with your child.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is a national assessment that has been part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the skills of students in reading, writing, spelling, grammar & punctuation and numeracy. This year the NAPLAN tests will be administered to students in Years 3 and 5 starting Tuesday 10 May over a two-week period. Leonay PS will once again complete Online NAPLAN testing in 2022. All tests except year 3 writing will be completed online. Please speak to Mrs Garbutt-Young (Year 3) or Mrs Longhurst (Year 5) if you have any questions or concerns.

P & C AGM Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be the AGM held in the library on **Tuesday 15 March**, commencing at 7pm. All current financial members of the P & C are entitled to nominate and vote at this meeting. Voting will take place to elect the following major positions: - President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. For more information on each role, visit the NSW P & C website: - www.pandc.org.au/

Miss Payne

Principal

White Slips - Recording of Incidents - Information from Mrs Longhurst

Previously we have used the White Slip system to identify and track students who breach the school expectations of being a Safe Respectful Learner. The slips were then sent home as part of a communication chain to parents. As we are now moving all our school systems over to the Compass platform, we are investigating ways that these incidents can be recorded and tracked in the system. This now means that we have moved away from the White Slip system. If there are concerns about a student's behaviour, the teachers will make a phone call to discuss the issue with you. These will be recorded and held as an equivalent to a White Slip while we continue to review and revise our current Wellbeing Policy.

Sporting Representation

Congratulations to the following students for making Penrith Representative PSSA teams:

Netball - Lilly-Anna F

11 year Rugby League - Tyson G

Opens Rugby League - Anthony N

Girls Basketball - Isobel C and Ella P

Boys Basketball - Harrison M and Cooper P

Girls Softball - Ava M and Lara W

Good luck to Laura R and Caleb O who have reached a second round trial in Soccer.

Mornings

Procedures for mornings are as follows:

There is no supervision provided until 8.30am each morning. Students should not be on site (except those attending set activities eg music, choir etc)

Between 8.30am and 8.40am all students will be supervised under the COLA with their bags.

At 8.40am the teacher on duty will ask students to put their bag outside their room and then make their way to the playground area. Students stay on hard surfaces before school including the ball court and areas near the water tanks.

At 9.00am when the bell rings all students make their way to their classrooms and line up outside.

Payments for School Activities

All excursions and school events have a cut off time of 10am on the due date. Payments can be made in cash, EFTPOS (between 8.30 and 10am everyday) and online (through the Leonay PS website - Make a Payment tab).

Please note: All online payments must be made before 6pm the night prior to the due date in order to process and be in our school account the following day. This is important to ensure that payments are received on time. If you make an online payment, you also need to ensure that the permission note is returned to school by the due date with the receipt number clearly stated on it.

At any stage if you are having difficulties meeting the deadline or payment date for any excursion, then please ring the school (4735 5999) to discuss this and make alternative arrangements. We are happy to do this prior to the due date.

Late Arrivals, Early Leavers and Late Pick - Ups

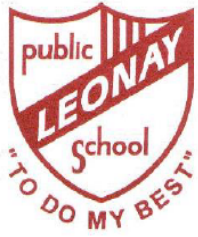
In recent weeks we have seen a number of students arriving late to school. It is important for parents to make sure their child is at school prior to the 9am start time. Children that are late to school miss an important part of the day when instructions are being given. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. Late arrivals are required to report to the office.

All early leavers are now required to be signed out by a parent /carer at the school office, now that restrictions to be onsite have been lifted.

If you know you will be late to pick up your child/ren please contact the school office as soon as possible. Any call received after 2.45pm will prove difficult to deliver to your child.

Neighbouring Properties-Fairways Ave

I have received a number of complaints from local residents in regards to parent behaviours during before and after school drop offs on Fairways Ave. Please be considerate of the residents in our community.



Everyone, everywhere, every time

To Do My Best

To be a....



Safe	Respectful	Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be accountable for my choices • Attend school everyday • Make sensible choices • Show pride in our school • Show pride in ourselves • Speak honestly • Help my community • Follow STAND 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show kindness • Listen to others • Speak and behave courteously • Cooperate with others • Support and value others • Take care of property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show curiosity and creativity • Get involved and be active • Show bravery • Make mistakes to learn • Become a problem solver • Ask questions • Bounce back from challenges • Persist when it gets hard • Work with others • Concentrates and completes tasks



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

awarded to

Leonay Public School

for outstanding effort in Collection of Bread Tags



3/3/2022

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HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



Harmony Day

Theme – Celebrating Harmony

On Monday 21 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day.

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

To celebrate this event students will be participating in various activities. We are asking students to wear orange clothing on the day instead of their school uniform. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.

Year 6 Fundraiser – Find Bazza



As part of Year 6 fundraising for this term, Year 6 are hosting a 'Find the Bazza!' competition around the school playground. This will be held on Friday 18th March (Week 8). This event will require students to provide a gold coin donation on the day to participate. More information will be sent home next week.

Leonay Lowdown for Parents

Please use the link to Guide to Suitable Apps for children and flyer below for tips on Internet safety.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/>

Getting started with parental controls in social media, games and apps



Many social media sites, games and apps now come with parental controls. The eSafety Guide has advice on safety features that can be useful for parents and carers, including how to use the settings to protect personal information and report online abuse.

Here are some examples of the parental control features included in popular social media, games and apps.

Roblox

Roblox is a game creation platform that allows users to design games, play together and chat. Using built-in parental controls, parents can manage the way their children use the game. These features include a 'restricted' mode that prevents access to chat and inappropriate games.

Find out more about Roblox safety settings in [The eSafety Guide](#) or Roblox [account restrictions](#).

TikTok

TikTok is a social media app for creating and sharing short videos. TikTok has a feature called Family Pairing that allows parents to link their Tik Tok account to their teen's account. Family pairing lets parents set controls like how much time their child spends on TikTok, the content they can see and their privacy settings.

Find out more about TikTok's safety settings in the [The eSafety Guide](#) or TikTok [for parents](#).

YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids is a filtered version of YouTube. Parents can create a separate profile for each child in their household. YouTube Kids uses a mix of automated filters, human review and parent feedback to limit the content that kids can see on the platform. Parents can also manually approve videos for their kids to watch, block videos and set screen time limits.

Find out more about YouTube Kids in the [The eSafety Guide](#) or [YouTube Kids](#).

Facebook Messenger for Kids

Messenger Kids is a free video calling and messaging app owned by Facebook. Parents can monitor their child's activity and control their contact list using a Parent Dashboard. Parents can sign up on behalf of their child, and it doesn't require the child to have Facebook account. Messenger Kids does not show advertising or offer in-app purchases.

Find out more about Facebook Messenger for Kids in [The eSafety guide](#) or [Messenger Kids](#).

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