

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

May Calendar 2022



10/5 –20/5	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
13/5	Assembly
13/5	PSSA Starts
28/5	Assembly

*Happy Mother's Day to all the mums,
stepmums, grandmas and nans on Sunday*

May 8.

Have a lovely day!



Mother's Day Stall and Raffle

On Thursday 5 May, our P & C members provided a range of items for children to buy as a gift for mum or a carer. They also organised a Mother's Day raffle with lots of lovely prizes that was drawn on Friday. Thank you to the P & C for arranging the stall and raffle. It is much appreciated by the school community!

NAPLAN Online 2022

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between, Tuesday 10 May and Friday 20 May, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](#).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

[How to support your child during NAPLAN](#)

[Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

Entry to Opportunity Class for Year 5 in 2023

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 28 July 2022**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2023, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **Tuesday 26 April 2022** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

The application website opens on **Tuesday 26 April 2022** and closes on **Friday 13 May 2022**. No late applications will be accepted. **You must apply online**; there are no paper application forms. Please contact the school if you need further assistance.

Books in Homes

In Term 1, The Lower Blue Mountains Rotary Club supplemented a fantastic reading program called Books in Homes. They paid for 10 Leonay PS students to choose and receive 3 books from a selected catalogue to take home and keep forever. Through a random draw, each of the 9 classes selected one student. The staff decided that student 10 would be from the Kindergarten class as learning to read is extremely crucial at this level. The students received their books and have thoroughly enjoyed them.

In Term 2, the Rotary Club have offered to do the same thing again. Each class will conduct another random draw for their nominated student. Student 10 will come from year 1 this time around.

School Cross Country Ribbons

The school Cross Country ribbons will be presented at a special assembly on Monday 9 May at 11.45am under the COLA. Parents/carers may attend but must QR code in prior to the assembly. A QR code will be posted on the brick column near the hall.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Ella P for being selected in Sydney West Basketball and Anthony N for being selected in Sydney West Rugby League. Both will compete at various times throughout the term.

PSSA Soccer and Netball begins next Friday 13 May. Good luck to all the teams. Remember the Leonay motto- 'to do my best.'

Assembly

Next assembly - Friday 13 May. 2R will be presenting. Two parents/carers per 2R students may attend. An invitation will be sent to all award recipients. Any parents who attend must QR code in prior to the assembly. A QR code will be posted on the brick column near the hall.

P & C Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 17 May at 7pm in the school library. All welcome.

Miss Payne
Principal

Parents Leonay Lowdown

This week year 5 and 6 students received a Cyber Safety talk from one of the Police Youth Officers for the Penrith Area. This is following on from some concerns that have been raised regarding students' use of social media. Please take some time to explore the websites below.

Some handy hints about supporting your child on social media.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/cyberbullying>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/cyberbullying/friends-family>

Parking around the School

Please be mindful of parking around the school in the mornings and afternoons. Be aware of obstructing or blocking driveway areas of local residents. We have received a number of recent complaints in regards to this. If you are dropping off or picking up from Before and After School care, then you must park on the roadway and not in school grounds or driveway areas. These processes are in place to ensure the safety of all students and families at Leonay PS.

Do not park or stop to drop off in the area behind the hall, near the bins at any time. It is extremely dangerous for students/parents entering the school grounds. It also blocks deliveries and our bin pick ups, for which we are still charged for.

Parenting programs

For full information on the below courses please open the link.

Mrs Dorrell
School Counsellor

<u>Stress Management for Dads</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads	2 x Wednesdays 27th April & 11th May 2022	6.30-9pm
<u>Calm Kids</u>	For primary school kids aged 10-12years	Ongoing 4 x Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd May 2022	3.30-5pm
<u>Navigating Your Childs Anxiety through Primary School</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of chil- dren aged 0-12 years	Weds 4th May 2022	6.30-9pm
<u>Supporting Parents & Kids through Separation</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads and Mums/ primary carers of chil- dren aged 0-12 years	Ongoing 2 x Saturdays: 7th & 14th May 2022	10am-12.30pm
<u>Stress Management for Mums</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Mums	2 x Mondays 9th & 23rd May 2022	9.30am-12noon
<u>Coping with Anxiety & Panic Attacks</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	Adults with anxi- ety and panic at- tacks	3 weeks ongoing Tuesdays 17th, 24th & 31st May 2022	9.30am—12.30pm
<u>Be a Great Dad!</u> WITH FREE CHILDCARE	For Dads/ primary carers of chil- dren aged 0-12 years	Weds 18th May 2022	6.30-9pm
<u>Helping Teens with Anxiety & Depression</u>	For Parents/ primary carers of teenagers	Weds 25th May 2022	6.30-9pm

P & C



ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL

SATURDAY 21 MAY 2022

Election Day is Saturday 21 May and according to the Electoral Commission, they are expecting around 1500 voters to come through Leonay Public School.

To the fabulous bakers out there we are holding an Election Day Cake/Bake Stall to raise funds for our school.



We are asking for families to donate baked items, (cakes, cookies, muffins, slices, scones, scrolls, quiches, sweet or savoury etc.) to sell on the day. Please include an ingredients list with your donations.

Each family will receive a cake box for your cake stall items, or you may use disposable containers.

Donations can be dropped to the canteen from 2.45pm on the Friday or on the day from 7am.



To make this a success we require volunteers to help run the cake stall starting at 7.30am for set up. We are looking to operate till 2pm or earlier if sold out. If you can spare an hour or two on the day or your child would like to assist please reply to the post on the P & C Facebook page and the time you are available.