

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Calendar 2023



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| 24/2 | PSSA Trials |
| 27/2 to 2/3 | Parent Teacher Goal Setting Conferences |
| 28/2 | School Photos |
| 3/3 | School Cross Country |
| 15 - 27/3 | NAPLAN |
| 24/3 | Sydney West Swimming |
| 5/4 | School ANZAC Service |
| 6/4 | Scripture Easter Service TBC |
| 6/4 | Easter Hat Parade |
| 6/4 | Last Day Term 1 |
| Dates to Remember 2023 | |
| 28/6 - 30/6 | Years 5 & 6 Canberra |
| 21/9 - 22/9 | Years 3 & 4 Yarramundi |

NOTES HOME

Year 6 Souvenir Shirts - Order and Payment due 22/2

Junior and Senior Dance Groups Invitation - Permission Note due 23/2

Cross Country - Years 3-6 and Year 2 students turning 8 this year - Permission Note due 2/3

Wellbeing Practices - Update from 2022

Last year saw the review of our current Wellbeing Practices and the implementation of some new processes. Both the Stop Behaviours Flow Chart (1,2,3 Magic) and the Behaviour Consequences Chart were designed and introduced. Following feedback from the community, staff and students we have made a number of minor modifications to them. Attached to the newsletter are the new, updated versions. These are also in all learning spaces around the school and are discussed regularly. Along with these changes, we have introduced our Leo Legends barrel. Students who are displaying safe, respectful behaviours in the playground may receive a token to be placed in the barrel. 4 winners are drawn at each fortnightly Friday Assembly, and they will receive a \$2 canteen voucher. Each fortnight the tickets are a different colour.

Congratulations to Santino, Tyson, Olivia H and Finn who were the first names drawn from the barrel at last week's assembly for being safe and respectful on the playground.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is extremely important. Attached to today's newsletter is an interesting overview regarding the impact of missed school days. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any concerns around attendance. Each school will have an attendance target to meet as part of the Strategic Improvement Plan. It is also important that all absences are explained.

Absence Notes

At 11am each day, a Compass message is generated if your child is not present at school that day and it has not been explained. Please make sure that you action the reason for absence through the Compass portal. This is much quicker than sending an email to the school. In each child's profile there is an option to add an attendance note. When completed we are notified at the school end and will process the absence accordingly. Please note if your child is taking leave, then an additional form - Application for Extended Leave - Travel, must be completed, submitted 5 days prior to the leave and approved by the principal. This form is available from the School Website, About our School, Rules and Policies. If travel is overseas, then additional documentation eg plane tickets, itinerary are required as proof of travel.

Goal Setting Conferences

During the week beginning Monday 27 February, teachers will be available after school to meet with parents, via Zoom or over the phone, to discuss your child's learning and set goals to move forward with. All classroom teachers will be available on Wednesday 1 March until 6.30pm. Other days (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) will be available, dependent upon the teacher's availability. Times will be limited to 15-minute slots. We will be using the online booking service available via Compass called Conferences. Information will be sent to parents soon.

NSW Curriculum Reform

Leonay PS K-2 classes have started on the implementation of the new English and mathematics syllabus documents. It is a learning time for not only the students but the staff as well. We are completing professional learning sessions as part of this process.

Stage Newsletters

Stage/Class newsletters were sent home with students on Tuesday this week. They give an overview of what is being taught in each Key Learning Area this term. It is helpful to pin them on your fridge. Additional copies are available on the Leonay PS website under the notes section if needed.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival was held on Thursday at Glenbrook Pool at 7pm. It was extremely successful with the participation of 47 of our students on the night. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Mrs Wallace for her coordination of the carnival. Zone swimming will be held on Wednesday 8 March at Penrith Pool. Leonay are the organising school for this event. Mrs Wallace and Mrs Longhurst are working hard in preparation for this. Information for eligible students will be sent home soon.

The swimming ribbons will be presented at assembly on Friday 10 March at 2pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please note: In some events, more than one heat was held due to the number of competitors. Ribbons are awarded on the overall times.

School Photos

Tuesday 28 February. Summer uniform will be required. Photo envelopes will be sent home prior to the day.

P & C Meeting- Thank You

The first P & C meeting for 2023 will be held in the library on **Tuesday 21 February**, commencing at 7pm. All parent/carers are welcome to attend. Mrs Longhurst and Mr Irvine will talk about some of the Wellbeing Practices we have operating in our school.

Miss Payne
Principal

ASSEMBLY DATES
24/2, 10/3, 24/3

Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Procedures for mornings as follows:

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.

Procedures for afternoons as follows:

All parents, carers and grandparents to wait outside the school gates until the bell rings at 3pm. Then they may enter school grounds to collect their child if required.

If you wish to speak to a teacher before or after school, please contact the office to make an arranged time. Teachers are involved in a number of meetings before and after school during the week.

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 notes section. 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.

Excursions - Signing Out

From time to time excursions conclude outside of the school environment and/or outside of normal school hours. When this occurs parents/caregivers are required to collect their child in person and sign their child out on the attendance register. This procedure enables the teacher to account for the safety and whereabouts of their students at all times. Please under no circumstance just collect your child and go before signing them out. Written permission from the parent/caregiver is required for any other person including grandparents to collect their child.

Wanted

Mrs Garbutt-Young is looking for volunteers to take home some of our new readers and cover in contact. Please contact the office if you are interested.

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... |
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| 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!



Stop Behaviours Flow Chart

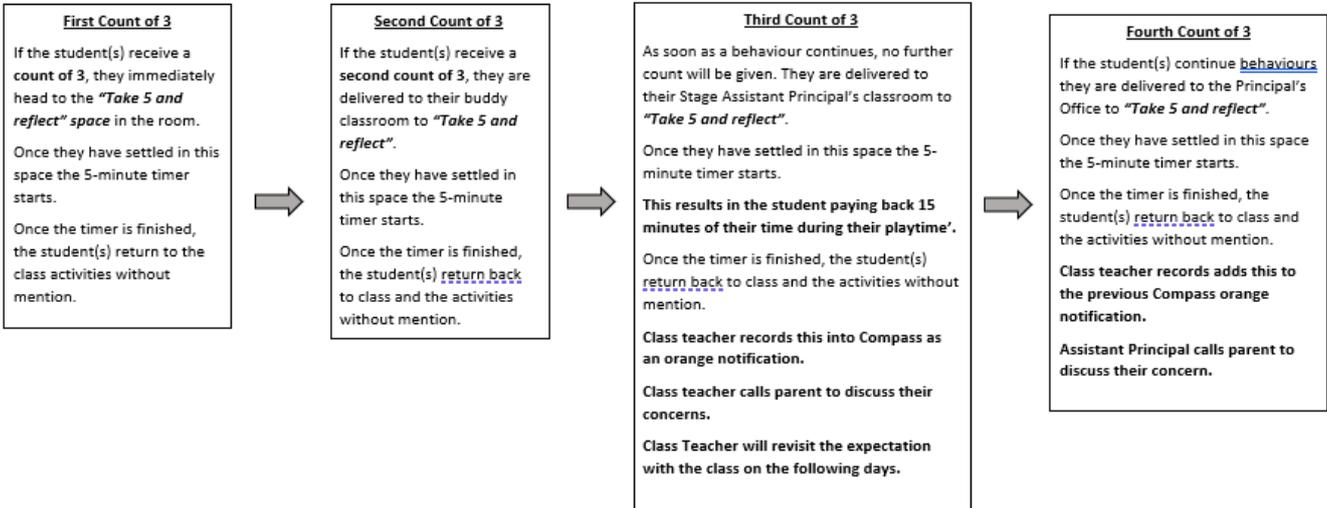


Stop behaviours may range from mildly irritating to obnoxious or disrespectful. When students present with these behaviours, use the 1, 2, 3 counting procedure. If these behaviours persist, please follow the process below. **NOTE: You do not need to count different behaviours separately.**

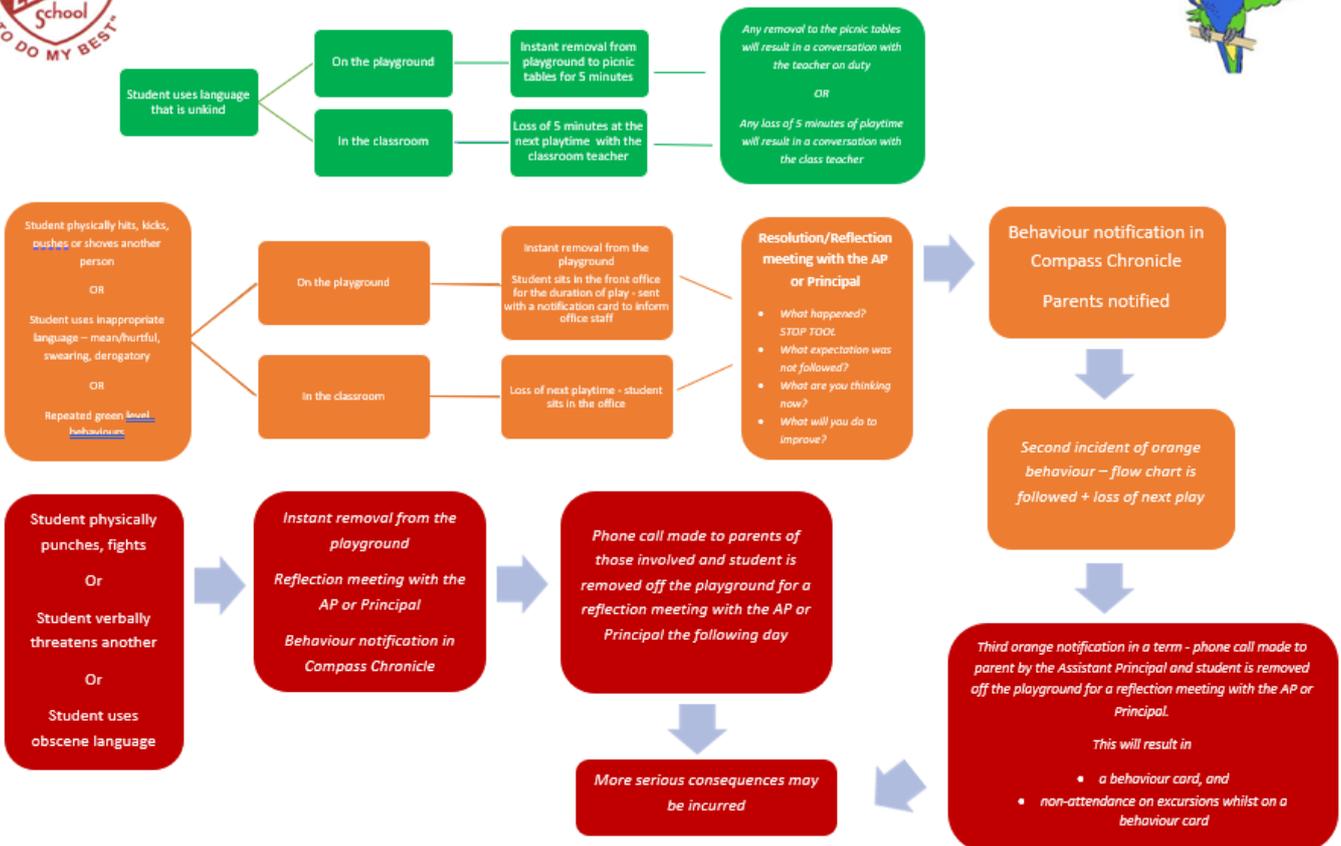
What to say...

- Address the behaviour (You need to stop brief explanation) "That's 1", wait 5 seconds while looking at the student
- "That's 2" wait 5 seconds while looking at the student
- "That's" 3, take 5"

Each session is a fresh start



Leonay Public School Behaviour Consequence Flow Chart



Parents Leonay Lowdown

Rock and Water is a course that is delivered over a number of lessons to students. A series of exercises and games are practised to develop confidence and self-reflection. The program has a strong appeal to students who enjoy the active nature of the many games and drills. Students learn to stand strong, negotiate using “rock” or “water” verbal approaches, walk away from trouble, consider alternatives to aggression, and develop understandings about who they are, their intuitive feelings and their personal direction.

The first lesson that students will participate in is called Standing Strong. They will learn about keeping focus, why trust is important and what makes a good friend.

Please have a look at the Rock and Water Salute. Students make this salute at the beginning of every lesson.



Everyone, everywhere, every time, To Do My Best



Rock and Water Salute

My Rock and Water Salute

Rock

I am strong.

I know what's right and wrong.

I know where I am going.

I can make my own choices.

Water

My first intention is friendship,

Communication and

Connection.



Rock and Water Program
Gadaku Institute

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**Keyboard,
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- ★ Instrument provided for lesson
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- ★ Maximum 8 students per class
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Room usage fee may apply at some schools*
Information and website are subject to change**

<https://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/upcoming-events/emu-plains-community-catch-up>

Emu Plains Community Catch-Up

Council is inviting Emu Plains residents to join us for a community catch-up! We'll have free coffee on-site, provide morning tea, and have face painting and lawn games!

This is also a great opportunity for you to learn more about how to better prepare for and recover from emergencies such as floods and bushfires.

Services such as the SES, RFS, Red Cross and mental health support organisations will be there in the morning for you to talk to and ask any questions you might have about the work they do or what you can do to prepare your home and family for a potential emergency.

Lions Park is located on Park Street in Emu Plains and is adjacent to Melrose Hall.

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.

Dates & Times

Starts: 25 February 2023 - 10:00 AM

Ends: 25 February 2023 - 12:00 PM

Location

Lions Park

Park Street

Emu Plains NSW 2750

Andrew Hewson
Community Recovery Coordinator

BECOME UNSTOPPABLE START RUGBY UNION AT LAPSTONE OVAL IN 2023



- Progress from touch (U6-U7) to tackle, boys and girls aged 9 to 18.
- Minis U6-U9 play Saturday Morning
- Juniors U10-U18 play Sundays
- We are a friendly and welcoming family Junior Rugby Club.
- We focus on teaching and developing our players, creating a love of rugby union and building the club to always be better.
- Registration for the 2023 season now OPEN
- Fun skills based pre-season training at Lapstone Oval every Wednesday from 6pm

✉ info@bluemountainsjuniorrugby.org.au

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Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.

Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.

Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.

Permanent part-time roles available
Glenhaven Public School - 82520

Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- 20 hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are between 8:20 am - 9:20 am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

Apply today

Applications close Sunday 26th February 2023

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