

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Calendar 2023



8/3	Zone Swimming
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

ASSEMBLY DATES

10/3, 24/3

Goal Setting Conferences

Thank you to all the parents who attended Goal Setting Conferences this week. 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 2023 teacher and setting learning goals for your child a valuable experience. At any stage during the year if you would like to meet with the teacher, leave a message with the office to arrange a mutually suitable time.

Leo Legend Barrel

Congratulations to the following students who were drawn out of our Leo Legends barrel at assembly last Friday - Flynn W, Sebastian C, Jada M, Oliver S. Thank you to everyone who is being a safe respectful learner on the playground.

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 Wednesday 15 March until Monday 27 March over a two-week period. Leonay PS will once again complete Online NAPLAN testing in 2023. All tests except year 3 writing will be completed online. Please speak to Mrs Longhurst if you have any questions or concerns.

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction

The Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction is a leadership role dedicated to ensuring literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills are embedded in curriculum and assessment; high quality teaching practices are enhanced; and the capabilities of middle leaders are strengthened in literacy and numeracy instruction. It shares the broader educational imperatives of the Assistant Principal position but with an explicit focus on the leadership of effective, evidence-based literacy and numeracy teaching and assessment practices for improved student learning outcomes across the curriculum. The Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction provides high quality support and guidance to enhance teacher growth and development in literacy and numeracy and strengthens schoolwide instructional capabilities across the curriculum for middle and senior leaders. Mrs Garbutt-Young was successful through merit selection in obtaining this position 4 days a week. While she is working with all teaching staff, her current focus is working with the K-2 teachers as they implement the new curriculum in English and mathematics.

Kiss and Ride' on Fairway's Avenue

I have included the following information and a number of fact sheets 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. Police and rangers regularly patrol the area around the school. If a grandparent or other family member completes this job, please make sure you pass on this information.

School Sporting Representatives

Congratulations to the following students for making the Penrith Zone PSSA Representative Team.

Boys Softball

Zane K, Flynn K, Kayd H-D

Opens Rugby League Team

Tyson G

Touch Football

Kade W, Alfie Y

Girls Basketball

Ella P

Under 11's Rugby League

Maverick K

P & C AGM Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be the AGM held in the library on **Tuesday 21 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/

Assembly

Friday 10 March at 2pm. 5/6S will be presenting. Maximum of 2 parents per family may attend due to limited space.

The swimming ribbons will be presented at this assembly. Please note: In some events, more than one heat was held due to the number of competitors. Ribbons are awarded on the overall times.

Miss Payne

Principal

Mornings

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.

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 8.30am and 10am every morning) and online (through the Leonay PS website- Make a Payment tab).

Please note: All online payments must be made by 6pm in order to process overnight and be in our school account the following day. Payments after 6pm will take two days to clear. 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

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.

Harmony Week

Theme – Living in Harmony and Everyone Belongs

On Tuesday 21 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day at Leonay PS.

Harmony Week 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 or their traditional dress** 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.

Parents Leonay Lowdown

Standing Strong as a true friend.

Aims - maintain balance, ground and focus. Building trust in a friendship and understanding that a true friendship involves balance and an equal partnership.

Leading questions:

What makes a good friend?

Why is trust so important?

What does it take for you to trust people?

How do you earn the trust of others?

What does standing strong look like and feel like? (for Stage 3 what does it look like with friends)

Reflection journal

I think standing strong could help me when.....

I think being a true friend could help me when.....



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

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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Leonay Public School P & C Association

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NOTICE OF LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C AGM

Tuesday 21 March 2023. 7pm in the Library.

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

The aim of the Leonay Public School P&C is to support the school with additional funds and organise events that connect students, teachers, and families in our community. Our volunteers coordinate and run discos, Mother's and Father's Day Stalls, uniform pool, BBQs and Bake Sales, morning teas and special fundraising events like Trivia Nights – just to name a few! We also run the Canteen for snacks and lunches (Wed – Fri).

In recent years we have funded or supported the purchase of the chilled filter water bottle refilling station, shade sails over the outdoor exercise equipment, the equipment itself and the wooden stage & outdoor learning area in the playground. We've also helped purchase classroom supplies and continue to work with the school to fund additional items and projects that will benefit the school community.

We are a small but very active P&C and would **love** more volunteers. There are so many ways you can support the committee, including volunteering at our Mother's & Father's Day stalls, helping at discos or helping in the canteen for an hour or so, every now and then.

We're also looking for more committee members. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, which are held every Third Tuesday in the school library. We discuss and agree fundraising ideas, and upcoming events and activities as well as agree what else we can fund for the school. **The more people we have attending the committee, the more ideas we have!**

If you have a bit more time to spare, we would like you to **consider a position as an elected committee member**. There are various positions available, and a brief description of each role can be found at the end of this letter. There are some non-elected roles we're keen to fill too – including a **Grants Coordinator to help us unlock and access the funding available in the community**. This would make a **HUGE** difference to our school.

The steps for nomination (and to vote) are as follows:

Step 1 – Become a financial member of the P&C

Annual membership of \$1 is paid at the beginning of the year either at the first meeting or to the office. Simply pop \$1 and your name/contact details or a completed Membership Form in an envelope marked "P&C Membership" and hand in at the school office.

Step 2 – Attend the AGM, Tuesday 21 March 2023. 7pm

Nominate for a position at the AGM. If more than one person nominates a vote will be taken. If you cannot attend, submit an apology to the Secretary and indicate in writing which position you wish to nominate for.

Step 3 – Work with the P&C team in 2023!

We are a friendly bunch of people who are very supportive of each other, value good communication and believe wholeheartedly in our great school and community. We work as a team and put in as much or as little time as we have available around work, kids and life!

We would love to welcome new members to our team and are happy to answer any of your questions in person or at one of our meetings.

Warmest Regards,

Renee Slapp (President), Stephanie Cook (Vice-President), Desi Laurendet (Vice President), Claire Chaplin (Secretary and Canteen), Yasmin Leonard (Treasurer) and the rest of our fabulous little committee.

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION 2023

REPRESENTATIVE / ELECTED POSITIONS

<i>Office Bearers</i>	
President	Chair meetings Support volunteers Act as the P&C Association's spokesperson Signatory on the Association's bank accounts
Vice- Presidents (2)	Chair meetings in the President's absence Support the President in their role Signatory on the Associations bank accounts if needed
Secretary	Prepare, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas Take notes of meeting and produce a set of Minutes Receive correspondence and bring to meetings Maintain official records of membership and contact details
Treasurer	Maintain financial records Signatory on the Association's bank accounts Receive and deposit monies** Make payments through online banking Present financial report at each meeting **The treasurer can be supported by a Banker if required
Executive Members (up to 6)	Attend monthly meetings Be prepared to work in a team with other P&C members to coordinate events

<i>Canteen sub-committee</i>	
Convenor	Responsible for the operation of the canteen including purchasing, preparing orders and managing the canteen volunteers
Canteen Minute Taker	Take notes at a meeting to be held at least once a term and submit the minutes to the P&C committee
Representative of Treasurer	This can be the Treasurer if a representative cannot be found. This person may also be called upon to bank monies once a week/fortnight as needed.
Financial Members (at least 2)	

<i>Fundraising sub-committee</i>	<i>This sub-committee will only be elected if there is sufficient interest at AGM</i>
<i>Other positions (un-elected)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants Co-ordinator-investigate and complete applications for grant programs, allowing us to access funding for school improvements! • Banker – support the Treasurer by depositing funds from Canteen and other fundraising activities • Social Media Coordinator to maintain active presence on our Facebook page • Canteen Helper- to support Canteen Manager in duties like ordering • Second Hand Uniforms – sort donations and display items, fulfil online orders received through Spriggy, run the stall 2 x month, collect monies and submit for banking



'ZERO TOLERANCE' OF ILLEGAL PARKING IN SCHOOL ZONES TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

WHEN AN OFFENCE IS DETECTED A FINE AND 2 DEMERIT POINTS APPLY
 Illegal parking around schools endangers children's lives.

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SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **you** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

NO PARKING

No waiting. You have **two metres** to pull up. You must stay within **three metres** of your vehicle.

PENALTIES FROM \$196 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

NO STOPPING

You must not stop on a length of road with a **no stopping** sign. The first **metres** from an **interceptor** or **no stopping** zone. **Yellow kerb** lines are also a no stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$352 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$352 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

MOBILE PHONES

Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone. May be subject to Double Demerits.

PENALTIES FROM \$469 + 5 DEMERIT POINTS

SPEEDING OFFENCES

40km/h is the limit. Children are in the school zone in school zones. May be subject to Double Demerits.

PENALTIES FROM \$205 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

PENALTIES FROM \$352 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

1. In a queue of traffic, **no part of your vehicle can stop** on a pedestrian crossing.
 2. Do not let **your children in our out of a vehicle** at a pedestrian crossing as this is a no stopping zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$469 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

U turns are illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across a double white line.

PENALTIES FROM \$352 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

DOUBLE PARKING

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

PENALTIES FROM \$352 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY TIPS

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP AT SCHOOL

PARKING NEVER double park - which includes not blocking traffic while "waiting for a spot" in the NO parking area. Go around the block.	DROP OFF/PICK UP Always follow the rules of the No Parking, stay for 2 minutes while dropping off or picking up and stay within 3 metres of your car.
CROSSING NEVER park or stop across/on a pedestrian crossing.	NO U-TURNS NEVER conduct a U-turn around school especially over double white centre lines or near a crossing.
PEDESTRIANS Always use crossing facilities. Stop Look Listen and Think even when you have right of way.	BUCKLE UP Children stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.
EXITING THE CAR Make sure children use the kerb side door when getting in and out of a car.	BE READY Children be ready at the gate and looking for their car at pick up time.

*Fines current as of 1 July 2021. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.

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