

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Calendar 2023



15 - 27/3	NAPLAN
21/3	Harmony Day
21/3	P&C AGM
22/3	P&C Kinder Welcome Event
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	
5/5	K - 2 Possum Magic
28/6 - 30/6	Years 5 & 6 Canberra
21/9 - 22/9	Years 3 & 4 Yarramundi

NOTES HOME

Harmony Day - Information Only

Easter Hat Parade - Information Only

Possum Magic K-2 - Due 22/3

Junior and Senior Dance Costume Sizing - Due 27/3

NAPLAN In Progress

This week our year 3 and 5 students started the first of their NAPLAN tests. They have done an excellent job so far. The NAPLAN window for testing is open until Monday 27 March.

Staffing Changes

From Monday 20 March Mrs Longhurst will take leave until Friday 28 April. During this time Ms Kerri Mills will relieve as Assistant Principal. 5/6S will have Mrs Laura Abbott as the class teacher during this time. If you need to speak to either teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Zone Swimming

Every school in the Penrith area has a turn to organise and run one of the major zone sporting carnivals each year. This year Leonay had the job for Zone Swimming. A special thank you to Mrs Wallace, Mrs Longhurst and our House Captains who helped in the successful running of the carnival last Wednesday. Thank you to our parents and carers who also helped on the day.

Mrs Renny and Mr Tsitos were extremely proud of how everyone performed and the sportsmanship demonstrated. There were some outstanding successes on the day, resulting in the Junior Girls relay team of Tilly R, Zoe O, Maggie T and May A being chosen to represent Penrith District at Homebush Aquatic Centre on Friday 24 March. Mrs Wallace and Mr Tsitos will escort the Penrith District team to this event.

Easter Hat Parade

Look out on Friday (today) for more information regarding our Easter Hat Parade and raffle on Thursday 6 April starting at 12.30pm. **Parents may arrive on site from 12.20pm only and must QR code in under the COLA or in the front office before heading to the oval.** The staff and I look forward to joining with the Leonay community to end our Term 1 of learning in a fun way.

School Sporting Representatives

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

Cooper P - Boys Basketball

Tell Them from Me survey

This year from Monday 1 May, students in years 4-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Tell Them from Me survey. The survey provides valuable feedback about school life and how students engage in school activities. Information regarding the student survey was sent home this week. If you **do not** want your child to participate in the online survey, please return the non-consent form that was sent out via Compass and return to the class teacher by Thursday 30 March.

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 please see the last page of this newsletter or visit the NSW P & C website: - www.pandc.org.au/

Assembly

Next assembly – Friday 24 March at 2pm in the hall. 4/5E will be presenting. Two parents/carers per 4/5E 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.

Miss Payne
Principal

STAND Poster

All entries for the STAND Poster competition are due to Miss Bruce by 9am on Monday 20 March.

Change of Arrangements for your child

If at any time a change of details for your child is required, it is vital that this information is in written form and given to the office. If the change of arrangement is due to an emergency, please phone the office. Staff will verify who the request is from, by checking contact details provided by the parent/caregiver. We will then return the call to you to confirm the arrangement. Please do not request office staff to relay changes that relate to 'play dates'. All these arrangements should be made prior to your

Cross Country Ribbons

Ribbons from our school cross country carnival will be presented at a short assembly on Monday 27 March at 9am in the hall. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.



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 is 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. Please bring a cold coin to donate to UNICEF for the Vanuatu Cyclones Appeal.



ANZAC Assembly



Dear parents/ Carers

Our School ANZAC Day assembly will be held on Wednesday 5 April, 2023 at 10:30am in the school hall.

This year, the service will be conducted by a number of year 5 students. We invite all families to join us for this special service.

On the day, we will provide opportunities for each class to lay a wreath, and will be extending the invitation to our families should they like to lay a wreath or flower arrangement.

Easter Hat Parade

As part of our Easter preparations, we respectfully ask for donations of chocolate eggs and bunnies for the Easter raffle. These can be dropped off at the front office any time from Monday 13 March.

All the children in K – 6 are asked to make an Easter Hat at home to bring to school to wear in the Easter Hat Parade for the whole school community to enjoy.

The themes for each year are:



Kindergarten - Traditional Easter Bonnet

Year 1 - Creative Chick Hat

Year 2 - Rainbow Coloured Egg Hats

Year 3 - Superhero Easter Hats

Year 4 - Movie Easter Hat

Year 5 - Computer Game Easter Hats

Year 6 - Crazy Easter Hair



Please keep an eye out for the note sent home today with more details of the day including the order of events.



Everyone, everywhere, every time, To Do My Best



Rock and Water

**This week we are learning how to
find our own strength.**

**We do this by using voice to
communicate how we feel
and finding ways to avoid conflict
in a non-physical way.**



Rock and Water Program
Gadaku Institute

High School Enrolment for 2024

To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2024, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. The EOI process is now available online. After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school.

By Friday 24 March - All parent/carers must have completed online EOIs or PNR form for high school placement in 2024.

Please see the news feed in your compass app to access the links to enrol your child.



Leonay Public School P & C Association

Email: pandcleonay@gmail.com

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