

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Calendar



18/10 - 6/12	Gymnastics Program (Fridays)
25/10	World Teacher's Day
30 /10 - 1/11	Stage 3 Camp
1/11	Dance Sport Competition
2/11	50th Celebration Fair
15,22 & 29/11	Kindergarten 2025 Orientation
3/12	High School Orientation
4/12	Parent Helper Breakfast
11/12	Presentation Assembly
12/12	Year 6 Farewell
16/12	Christmas Concert
18/12	Year 6 Graduation

ASSEMBLY DATES TERM 4

31/10, 15/11, 29/11



World Teacher's Day- Thank you to the fabulous teaching staff of Leonay PS!!!

Australia will celebrate World Teacher's Day on Friday 25 October. The teachers at Leonay PS have continued to work extremely hard to ensure our students are engaged in meaningful learning. They also take on many additional activities to allow our students extra opportunities at school. I personally thank them for all their hard work and dedication.

Premier's BBQ Event

On Tuesday Mrs Longhurst and our school leaders, Billy, Misha, Ella and Emma had the privilege to attend the Premier's BBQ event in the presence of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Leonay PS were chosen from the Penrith Network to attend. They had a wonderful day, meeting and shaking hands with Camilla and making the Channel 7 news. They have written a recount of their day in this newsletter.

Metropolitan West and South Principal Network Awards

On Wednesday I had the absolute pleasure of attending the award ceremony where Mrs Garbutt-Young received an excellence award. Her hard work and leadership was recognised as the overall winner for the Executive Staff member category for the Penrith Network. Congratulations from the staff, students and community of Leonay and thank you for your contributions to our school.

50th Celebration Fair- Saturday 2 November from 2pm to 6pm

Not long now until our special 50th Celebration Fair. We are busy getting organised for the day.

A few reminders:

- Unlimited ride passes (at a discounted price \$35) are available for pre purchase. This has been sent out on Compass. They will be available on the day for \$40 unlimited pass or \$10 a single ride.
- Raffle ticket books have been sent home. Please return to the office. More books are available at the office. We have 35 amazing prizes. Raffle will be drawn at 4pm at the fair.
- Silent Auction for the two framed and signed Panthers Jerseys is in progress. Information was sent on Compass but is also available from the office. Thank you to Allam Property Group who kindly donated these for our event.

2025 Kindergarten Orientation Program

Mrs Demuth will be conducting Kindergarten Enrolment Interviews during the next few weeks. Information has been sent to relevant families. Onsite Kindergarten sessions will be held on Friday 15, 22 and 29 November from 9.15am to 10.45am. Parent Information sessions will be held on Friday 22 and 29 November during these times. It is not too late to enrol in Kindergarten next year. Please contact the office immediately if you have not submitted your application to enrol.

Enrolments for 2025

In order for the school to prepare for 2025, would you please return the information slip at the end of the newsletter if:

- Your family is definitely moving and your children won't return to Leonay PS in 2025.
- Your child will be attending a different school and not returning to Leonay PS in 2025.
- Your family will be on holidays and may return late in Term 1 2025. **Year 1-6 start date is Tuesday 4 February. Kindergarten start date is Friday 7 February 2025.**

The information slip is attached at the end of the newsletter. Thank you for your assistance in this important matter

Homework Survey

A Compass message was sent to parents this week. We are currently reviewing our homework practices. We would appreciate your feedback. A short 2-minute survey has been compiled. Please complete by Wednesday 30 October. The link is below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/GPvQU1PGpC>

Principal Medal- Term 4 Criteria

The criteria for Term 4 Principal Medal is attached. One of the areas to work on is Show Pride in ourselves. We can do this by wearing the correct uniform every day. This includes wearing black shoes everyday except for sport/gymnastics on Friday.

Week 3 Assembly- change of day

This will be held on Thursday 31 October at 2pm instead of the Friday due to the hall being out of use. We will be setting up for the Celebration Fair.

Awards will be presented to K-4 students only as Stage 3 are on camp. Invitations will still be sent on Compass. Stage 3 will have double awards on the Week 5 assembly.

P & C Meeting

Next meeting - Tuesday 19 November, commencing at 7pm in the library. This is the final meeting for the year.

Miss Payne
Principal



Contact Information

Please make sure any changes are update in school records as soon as possible.

Change of address and emergency contacts in writing to the office.

Change of mobile number and email address can be made via Compass in the 'Update my details' section.

School Leaders report from the Premier's BBQ Event



On Tuesday, the 22nd October, the other captains William, Emma, Ella and I went to a BBQ in Parramatta. It was to possibly meet King Charles III and Queen Camilla, along with other famous people. We ended up meeting Delta Goodrem, Noemie Fox and Anthony Wiggle (the Blue Wiggle). We also were lucky enough to shake the Queen's hand which was a huge highlight for me. We gave them a 50 year Leonay tea towel as a little gift for them to take back to England.

There were lots of fun activities including: getting henna tattoos, weaving flower crowns, bowling and batting in cricket, patting the sheep dogs while they bark at the sheep, amazing ice cream places and the Aussie sausage sizzle. There was also Vietnamese and Mediterranean sausage sizzles too. This once in a lifetime opportunity was definitely worth it, and will be an event I will never forget.

Misha

On Tuesday, the other school captains and I had an amazing opportunity to meet King Charles III and Queen Camilla! It was a BBQ in Parramatta. There were heaps of things to do there and one of my favourites was meeting the Queen. We got to shake her hand, and we gave her a special 50 years Leonay tea towel as a gift to take home to England. Along with meeting the Queen of England we met Noemie Fox (she went to Leonay), Delta Goodrem, and Anthony Wiggle (The Blue Wiggle).

Also at the event there were lots of activities to do including: weaving flower headbands, ice-cream, henna temporary tattoos, farm animals, sheep dogs, and cricket. For lunch there were Australian, Vietnamese, and Mediterranean sausage sandwiches. This is a once in a lifetime experience that I will definitely never forget.

Ella

Tuesday 22nd October was an incredible day. The four school captains including me, Ella, Misha and William and Mrs Longhurst went to the Premiers BBQ at Parramatta Park, where we met King Charles III and Queen Camilla. When we got to see the Queen come past, we gave her a 50th anniversary tea towel and I got to give her flowers and a letter I had written.

Whilst we were there we met a few famous people, Delta Goodrem, Noemie Fox (who went to Leonay), and Anthony Wiggle (the Blue Wiggle). There were lots of multicultural activities there including, flower crown weaving, henna tattoos, a sheep dog show, an ice-cream van, backyard cricket and like every Aussie BBQ there had to be a classic sanga. There weren't only Aussie sanga's there was Vietnamese and Mediterranean hot dogs. Overall this was an amazing day.

Emma

On Tuesday the captains and I travelled to Parramatta for a very special occasion. The King and Queen came all the way from England to Sydney! It was a whole day of activities including gelato, henna temporary tattoos, farm animals, sheep dogs, cricket, weaving flowers around headbands, and of course, a BBQ!

There were about five hundred people there including some famous people! Some of the people we saw were Anthony Wiggle, Noemie Fox and Delta Goodrem. But out of everything we did there the best thing was meeting the King and Queen. I had the privilege of handing the Queen our school tea towel! The whole day was a great experience. I am so grateful that I was able to be there.

William



50th

CELEBRATION

Saturday 2nd
November
2pm - 6pm



Raffle Prizes
and
Silent Auction

Enter the Silent Auction to WIN
2 framed & signed Panther
Jerseys!

Showbags and Lucky
Dips

Lots of fun!
Toys and food to enjoy.

Time capsule
contents on
display

Food

Food trucks will be present
in the fair and you can buy
many kinds of foods.

Sausage sizzle

Performances

Leonay students will
perform a variety of
acts

50th
Birthday
merchandise on sale

School memorabilia

At the fair we will
remember the 50 years
of L.P.S

Stalls

You can buy many
things in the stalls.





Term 4 Principal Medal Criteria



<p>Show Pride in Ourselves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear my full uniform each day• Follow the Leonay PS motto “to do my best”• Celebrate your successes• Be proud of others too• Think positively	<p>Make Sensible Choices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stop, think about it• If it is a sensible choice, then do it• If in doubt... don't do it• Consider all possibilities• Think about the consequences of your actions
<p>Show Kindness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use kind words• Use a soft friendly voice• Help others when they need it• Wait and take your turn	<p>Speak and Behave Courteously</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raise your hand and wait to speak• Take turns in conversations• Actively listen• Use good manners at all times• Treat others how you want to be treated
<p>Become a Problem Solver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify what the problem is• Think of new ways to solve the problem• Ask a friend for other ideas before asking the teacher• It is ok to make mistakes as part of learning	<p>Show Bravery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show courage• Have a go• Try new things• Speak up when things don't look or feel right



Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.

Lost Property



Our lost property is located opposite the canteen. At the moment there are quite a few jackets without names waiting to be claimed. If you are missing any items please come before or after school to see if anything belongs to your child. Alternatively if you are unable to pop in please ask your child to come and look.

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Movement of Families in 2025

Family Name: _____

Child/ Children's Names: _____

Please indicate with a ✓:

My child/children will **not** need a class place at LPS in 2025. My child
/children will be attending _____ school in 2025.

My child/ children will return late to LPS in 2025 due to travel/ holidays.

Date of return: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

Date: _____

(Please return the note to the school office as soon as possible)



Parenting Programs TERM 4, 2024



Phone 4720 6500 or groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Program	Date/Time	Location	Register
Circle of Security DADS GROUP: Eight week program to form secure relationships and stronger bonds with your children.	Every Wednesday 23rd Oct – 11th Dec 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Heatherbrae 1 Benang Street LAWSON	 click here to register.
Tuning in to Teens Six week program that teaches parents to help teens understand and regulate their emotions.	Every Monday 28th Oct – 2nd Dec 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Online via ZOOM	 click here to register.
Fear-Less Triple P Three hour seminar to help your child manage anxiety and become more emotionally resilient.	Wednesday 13th November 9:30am – 12:30pm ** Childcare available ** Must register	Gateway FS Office cnr Station & Henry St PENRITH	 click here to register.
Cybersafety Talk 1.5 hr seminar to help your kids and teenagers be safe and responsible users of technology.	Tuesday 12th November 6:30pm – 8:00pm	Blaxland High School 3/9 Coughlan Rd BLAXLAND	 click here to register.
Circle of Security Eight week program that helps parents form secure relationships and stronger bonds with their children.	Every Thursday 24th Oct – 12th Dec 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Gateway Office 70 Old Bathurst Rd BLAXLAND	 click here to register.



We acknowledge and respect the Traditional knowledge holders and custodians of the land on which we work, the Dugug and Gundungurra people.

Go4Fun

Create healthy habits - for life



Jamison town program

Day: Tuesdays in Term 4, 2024
 Dates: 15 October to 17 December
 Time: 4:30pm to 6:30pm
 Location: The Y Penrith (YMCA)
 This program has weekly land based activities
 Interpreter support available

To register:

- Visit: go4fun.com.au
- Call: 1800 780 900
- SMS: 0409 745 645 for a call back



Learn about healthy eating



Make new friends



Build self confidence



Fun games and prizes

It's free and run after school for 10 weeks

Go4Fun is a free program for kids aged 7-13 and their families looking for support with healthy eating, physical activity and overall wellbeing

Spend quality time together and learn fun ways to create healthy habits – for life

A parent or carer is required to attend each session

