

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Calendar



18/10 - 6/12	Gymnastics Program (Fridays)
25/10	World Teacher's Day
15/11	Kindergarten 2025 Orientation
22 & 29/11	Kindergarten 2025 Orientation with Parent Session
3/12	Public High School Orientation
4/12	Parent Helper Breakfast
11/12	Presentation Assembly
12/12	Year 6 Farewell
16/12	Christmas Concert
17/12	End of Year Party Celebrations
18/12	Year 6 Graduation

ASSEMBLY DATES TERM 4

15/11, 29/11



50th Celebration Fair

Thank you to members of the Leonay community and beyond who helped us celebrate our 50th last Saturday. I had a vision for what I thought it would look like and I am pleased to say that everything went to plan on Saturday. There are couple of special mentions required. Mrs Howarth and the office staff have worked tirelessly over the past two months ensuring everything was ready and prepared. Many staff and their families also helped out on the day.

Thank you to David W who with his team, completed the job of opening the time capsule for us. The contents on display in the hall were a walk down memory lane. The recording of the opening of the time capsule was put together by Shayne S. Thank you also. Before the end of the year, we will add new items into the time capsule and seal it up. This will be reopened in another 25 years.

What amazing talent we have at Leonay. Thanks to Mrs Davies for organising everyone who performed and to Kristian J who supplied not only musical entertainment but also the sound system for the day. It was lovely to have the Cap Cats from Nepean CAPA HS entertain us on the day as well.

Over 35 raffle prizes were no mean feat. All the sponsors are included in this newsletter. I encourage you to use them if you can. Thank you to Nadene and Pat for sourcing them all as well as the two silent auction jerseys from Allam Property Group. These two ladies, some great parents and Lucy, Maggie, Everly and Adele spent time selling tickets at Lennox over the two weekends leading up to the fair.

50th Celebration Fair Merchandise

Included in our newsletter is the merchandise we purchased for our 50th Celebration Fair. We have some items left over. If you would like to buy any items, please purchase at the office or contact the school.

Change of Staff in 2025

For the past two years Ms Rosie Rothwell has been Relieving Teaching Principal at Kurrajong East PS. I am pleased to inform the community that she was successful in securing the substantive position. As a result of this, our Assistant Principal position was made vacant. The position has been filled by a substantive Assistant Principal through transfer. In 2025 Ms Erin Finlayson will be joining the Leonay PS team. She comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience across K-6.

2025 Start Date

Please note that due to the new award that teaching staff have agreed to the new start date for all students K-6 in 2025 is **Thursday 6 February**. This is different to previous information provided. Kindergarten students will complete Best Start Assessments at school during the first few weeks of term.

The Anxiety Project

If you would like to be part of the parent workshops for 2024 at 6pm on Thursdays - 21 November, 28 November and 5 December, please register on the link below. Cut off is Monday 11 November.

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Amazing results - included in the newsletter are our first round of results from implementing The Anxiety Project. Mrs Renny has given an overview and explanation. Our hard work at school and home is certainly paying off.

Christmas Concert Monday 16 December- Save the date!!

We are looking forward to holding our annual Christmas Concert on the school oval once again. Each class will prepare a Christmas Item for the concert and there will be some other special items included as well. The night will begin at 6pm. Don't forget to bring your chair or blanket. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Book Buddies

All year we have had a conscientious group of year 1 and 2 readers who have been supported by year 6 tutors in our Book Buddies program. The final day for 2024 is Thursday 21 November. The year 6 tutors have willingly given up their time before school to assist our younger students. This is a great way to show service within our school.

Enrolments for 2025

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 is attending another school eg private, opportunity class
- Your family will be on holidays and may return late in Term 1 2025.

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

P & C Meeting

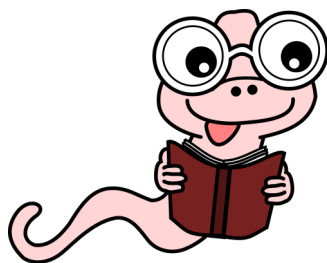
Final meeting - Tuesday 19 November, commencing at 7pm in the library. Thank you to our hardworking P and C group for organising several school events recently. Our spooky disco was a great success, and everyone enjoyed their time. Also a big "Thank You" for the efforts in serving lunches on Thursdays and Fridays. I know this is greatly appreciate by the students, staff and the community.

Next Assembly

Friday 15 November at 2pm. 5C will be performing.

Miss Payne
Principal

Library Borrowing - A message from Mrs Garbutt-Young



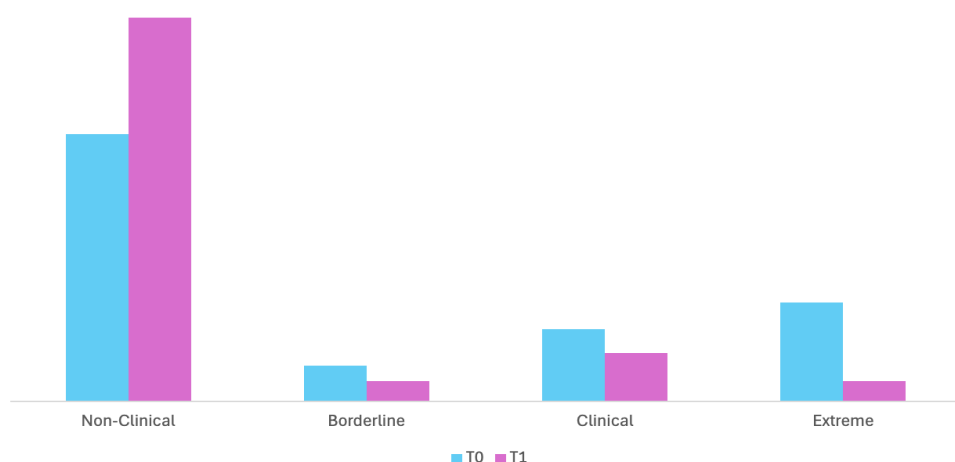
Last week for borrowing is Week 5- week beginning 11 November. Please start looking around at home for any library books and return them to school. The black tub is in the library foyer for returns. Students can place their books in here at any time.

The Anxiety Project

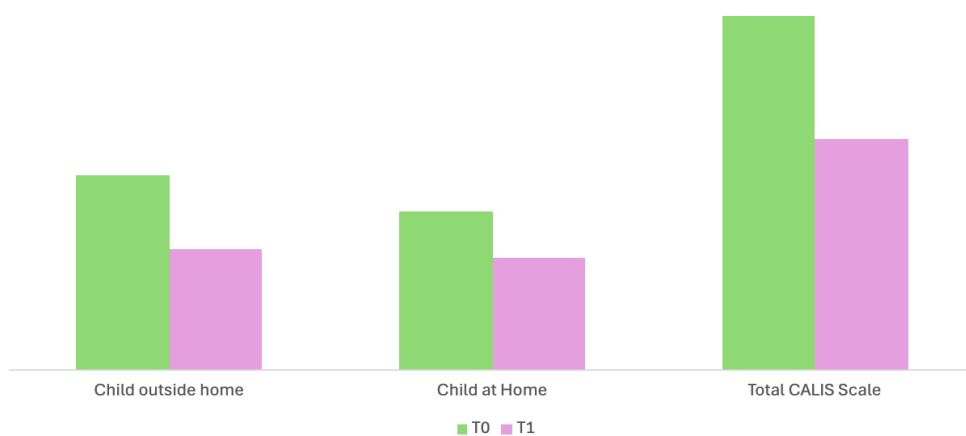
We are pleased to share the results of *The Anxiety Project (TAP)*, an initiative aimed at understanding and supporting student well-being. Through the project, we collected data on students' anxiety levels at two points during the school year. Encouragingly, the results reveal a positive trend: school mean anxiety scores at the second collection were significantly lower than those at the beginning of the project. This decrease in scores indicates that students are experiencing reduced anxiety levels over time.

Furthermore, these findings highlight an increase in student resilience. By developing coping strategies and building a stronger sense of self, students have begun to show measurable growth in their capacity to manage challenges. TAP continues to play a crucial role in fostering a supportive environment where our students can thrive emotionally and academically. We are proud of their progress and remain committed to their well-being.

Teacher Report



Student Response



Selective High School and Opportunity Classes- Changes for 2026 entry

From 2025, the placement tests for selective high schools and opportunity classes will move from single version paper-based tests to computer-based tests.

Applications for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2026 will be open from 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025. There will be no late applications due to the longer application period, and the application closing date being closer to the test dates and logistical constraints around organising test centres and devices.

This change to the application period means that parents and carers will now need to apply for opportunity class placement when their child is on Year 3 (or by the end of Week 4, Term 1 when their child is in Year 4). This change applies to students currently in Year 3. For selective high school placement, parents and carers will continue to apply when their child is in Year 5 and can now apply when their child is in year 6 until the end of Week 4, Term 1.

Please click on the link below to apply:

<https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/>

Key Dates- 2-4 May 2025- students sit the selective high school or opportunity class placement test for entry in 2026.



Training Orchestra

We are excited to offer your child the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and participate in the rewarding experience of being part of the Nepean CAPA Training Orchestra.

Band membership is open to any student in Years 3–6. No prior musical experience is needed to join the Training Orchestra.

Please scan the QR code for more information

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50th Celebration Merchandise



Pens \$5



Shopping Bag \$5



Drink Bottle \$10



Commemorative
Pin \$6



Tea towel \$15



Keyring \$6



Boxed Glass \$20

NOVEMBER 14TH, 15TH & 16TH

3 DAYS ONLY

20% OFF EVERYTHING*

INCLUDING SCHOOLWEAR



ZERO AND REWARDS CARD HOLDERS
USE YOUR CARD AT CHECKOUT

ZERO CARD BENEFITS

NO INTEREST EVER	5% INSTANT SAVINGS	5% REWARDS POINTS	SHOP NOW PAY LATER
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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.

**A Huge Thank You
to all the generous donors for our
50th Celebration Fair Raffle Prizes**

Allam Property Group

The Atkinson Family

Emu Sports Club

CleanliNess – cleaning services

Rustic Barrels

The Pillay Family

Piano Studios Glenbrook

Absolute Eyecare

Mr Leonay – home maintenance

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Roodle

Hix Group

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The Marshall Family

The Grand Family

The Day Spa

The Duckett Family

Leonay Golf Course

Aitken Real Estate

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P Wallace Property Central

Cafe at Lewers

Knox & Co

My Mortgage Mate

Lewers Gallery

Croquetoncroissant

The Cook Family

JRA Group Limited

Bakers Delight Emu Plains

Leonay Public School

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)