

## LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

### Term 1 Calendar



27/3	Easter Hat Parade
28/3	Scripture Easter Service
29/3	Good Friday
1/4	Easter Monday
2/4	World Autism Day
3/4	Cross Country
5/4	Indigenous Games K-2 10am
5/4	Indigenous Games 3-6 12pm
9/4	ANZAC Service Penrith Paceway
12/4	School ANZAC Service
12/4	Last Day of Term 1

### NOTES HOME

03/04 Cross Country on Compass - Due 27/3  
3rd Party Software Consent on Compass - Due 9/4  
50th Celebration Tea Towel on Compass - Due 10/4  
14/5 Longneck Lagoon Stage 1 on Compass - Due 11/4

### NAPLAN In Progress

This week our year 3 and 5 students continued their NAPLAN tests. They have done an excellent job so far. The NAPLAN window for testing is open until Monday 25 March.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

To kick off our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, the school is holding a fundraising event in Term 1. This is in the form of a celebration tea towel. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase these as a keep-sake of our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. This will all be completed via Compass. Orders are now open. If you want to buy more than one, then contact the office for an additional invoice.

### Easter Hat Parade

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 27 March at 9.15am for our Easter Hat Parade. Parents and Carers are welcome to enter school grounds from 9am and assemble on the back oval where the parade will take place. Remember to bring your chair or picnic rug to sit on. After the parade we will draw the Year 6 Fundraising raffle. We then invite you to join us for morning tea with the students.

### School Sporting Representatives

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

Lucy T- Girls Basketball

Sunny S - Touch football, Under 12 Rugby League and Cricket

Maverick K - Touch Football, Under 12 Rugby League and Cricket

### Birthday Celebrations at School

At Leonay PS we acknowledge student birthdays in the classroom. From time to time parents like to send an additional treat for the class. Following the NSW Health guidelines, ensuring safe practices are adhered to and that all students including those with severe allergies that can result in anaphylaxis, we ask that food is limited to the following items:

- \* Zooper Doopers (please send in already frozen and clearly labelled with name and class on the outside of the bag)

- \* Berri Quelch Fruit Stick Ice Blocks (please send in already frozen and clearly labelled with name and class on the outside of the bag)

### P & C AGM Meeting

The AGM for P and C was held on Tuesday this week. Congratulations to Alisa Teale (President), Renee Slapp (Vice President), Stephanie Cook (Vice President), Linden Hull (Treasurer) and Claire Chaplin (Secretary). It was also nice to see some new members at the meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday 21 May at 7pm in the library.

### Assembly

Next assembly – Term 2 Week 3.

*Miss Payne*  
*Principal*

### Before School Supervision

The school supervision roster starts when the bell rings at 8.30am each morning. No staff are available to ensure the safety of children in the playground prior to that time. Whatever arrangements are made, parents need to understand that they are legally responsible for their child prior to 8.30am when supervision begins. Please ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at school before the 8.30am bell.

### 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 child attending school.

# ANZAC Assembly



Dear parents/ Carers

Our School ANZAC Day assembly will be held on Friday 12 April 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. We ask for donations of flowers on the day for each class to prepare a wreath.

Mrs Manuel

## 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 11 March. Tickets will go on sale under the COLA from Monday 18 March. 1 ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5 and 6 tickets for \$10.

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** – Multi-coloured Egg Hats

**Year 3** - Superhero Easter Hats

**Year 4** - Zany Easter Hat

**Year 5** - Crazy Easter Hair



# SRC

As part of the SRC initiatives this year, they have decided to acknowledge and participate in the World Autism Awareness Day.

World Autism Awareness Day is observed on April 2. The day recognizes and spreads awareness for the rights of people with autism. The condition typically starts during childhood and continues into adulthood. World Autism Awareness Day celebrates the resilience of those affected by the disorder and supports causes that promote awareness of it.

People with autism spectrum disorders can help to make a change in the world — all they need to be successful is treatment and support from their environment — just take people like Tim Burton, Charles Darwin, Bill Gates, and Albert Einstein as an example.

As acknowledgement we ask that students wear the colour blue on this day. The colour blue and puzzle pieces are universally recognised as representation.



## Nutrition Snippet

### PACK A FOOD SAFE LUNCH BOX

As the weather is warm and humid it's important to keep the lunch box cold and safe to eat.



**TOP TIP:** Use a cooler bag and ice brick or frozen water bottle to keep the lunch box cold ❄️

For more info and tips read our blog at:  
[healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/make-your-lunch-box-safe](http://healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/make-your-lunch-box-safe)



## Nutrition Snippet

### HEALTHY SWAPS

Swap out processed cheese spread and crackers

Pack sliced cheese and wholegrain crackers



For more ideas see our healthy swaps page at  
[www.healthylunchbox.com.au/healthy-swaps/](http://www.healthylunchbox.com.au/healthy-swaps/)



## Nutrition Snippet

### HEALTHY GRAB-AND-GO SNACKS

Making homemade snacks can be cheaper, healthier and better for the environment, but sometimes you just need a **grab-and-go snack** that is not packed with sugar, salt and saturated fat.



Check out our top 8 grab-and-go healthy snacks at [www.healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/](http://www.healthylunchbox.com.au/blog/)





Any family interested in the below program for  
High Potential and Gifted Primary Students  
please come and pick up the registration form at the school office.

# MindQuest 2024

## Glenwood HS

Corner Forman Ave & Glenwood Park Dr. Glenwood 2768  
15 & 16 June 2023 9.30-3.30pm

We are so excited to be back in this 28<sup>th</sup> year of the MindQuest program! Held at Glenwood HS, Corner Forman Ave & Glenwood Park Drive, this fast paced and challenging offers 35 exciting courses for high potential and gifted students, Years 1-6. It is designed to enrich and extend students of similar interests and abilities.

### Course Leaders

All course leaders are experts within their fields. Their backgrounds vary widely. They represent primary and secondary schools, as well as tertiary institutions. Each one is committed to fostering students' potential. Many have been involved in developing and teaching programs for gifted and talented students.

### Students Who May Wish To Apply

In the past these courses have proved very successful for a range of students:

- Gifted and/or High potential students
- Gifted underachievers
- Students of well above average abilities with a special interest.

The majority of students applying have been nominated by their schools. However, if you believe that your child is in one of the above categories and has not received a form, or is a sibling of a past participant, please contact the MindQuest program for an application form. If your child has a physical or learning disability or medical condition please make sure that you inform us in the medical section on the application form.

### Kindergarten Students

Each year we have a number of enquiries from parents of kindergarten children who wish to attend. In general, we encourage parents to wait until the next year except in the case of exceptional students. These children not only have high intellectual ability and language skills, but demonstrate excellent reading, writing and hand eye coordination equal to that of an advanced year 1 student.

### Course Selection

**Your child will participate in one course for the weekend. Please choose carefully and ONLY put down those courses that your child would like to attend.** We do place children on course in the order that we receive applications, however we take into consideration the balance of the courses in terms of age and gender. **Advanced placement on our courses is available for outstanding students.** You will need to ring Shelagh Poray on 02 9748 1084 to determine suitability prior to filling in the application form.

### Cost & Part Scholarships

The fee for the MindQuest Enrichment Weekend is \$240 (including GST). A limited number of part scholarships are available for students whose families find themselves in difficult economic circumstances. Please contact us for details.

### Refunds & Credit

A full refund is issued for any course cancelled. Refunds will be available prior to the closing date on **Friday 17 May 2024. After the closing date no refunds or transference of credit to the next weekend can be issued unless a medical certificate is received. Please do not ask.** If your child has COVID like symptoms please keep your child at home and email us an update.

### Confirmation

You should receive a email/letter giving details of your course before **Friday 7 June 2024**. If we are unable to place your child on course we will contact you by email/ letter prior to this date. If your credit card is charged you know your child is on course. **Please contact us immediately if you have not received notification prior to Tuesday 11 June 2024.**

Apply online  
@mindquest.net.au

or Scan and email to  
glenwood@mindquest.net.au

