

## LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

### Term 1 Calendar



7/4	Sustainability Day
8/4	ANZAC Service Penrith Paceway
9/4	Easter Hat Parade
11/4	ANZAC Service
11/4	Last Day of Term 1

### Term 2 Calendar

28/4,29/4	Staff Development Days
30/4	Students Return for Term 2
9/5	Mothers Day Stall TBC
12/5	Athletics Carnival
20/5	P & C Meeting

#### ASSEMBLY DATES TERM 2

9/5, 23/5, 6/6, 20/6 4/7

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL.**



### Thank You

As this is the last newsletter for the term, on behalf of the staff I would like to thank the members of our school community for their support during Term 1. A special mention to all the members of the community who have volunteered their time to work in the canteen, the second-hand uniform sales and the Kindy Welcome Breakfast. We really appreciate this.

We are looking forward to a great Term 2.

### Harmony Day

We dressed up for Harmony Day on Thursday 20 March. It was great to celebrate and recognise our diversity from all different backgrounds. Seeing many students wear orange or their traditional cultural outfits was a fabulous insight into our own histories. Participating in days like this helps us as Australians respect where we have come from and build a deeper sense of belonging.

### Multicultural Perspective Speeches

A big congratulations to all our primary school students for their efforts in writing speeches on the provided topics for the Multicultural Perspectives Assignment. We met as a school last Thursday to listen to our class finalists. These wonderful children had the added challenge of writing and presenting an impromptu speech on the day. They showed bravery to stand up in front of the school and to do their best.

Our 4 successful winners, Luca D, Oliver R, Maggie T and Ayden L, will now move on to the area final in Term 2. We wish them all the best and we know they will make Leonay proud!

### Sydney West Swimming

A big thank you to Mrs Renny who attended this event last Thursday as an official. Congratulations to the Senior boys and girls relay team both finishing 9th overall. Zoe O came 10th overall in freestyle. Junior boys relay finished 5th. Alex R came around 20th overall in the 12 years freestyle. Luka D and Angus M had great results also competing in their individual events. Well done and thank you for representing our school and Penrith Zone with pride.

### School ANZAC Service

We invite all parents and carers to join our K-6 ANZAC service in the school hall on **Friday, 11 April**, at **10:30 AM**. It's a great chance for our community to come together and pay our respects.

### **A few things to remember:**

- Please check in using the QR code at the Front Office or under the COLA.
- We invite students and their families to bring along flowers or flower arrangements to be laid by each class during the service. You can bring these to your classroom on the day of the service.

Additionally, our Stage 3 students and teachers will be attending a special ANZAC service at Penrith Paceway on **Tuesday, 8 April**. If you haven't done so already, please make sure to complete the permission on Compass.

We look forward to seeing you there!  
Miss Mills

### **Emu Plains Community ANZAC Service**

Our Staff and students have been invited to attend this service which falls during the school holidays. Details are below:

Date: Thursday 25 April

Time: 11am start

Venue: Emu Plains War Memorial at Lions Park

We ask that students attending wear their school uniform. Please meet Mrs Longhurst at 10.40am to be part of a short march prior to the service near the tennis courts.

It was wonderful to see the number of K to 6 students representing our school in the 2024 ANZAC march and service. I hope that we can have just as many attending this year.

### **Staff Development Days - Monday 28 April and Tuesday 29 April**

All staff across NSW Public schools will spend time focusing on High Potential and Gifted Education. The Leonay PS staff will be involved in several sessions exploring this area. Tuesday 29 April will be a teacher led day involving planning and organising programs for Term 2.

### **Sporting Representation and Achievements**

Congratulations to Angus W and Lewis W who were successful in making the Penrith District boys soccer team.

A big congratulations to Moses V for being our first ever school representative in tennis! He competed last week at the Penrith Zone Tennis Competition.

### **P & C Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 May at 7pm over Zoom. All welcome to attend. Please contact the school if you require the Zoom link.

### **Term 2**

Term 2 commences for all students K-6 on Wednesday 30 April.

*Mrs Longhurst*  
*Relieving Principal*

### **Use of School Grounds**

We are so lucky to have the smaller fences allowing for our school grounds to be a shared space, especially as we head into the school holidays. I ask all community members to keep an eye out during the holidays for any unusual or suspicious activity. Please contact the police (000) or school security on 1300 880 021 if needed.

## Assembly Week 9 Term 1 Forbes Sports Report



Welcome to the Leonay Sports Report, where we bring you all the latest highlights, updates, and exciting moments this week from the world of Leonay sports! On Tuesday we had our school cross country at Leonay Oval. The course was hard with the juniors running 2 kilometres and the seniors running 3 kilometres. Well, done to Lewis, Tilly, Lucy, Oliver R, Luca, Carlisle, Oliver L and Adele, all winning their age groups.

The Stage 3 knockout boys soccer team are preparing to play their first game of the NSW PSSA knockout tournament. Leonay are scheduled to verse Ropes Crossing Public School. We wish them all the best good luck.

On Wednesday Moses from 5/6L represented Leonay at the Penrith Zone Tennis Competition in Penrith. Moses played against 5 competitors throughout the comp. He played hard all day, hitting a lot of overhead smashes and power shots. Moses was very happy with how he played. Moses is the first player to represent Leonay in tennis at a Zone trial. Well, done Moses for having a go.

At Sydney West Swimming, we had lots of Leonay competitors swimming at the Sydney Aquatic Centre in Homebush. Senior boys and girls relay team both finished 9th overall. Zoe came 10th overall in freestyle. Junior boys relay finished 5th. Alex R did the 12 years freestyle and came around 20th overall. Luka D and Angus had great results also competing in their individual events. Some amazing swimming results! At Leonay School, we have a great time with sports like cross country and swimming, where students push themselves to reach new distances. Whether it's running, playing team games, or competing in friendly challenges, there's always something exciting to enjoy! The teamwork and effort make every event more fun.

**Save the Date - Easter Hat Parade - Wednesday 9 April 9:15am start.**

### 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 10 March. Tickets will go on sale under the COLA from Monday 17 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**

**Year 6 - Crazy Easter Hair**





## KIDS GO FREE IN APRIL!

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

For the whole month of April, **up to 2 kids (ages 3-15)** can visit **FREE** with every paying adult!\* Kids under 3 years old get **FREE ENTRY** every day at Featherdale.

Get up close with over 2,000 amazing Australian animals, including koalas, quokkas, wombats and more! Enjoy daily zookeeper talks, hand-feed kangaroos, and explore our Easter-themed Wildlife Adventure Trail (just **\$9.99, 50% off!**) - complete the trail to get a Showbag worth \$60! But hurry, this exclusive Easter trail is only available **18-21 April**.

April just got a whole lot better for families with this money-saving deal, all month long! Book now and save big over the School Holiday and Easter period.

*\*Offer valid 1-30 April 2025. Not valid with other promotions or third-party tickets.*

Come along to our **free**  
**Kids**  
**GARDENING  
CLASSES**  
at Flower Power

**11am**  
**APRIL**  
MONDAY 14 - THURSDAY 17  
TUESDAY 22 - THURSDAY 24  
**ONE CLASS PER DAY!**  
EXCLUDES PUBLIC HOLIDAYS & WEEKENDS



Kids of all ages must be accompanied by an adult. No bookings required, however large groups are encouraged to call your local store. For more information go to [flowerpower.com.au](http://flowerpower.com.au)



## School holidays at WSI

KEEP YOUR LITTLE FLYERS BUSY WITH OUR FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

- Easter Crafts
- Anzac Crafts
- Engineer your own plane

WHEN:  
12<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> April

WHERE:  
WSI Experience Centre, 100 Eaton Road  
Luddenham NSW 2745

Scan the QR code for activities and bookings. Bookings are essential.



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# Go4Fun

Create healthy habits - for life



## St Marys Go4Fun

**Day:** Thursdays in Term 2, 2025

**Dates:** 1 May to 3 July (10 weeks)

**Time:** 4:30pm to 6:30pm

**Location:** Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre (**Address:** 10 Mamre Rd, St Marys NSW 2760)

## To register:

- **Visit:** <https://go4funonline.com.au/go4fun-face-to-face/>
- **Call:** 1800 780 900

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

Fun prizes, weekly fun based games and spend quality time together while creating healthy habits – for life

Interpreter support available

Afternoon tea provided

A parent or carer (such as a grandparent, aunt, uncle or adult sibling) is required to attend each session



## What happens at

### Go4Fun programs?



Play fun games and activities



Build self confidence



Manage screen time



Make new friends



Get active and have fun



Go on a supermarket tour



Whole of family approach



Learn about healthy eating for kids and family

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SCHOOLS CLEAN AND  
COMMUNITY SAFE**  
**LOOKING FOR CLEANERS  
TO WORK IN A SECURE,  
DIVERSE AND SUPPORTIVE  
WORK ENVIRONMENT**

**Must be available 5 days a week,  
for Monday to Friday shifts.  
Cleaning Services Award pay rates.**

**What you will need:**

**Your own car and driver's licence  
Pass a National Police Check and  
Working With Children Check**

**Follow the QR Code to submit  
your application today!**

