

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 2 Calendar



9/5	Mothers Day Stall TBC
12/5	Athletics Carnival
14/5	Acknowledgement of Country Workshop
20/5	P & C Meeting
21/5	Zone Cross Country
22/5	P & C Disco
26/5	PSSA Girls Touch Football
29/5	Stage 1 Sydney Zoo
6/6	PSSA Gala Day
12/6	Colour Run

SAVE THE DATE -TUESDAY 3 JUNE

K -2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

MRS DAVIES AND MR TSITOS

ASSEMBLY DATES TERM 2

16/5, 30/5, 13/6, 27/6

*Happy Mother's Day to all the mums, stepmums,
grandmas and nans on Sunday May 11.
Have a lovely day!*



Welcome back to Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are as excited as we are to dive into another term of learning and growth. We look forward to the engaging activities and new experiences that this term will bring. Thank you for your continued support and let's make this term a fantastic one together!

Mother's Day Stall and Raffle

On Friday 9 May, our P & C members provided a range of items for children to buy as a gift for mum or a carer. They also organised a Mother's Day raffle with lots of lovely prizes. Thank you to the P & C for arranging the stall and raffle. It is much appreciated by the school community!

School ANZAC Service

Well done to our fabulous SRC students and Miss Mills for organising and presenting our school ANZAC Service at the end of last term. It was a heartfelt commemoration to acknowledge the sacrifice of those who have served our country in times of war.

Emu Plains Community ANZAC Service

I would like to take a moment to express my pride in our school community for their participation in the recent ANZAC service. This event not only reflects our commitment to honouring the spirit of ANZAC but also showcases the dedication and pride we have for our school.

I would especially like to acknowledge Mrs Longhurst, who expressed her immense pride in the students who attended the service. Their involvement is a testament to the values we uphold as a school community.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate Rosie and Evie for their outstanding readings during the service. Their contributions added a special touch to the ceremony and exemplified the spirit of remembrance we aim to foster. Thank you all for your commitment to honouring our ANZAC heritage and for representing our school with such pride.

School Sporting Representatives

Flynn K, Zane K and Lukah W were excellent school and district representatives during the Sydney West Softball Championships on the last Thursday of term. As the coach, Mrs Longhurst was impressed with their efforts and sportsmanship on the day. Special congratulations to Zane for being selected for the Sydney West Boys Softball Team for 2025.

Road Safety Visit in Term 1

We were excited to welcome the NRMA Road Safety Program to our school last term! The program provided students with valuable lessons on safe road behaviours, the importance of being aware of traffic, and tips for

staying safe as pedestrians, cyclists, and passengers. It was a hands-on experience that helped our students understand the importance of road safety in a fun and engaging way. We encourage parents to continue these important conversations at home!

Exciting News: Leonay Public School Colour Run!

We are thrilled to announce that Leonay Public School will be hosting a Colour Run at 2pm on Thursday, June 12, 2025! This vibrant event promises to be a fun-filled day for our students, all while raising funds for new school equipment in particular laptops, that will benefit our entire community.

Students will have the opportunity to earn prizes based on the amount of money they raise, with a special award for the top fundraiser! The online fundraising platform will open in Week 2 of Term 2, so be sure to encourage your child to get involved and spread the word to family and friends. Students received an information booklet this week.

As an added incentive, the highest K-2 and 3-6 fundraiser will have the privilege of sliming me on the day. The next highest fundraiser from K-2 will slime Ms Finlayson and 3-6 Mrs Longhurst. More information will be sent prior to the day.

Let's come together to make this event a success and enhance the learning environment at Leonay Public School!

Leo Legend Tokens Term 1

An impressive 284 Leo Legend Tokens were handed out over Term 1. Our students work hard to follow the Leonay Expectations and take pride 'To Do My Best' each day.

Assembly

Friday 16 May at 2pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

P & C Meeting

The next P and C meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 May at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact the school for the link. All welcome to attend.

Miss Payne
Principal

Term 1 2025 Principal Awards

KK	Ivy J	Leo T
K/1D	Ainsley H	Jack W
1/2F	Kian M	Eden M
2/3T	Elijah D	Ava S
3/4R	Matthew L	Alyssa P
4/5M	Everly C	Oliver R
5/6L	Lorenzo N	Luka I
5/6W	Madison B	Tilly R

RECONCILIATION DAY AT LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL – Wednesday 28TH May

Leonay Public School will be recognising **Reconciliation Day** on **Wednesday 28th May** with a special whole-school assembly at **2:00pm in the school hall**. The assembly will be led by some of our **SRC and Aboriginal students**, and we warmly invite all families and members of the community to join us for this important occasion.

This year's **National Reconciliation Week** theme is *"Bridging Now to Next."* The theme highlights the importance of connecting the past, present, and future, and encourages all Australians to move forward together, guided by the lessons of history.

As part of the assembly, students will be singing **"Solid Rock" by Goanna**. Families are encouraged to listen to the song with their children at home and join in the spirit of learning and reflection.

For more information about Reconciliation Week and how you can be involved, we recommend visiting the Reconciliation Australia website: [National Reconciliation Week – Reconciliation Australia](https://www.reconciliation.org.au)


We look forward to sharing this meaningful event with our school community.


YOU'RE INVITED – AFTERNOON TEA & YARN: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AT LEONAY


Dear Families and Community,

You are warmly invited to join **Mrs Devine and Miss Payne** for **afternoon tea and a yarn** as we come together to talk about the future direction of **Aboriginal Education at Leonay Public School**.

We'll also be sharing the first steps in developing our **Leonay Public School Reconciliation Action Plan** and discussing ideas and actions for moving forward together.

 **Date:** Thursday 22 May

 **Time:** 2:00 – 3:00pm

 **Location:** School Library

We look forward to connecting with you and working in partnership to support strong, meaningful outcomes for all our students.

Warm regards,

Mrs Devine & Miss Payne

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, Leonay Public School is excited to be participating in the Premier's Spelling Bee Competition. The Premier's Spelling Bee is a NSW public primary school event run to expand students vocabularies and improve their spelling in conjunction with the NSW English K to 10 syllabus. Participation in this event is voluntary, and students who are interested are encouraged to opt in.

Students who choose to take part will be required to attend one spelling practice session during a weekly playground break (ample time will still be available for eating, toileting, etc.) and are also expected to practise spelling at home.

If your child would like to participate, they are asked to attend a short meeting with Mrs Devine and Miss Mills next Tuesday, 13th May 2025, during short play in Miss Mills' classroom to register their interest.

Our school's Spelling Bee, which will determine our two finalists (one junior and one senior), will be held in Week 9 on Wednesday 25 June- times to be confirmed.

We look forward to spelling with our enthusiastic learners!

Warm regards,

Mrs Devine & Miss Mills



Artwork by Evie Martin, Narrabeen Lakes Public School, for Operation Art 2024

NSW Department of Education

2025 NSW Premier's Spelling Bee

The Premier's Spelling Bee is open to all Years 2 to 6 public schools. For more information, visit:

artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/nsw-premiers-spelling-bee



Key dates:

School registrations
open: 10 March 2025
Term 1 Week 7

Registrations close:
Friday 20 June 2025

Regional Finals:
Term 3 Weeks 4 & 5

State finals:
Friday 7 November,
2025 (TBC)

Supporter



Supporter



Official Word List Partner



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Leonay Public School

Primary Athletics Carnival Program



Venue: Harold Corr Oval, Cambridge Park

Date: Monday 12th May 2025

2025 LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

9.30 am Arrive

WAR CRIES

All age 1500M
(Nominations only)

800m

Junior boys
Junior girls
11 years boys
11 years girls
Senior boys
Senior girls

100m Heats & Finals

8 years boys
8 years girls
9 years boys
9 years girls
10 years boys
10 years girls
11 years boys
11 years girls
12 years boys
12 years girls

100m finalists will be the six fastest times.

Recess

200m Heats only

Junior boys
Junior girls
11 years boys
11 years girls
Senior boys
Senior girls

200m heat times will be used to decide the final placings.

Relays

Junior Boys
Senior Boys

Junior Girls
Senior Girls

12:00 – 12.30 pm Lunch Approx.

Field Events

A bell will ring at the end of each round. Begin at 12.30 pm approx.....

Round One (12.30 pm start – 30mins)

Junior Boys/Girls	Long Jump
11 Yr Boys/Girls	Shot put
Senior Boys/Girls	Novelty

Round Two (1:00 pm start – 30 mins)

Senior Boys/Girls	Long Jump
Junior Boys/Girls	Shot Put
11 Yr Boys/Girls	Novelty

Round Three (1.30 pm start – 30 mins)

11 Yr Boys/Girls	Long Jump
Senior Boys/Girls	Shot put
Junior Boys/Girls	Novelty

1. Announcer: Mrs Garbutt-Young
2. Starter: Mrs Longhurst
3. Marshall / Participation Points: Mrs Connelly
4. Time Keepers:

Head Time Keeper/Judge – Mrs Wallace
1st – Mrs Wallace
2nd – Mr Tsitos
3rd – Mr Boot
4th – Miss Mills
5. Long jump:

Girls – Mrs Connelly, Miss Mills
Boys – Mrs Longhurst
6. Shot Put:

Girls – Mr Tsitos, Mrs Lyne
Boys – Mrs Wallace
7. Recorder: Miss Payne
8. Novelty: Mrs McKay, Mr Boot
9. Student Supervision: Mrs McKay, Mrs Lyne

Athletics Carnival Snacks

Prices.....

- Soft Drinks \$2.50
- Water \$2.00
- Packet Red frogs \$1.50
- Zappo's \$1.50
- Double dips \$2.00
- Plus, much much more

All Money Raised will go to the
Year 6 Farewell



Book Covering

Mrs Garbutt-Young would love some help covering new library books. If you're willing to help with this, please contact her via the office. A pack with books and contact will be sent home with your child.

When you are finished covering the books simply return them to school with your child.

Thank you in anticipation of this valuable help!



NSW Public Schools Student Survey Information and opt-out form

Dear parents and carers

In Term 2, our school is taking part in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey is being conducted by the NSW Department of Education (the department) and invites students to provide valuable feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

The survey will allow the department to conduct analysis and research into student wellbeing and engagement to drive improvement for all NSW public schools.

What you need to know

- Participating students will be given a unique login to complete the survey online.
- Students will complete the survey at school during school hours. The survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.
- Participating in the survey is voluntary. Opting not to participate will not impact your child's school experience. Your child can choose to stop the survey at any time and they can skip any questions that they prefer not to answer.
- More information about the survey and the research is available at education.nsw.gov.au/nps.

What information is collected and why

The department will collect personal information from your child including, but not limited to, information relating to their gender, cultural background, and their opinions on matters such as their school experience. Information will be held and managed by the NSW Department of Education, 105 Phillip Street, Parramatta NSW 2150. This information is collected to support every student to achieve their educational potential, and for other directly related purposes including but not limited to:

- implementing programs that meet student educational and support needs
- maintaining the good order and management of schools
- assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of programs and their impact on student educational outcomes
- conducting lawful research and compiling statistics relating to the education and wellbeing of students and student performance
- operational and administrative purposes.

How the department may use the information

Survey results may be used locally at schools to help inform planning and decision-making. Your child's school will receive a report once surveys are completed, but school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. At least 5 students need to have answered the question in the same way for that data to be included in the results.

The department's analysis of the data will involve linking students' responses to their student reference number (SRN). Responses may then be linked with other information the department may hold, such as students' scholastic year, gender, Aboriginal status, cultural background, migrant status and whether they are a person with a disability. This will allow the department to group the results for analysis and research purposes.

The department does not intend to give you a copy of your child's responses, or the opportunity to amend them. You may contact the department to request access to the survey responses, and your request will be considered in light of the department's obligations under law.

For more information about how the department will protect your child's information, visit education.nsw.gov.au/nps.

Opting out

If you **do not want your child/children to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by:

Wednesday 21 May

If you do not return the attached form, the school will assume that you consent to your child/children's participation.

Principal

Miss Payne

School

Leonay Public School



NSW Public Schools Student Survey

Opt-out form

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to the school by:

Wednesday 21 May

I **do not** give consent for my child/children to participate in the **NSW Public Schools Student Survey**.

Name of student 1

Roll class of student 1

Name of student 2

Roll class of student 2

Name of student 3

Roll class of student 3

Name of student 4

Roll class of student 4

Name of parent/carers

Date

Signature of parent/carers

On Monday 31 March (3-6 classes) and Monday 7 April (K-2 classes) Leonay were lucky to have Catherine from Keep Australia Beautiful visit to share knowledge and information about rubbish and it's impact on the environment. We talked about the rubbish that is produced just from the food that is included in our lunchboxes and the value of bringing as much nude food to school as possible. Here are what a few students had to say about the visit -



I learnt that some of our bottles can go in the yellow bin at school. Sam KK

I learnt that when we put some rubbish in the bin it goes to the dump, but we can stop rubbish going to the dump if we use the yellow bin for our bottles and sometimes you can go to return and earn. Alessia K/1D

I liked the recycling relay where we had to sort our rubbish into the right bins or lunchbox. Eden 1/2F

I learnt that rubbish goes in a hole and gets filled over with dirt and in a long time it disintegrates. We can help by using reusable things not plastic stuff, you can recycle by making art and if you have a plastic Ziplock bag you can reuse it another time. Georgia 2/3T

It made me feel sad when they said all the dumps are filling up and they are thinking about transporting the rubbish but I am hopeful that we can recycle a lot more rubbish than we would usually put in the waste bin like juice boxes. Asher 3/4R

I realised there's actually more than I thought that goes to landfill. We can help the environment by reducing plastic waste and having more containers that we reuse everyday. I liked the way that Catherine told us in a way that we are able to easily understand and she gave us interesting information. Ewan 4/5M

I learnt that it's not great for the environment to bring plastic lunch wrapping but instead it's better to have naked food. I enjoyed when we scored our lunchbox because I got a big score. Lewis 5/6W

I think it is good for kids to learn about what you put in the bin, that goes to landfill because they will just bury it and that leads to pollution in that area. We should share that we can recycle and use multiple-use items such as drink bottles and containers and that will reduce landfill. Ayden 5/6L



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Term 2
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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 14th May 2025

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* must register *



Program details

Where: Uniting Church Hall, 72
Old Bathurst Rd Blaxland

When: Wednesdays
21st May - 25th June
10:30am - 12:00noon

Cost: FREE for residents of
Penrith & Blue Mtns LGA

**For more information or to
register via our website:**

Phone: 4720 6500

Email: groups@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au

Web: www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



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Source: Study from Music Training Enhances Verbal Intelligence, National Library of Medicine

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