

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL



Term 3 Calendar



6/8	Open Day Education Week
18/8	Year 5 Leadership Day
19/8	Limelight Festival Choir
20/8	Zone Athletics
21/8	Spelling Bee Regional Finals
3/9	Nepean/Blue Mountains Matinee Dance Performance
4/9	Nepean/Blue Mountains Twilight Dance Performance
5/9	Nepean Shield Gala Day Boys & Girls Soccer
10/9	Calmsley Farm
16-17/9	Stage 2 Camp
23/9	NSW Olympics Unleashed- Paddle Series Program
25/9	Sydney West Athletics

ASSEMBLY DATES TERM 3

8/8, 22/8, 12/9 (This is a Change of Date), 19/9

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 3 and another busy term of events. Stage/Class newsletters will be sent home with students next week. They give an overview of what is being taught in each Key Learning Area this term. Keep them in a safe place so you can follow the learning for this term. Copies are available on the Leonay PS website under the notes section if needed.

Staffing News

Mrs Brigitte Trouve is back full time working at Leonay PS in the office everyday.

Mr Anthony Boot will work Monday and Tuesday and Mr Nick Wright will work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as Learning and Support Officers supporting our students on the playground and in the classroom.

Goal Setting Conferences

During the week beginning Monday 4 August teachers will be available after school to meet with parents, to discuss your child's learning and review goals. All classroom teachers will be available on Monday 4 August until 6.15pm. Other days (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) will be available, dependent upon the teacher's availability. Times will be limited to 15-minute slots. We will be using the online booking service available via Compass called Conferences. This information has been sent to parents via Compass.

Bookings will close at 4pm on Sunday 3 August.

What's happening at Leonay PS for EDUCATION WEEK?

Theme- Ignite Your Potential!

Date is Wednesday 6 August- Term 3, Week 3.

We will run activities from 9.15am.

9.15am-10.15am- Open Classrooms + library display + book fair

10.15am- 11am Book Character Parade- come dressed as your favourite character

11am-11.45am- Picnic lunch and scone/cupcake Year 6 fundraiser- Costing \$1-\$3

Remember to bring a chair or a blanket.

The Canteen will be closed on Open day

Leonay PS Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who have been involved in additional activities.

Lukah and Ella W who performed in the Nepean CAPA Showcase earlier this week.

Evie A has been accepted into the Greater Western Sydney Dance Ensemble for the combined dance component of the School Spectacular. She will perform at the end of November.

Boys Football Knockout team were successful last week against Regentville PS. They will now play Round 5 against the winner of Blaxland Easy PS and Wentworth Falls PS. We wish them all the best.

2025 NAPLAN results

NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 were sent home last week.

In 2023 there were changes to the way that NAPLAN results are reported to parents. Results are now presented in 4 proficiency levels.

- Exceeding: The student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- Strong: The student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- Developing: The student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- Needs additional support: The student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

I have included the Information page for parents and carers in the newsletter. In the coming weeks I will report back on our achievements at Leonay PS.

Student Holidays or Leave during the Term

If you are planning a holiday during school term for 7 or more days, you must complete an Application for Travel Form available from the office or on the Leonay PS website prior to travelling (at least one week's notice if possible). If travelling overseas, then supplementary documentation is also required. These forms must be completed prior to travel and not retrospectively. This is a Departmental requirement. There are exceptions for funerals or bereavement where a student may have to travel during the school term.

P & C Meeting- Note change of date

Next meeting **Monday 18 August** commencing at 7.00pm via zoom.

Assembly

Next Assembly is Friday 8 August. Please QR code in under the COLA if you are attending.

Principal

Miss Payne

OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

Our school canteen refurbishment has been completed. Please see the pictures below to show what has been done. Congratulations to the P and C for securing the grant to make this possible and for contributing additional funds for extra items. Our volunteer canteen workers are very excited about the new space.



MORE P & C NEWS

Congratulations to the P and C who have received another grant for the constructions of a new shade shelter over the B block courtyard. This will provide additional shade in this area.

2025 NAPLAN

Individual student report

Information for parents and carers



NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment undertaken by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is the only national assessment that all Australian children undertake. Literacy and numeracy skills are the critical foundation for all learning and for the ability to participate effectively in society. NAPLAN questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum in English and Mathematics.

NAPLAN tests are only one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process. As they are held once every 2 years for each student, they cannot replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. Your child's teacher will have the best insight into your child's educational progress. Along with other school assessment reports, NAPLAN individual student reports can be used to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

How does NAPLAN assess students?

NAPLAN tests are delivered online to schools across Australia in March each year. Online assessment presents questions tailored to an individual student's responses, delivering more precise results and a more engaging test experience for students.

Questions in NAPLAN are based mostly on the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills students have learnt from previous years of schooling. A few questions assess additional content from the year of testing and the following year. These questions have been designed so that they can be answered using strategies students have learnt in previous years. This ensures students of all abilities can show their capabilities.

Detailed information on the knowledge and skills being measured in NAPLAN is available at www.nap.edu.au.

Proficiency standards

Since 2023, NAPLAN results have been reported against proficiency standards that provide clear information on student achievement. The standards are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for the student at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling.

The proficiency standards include 4 proficiency levels:

- **Exceeding:** The student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** The student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** The student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** The student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

What NAPLAN assesses has not changed. Page 4 of the individual student report provides a more detailed summary about what students know and can do within each of the proficiency levels. Further information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

How were the proficiency levels determined?

Panels of expert teachers identified the levels of proficiency against learning expectations for each assessment area and year level. Parent and carer input on student reports was also provided through focus groups and national parent organisations.

Reading the NAPLAN report

The NAPLAN report shows a proficiency scale for each assessment area (numeracy, reading, writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation) with a student's result shown as a black dot on the scale.

The report shows each child's achievement against the national average for their year (shown as a black triangle) and the range of achievement for the middle 60% of students in their year level (shown as a light shaded rectangle).

NAPLAN is a valuable tool that can give useful insights into a student's performance, but individual reports should be interpreted with care as they reflect the student's performance on the day of testing, rather than being a definitive measure of their overall learning.

What if my child's report says they took their test on paper?

While NAPLAN is an online test, there are a small number of circumstances where students may complete tests on paper. These include when:

- schools use a recognised alternative curriculum
- students require paper tests for accessibility reasons
- issues during testing require paper tests to be used as a contingency measure.

Year 3 students always complete their writing test on paper.

Can I compare my child's performance to previous NAPLAN reports?

Results from 2023 onwards cannot be directly compared with results from 2008 to 2022. This is because a new measurement scale that is more suited to the online tests was introduced with the new standards, and because the tests were moved from Term 2 to Term 1.

However, in 2025 students in Years 5, 7 and 9 were the first to complete 2 cycles of NAPLAN under the new reporting arrangement. This means that parents and carers can use the individual student reports they received in 2023 and 2025 to compare their child's proficiency levels.

A student's results compared to the national average and middle 60% of students can also be compared across 2023 and 2025.

As students move through the NAPLAN years, the skills and understanding required to achieve each proficiency level increase in difficulty. A student who achieves the same proficiency level in successive years, such as Year 3 and Year 5, may still be making progress.

How does NAPLAN help my child?

NAPLAN allows parents and carers to see how their child has performed in literacy and numeracy against national standards. Your child's achievement can be compared to the national average of all students in the same year and against the proficiency levels.

Results can help parents, carers and students to discuss individual student progress with teachers.

What impact will the results have on my child's future?

NAPLAN results provide important information about literacy and numeracy skills that your child is learning through their school curriculum. The results complement other assessments your child does at school, providing you and your child's teachers with an understanding of your child's achievements at the time of the tests. The information can be used to support your child to reach their full potential.

Some schools may ask for NAPLAN reports, in addition to school reports, as part of their admissions process. NAPLAN is not designed to be a school admission test. However, results may be useful for informing a new school of a student's learning needs.

How does NAPLAN help my child's school?

NAPLAN is the only national assessment that all Australian children undertake. It helps:

- teachers to better identify students who need greater challenges or extra support
- schools to identify strengths and areas of need in teaching programs
- schools to set goals in literacy and numeracy
- school systems to review programs and support offered to schools.

NAPLAN also provides nationally comparable data to help governments evaluate how education programs are working and whether students are meeting important literacy and numeracy standards.

Who else will see the results?

Each year, test administration authorities provide schools with results for all students who sit NAPLAN. Schools are encouraged to use the results to inform their planning for improvement across the school.

Individual student reports are confidential. No-one but your local test administration authority and staff at your child's school will see your child's report.

Average school results are publicly reported on My School at www.myschool.edu.au. The website will be updated with each year's results towards the end of the year. Your child's individual results are not available on My School.



Term 3 Principal Medal Criteria



<p>Speak Honestly</p> <p>Think before you speak Tell the truth Give the true story Only say exactly what you saw or heard Speak up when something upsets you Admit when you are wrong</p>	<p>Help My Community</p> <p>Clean up rubbish you can see Help others if they ask Support charities Participate in activities that help the community Take care of native wildlife Check on others or look out for others</p>
<p>Take Care of Property</p> <p>Walk around the school on the path areas only Use playground equipment carefully and respectfully Make sure you pack things away when you have finished Take care of all your belongings</p>	<p>Listen to Others</p> <p>Face the speaker and have eye contact Don't interrupt when someone is talking Wait your turn to speak Stay focused on what they are saying Ask relevant questions</p>
<p>Persist When It Gets Hard</p> <p>Try, try and try again Think of other strategies to help work it out Ask a peer to help Ask a teacher Take a deep breath and keep trying</p>	<p>Concentrates and Completes Tasks</p> <p>Have a go Stay focused and keep working Ask for assistance if needed Do your best with all tasks Ignore distractions around you</p>

Canberra Camp

Students from our school will soon be undertaking (or have recently undertaken), an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

<https://www.pacer.org.au/>

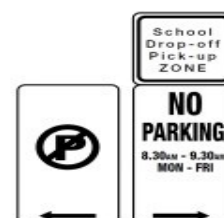


Applications are now open for children eligible to start Kindergarten in 2026. Children may be enrolled in Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five years of age by 31 July of that year. Applications to enrol for students in the Leonay area can be made online through the school's website by clicking on the enrolments tab. Out of area applications can now also be made online from the website and include additional documentation as part of the process. Once received the office will email you with further instructions. If you know of anyone in the Leonay area who is considering enrolling, encourage them to do so now. Please ring the office to if you have any questions.

Drop-off and Pick-up zones Safety tips

Safety tips for drivers using a Drop-off and Pick-up zones

- Always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures.
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the Drop-off and Pick-up zone.
- Make sure children use the Safety Door (the rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- Make sure the handbrake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Always park legally.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.



Safety tips for students

- Always get in and out of the vehicle through the Safety Door, the rear footpath-side door.
- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the Drop-off and Pick-up area.
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, such as on the floor.
- Be ready to get out of the vehicle with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.



LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN DAY 6 AUGUST 2025

**9.15-Open classrooms &
Book fair
10.15-Book parade
11-11.45 Picnic Lunch
School Oval**

LEONAY PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

Open Day 6th August CAKE STALL



**\$1 - \$3 per item
From 10.50am,
Open Day! 6th August 2025
Under the COLA**



**All purchases will go towards
the Year 6 Farewell
Don't forget your cash!**

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