YANCO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“The Ibis”

Our school leaders at National Young Leaders Day
feature Photo

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Term 1, Week 11 (7th -11th April)

Thursday, 10th April
Athletics Carnival
P & C Bulb Orders due

Friday, 11th April
Last day of term

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (12th April - 28th April)

Friday, 25th April – 9.45 am
ANZAC March.
Meet at Leeton Court House

Term 2, Week 1 (28th April – 2nd May)

Monday, 28th April
Staff return

Tuesday, 29th April
Students return

Happy Easter
We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and holidays! See you next term.
Welcome back to the last week of Term 1. By now you will have known that the Athletics Carnival was cancelled last week due to the wet weather. As this newsletter is being published, we hope that the carnival is underway. As you would be aware, this year ANZAC Day, Friday 25 April 2014, falls in the school holidays. I would encourage all students to attend the march and represent the school on the day. I will be in attendance to supervise students and details are in this week’s newsletter. All students who represent the school at the march will receive an Achievement Award. In closing I wish everyone a happy and safe Easter. If anyone is travelling please take care and we hope to see everyone back at school refreshed and ready for a great Term 2.

Bike Day
The Bike Day planned for today, Thursday 10 April 2014 will now be held later in the year, due to the cancellation of the Athletics Carnival and the number of PSSA sporting commitments that must take place at the beginning of the year.

Athletics Carnival News
In order to assist with the completion of all events, some field events have been completed at school during the week. On Tuesday afternoon, students completed the Shot Put event and on Wednesday the Long Jump.

GRUNT
Yesterday, students travelled to Narrandera to watch a matinee performance of the Easter musical GRUNT and to meet cast and crew. After the matinee students had lunch in the park before returning to Yanco.

Easter Service
On Tuesday all students attended a combined scripture service to celebrate Easter. Sister Janet proved a hit with her dramatic performance of the Very Hungry Caterpillar, with the meaning of Easter portrayed in an very enjoyable way.

ANZAC Day
Students are encouraged to march with the school in the Leeton March on ANZAC Day, Friday, April 25. Students, in full school uniform, will assemble outside the Court House at 9.45 am. Captains will lay a wreath and then go to the Yanco Service at 12.00 Noon. It is not necessary for other students to attend the Yanco Service.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN assessments for students in Year 3 and 5 will take place during Week 3 of Term 2. Parents of these students will find information on the assessments and the assessment timetable included in this week’s newsletter.

Riverina Debating Day
On Monday, Elliane Boulton, Callum Dunn and Raena Dixon travelled to Griffith East Public School to participate in a Riverina Region Debating Day as part of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The workshops covered all aspects of debating including rebuttal, arguments and examples, definition and speaker’s roles, as well as a few games and activities. During the year we hope to join with other small schools via video conference to participate in some interschool debating challenges.

Start of Term 2
Please note that students return to school on Tuesday, 29 April 2014. Monday, 28 April 2014 is designated as a School Development Day and all staff will be participating in professional development at Wamoon Public School.

Term 2 Events
Term 2 will commence with a very busy few weeks. On Wednesday, 30 April 2014 we will hold the School Cross Country at McCaughey Park. Students will have an early lunch before walking to the park around12.30 pm to participate in their cross country age events. Presentations will be held at the park after events have concluded.

Other events early in Term 2 include:
- Friday, 9 May 2014 – LNPSSA Touch Football Gala Day for students in Years 5 and 6
- Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May 2014 – NAPLAN for students in Years 3 and 5
- Tuesday, 20 May 2014 – Small Schools Athletics Carnival
- Friday, 23 May 2014 – LNPSSA Cross Country for all students aged 8 years and above

Until next term,
Happy Easter
Tim Allen

News from the Office

Now Past Due:
- P & C Bulb Fundraiser
- Excursion Planning Survey
- Voluntary Contributions
- Ongoing permission notes

TERM 1 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS are now due.
$10 per term per child or $40 for the full year.
National Young Leaders Day
By Kyle Zysltrra and Talee Warren

On Sunday 31st of March, we caught the bus at 8.30 am at Leeton Public School to travel to Sydney for the National Young Leaders Day. We travelled with Leeton Public School, Whitton Public School and Murrami Public School. On the way up we stopped twice. We stopped at the Dog on the Tuckerbox in Gundagai and Berrima Park. Whilst stopped at the Dog on the Tuckerbox we took some photos and had our recess. At Berrima we had our lunch in the park and played cricket with some people we met. Once in Sydney we went for a walk on the beach. We stayed at the Narrabeen Big 4 caravan park, right near the beach. We had dinner at the Narrabeen North Side Café and after dinner we went straight to bed so that we were ready for a big day at the conference.

On Monday 1st April we woke up at 6 am to have breakfast and get ready for the Conference. We got on the bus at 7.10 am and headed into the city centre. On the way we caught a ferry and got to see the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House and lots of boats and yachts. Once we arrived at the conference we listened to people talk about leadership, times of hardship, being who you are and becoming successful leaders. We got to listen to famous children’s author Andy Griffin speak about his career and his books. He was hilarious! We also got to listen to the Hon. Bob Carr speak about politics and being a leader.

After the conference was over the girls all got to go shopping in the Queen Mary building with Mrs Gill. While the girls shopped the boys went to the Sydney Aquarium with Mr Allen, Mr Adams and Mr Campbell, where we got to see some exciting sea life. After shopping and the aquarium we all met at the Sydney Opera House and got some pictures. We travelled back to Manly on the ferry and went and got some dinner at the Manly Corso and took it to the beach. After dinner we went back to the caravan park and went to bed, exhausted after a very big day.

On Tuesday we got up at 6.00am, had breakfast and got on the bus to head home. We stopped at Wagga Wagga to get some McDonalds. We got back on the bus and arrived home at around 4.30pm.

It was a big couple of days away, full of great experiences! We would like to thank Mr Allen for taking us on such a great trip and thank the organisers of the Young Leaders Conference for putting on a fantastic and inspiring show.

Talee and Kyle
School Uniform

The wearing of school uniform builds school pride and a sense of belonging in students. All items of clothing in the school uniform are available from the school office, which is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. If any parents or carers are having difficulty purchasing items of school clothing, please contact us.

Sports Report

LNPSSA Netball/Rugby League Gala Day
The LNPSSA Netball Knockout and Rugby League Gala Day was held at the Leeton Town Ovals and Leeton Stadium last Monday. Thank you to the parents who assisted with travel and the staff from Wamoon PS who supervised the small school’s students on the day. A great day was had by all students, with the boys in particular enjoying participating in full contact sport.

Athletics Carnival
The Yanco Public School Athletics Carnival was to be held at the school today. Full results will be published in Term 2.

Parent-Carer Tips

School holiday kids and family camps
It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

Managing screen-time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen-time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen-time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk

P. and C. News

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED
This year Yanco P & C will be running the canteen at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Tuesday, 20 May 2014, as well as sharing the canteen with Leeton Public School at the LNPSSA Touch Gala Day and Knockout on Friday, 9 May 2014, with both events being held at the Leeton High School Ovals. Parent helpers will be needed for both days. Please consider helping out on these days, as ‘many hands make light work’. 

Primary Assembly Schedule

Term 2
Thursday 22 May, Thursday, 19 June

Term 3
Thursday, 7 August, Thursday, 4 September

Term 4
Thursday, 30 October, Thursday, 27 November

Parents, carers and community members are invited and encouraged to attend.
The assembly will commence at 10.30 am and will be followed by a community morning tea during recess.

P & C BULB FUNDRAISER

A short reminder that any orders for the P & C Bulb fundraiser need to be returned to school by tomorrow.

Orders will be sent home with students during the first week of Term 2

SunRice Ambassador Jane Macarthur Proudly Supporting CanAssist and the Leeton Community

DJ & ONESIE PARTY

Leeton Soldiers Club Rapp’s

Friday 11th April

Primary School - 6 – 7.30pm
High School - 7.30 – 10pm

$5 Entry
Strictly Supervised

Yanco Public School……Towards a better world
Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents. Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10:00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✓ Establish a morning routine.
   Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.

✓ Identify and remove distractions such as television.
   If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✓ Teach some of the basics of time management.
   The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✓ Arrive at school ten minutes early.
   Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✓ Model a good routine.
   It’s pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!

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National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
Fruit juices

Many people think fruit juice is a healthy option. While fruit juice contains some vitamins, they lack fibre, antioxidants and other nutrients found in fruit. Fruit juices are high in sugar and energy, often containing similar quantities of sugar found in soft drink. Drinking large amounts can lead to tooth decay and excess energy consumption. Here are some things to consider if choosing juice:

- Limit fruit juices to no more than half a glass per day.
- Too much juice can lead to diarrhoea.
- Consider diluting juice 50:50 with water to reduce the number of kilojoules whilst still enjoying the taste of juice.
- It is easy to drink too much juice. One popper of juice is equal in energy to two pieces of fruit.
- Consider eating a piece of fruit instead. Whole pieces of fruit and veggies have higher levels of many vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fibre, some of which are protective factors against some cancers and heart disease.

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
to see if you’re eating enough fruit & veg.

Take the Fruit & Veg Challenge!
Write down everything you ate and drank yesterday and see if you got the 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of veg you need:

Here is an example:

Drinks: 2 cups of tea, 2 x 125ml glasses of OJ, 3 glasses of water
Snacks: 1 tub yoghurt, 1 banana, 2 biscuits
Breakfast: 2 slices toast with butter and jam
Lunch: 1 medium potato with tuna and cheese, 1 apple
Dinner: Macaroni cheese, ½ cup peas, 2 slices garlic bread

This person ate 3 serves of fruit (juice only counts as one serve) but only 3 serves of veg. If you’re eating less fruit or veg than you need, have a think now about how you can eat more.

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FABRIC ART
Design and create your personalised calico bag.
Thursday 17th April 2-3pm

Continuous Storytime 10.30am
FREE. Enjoy a story, song and art activity. Every day is a different theme. Each day except Easter Saturday.

Cuddle up & Read
For carers and bubs. FREE. 17th April at 10.30am


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**Leeton-Whitton Crows**

Great Golf Ball Drop

Easter Sunday 20th April 2pm to 6pm at the Leeton Showgrounds

Free Entry

2 Drops from the Helicopter
- 1pm-5pm - per ball drop with $500 First Prize
- 4:30pm-10pm - per ball drop with $1000 First Prize

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To purchase a Golf Ball or for more information please ring Nick on 0442 105151

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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**BOB’S RE-USE CENTRE**

Leeton Landfill & Recycling Centre

Thursday to Sunday
9am to 5pm

Enquiries: 0416 109 676

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**LEETON OUT OF SCHOOL CARE**

Afterschool and Holiday Care for children K - 6
Ring Alison Wallace, Ph: 6953 5788

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**LEETON UNITED FC**

*HOLIDAY SOCCER CAMP*

The COACH: Mitchell Clay

*The children will be under the guidance & supervision of a well trained professional Coach from the UK. Experienced with a wide range of ages & standards from Grass roots to the Elite level & is now responsible for the Leeton United FC First Grade*

The Soccer Holiday Camp can guarantee:
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- Skill & Technique Development
- Game Knowledge Improvement
- Full-Rounded Soccer Experience

- WHEN > 15th - 17th April 2014
- TIMES & 9am - 12pm
- WHERE > The OVAL
- PRICE: > $40

* This is going to be a FUN Filled 3 Days of Soccer with a great opportunity to learn and improve in a wide range of different aspects of the game*

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