Principal’s Message

Curriculum
P-2 Welcome to the end of Week 6. This term is flying by too quickly. I would dearly like to start listening to all the children read every morning of the four days that I am in the classroom. To realistically achieve this, I am in need of volunteers who can come and help between 8.30 and 9.00. We are coming up to the Christmas holidays where reading is not always what the children wish to do. The more reading we can do with the students now the better their word attack, phrasing and fluency will become and be sustained.

The assessment work in English and Maths is drawing to a close but there are still plenty of new concepts to be taught in preparation for their transition to the next year level.

Year 3-6 – This week sees the students well into their assessment with students displaying pleasing results. Please be aware that every day does count, with student absences affecting some assessment items and timelines. All effort will be made to catch up all students but attendance is very important. Students are finishing off their review of advertisements, persuasive argument writing, Mathematics, Science experiments and getting into their Geography assessment tasks.

Swimming Lessons
Students have been swimming well over the past weeks. They are in ability groups and are starting to make some good progress with their skills. The solar heating is now fixed and swimming should be much more enjoyable. Please make sure to include a towel and underwear for students to change into after swimming as some children are continuing to forget these each week.

Report Cards
In week 9, starting 1st of December, Report cards will be going out to all parents. Please keep an eye out for this as it forms a strong part of our feedback process to keep you up to date with your child’s progress. With the reports there will also be a parent/teacher interview request form. This is a first in first served approach. All effort will be made to accommodate meetings. If there are any issues, or if you wish to know more about the reporting process please contact the school office.

Chaplaincy Program 2015
The school is trying to gauge support for a Chaplaincy program in 2015 to work with students on personal health and wellbeing. Can you please take the time to fill out the attached note and send back your say by Friday 21st November. If you require more information please contact the school office.

Disciplinary Audit
On Wednesday last week our school was audited to review our positive and negative behaviour program. It is with great pleasure that I can inform the community that we are working at a high standard in most areas and have been able to identify a number of commendations, affirmations and recommendations that we will address. These, as well as the 5 page overview will become available on the school website.
and via the office in the next few weeks.

**Attendance**
Over the past week we have increased our attendance as students are starting to get back into the swing of the term. There are only 4 weeks left until the end of the year. Our current student attendance data is at 92%. This is on target for our benchmark of 92% for the year. Hopefully we can increase this by the end of the term.

**Water Usage**
Over the past few weeks there has been a huge increase in the amount of water that is being used by Leyburn. Some estimates have put this in the range of 300% of normal consumption. This is highly irregular. If you are aware of any water leaks, extremely green areas or wet spongy ground please contact the Southern Downs Regional Council to let them know.

**Littering**
It has been great to see the outside of the school looking so clean and tidy. A big thanks to all the community members who are helping to make a difference to our town.

**Playgroup**
Over the past few weeks our playgroup has been learning about the numbers 7 and 8 and having fun doing activities for these numbers, in particular Number 8 – sticking stickers on the octopus. The children have also been participating in sand play.
25th November – Playgroup children will commence learning to recognize the number ten. There will be blocks to build with, sheet activities. The children will be reintroducing different types of shapes to decorate and if it is a warm day the water trough can be filled for some water fun. Playgroup will begin to do some new activities involving Christmas season.

**Warwick Singing in the Park**
Singing in the park was a huge success. It was fantastic to see our children noticed and valued for their contribution to the day. Leyburn Students not only travelled the greatest distance to get there but they were also broadcast out on the radio waves and also published in the newspaper. The children showed great respect for the school and represented us well.

**Ball Games**
There was huge success in ball games for Leyburn State School. While we sadly didn’t win the star relay, the students were very supportive and enthusiastic in how they worked as a team on the day. It was great to see so many students getting seconds and thirds in all different events. Well done all students, next year let’s make sure we get some firsts.

**School Banking**
School banking will occur on a Thursday. Please place all banking in the school box in the office no later than **9am Thursday**.

_Sam Gilmore,
Teaching Principal_

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**Students of the Week**

**Week ending 7th November**

Congratulations to Hope for writing great Sizzling Starts and Jacob for making a great effort in his work.

**Week ending 14th November**

Congratulations to Tiana for thinking carefully about her respectful behaviour and Abbie for understanding a new maths concept.
Congratulations to Mac for winning the Australia Post colouring-in Competition.

Mathletics

7th November:


14th November:

Congratulations to Front Row: Laine, Ethan, Jayden, Caleb and Anton.
Back Row: Rebecca and Paige

For community groups who wish to include notices within the school newsletter, please have them typed and emailed to the school at the.principal@leyburnss.eq.edu.au or chung1@eq.edu.au by 12.00 Noon the Tuesday prior.

Our next P&C Meeting will be on 9th December, 2014 – The meeting will commence at 3.30pm.

Our next Pub Raffle will be 21st November, Thank you to the Leyburn General Store for their $20 voucher. We also have two $50.00 meat trays. Thank you to the volunteer selling tickets for this raffle.

We are organising a Christmas raffle, tickets will be available next week.

We have been allocated a Masters BBQ in the early part of 2015. We are looking for parents to help man the BBQ. This will be one of our major fundraisers. If you can spare a few hours on the day would be greatly appreciated. The more helpers we get, the shorter the shifts will be.

If you are wishing to purchase uniforms, please see one of the P&C committee – Maree, & Melinda on Monday or Wednesday morning and one of us will be able to assist you.

Hats - $15.00, Shirts - $25.00 and Jackets $35.00.

If you are willing to help us with any of our fund raising ventures throughout the year please do not hesitate to contact us.

Maree Gorman
President, Leyburn State School P&C Association

QCWA MEETING

QCWA Meeting will be held the first Tuesday of each month
At 9.00am – Please note change of date.
Next Meeting 2nd December, 2014

All Welcome

For Hall Bookings please contact:
Christine: 4695 0186 or Mary: 4695 0125
Hana’s Hair Cuts

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Appointments necessary – available weekends

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TUCKSHOP MENU

Please ensure correct tuckshop money is enclosed. Orders can be dropped off at the shop before 9.30 Tuesday Mornings.

(Prices effective from 7th October, 2014)

Ham and Pineapple Pizza $2.00
Pie (Four & Twenty Traveller’s Pie 160g) $2.80
Party Pie (Patties) .80
Sauce – Tomato or BBQ .30
Dino Snacks – baked chicken nugget .50
Vegemite Sandwich $2.00
Plain Milk (Devondale 150ml) .95
Flavoured Milk (Norco 250ml. Chocolate, Strawberry or Banana) $2.10
Juice (Orchy 200ml Orange, Apple or Apple and Black Current) $1.75
Ovalteenies (15g) .75
Twisties (27g) $1.00

The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Leyburn & District Historical Society Inc. will take place at the QCWA Hall at Leyburn on Saturday, 22 November at 1.00 p.m. Guest speakers will be former residents, Des and Alma Hamblin. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome.

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St Francis de Sales Parents & Friends House Yard Sale

Date: 21st November 6pm, 2014
Where: FE Logan Hall, Meera Place, Clifton

Lots of Prizes
- Hampers

Entry Fees
- $5 Entry Adults
- $3 Entry Children

Lucky Door Prizes
- 1st Prize $750 Fuel Voucher
- 2nd Prize $250 Fuel Voucher

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SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2014
LEYBURN CWA HALL
ALL WELCOME

Marlene Smith
Secretary
Leyburn Memorial Commuity Inc.
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Mon, 02 Dec 2014
Central Downs Ball Games Carnival at Emu Creek State School