Principal’s Message

Directors General Forum
On Friday the 2nd of May I attended the Education Queensland’s Director General's Forum in Toowoomba. There were a number of messages that I took away from the day. The main one is that everyone is a part of your child’s education. It does not just start with the school and end when students leave. The community as a whole is responsible for making students who they are. The school has been asked to think about how we operate and how we help cater for each customer we have.

Leyburn State School is already well along on our journey, be it through our playgroup working with the 0-5 year old children from the community, the early transition for the year 7’s to high school and the ongoing cluster work, or our community who involves us.

The message was clear to me that we all have a piece to play in children’s education.

Curriculum

P-2 – Week 4 already – how quickly this term is going to slip by. I would like to welcome Mrs Kirstie Willadsen to our classroom for the next 5 weeks. Kirstie is a 4th Year Pre-service teacher from USQ in Toowoomba. She is in Leyburn for her practical teaching experience. You will have noticed that the children’s homework is including number fact activities. The most effective way for the children to learn these is using both written and oral practise. If you could find the time to hear the number facts orally, that would be fantastic.

For example, when hearing the rainbow facts, say 3 + something = 10 or 6 + something = 10; for the doubles 7+7=? Or 2 lots of 5 =?, for count on - 7 count on 1 = ? 4 count on 2 = ? 8 count on 3 = ?(only count on to 3) for count back - 7 count back 1 = ? 4 count back 2 = ? 8 count back 3 = ? (only count back to 3)

Year 3-6 – After our run up to NAPLAN the students will be returning back to more normal routines and practices for all grades. CARS and STARS will be implemented with all grades starting next week. This comprehension and assessment program helps students to identify areas of improvement and allows for practice of desired skills.

In English the year 5/6 students are working on persuasive advertisements while the year 3/4’s continue working on traditional Asian stories. In Science we are well underway with our natural disaster unit. The students have started looking at structures and how they could be designed to resist a specific natural disaster. In History the year 5/6 students are looking at Federation, while the year 4/5’s are looking at early exploration. In Math all students have been looking at geometry and are moving into number, fractions and decimals. In Art and Technology the students are well underway into making their bags with some fantastic ideas being put into their designs.

Toys At School
Parents please be reminded that students are not to bring toys to school unless it is a Wednesday for show and tell. The school doesn't take any responsibility for personal items being brought to school. Any student found with toys from home will have them confiscated until the end of the day. If students persist with bringing in toys from school parents will
be asked to collect the toys from the office. If you have any questions or queries please contact the school.

School Starting Time
Parents please be aware that school starts at 9.00am. To maximise our teaching time we aim to start teaching at 9.00am sharp. Due to this our preparation bell goes at **8.55am** so students are able to be ready for learning. If you wish to discuss this please contact Mr. Gilmore.

NAPLAN
Students have been sitting the NAPLAN tests over the course of this week. This has caused some changes to the school timetable but all students have done a wonderful job during the testing. I am eagerly awaiting the results to identify our strengths and weaknesses and to align this with our school data. I wish to remind parents that this is a point in time test and as such results are sometimes variable. It is also important to be aware that NAPLAN results are not used to grade students and it does not impact on key learning area results.

Pre Service Teacher
I wish to thank Mr Berry for all his hard work over the past three weeks. He has worked well with the students in all areas of the 3-6 classroom and I wish him the best of luck in his final year of university.
I would also like to welcome Kirstie Willadsen who joins us from USQ as well. Mrs W will be here for the next 5 weeks working with the Prep – 2 classroom. Please make her feel welcomed to our wonderful school.

Playgroup
Last week in playgroup the students finished constructing their Mother’s Day presents and gave them to their mothers’ at a wonderful morning tea. It was fantastic to see all of the playgroup enjoying themselves at such a feast.
This week in playgroup the children will be looking at constructing the third dinosaur, Stegosaurus, to go with the other dinosaurs. When the art work is completed it can be arranged on a wall in numerical order helping them to recognise their numbers.
I look forward to seeing the playgroup next week for some fun with everyone.

Annual Improvement Plan.
The school’s AIP has been endorsed. This year our main focus will be on Reading, Writing and Numeracy. For more information please see the school office or organise a time to speak with Mr Gilmore.

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**.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Dear parents/carers,
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.
All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.
Please be reassured that the Department will not provide, on to another organisation, any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:
- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.
Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.
Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:
- Australian Government Department of Education website:
Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Sam Gilmore
Teaching Principal
Week ending 2nd May:

Congratulations to: Ethan for showing improvement in spelling, Nathan Harmony Day Award and Jackson for doing well in Number Facts.

Week ending 9th May:

Congratulations to: Pagie for her Young Leaders Participation Certificate; Jessica for her progress in reading, Heidi for working consistently hard in all tasks. Year 6 Award Caleb for completing work in class.

Congratulations to: Jackson, Jessica, Summer, Abbie and Chase for M100W - sight words Awards.

Mathletics Awards

Congratulations to: Laine, Paige and Luke

Next Friday is our Pub Raffle. Thank you the Royal Hotel, for their $20 voucher. We also have two $50.00 meat trays. Thank you to the volunteer selling tickets for this raffle.

We are looking for volunteers to sell the Pub Raffles on a Friday evening so a roster can be made up. These raffles only occur every fortnight and not during the school holidays. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Friday evening, this would be appreciated.

The funds we raise through this venture, go back to support our children.

If you are wishing to purchase uniforms, please see one of the P&C committee – Maree or 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

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.
FOR SALE
Leyburn State School Leyburn Story
$15.00
Leyburn State School 150th Celebration Recipe Book
$10.00
Both items are available from the School Office, RSL and the Post Office

QCWA MEETING
QCWA Meeting will be held the first Tuesday of each month
At 9.00am – Please note change of date.
Next Meeting 3rd June, 2014
All Welcome

For Hall Bookings please contact:
Christine: 4695 0186 or
Kay: 0408 064 322

THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

AND

CWA COMPETITION DAY

Tuesday 20th May, 2014
Commencing at 10.00am
all proceeds go to Cancer Council

All other competition entries in by 9.30am 20th May, 2014

Contacts:- 46950125
or 46950186

TUCKSHOP MENU

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

(Prices effective from 12th March, 2014)

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Hana’s Hair Cuts
Professional cuts
Men, Ladies and Children’s cuts
Appointments necessary – available weekends

Phone 4695 0260

Fitness and Health

Heart Moves every Friday 9.30am, at the CWA Hall $10.00.
10.30am Fitness & Health.
It’s your life, Be Active Workshop.
Qualified instructor Donation $5.00
Call Pauline 46372676
PREP TO 2
MOTHER'S DAY
PREPARATION

3-6 CLASS  3D SHAPES

3-6 GEOLOGY

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Sat 17th May
CWA Hall
NEW TIME 5pm - 7pm