Principal’s Message

Curriculum

P-2 – Our second last week of term, and how quickly it has gone. I am very proud of the way the children have progressed in all their learning and attempted to complete tasks to the best of their ability. We are in the process of completing our assessment tasks which will carry into the first week of the next term.

We can look forward to an Easter themed last week of school with maybe just a few special surprises. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped throughout the term – I hope you are ALL happy to come back next term. You allow our day to run more smoothly with more individual attention for the children.

As this is the last newsletter before the holidays, I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and look forward to an even better second term.

Year 3-6 – This week is a special week for the class with our first visitors to the school on Friday who will work with the children on indigenous activities. This is a great way for students to demonstrate their understanding of what we have covered over the past weeks in behaviour as well as develop further in our embracing of others’ cultures.

In our KLA’s we have started new units in English and Math. We are looking at Chance in Math and in English we are focused on short stories and narratives.

We are continuing with the rest of our KLA units till the end of the term. Students will be completing part of their assessment in Geography and History as well as finishing off their Science and Art assessment for this term.

Behaviour

The behaviour system has been working well in the school over the past few weeks. Students are generally responding to the visual reminder of what behaviour levels they are on. In the year 3-6 classroom we have started our positive behaviour reward system for all students. If this is successful we will be using a similar system in the early year’s classroom next term. The process is as follows. Students receive a sticker for a number of activities, behaviour and achieving specific goals. When they have 30 they may choose from a pack of cards that includes a number of individual and group rewards. Students already seem to be excited by this process and some are well under way to achieving their first reward.

Please keep in mind the criteria for the end of other term fun day and attendance at special days. Parents are welcomed to attend the end of term reward day, especially for the Easter bonnet parade. Students not yet achieving this will be supervised by Mr Gilmore on the day working through a normal school program, setting targets for next term in line with behaviour and putting in place personal goals.

If you wish to discuss this process in more detail please contact Mr Gilmore to organise a time.
Attendance
Sadly school attendance has dropped over the past two weeks. We are now sitting at an attendance rate of 90.7%. We are trying to reach an attendance rate of 93% this year. To help this happen please remember that everyday counts towards your child’s education.

Swimming – Will continue through to the end of the term. Students will be swimming this Friday for free swim in line with our behaviour rewards, next Wednesday, 23rd of March, at an alternate time due to our inter- cross country carnival and depending on the weather, students will also have the opportunity to swim on the last day of term in line with our behaviour rewards.

Inter-House Cross Country
On Wednesday 23rd of March we will be hosting our inter-house cross country and fun run events. The day begins at 9.00am with a walk of the course. All community members are welcome to attend. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours.

P&C
On the 21st of March there will be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Leyburn SS P&C Association. New members are welcome to attend this meeting and join our P&C. For more information please contact the office.

Halogen Young Leaders Trip
The year six students were entertained in a variety of ways at the Young Leaders Day in Brisbane on Monday. Not only were they inspired by a variety of leaders including Queensland Police Commissioner Ian Stewart, Youth speaker Nathan Want, Network Ten Journalist Pippa Sheehan, and Mars One Astronaut Candidate Josh Richards, they also heard from panellists and enjoyed some fresh and new entertainment. The theme this year was Master the Little. This was common through the presenters who told us how it is the little things that make the difference and that no leader has ever make a difference with just the big things.

Young Leaders day 14th March

School Leadership Ceremony.
On Thursday 17th March, 2.30pm, all community members are welcomed to attend the school leadership ceremony in the Play Shed at Leyburn State School. No RSVP is required.

Community Forum Feedback Sheet
Please find attached a community forum feedback sheet for you to fill in. Feedback is one of the most important ways to effect change. To make sure you have your say about how the school is operating, what you like and what you would like to see the school change, please fill in the attached form and return to the Kids Matter post box located at the front of the school. This is part of the process started last year where we held a face to face meeting and offered the opportunity to respond anonymously. This process will continue again this year with face to face meetings being held each semester and anonymous forms being sent home to parents each term to provide ways for parents to give feedback to the school.

Year 6 Leader Shirts.
At the last P&C meeting it was discussed to have an option of year 6 leader shirts each year. Soon the school will be sending out possible design options for the shirts. Students and parents are encouraged to respond with their preferred shirt choice so final decisions can be made. Please keep an eye out for the next correspondence.

Playgroup
Last week’s activities included a simple modelling of a Skeleton Hand Print. The Playgroup Children created a three-dimensional x-ray of their hands which they all enjoyed doing. They also put together the Shape mix-up activities which included cutting and gluing them into their proper shapes. They had good identification skills, recognizing the shapes.
It’s not long now till Easter is upon us. So Playgroup children will be busy with their Easter craft activities.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to a new member of Playgroup. It’s wonderful to see families attending Playgroup and see children interacting with each other. Thank you for the parents that also get involve with the activities.

Don't forget to bring along your protective clothing for outdoor activities. Parents bring your togs and towels if you want your children to have a swim afterwards.

New members are welcome to come and enjoy. Please bring morning tea for your children to have during their break. All community members are welcomed to attend playgroup. It is held each Wednesday from 9.00am – 11.00am. If you would like more information please contact the school office.

School Banking
School banking will occur on a Thursday. Please place all banking in the school box in the office no later than 9.00am Thursday.

Sam Gilmore
Teaching Principal

End of Term Rewards Day
24th March
Keeping with our end of term behaviour rewards we have a fun day planed. We will begin by cooking in the morning, followed by an Easter Bonnet parade. Then students will enjoy a shared morning tea, Easter Egg hunt, movie and finally swimming in the afternoon.

Congratulations to Eli for great improvement in Mathematics.

3rd March, 2016

10th March, 2016

Congratulations. Daniel for applying leant skills and concepts and overall educational improvement. Emily for always having a great attitude. Scarlett for trying her best.
Congratulations Laine, Daniel, Eli, Jackson and Luke

10th March, 2016


The Leyburn State P&C Annual General Meeting will be held at the Leyburn State School on 21st March, 2016, at 3.40pm to be followed by a General Meeting, in the senior classroom. All welcome.

P&C application for membership forms were sent home last Newsletter. These need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

If you are wishing to purchase uniforms, please see one of the P&C committee Members for assistance.

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

Belinda Smith
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 or ahall319@eq.edu.au by 12.00 Noon the Tuesday prior.

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Leyburn and District
Historical Society

The next General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday 2nd April, 2016 at 1.00pm. The change of date is due to Easter.

CWA MEETING

The next QCWA Meeting will be held on Sunday, 3rd April, 2016 at 9.00am
All Welcome

Sunday meetings will be trialled for the first couple of months of 2016 – starting in February. Watch this notice for the time.

For Hall Bookings please contact:
Christine: 4695 0186 or Mary: 46950125

Clifton Catholic Debutante Ball

*Flowergirls / Pageboys*: Parents of Year 3 or Year 4 children are advised that the Clifton Debutante Ball will be held on FRIDAY MAY 20.
If you are interested in being a part of the Ball this year please contact Helen Gillam (46973571) or Hilary O’Leary (46959199) by March 11. *Night time is best to call.* Please be aware that it may incur costs of up to $200 (for dress, shoes, photos, hire of suit etc).
If there are Year 10 / 11 girls wishing to be debutantes please contact the above numbers.

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DANES
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From Under 7s - Under 16s
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Registrations can be done online at www.playnrl.com
NRL HOLIDAY CLINICS

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
AGED 6 TO 13

DETAILS
WHEN: Tuesday 22 March 2016
WHERE: Assumption College
Warwick
TIME: 9am – 12pm
COST: $45

WHEN: Thursday 7 April 2016
WHERE: Rugby League Park
Toowoomba
TIME: 9:00am – 1:00pm
COST: $45

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE

- Rugby League skills and fun games in a fun, safe, relaxed environment with coaching from NRL Game Development staff.

NRL HOLIDAY PACK

- NRL Backpack
- Tackle Bag
- Rugby Ball
- Water Bottle
- Ball Pump

***Participants to bring hat, sunscreen, water bottle and morning tea***

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REGISTER HERE
Alternatively, call the Club to reserve a place.

For further information contact:
M: 0408332233 E: info@screw.com.au

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435 Sandy Creek Road, Warwick

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LEGENDARY Pig Races

Saturday 19th March 2016
Gates Open: 1:30pm - Racing 2pm

Entry Cost: Kids $5
Adults: $10 prepaid $15 at the gate
Kids includes Jumping Castle & Activities
Enquiries 4661 3413

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