Principal’s Message

Curriculum
P-2 – School is very busy in the P-2 classroom. We are all trying very hard to remember all the routines and rules, as well as working together as a group. In English, the Preps are continuing to learn about letters, words and how they are used in books. We are also learning about simple sentences and the importance of that first sound we hear. The Year 1 and 2 children are working through the construction of a retell from a characters point of view. Attention is being given to the use of noun groups in simple and compound sentences.

Our maths rotations are running more smoothly this week with patterns using concrete materials and numbers being the major focus.

Year 3-6 – The classroom is getting more settled and underway. Our processes are in place and more effective work is now starting to happen. We are going to be continuing with our units of work through to next term. Student are looking at plot graphs in English, Federation and convicts in History, the world map and locations in Geography, endangered animals and habitats in Science, and continue their work with line and silhouettes in Art.

Homework is up and running. We are still fine tuning the process, and will have reading logs beginning being sent home soon. Students are required to complete homework Monday to Thursday each week. If there are any issues please contact the school via, phone, conversation or note.

Behaviour
Students are now using a coloured behaviour chart in the classroom. The process for this has been outlined below. We have continued with our behaviour lessons on Friday afternoons and are starting to tailor our behaviour expectations towards the new visual process. The new process will also link in with special Friday activities, special events over the term and an end of term reward day.

Behaviour Levels.
Green – all students start each day at green level.
Light Green – Warning of inappropriate behaviour.
Yellow – Thinking Chair and / or response sheet.
Orange – Continuation of inappropriate behaviour.
Red – Negative Consequence as determined by staff member.

This process has started in both classrooms. If you wish to discuss this in more detail please see your class teacher.

As a school we have also started some physical activity in the morning starting approximately from 8.40 – 8.55. This is to help improve student’s attention in the morning session and provide some opportunities for students to engage in structured play.

KidsMatter – If you haven’t returned your KidsMatter form, can you please return it to the School as soon as possible.
School Mowing
Please be aware that our ride on mower has experienced catastrophic problems and is currently being fixed. Hopefully it will be up and running by the end of the week and we can bring the school back to its tidy appearance.

2016 Forms
Attached to the last Newsletter the 2016 Internet, General Permission forms and Student details updates for your children. Can you please complete and return to the school office as soon as possible.
If there is no change to the Student details form, please write “No Change” on this form and return to school office. Thank you.

Swimming – Don’t forget swimming every Wednesday. Don’t forget your togs, sunshirt, towel, sunscreen and a smile!
We will also be swimming on Friday afternoon.

Tuckshop
Please be aware that at the moment tuckshop is not being offered at Leyburn State School. If and when this arrangement changes notification will be sent out to community members.

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

Lost Property
All lost property from 2015 can be now be collected from in front of the school. Items not collected by Friday afternoon will be donated.

Dental Van
Please be aware that the dental van is still operating from Leyburn State School. They are organising visits over the next few weeks and will be seeing students during the day. At times parents are required to be in attendance with children visits. For more information please contact the dental clinic.

Mobile Library
Due to the Dental Van’s location at Leyburn State School, the Mobile library will not be attending every second Wednesday. The Library can be found on Wednesdays at the CWA hall for the near future.

Playgroup
Last week at Playgroup, the children did a wonderful job designing the cover for their scrap books, which will be used to keep their completed playgroup activities. They will be using their fine motor skills to cut and glue their finished articles into their scrap books. The children enjoyed matching animal mothers to their babies.
Next week we will investigate the letter “B” and we will be making Butterflies.
I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new family that joined our Playgroup.
Don’t forget to bring along your protective clothing for outdoor activities. Parents bring your swimmers and towel if you want your child to 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

Students of the Week

4th February, 2016

Congratulations to Eric for positive attitude towards work and behaviour and Jacob for good focus on educational activities.
11th February, 2016

Congratulations to Harrison for trying his best in the classroom and Ethan for great focus on his education and improved learning practices.

4th February, 2016


11th February, 2016

Congratulations to Eli

P&C NEWS

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

Informer Notices

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.

WELCOME TO MRS KOHLER

We would like to welcome Mrs Kohler to the Leyburn State School. Mrs Kohler will be in the 3-6 classroom on Fridays. Please make her feel welcome.
**Leyburn Post Office**

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**Leyburn and District Historical Society**

An informal get together of the Leyburn and District Historical Society will be held on Saturday, 27th February, 2016 at 10.00am at the Leyburn CWA Hall.

Special guests will be Mrs Rene O'Leary and Mr Gerard O'Leary.

Please provide a plate to share for lunch.

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.

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**CWA MEETING**

The next QCWA Meeting will be held on Sunday, 6th March, 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
Apply now to be a 2016 Census Area Supervisor!
The Australia Bureau of Statistics is seeking motivated and community minded project managers to work on the 2016 Census and make a difference in your community.

**Area Supervisors are:**
- Non-office based positions requiring travel
- Casual temporary positions, with flexible working hours.

**As an Area Supervisor, you will:**
- Recruit, manage and train a small team of temporary Census field staff
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- Undertake a range of administrative tasks, including the receipt, handling and storage of a range of Census materials
- Earn $34.76 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

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- Know your local community
- Hold a current driver’s licence
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- Comply with ABS work health and safety policies
- Hold Australian Citizenship or have the legal right to work in Australia.

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More information is available from the ABS website. Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers