Principal’s Message

Curriculum

P-2 - School is very busy in the P-2 classroom. We are all trying very hard to learn new routines and rules, as well as working together as a group. In English, the Preps are learning about letters, words and how they are used in books; the Year 1 and 2 children are about to begin writing their oral presentations which they will present next week. Our Maths rotations are running more smoothly this week with number, counting and addition being the major focus. We all enjoyed looking after Jackson’s baby chickens last week in Science. A big thankyou to Mrs May for trusting us to look after them.

Year 3-6 – This week sees us getting into more formalised learning with most routines set in practise. Students are working on the fantasy genre and persuasive language in English and number patterns and times tables in Mathematics. In Science they are looking at classifying animals, and starting a research project towards a specific animal. In Art, students continue to work with pencil colours and are starting to create pieces of art work for their portfolio. In Technology and HPE, students are starting the process of developing a healthy living machine that will make our lives easier while keeping us healthy and fit. In History the year 3/4’s are looking at celebrations and commemorations, while they year 5/6 students are looking at primary and secondary settlements. Homework is well underway and reading will be added to this next week.

School Focus

This year the school will be focusing educationally on Reading and Mathematics. We are implementing new ways of doing this by streaming students across the school into like ability groups. This is to engage students at their learning level and support them to achieve academically. More information was discussed at the meet and greet on Monday afternoon. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend.

Double A’s

Last week saw the start of our Academic Achiever recognition walls. Students who are energised, and ever ready to work are being recognised in one of the following 5 categories; Number Facts, Spelling, Reading / Writing, Improvement and Sight words. Students must be performing to a high level to have this achievement. Our Double A’s are an example of the recognition we give to learning in our school. For more detail see your classroom teacher.

Fundraising/Camp

This year is a Camp year. As such we are trying to maximise our opportunities to fundraise as the P&C has traditionally, heavily subsidised the cost of the school camp. If you are able to help in any way with any of the fundraising activities, be it in setting up, organising or staffing an event please make sure to contact the school office when notices have been sent home.

The camp this year will be finalised in the next few weeks. At the moment we are looking at a beach themed camp to be held in late term
3 or early term 4. We anticipate that all students will be attending this as it forms part of our curriculum opportunities. There may be limited parent places available for the camp as well.

P&C
The next P&C general meeting will be held on Monday 23rd February at 3.40pm in the year 3-6 classroom. This meeting will be used to set the date for the AGM and to start organising more fundraising opportunities. All community members are welcome to attend but please be aware that only members from 2014 can pass motions during this meeting. During the AGM all members will be welcomed to join and participate in the variety of executive roles, or as a member of the P&C. Please find attached a Leyburn State School P&C Application for Membership for 2015.

Masters BBQ
Thank you to Masters and more importantly all the helpers who were able to come in on Sunday and raise funds for the school’s P&C. Not only did we have 9 families from the school lend a hand but the local rural fire brigade also helped out in raising valuable funds for the school. At the end of the day we raised almost $800.00. What a fantastic effort!!

Swimming
Swimming is being held on Wednesdays at the Millmerran Aquatic Centre. The bus leaves at 9.00 am and returns by 12.30pm.

School Pool
Work has commenced at the school pool and is well underway. This process will continue for the next few weeks until the pool has been brought up to scratch and is ready for the school community to use.

Tuckshop
Due to swimming, tuckshop will be held on Friday for the rest of term 1. As such, orders are due to the shop by Thursday.

School Absences
Over the past week there have been some absences of students at school. It is the parents responsibility to contact the school when this happens. This can be done through either a note, phone call / message, email or conversation with the classroom teacher. Our current attendance data indicated that we are at 94.4%, which is a great way to start off the year.

Student Information
There are still some families who need to return the start of year permission forms. These forms are vital for student access to system, maintaining contact with families and general running of the school. If you need extra copies of the forms please let the school know.

Internal Audit
On the 5th and 6th of March the school will be undertaking an Internal Audit of our financial and workplace systems. During this time the office will be very busy in meeting the requirements of this process. Please bear with staff as at times they may not be able to interact as they normally would. If you would like more information please contact the school.

Playgroup
Playgroup was very engaging last week. Students looked at the letter C and D made dinosaurs out of paper plates and created a necklace. This was all rounded off with some dot to dot painting. It was wonderful to see so many children out and about having some fun and learning. 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.

Justin Coulson
On Monday afternoon all teaching staff made their way through to a PD session lead by Justin Coulson. He is a positive psychology researcher, author and speaker. He presented some enlightening information about how everyone, not just teachers, are able to influence each other. He spoke about Emotional Intelligence and how this impacts on children, families and work colleagues. One defining quote for teachers was the following “Children who are loved at home come to school to learn. Those who are not loved at home come to school to be loved.” He went on to say that if a child was having some difficulty with school, then there is something in their lives that is missing. This is a very thought provoking message. If you wish to discuss your child’s progress at school please contact your classroom teacher at any time.

Justin is presenting parent and student session on Wednesday 18th at Clifton State School. I would recommend your attendance if you are able. 9.15am – Prep Parents – 60mins – What Your Child Needs From You 7.00pm – Parent Session – 60mins – A session focused around primary school students and wellbeing.

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
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.

Congratulations:

Prep-2 Student of the Week, Eric for using word attack skills in his reading, to work out unknown words and Year 3-6 Student of the Week Caitlen for applying herself to her work.

Mathletics

Congratulations to Luke, Mitch and Caitlen on attaining the next level in Mathletics.

M100W

Congratulations to Logan for achieving his Gold M100W and Ella has achieved the first 100 words.

2015 Prep Class

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd February at 3.40pm in the 3-6 classroom. All Welcome.

A huge thank you to all the families and friends of Leyburn State School P&C, who help us with our Masters BBQ. This was a most successful fundraising day. Your support of this event is very much appreciated and will benefit our students. Thank you!

Anyone willing to sell raffle tickets for the P&C at the Hotel every second Friday evening, please contact Melinda May.

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

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**TUCKSHOP MENU**

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

(Prices and menu effective from 6th February, 2015)

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**Just a note:** Red rock chips and Hello Panda Biscuits will not be available until 20th February.

We do still have quite a few ham and pineapple pizza available so these may be ordered until we have run out.

Thank you Megan.

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**Hana’s Hair Cuts**

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

Phone 4695 0260

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**QCWA MEETING**

QCWA Meeting will be held the first Tuesday of each month
At 9.00am
Next Meeting 3rd March 2015

All Welcome

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

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**Annual General Meeting**

Of the Blue Light Committee

Wednesday 4th March, 2015
at 4.30pm

At the Leyburn State School
3-6 Classroom.
Warwick District Football Association – Soccer sign up is now open!
For anyone turning 5 in 2015 and older!!

Registration is available online Right Now! Just go to www.myfootballclub.com.au click register now and follow your nose. **Please make sure you select the correct registration package as there will be multiple options available.** If you have any problems message us via Facebook (Warwick district football association) or email butlerps@gmail.com and we will help you through it. We have also put an online registration guide on our website which will help you out if needed (www.warwickwolves.com.au). Online registration is the preferred method. It is simple, quick and convenient! No waiting in queues! Give it a Go!

You can select “Pay at Club” during the registration process to enable your child to be registered and allocated to a team. You can then log back in and select “Pay Now” to complete your payment by the 15th March.

Registrations will close on Sunday 15th March to enable time for us to finalise teams for the season ahead.

In addition to Online registrations days:  

14th February will be at the Rose City Shopping Centre (bottom of the escalators) and will run from 8:30am until 1:00pm. Warwick Wolves members will be present to assist you with the online registration process. There will be two computers available for this purpose.

21st February – will be held at the WDFA Clubhouse, Queens Park, Park Road, Warwick, from 11:00am till 1:00pm. Warwick Wolves members will be present to assist you with the online registration process. There will be two computers available for this purpose.

For any questions or further information please email butlerps@gmail.com
DARLING DOWNS SCOUTS

Scouting opportunities

Would you like your children (both boys and girls) to have fun, experience the excitement and adventure that comes from learning new skills while making new friends? The Drayton Scout Group offers an exciting and rewarding program for young people (6 years to 26 years and opportunities for leaders as well) that fosters their self-confidence, physical fitness and challenges their imagination in a safe environment. Our activities are varied and are catered to each age group. There is no chance to get bored as we give our members the opportunity to constantly try something new. Our younger members (Joeys Scouts: six to eight year olds) get to do puppets, team games and camps while learning. Our older members undertake more adventurous activities including Rock Climbing (Indoor & Outdoor), hikes, camps and even computer games nights while developing team and leadership skills. Throughout these activities we help to develop your child’s problem solving skills, confidence, sense of community and their camp craft skills.

The skills learned in Scouting pay dividends in later life! While only 1-2% of youth are involved in Scouting they make up approximately 38% of fortunate 500 CEO’s, CFO’s, Adventures, Billionaires and Politicians. Many ex-Scouters are everyday names who have achieved amazing things like landing on the moon (Neil Armstrong and 21 out of the 24 Astronauts from the Apollo missions), becoming presidents (Barrick O’Bama), prime ministers (Kevin Rudd,) and captains of industry (Dick Smith). This is why people like Bear Grylls and the Duchess of Cambridge Kate Middleton are still involved in Scouting today. If you would like to learn more and equip your child for the rest of their life then contact Darling Downs Scouts to locate your nearest Scout Group:

Phone: (07) 46 333-374
Email: ddrscouts@darlingdownsscouts.org.au
Website: http://www.DarlingDownsScouts.org.au