Principal’s Message

Curriculum
P-2 – Week 4 is already here which means we are nearly half way there! The children are continuing to work hard with their English Unit on procedures. For the following two weeks our focus for maths is location and transformations. Within number facts we are learning to “count up” to work out subtraction problems followed by using doubles knowledge to work out subtraction.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find an invitation for a significant older person in your family, to come into the classroom for a “Special History Afternoon”. This is our version of “Grandparents Day” and is related to the History Unit we are completing in class. The children will be ‘interviewing’ their significant older person for an assessment task and then entertaining them with songs from the past. We are also hoping to share afternoon tea which the children will help to prepare. Could you please ensure that the invitation is delivered to the “significant older person” so that our afternoon is a success for all the children.

Year 3-6 – It is great to be back into the swing of things this week after having been away on camp. We have a few weeks with limited disruptions as we head towards the end of the year. In English, students are finishing off either assessment. In Mathematics, students are now working on locations and transformations for the next two week. In History and Geography students are completing their assessments before review and getting ready for the end of the year. If you have any questions please contact the school to discuss.

Camp
Camp was a wonderful time away at a fantastic location. We had it all, sun, surf, storms and a snake! The location near the national park allowed for us to experience canoeing in the local river, boarding at the local beach, camp craft in the local national park, and rock climbing at the local restaurant. All within the confines of one location. We were very lucky indeed. There was ample food for all and even some expert servers from our own school!

Students experienced a variety of well led activities, as well as engaging in new experiences. A big thank you to all staff and Ms Gorman who attended as they helped make the experience safe, exciting and supportive. The P&C must also be recognised for their generous contribution to the camp as without their help the costs would be substantially higher. Check out the photos on the following pages to see some of the wonderful things we did.

Community Forum
Next Wednesday 4th of November, we will see the first community forum being held at Leyburn State School. This is an opportunity for all community members to come forward and have your say about how the school is operating. It will be hosted in the year 3-6 classroom and is focused around 3 questions. What is the school doing well? What can the school do better? What else do you want to see? Information from this will be used to set the strategic direction for the school into 2016 and beyond. This is being held from 3.15pm – 5.30pm on Wednesday 4th of November.

Dates to Remember

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Swimming
Swimming is starting this week. Children must have swimmers and a swim shirt (rashie) to swim. It is also recommended that students have goggles and for girls a swim cap. Students will be required to wear sunscreen at all times when swimming. The students will be swimming on Wednesdays during normal HPE times with Mr Healy and an outside instructor. On Friday afternoons, students will also be able to swim depending on their adherence to behaviour standards over the week. Those not swimming will be required to sit at the pool and under adult supervision during this time.

Behaviour Matrix
Please find attached the behaviour matrix discussed in the last newsletter. This is being used to finalise and make judgements about your child’s behaviour and effort both in the classroom and the playground. The final judgement is the classroom teachers and is reflected on report cards at the end of the semester. This matrix will continue to be adapted as we see changes happening across the school through staff and community consultation. If you have any questions please contact the office to discuss.

No Hat No Play
The school is currently focusing on the No Hat No Play process in relation to students playing outside. A number of students are often without their hats during a school day. This has become a behaviour issue with some students continuing to play in inappropriate areas regardless of staff reminders and redirections. As such if your child doesn’t have a hat, they will be sitting out of play in the play shed or another teacher derived location. This is not a detention, but is in line with schools sun safe processes, that between 10am and 3pm students are to be sun safe. We will also be encouraging students to wear sunscreen at lunch and when swimming.

Count us in
On Thursday 29th of October, students are heading through to Warwick to attend Count Us In. We are leaving as soon as possible so we can arrive for the 10.00am start. Students will be singing three songs, which will again be broadcast by radio across the Southern Downs. Permission forms were sent out last week. Please make sure to get these to the office by Wednesday 28th of October.

Kidsmatter Morning Tea
I would like to thank the parents and community members who came into the school for the morning tea. It was a great chance to catch up in a relaxed environment and start to talk about Kidsmatter and what it means for the school. I look forward to catching up with other members at future get togethers. Thanks to the Action Team for hosting and organising this event.

P&C
Please be aware that the next P&C meeting is on 16th of November, from 3.40pm in the upstairs classroom. All community members are welcome to attend. There are also some P&C fundraisers happening at this time of the year. Please see the P&C section for more information and how you can help.

Playgroup
We would like to welcome a new member to Playgroup. It was wonderful to see so many attending. The children are getting involved with the activities, and these activities are helping to improve and develop their fine motor and coordination skills. Last week the children had to draw and recognize different types of facial emotions. They were great showing me their happy, sad, surprised and angry faces. They also traced out shapes to help with their hand coordination. Then they all had fun making Superhero masks, we had lots of Spider Men around!

If the children would love to bring one of their favourite books for Miss Karen to read or parents, please feel free to bring it along to Playgroup. This week we will decorating a horse cut out.

Please don’t forget hats, sun safe clothing and sunscreen for the children to play.

New members are welcome to come and enjoy. Please bring morning tea for your children to have during their break. We look forward to seeing the playgroup children again for a fun filled morning of learning through play with Miss Karen. 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
15th October, 2015

Congratulations Harrison for not giving up on an art activity that was difficult, Logan for saying a positive comment to another student in his group.

Mathletics

15th October, 2015

Congratulations Luke, Laine, Daniel, Ella, Eli, Ethan and Bridie

15th October, 2015

Congratulations Ned and Josh.

16th October, 2015

Congratulations Jessica, Ned, Kirra, Ella, Logan Harrison, Josh, Bree and Krystal

P&C NEWS

The next P&C General Meeting will be held at the Leyburn State School on Monday 16th November, at 3.40pm in the 3-6 classroom. All Welcome.

The next Pub Raffle night is this Friday, 30th October if you would like to purchase a ticket before the night, this can be done at the school office before or after school or at the pub on Friday evening. I will be the master ticket seller on the evening.

Just a quick reminder for the Living Fundraiser. Could we please have all forms and money back by Wednesday 28th October so this can be finalised.
We also have snack food for sale. We have nut free options available. Some products included are fruit ball, pretzels and rice wheels. All items are $2.00. If interested please see either Anita Walters or Tammie Eustace.

With Christmas quickly approaching, we would like to extend to you the opportunity to make a donation of an item to the Leyburn P&C end of year Christmas multi drawn raffle. These items can be left at the school office. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

After lengthy discussions the P&C have decided we would like to have senior shirts for our students. We would like to use the same shirts that we already use, that way it keeps your costs down. You have the choice to use your own shirt or purchase one solely for the senior shirt. Due to privacy reasons we cannot print any names on the shirts. All shirts will be professionally embroidered, so will stand the test of time. More information will come out over the next few weeks as costs are finalised. If you want any further information please see Tammie or Anita.

We would like to thank everyone for the continued support of our fund raising events.

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

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

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

Phone 4695 0260

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WARWICK JUNIOR NETBALL


For information and nomination forms please email warwicknetball@bigpond.com or see our Facebook page www.facebook.com/warwicknetball
CWA MEETING

QCWA Meeting will be held the first Tuesday of each month
At 9.00am
Next Meeting 3rd November, 2015
All Welcome

For Hall Bookings please contact:
Christine: 4695 0186 or Mary: 46950125
Leyburn State School participated in Country Week. Our display window was at the Jam Factory, King Street, Clifton. The theme was “What was Old is New Again”.

“On The Sprint Route”
2690 Leyburn Cunningham Road, Pratten QLD 4370

We welcome your phone orders!
4667 4901
Trading Hours: 5 DAYS 7am-7pm
Wednesday-Sunday, Closed Monday-Tuesday
Dine In or Takeaway
EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Come On Into Pratten Pitstop and have a yarn to our friendly staff!!!

Check our menu board for daily specials.

We also have: Di Bella Hot Coffee, Cold Drinks, Pies & Sausage Rolls, Daily Fresh Sandwiches, Salads, Homemade Sweets, Homemade Pastizzi, Homemade Quiches, Bread/Milk/Newspaper, Groceries and Lollies.

Catering cold and hot platters available