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 narratives. We discussed some “sizzling starts” as a way to get their readers interested in the end product. The children came up with some interesting beginnings. Number continues to be our main focus for maths. Counting forwards and backwards by ones and twos from any starting point is always something you can practise with them at home.

Year 3-6 – The students are working well in all units at the moment. We will move more into the assessment period over the next few weeks with students starting to create more pieces of work. Students will be persuasive with their advertising or brochures as well as developing some interesting experiments in Science. In Math we are starting to assess decimals, fractions and frequency of occurrences. While in Geography students continue to expand their knowledge of sustainable and non-sustainable resources and how migration impacted on Australia. Hopefully after this week we will be able to settle down a little more and get back into our routines.

Swimming Lessons
Last week swimming lessons started. The travel times worked well and all students were put into their swimming groups. While the groups will be the same this week some students may be changed as their skills are identified. Please be aware that all students will go through to swimming even if they are not swimming as teacher supervision happens during this time.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop will now be held on Thursdays. Due to the changes to swimming, Tuckshop day will now be held each Thursday at 11.00am. Parents are encouraged to continue to drop off orders to the Leyburn General Store on Tuesday. There has also been a miss-print in the last newsletter. The cost of a juice is $1.75 not $1.00 as advertised. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Values Statement
We are asking again for community members and parents to fill in the attached values statement sheet and return back to the school office. These are confidential and an important part of our school developing our future direction. Please take this opportunity to have your say about our school.

Post Office Visit
On Friday 10th of October the post office visited the school to tell us how the Post Office operates, where our mail comes from and to introduce stamp collection month, Things That Sting. Students were given two tasks; 1. To write to the Post Master and ask a question, 2. To enter a colouring competition. The student entries as well as the winners are on display at the Post Office for all to see. The school wishes to thank the Post Office staff for their support and taking the time to talk to the children.
A special thanks must also go to the post master for writing back to every child answering their questions! What a huge effort that must have been. These are on display in the school now if you want to find out more about the Post Master.

**Water Usage**
Over the past few weeks there has been a huge increase in the amount of water that is being used by Leyburn. Some estimates have put this in the range of 300% of normal consumption. This is highly irregular. If you are aware of any water leaks, extremely green areas or wet spongy ground please contact the Southern Downs Regional Council to let them know.

**Littering**
It has been brought to my attention that outside the school grounds has experience large amounts of littering over the past few months. Due to this, a new bin will be installed where parents currently park, to help with the issues. If all parents, students and staff can please make sure to put rubbish in the bin it will make for a nicer pick up and drop off point for everyone. If you wish to discuss this in more detail please contact the school office.

**Playgroup**
Playgroup will continue to operate as normal during the HPE swimming period of this term. If you have any concerns, please contact the office.

**Warwick Singing in the Park**
This Thursday we are heading through to Warwick. We will be leaving school at approximately 10.00am and arriving back at approximately 1.30pm. Students are to wear their school uniform, as well as bring lunch, a water bottle and sunscreen. Students will be singing with many students from the Warwick schools. This is a great opportunity to join together and celebrate our singing talent.

**Ball Games**
On Friday 31st of October all students will be travelling through to Emu Creek for the annual ball games competition. Students have been practising in all grades from prep – year 6 in a variety of games including; leader ball, captain ball, tunnel ball, star relay and under and over. There is a tuckshop being held on the day. A tuckshop price list is attached for your information.

**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.

**Students of the Week**

Week ending 24th October:

Congratulations to Summer, Krystal and Ella for putting their best effort into their Handwriting, Jackson for putting his best effort into maths.

**Back Row:** Paige Working well in all learning areas.

**Sight Words**

Congratulations to Sarah, Summer, Tiana and Nathan.

**Mathletics Awards**

Congratulations to Anton, Caleb, Luke and Luke
WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Mrs Morwood, Mr Gilmore and Mrs Forrest

On Friday we celebrated World Teachers Day – a little early, due to Ball Games next week. Mrs Casbolt thanked our teachers for their dedication to our students, how hard working they are and their efforts to make the best educational gains for all students. Thank you Leyburn State School teachers.

LEYBURN POST OFFICE COLOURING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Sarah who won the Prep-2 section, Anton won the Year 3-4 section and Mac Cullen (absent) won the Year 5-6 section.

P&C NEWS

Our next P&C Meeting will be on 10th November, 2014 – The meeting will commence at 3.30pm.

Our next Pub Raffle will be 7th November. Thank you to the Royal Hotel for their $20 voucher. We also have three $30.00 meat trays. Thank you to the volunteer selling tickets for this raffle.

I would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to attend the working bee held at the school recently. Your efforts and hard work is very much appreciated. The grounds looked good for the school photos that were taken the week following the working bee.

We are organising a Christmas raffle tickets will be available soon.

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

QCWA MEETING

QCWA Meeting will be held the first Tuesday of each month
At 9.00am – Please note change of date.
Next Meeting 4th November, 2014
All Welcome

For Hall Bookings please contact:
Christine: 4695 0186 or Mary: 4695 0125

INFORMER NOTICES

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 chungl@eq.edu.au by 12.00 Noon the Tuesday prior.

CARPET CLEANING

PEST MANAGEMENT

0418 368 892
TUCKSHOP MENU

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

(Prices effective from 7th October, 2014)

Ham and Pineapple Pizza $2.00
Pie (Four & Twenty Traveller’s Pie 160g) $2.80
Party Pie (Patties) .80
Sauce – Tomato or BBQ .30
Dino Snacks – baked chicken nugget .50
Vegemite Sandwich $2.00
Plain Milk (Devondale 150ml) .95
Flavoured Milk (Norco 250ml. Chocolate, Strawberry or Banana) $2.10
Juice (Orchy 200ml Orange, Apple or Apple and Black Current) $1.75
Ovalteenies (15g) .75
Twisties (27g) $1.00

Hana’s Hair Cuts

Professional cuts
Men, Ladies and Children’s cuts
Appointments necessary – available weekends
Phone 4695 0260

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
The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Leyburn & District Historical Society Inc. will take place at the QCWA Hall at Leyburn on Saturday, 22 November at 1.00 p.m. Guest speakers will be former residents, Des and Alma Hamblin. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome.
Leyburn Flood Emergency Warning Siren
Information briefing for Leyburn State School

What is the flood Siren?
- The Flood Siren is located near the Police Station on Leyburn Forestry Road
- It is used to warn people in Leyburn of flooding from Canal Creek
- The siren’s flood warning message tells people in the flood zone to move to higher ground immediately

When will the siren sound?

Testing
- The siren is tested aloud once a year, on the same day and time each year
- During testing, the siren plays a test message to tell you that it is only a test

Flood warning
- When flooding is about to begin, the siren will play a flood warning message to tell you that it is flooding and you should move to higher ground if you are in the flood zone

How does it work?
- Rain and river monitoring stations measure the rainfall and river levels in the Leyburn area
- When it rains enough to cause flooding, the stations send SMS messages to the Siren
- The Siren will SMS Council’s Disaster Management Coordinator who can turn the siren on and off

Is the school in the flood zone?
- Leyburn State School is usually safe from flooding
- In very big (and very rare) floods, the school may be flooded
- In these events, the school should evacuate when the flood siren sounds

What does this mean for the school?
- If you are at school and the siren sounds, there is no need to panic
- The school is only in danger from flooding in very rare, very big floods (much bigger than the 2010 floods) – in these floods, the school will evacuate