Principal’s Message

Curriculum

P-2 – It was a lovely way to start our term seeing all the bright smiling faces of the P-2 children on Monday morning. We have a busy term ahead of us with new units in Maths, English, Science and History. Our English Unit for the Year 1 and 2 children involves using persuasive writing in Fairy tales. The prep students are looking at recounts. In Maths, we will be beginning with fractions.

The children received homework this week so if your child is missing please let me know. We have also noticed that a few children are not doing their nightly reading. Please make sure you sign their home reading log so that we know it is being completed.

Looking forward to a productive term.

Year 3-6 – Welcome back to the new term. This term is longer than normal being an eleven week term. As such we are finishing off some of our units from last term. By the end of the week all students need to have finished off their English, Art, and Science and for years 4-6 their LOTE. Students are able to use the classroom at lunch time to do this as well as extra class time given. In some circumstance students may have to complete assessments as extra homework next week so assignments can be finished marked and returned.

New units will be started in Mathematics, English, HPE, Technology and Science over the next week. Please keep an ear out for the new activities and learning, we are doing.

We have a pre-service teacher working in the classroom over the next 4 week. Mrs Michelle Grebenshikoff. Mrs G is from the local area and is studying her 4th year of education. Please make her feel welcome as she completes one of her final practicums for her degree.

Behaviour

Our new behaviour system is working well and we are starting to see some good overall results from all students. The real test of this is not when everything is going smoothly but when there are disruptions or changes. This will happen over the upcoming weeks and I look forwards to students demonstrating their abilities learnt last term to new visitors to the school, as well as in general classroom work. This term we will continue with the behaviour process as well as seeking feedback and understanding of the process from parents, students and staff. If you have any question about the process, consequences or decisions please organise a time to catch up with Mr Gilmore.

We had a successful rewards day on the last day of term. Where students cooked, performed, swam, hunted for eggs and enjoyed a movie. Students were well behaved over the course of the day and it was great to see students be rewarded for such positive behaviour.
**Attendance**
It was great to see all students back for the start of term 2. Hopefully we can keep this up for the rest of this busy term. Last term we finished off on 91% attendance rate, 2% below our target. Let’s see if we can reach this by the end of term 2! To help this happen please remember that everyday counts towards your child’s education.

**Sport**
This term there are a number of different sporting events and activities being undertaken. We will be hosting our inter-house athletics carnival, attending Gala Days for year 3-6, and under 8’s day for prep- 2 students. Due to this there will be various activities during HPE, at lunch, before school and on Friday afternoons to prepare students for these events.

**Inter-House Cross Country**
The cross country went well with many students trying their best to put in competitive times. I was especially impressed with student effort regardless on their placement and final standing. It was great to see so many students personally pushing themselves to achieve in an area that they may not generally be good at. Well done especially to the following students, Rebecca, Mitch, Anton, Ethan and Bryce who will be attending the Central Downs Athletics Carnival representing Leyburn. Their times were competitive and I wish them the best of luck on Friday.

**ANZAC Day**
This year ANZAC day is on Monday the 25th of April. We are looking forwards again to putting in a strong presence at the annual march to Liberator Park. Once more information has been received will be support again for this event. It is important for all students to have an understanding of the ANZAC identity and how this has helped to shape our country.

**P&C**
On the 18th of April there will be a general meeting of the P&C. All community members are welcomed to attend. I would like to welcome our executive members for 2016 as follows. Belinda Smith – President, Shannon Hart – Vice President, Tammie Eustace – Secretary, Anita Walters – Treasure. I look forwards to another successful year raising funds to help the students attend extra events over the course of the year.

**NAPLAN**
NAPLAN will be held on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May for students in year 3 and 5. This is an important time for the student and the school as it allows us another avenue to gauge the success of our programs and teaching at a whole school, class and individual level. Please start conversations with children about this to reduce anxiety levels as it can be quite stressful for some students.

**Community Forum Feedback Sheet**
Please take the time to fill in the community feedback form attached and return to the school. Your feedback is greatly appreciated as this is an important way for us to improve what we are doing.

**Playgroup**
Welcome back playgroup members. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

This term we will be continuing with our fun and learning 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
17th March, 2016

Congratulations to Jordan and Breearna for making good choices in their behaviour. Laine for setting a good example in behaviour.

17th March, 2016

Congratulations Jacob for 600 and 700 sight words, Mach and Nathan for 800 sight words.

Year 6 Leaders

Congratulations on becoming our school leaders to Dina, Anton and Mitchell

The Leyburn State P&C General Meeting will be held at the Leyburn State School on 25th April, 2016, at 3.40pm. All welcome.

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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CWA MEETING

The next QCWA Meeting will be held on Sunday, 1st May, 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

Be In The Home Garden Competition.

There are some nice gardens appearing in Leyburn these days and it would be good to give the owners a ‘pat on the back’.

So the Warwick Horticultural Society have decided to add a Category for the Best Home Garden in or around a small rural township.

Just ideal for Leyburn’s home gardeners to ‘have a go’.

This does not stop your entering in any of the other many categories. Judging is the first week in October.

As the time approached you can call Margot Corey on 07 466 1414 to pick up a nomination form. No charge for entry.