



# THE VIEW @ LEURA

Newsletter of the Leura Public School Community

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Term 2, 2019

Week 4

Thank you to Mrs Colton for organising  
another fabulous  
**BOOK PARADE**

*Come join the love of learning  
@ Leura*



Lots more photos inside!

## Coming Events

### Week 4

24/5 Zone Cross Country  
Selected students

### Week 5

27/5 Principal's Assembly  
2.00pm

28/5 Cluster Rehearsal –  
Senior Recorder group  
9.00am-12.00pm  
Katoomba Public School

### Week 6

5/6 Pyjama Day  
Year 6 fundraiser

### Week 7

10/7 Public Holiday  
11/7 Public Speaking Competition  
11/7 P&C Meeting  
6.30pm-8.00pm  
12/7 Biggest Morning Tea  
1.15pm  
14/7 Newcombe Ball Gala Day  
Selected Students

### Week 8

20/7 Great Book Swap  
21/7 Stage 2 Movie Bugs

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## From the Principal...

### Grandparent's Day

This week, we celebrated our Book Parade day with our grandparents. There were lots of visitors working with students and celebrating their learning in classrooms and enjoying the opportunity to share lunch and our love of books. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to visit and to those who supported the many grandparents who needed a bit of extra help to attend. Thank you also to our P&C for providing some sustenance for our visitors at the canteen.



### Projects Update

- Activ Panels (interactive boards) were installed last week to all classrooms except 5/6A (one end) and KF as they both have recent, functioning boards. Teachers have participated in some basic 'start up' training and will have a targeted professional learning session on our Staff Development Day in Term 3.
- The Development Application to BMCC for our electronic sign is almost complete. The sign is going to production soon but we need to confirm a final design proof. It should be installed in Term 3.
- The area under the trees near the hard court is extremely eroded and needs upgrading. Quotes to install synthetic grass exceed \$15,000 and one quote to landscape into 3 tiered sections with synthetic grass exceeded \$35,000. These options are not financially viable for our school. Mr Van Gemert is working on designing and costing a plan to tier the area, using some small retaining walls, mulch and timber seating around tree roots, and laying turf. We are planning to hold a working bee (or two) to get this job done later in the year.
- The roof of Block 1 (Kindy & Stage 1 rooms) is significantly damaged but has been approved for repair. A scope of works meeting was held last week with contractors. The proposed start date is on 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> June. The contractors are planning to complete the work on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to avoid too much disruption to the four classes that will be impacted.
- The concrete path and stairway which will be a connecting part of our sculpture trail is scheduled to be marked out so the parent committee can then sight and approve the layout before the school schedules a date for the concreting. The funding grant sought by P&C to pay for this work, the surrounding plantings and sculpture trail signage has been received.

- The old message board near our carpark entrance gate has been updated with a 'welcome' sign, showcasing some of the language backgrounds of our families.



## Cybersafety

There have been some concerns raised by parents related to cybersafety issues they are encountering at home. If you find that you have questions, are experiencing problems or just want to know more, then please head to the website for the "Office of the eSafety Commissioner":

<https://esafety.gov.au/>

It is a federal government resource aimed to support parents, carers, educators and young people in managing the many issues associated with online activity. Through the 'Parents and Carers' tab, multiple topics are covered, such as cyberbullying, gaming and unwanted contact. It supports skill development for parents in areas such as online safety basics, privacy controls and having tricky conversations. The general website even offers procedures for making complaints and reporting about various online issues and material. I hope it will prove a useful resource for our community.

*"A garden of love grows in a grandparent's heart."*

(Unknown)

Yours in education,

*Elise Berwick*

Principal



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You!

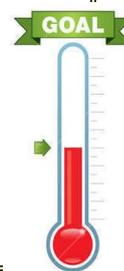
### Voluntary School Contribution 2019

to families who have already paid the voluntary school contribution for 2019.

**Our total so far: \$1828!**

You are helping to contribute to your child's learning at Leura Public School.

This year the Voluntary School Contribution charged to school families is \$49. These funds will be used to contribute to the cost of new furniture for guided teaching group work for K-2 classrooms and to the cost of purchasing literacy resources for Year 3-6 classes.



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*POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - Term 2*  
**VALUE OF THE WEEK**

**Week 5:** A **Respectful** student includes others in games.

**Week 6:** A **Resilient** student adapts to changes and environmental factors.

**CORE VALUES - Term 2, Week 4**

Class	Respectful	Responsible	Resilient
KF	Daniel	Caidee & Abigail	Katja
KJ	Willow	Harriet	-
1/2A	Bea	Lachlan	Rafael
1/2B	Clementine	Savannah	Dhola
1/2D	Harris	Lorelei	Felix
2F	-	Jorja-Rae	-



**Soccer News**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May, the Stage 3 and Stage 2 soccer teams competed in the Futsal Gala days at Katoomba Sports and Leisure Centre. The Stage 3 teams displayed sportsmanship and skill as they competed against the other Upper Blue Mountains schools. Stage 2 also competed valiantly and skilfully with four out of the five teams playing in the finals. The 9-year old girls were narrowly defeated. Our 9-year old boys teams won in a tense penalty shoot-out. The 10-years boys team lost in a penalty shoot-out and our 10-years girls team won their final. Well done to all teams with a special mention to Ellie and Eleanora who were named as 'Player of the Tournament' for their age divisions. The behaviour of all players was excellent making for a great couple of days of competition.

Thank you a thousand times over to the wonderful parent helpers who deserve to be mentioned here. They are; Jenny, Janine, Tom, Brendan, Trish and Leilani.

**Mrs Aldred**

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**BOOK PARADE 2019**



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## CLASS IN FOCUS

Thank You to Miss Crowe and class 4 Clownfish for the great selection of work which is now on display in the office foyer.



### EARN AND LEARN

Earn and Learn stickers will be available from 1 May to 25 June. You can either drop them in our school's box at your local Woolworths or drop them into the collection box in our school office. Thanks for supporting our school in our efforts to get free equipment for our students.



### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### Springwood Neighbourhood Centre

Raising Kin is a support group for grandparents, relatives & kinship carers who care for a child who is a relative. Term 2 dates: Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am-12.00pm at Tanderra OOSH, 14 Raymond Rd Springwood. For more information & to RSVP contact Jenny 0450 001 393

### NOTES/PAYMENT REMINDER

To assist families, the following is a list of activities and associated costs, for which permission slips and/or monies are to be returned to the school. If there are any difficult circumstances in regard to any payments by the due date, for incursions/excursions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

EXCURSION/ACTIVITY	AMOUNT	DATE/PAYMENT DUE
Narragunnawali Festival (junior choir)	\$15.00	Due Now
Stage 3 Aussie Bush Camp - 1 <sup>st</sup> Instalment	\$60.00	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Band: Tuition Term 2	\$135.00	Due Now
Band: Instrument Hire Term 2	\$50.00	Due Now

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## Step 1: Plan for Success

# Seven Steps Writing Tips

**Planning is a crucial first step when writing. The difficult part is getting children to do it!**

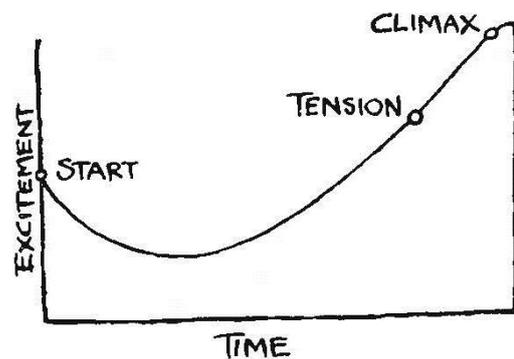
It's hard to show people **how** to plan, so here's a quick method. Good stories (like movies, books, poems and even jokes) are all planned and they all have a similar structure. This is what it looks like:

1. **Start with a bang** – start with an action scene or at a moment of change.
2. **Backfill** – the Who, What, Why is filled in while the story unfolds.
3. **Complication set-up** – the main problem or premise is introduced.
4. **Pebble** – the tension starts to build.
5. **Rock** – the tension increases.
6. **Boulder** – the final tension scene has the reader on the edge of their seat; the stakes are very high.
7. **Climax** – the character triumphs against all odds.
8. **Character resolution** – the character's inner story is wrapped up.

Once writers master this basic structure, they can plan more effectively and this will really improve their writing.

### TOP TIP:

Think first, write second.  
Draw a graph like this one and plot your stories out before you start writing.



### ACTION ACTIVITY:

Watch TV advertisements, the ones that 'tell a story'. In 30 seconds, some advertisements include a sizzling start, a tension scene and an exciting ending, exactly like the Story Graph.



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seven steps  
TO WRITING SUCCESS

Operation Art is holding full day visual arts workshops  
at the BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTRE

Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) - Tue 12 Nov 2019

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) - Wed 13 Nov 2019

Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) - Thur 14 Nov 2019



Presented by specialist teachers, workshops cover topic areas including painting, printing, drawing, mixed media and sculpture. Workshops are designed to extend skills and artmaking experiences beyond the classroom. All materials provided.

**Places are limited - Bookings close Friday 1 November 2019**  
**Parents book and pay online now!**

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/visual-arts/operation-art/operation-art-student-workshops>

Cost: \$50.60 (incl GST) per student

For all workshop enquiries contact [opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au)

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**Centenary Celebration**  
1919 to 2019

  
**KHS Open Day**  
**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 10am to 2pm**  
Students and staff at Katoomba High School look forward to welcoming ex-students, special guests and the local community to reminisce on the past and experience the school as it is today.

**Centenary Dinner and Dance**

- **Venue:** Fairmont Resort, Leura
- **Dress:** Semi-formal
- **Date:** Saturday 10th of August, 6.30pm
- **Cost:** \$125.00

**How to book**

- Click link: [Buy tickets](#) | [TryBooking Australia](#)
- Search: KHS Centenary Dinner with date 10/08/2019


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# SHOOSH FOR KIDS



Shoosh for Kids is a collaborative effort between the Office of Sport and State Sporting Organisations to promote positive behaviour to members, clubs and associations.

## Some tips for adults at kids sport:



Keep it fun - don't take it too seriously



Be enthusiastic - but don't scream and shout instructions from the sideline



Emphasise trying hard - not winning



Cheer and acknowledge good play from all sides and teams



Accept decisions from officials. They're human - they make mistakes.



Let coaches do the coaching.



Always remember - volunteers run kids sport.



Understand, uphold and support your club's code of conduct.



Allow your child to play for themselves. Let kids make decisions, on and off the field.



Think before you speak - your words may harm others.

**SHOOSH**  
FOR KIDS



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# P&C pipeline



There are so many people the P&C wish to thank this issue!

Firstly, we wish to thank all the fantastic dads who helped with topping up the soft-fall – not only in the Infants Play Equipment, but also the Primary Play Equipment and the Primary Veggie Garden! With the several helpers we had, we were done and dusted in just over an hour! A massive **THANK YOU** to Shayne, Mo, Ben, Rob, Nick, Gus, Vikki and our mini helpers Hakim, Jasmine and Elsie.



Next we wish to thank the helpers in the canteen at the Grandparents Day lunch – Caroline, Connor, Melinda, and Nick. Thank you so much for your help in preparing food and feeding the hordes of grandparents and grandkids!

A huge thank you to Woolworths and Coles who generously donated supplies and \$150 respectively, to our two Election BBQs. Their generosity meant that more funds were raised for the school and the Year 5/6 Farewell. Massive thanks to all those who volunteered their time to help out on both election days – their assistance was greatly appreciated!

A heartfelt thank you to Victoria McDonald who has generously donated a sum of money to the P&C. We really appreciate your thoughtful and generous donation and will definitely put it to good use!

Finally, as it is National Volunteer Week, we want to send out a massive thank you to all those parents, grandparents and carers who volunteer their time and skills to help the P&C and the school. Leura P&C would be nothing without all you wonderful volunteers!

## dates to Remember

**Tuesday, 11 June**

**P&C Meeting**

6:30 – 8:00PM

5/6 Albatross Classroom

**Thursday, 20 June**

**Great Book Swap**

9:30AM – 2:30PM

Hall

**Thursday, 20 June**

**Swampcare**

1:00 – 3:00PM

Meet at the Sculpture Gate

WE LOVE  
OUR VOLUNTEERS

## Did you know?

The Canteen has a new product – **Veggie Rockets!** These little beauties are healthy, delicious AND waste free! Comes with Hummus or Avocado dip. Get one in your child's canteen order today!



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