



THE VIEW @ LEURA

Newsletter of the Leura Public School Community

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December Edition

*Congratulations to our 2023
Leura Public School
Student Leadership Team*



2023 RETURN TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Friday 27th January 2023- Staff Development Day

Monday 30th January 2023- Staff Development Day

Tuesday 31st January 2023- First Day for students in Years 1 - 6

Thursday 2nd February 2023- First Day for students in Kindergarten

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Principal's Report Term 4 – December Edition 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, here we are at the end of another year! It has been a positive year for our community. We are so proud of the achievements of our students and the work of our staff. As always, we appreciate the support and encouragement from our parents and community members and this year that has been amazing! Your support throughout 2022 has enabled our school to maintain its student-centered focus. Our teachers have continued to motivate and enthusiastically educate your children! Our support staff have worked excellently to help ensure the operations of the school run smoothly for our students. All we can say is well done to all and thank you to everyone!

Staffing and School Operations

During 2023 we are planning to have 9 mainstream classes. We continue with our Multi-Categorical Class for students with diverse abilities. Things can change over the holiday period and several factors can impact our current plans. We will endeavor to keep our community updated as Term 1, 2023 begins. We will start our year with four Assistant Principals, Mrs. Daniele Aldred who is supervising K-2, Mr. Stephen Atkinson who is supervising Years 3-4 and Library Program, Mrs. Justine Jinks who is supervising Years 5-6 and Mrs. Claire Thickett who is our APC&I leading Curriculum Delivery and Instruction across the school. 2023 class structure will be communicated to parents and carers over the coming weeks as we have had some changes to our staffing plans in the last week of this term. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this announcement. As soon as the school is ready and plans finalised I will communicate via Skoolbag. Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah Thomas who successfully gained a relieving Assistant Principal position at Lawson Public School.

Year 6 Farewell

I would like to thank all the incredible of volunteers lead by Ms. Martel Farrell and parent Mrs. Claire Cocks, who assisted in the organisation, planning, and preparation for the 2022 Year 6 Farewell. It was a successful and wonderful evening for our students. There were many helpers who invested time, labour, skills, cooking and baking, decorating, seeking donations and just supporting on the night - THANK YOU ALL! A list of helpers is attached in the Newsletter. It certainly takes a village to raise our students. To our Year 6 parents and carers - thank you for getting your beautiful children this far in this leg of their learning journey. You have done an excellent job in supporting, encouraging, caring, loving, preparing, planning and guiding your children each day! Well done in reaching the end of primary school with them and I send you positive energy and strength as you enter high school with your child. As a fellow parent, I know this 'gig' is not always easy but know that our school is always here for support and encouragement because we are all in this together. To our Year 6 students - It has been a privilege to be part of your learning journey at Leura Public School. I wish you all the very best for a successful and

prosperous future filled with life-long learning, love and support from family and friends, beautiful memories and the mindset to tackle any challenge with an open mind.

Swimming Carnival 2023

Our 2023 swimming carnival takes place in Term 1, Week 3- Tuesday 7th February for all students in years 3 - 6. Any student turning 8 years old in 2023 and can swim 50m confidently is eligible to participate. More information will be communicated during the school holidays and when school returns.

House Captains 2023

Students will have the opportunity to speak and be elected House Captains/Vice Captains on Wednesday Week 2 Thursday 2nd February 2023.

Volunteer Induction 2023

During 2023, we will be conducting volunteer induction training for all parents and carers who wish to volunteer in our school. This training will cover WHS Compliance, mandatory child protection expectations and strategies that can support parents and volunteers when helping around the school. All volunteers will be issued with a colour coded badge which is valid for the 2023 school year. Volunteer induction training will occur early Term 1, 2023.

Presentation Day 2022

I want to thank our community for a wonderful Presentation Day 2022. Congratulations to all our award recipients and thank you to all teachers and staff members who assisted in the running of the day! We are so lucky to have a collaborative and collegial community of staff who go above and beyond to ensure our school events are smooth and successful!

Enrichment Program 2023

Leura Public School values and promotes engagement and challenge for every student, regardless of background, across intellectual, creative, social-emotional and physical domains. The school supports every student to achieve their educational potential, through talent development opportunities and differentiated teaching and learning practices to ensure that their specific learning and wellbeing needs are met. Leura Public School provides opportunities for students to explore and develop their talents. Programs in English and Mathematics are designed to enrich students and allow flexible progression to meet needs of all students. Units of work provide scope for students with high potential to research broadly and deepen their knowledge of their world, its society, environment and science. In addition, the school provides a range of programs to cater for the development of students' thinking, creative and sporting talents. While teachers identify and encourage students with particular talents to participate in these programs, most activities are open to all students.

Enrichment Opportunities- Leura Public School

Stem Enrichment Academy with the University of Sydney Stage 2

Premier's Debating Challenge

Premier's Spelling Bee

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Public Speaking and Multicultural Public Speaking
Visual Arts Program
Music Program
NSW Game Changer Challenge
Performing Arts Festivals - Choral, Instrumental, Band and Dance Performances and opportunities to enter Competitions / Schools Spectacular and Synergy Performing Arts Festival
Robotics
STEAM Program activities
Tournament of Minds
Sports Competitions: Students are encouraged to participate in local PSSA trials
University English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Computer Competitions
In-class extension groups in literacy and numeracy

Enrichment Groupings - Tier 2 Extension for Literacy and Numeracy

Continuing in 2023, Leura Public School will focus its intervention support towards extending our Stage 2 & 3 students. Leura Public School will use internal and external school data to group students for literacy and numeracy. These groups will work on learning tasks that will be targeted towards the extension of students. The teaching and learning programs will provide for the needs of all students. Activities will challenge students and give them the opportunity to solve real world problems where they are able to think laterally and flexibly. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents and creativity with their peers. Students will be encouraged to utilise innovative learning skills and technologies when working on their tasks. Should parents have any questions regarding the enrichment program for 2023, please contact the school.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year. We hope that 2023 will be a fantastic year for us all.

Kind regards,
May Ptolemy
Principal



The long trip for Santa

Story by Brayden- Kindergarten, Class Allen

One dreary night a strange train parked at a house. The captain called "all aboard." A little boy came out of the house. The boy didn't know what was happening, so he just hopped on the train. After one hour they arrived somewhere. The boy got off the train. He was amazed because him and the other passengers were at the North Pole!

A little elf told the passengers that Santa will pick a kid to help deliver presents for the first Christmas. Santa came out of his workshop... Santa picked the little boy and they chose a magic carrot to give to the Rudolph. This carrot helps the reindeer fly. Santa told the little boy he could keep one of the magic carrots, so the little boy happily put it in his pocket.

After all the presents were delivered, the passengers and the little boy went back home on the train. On Christmas Eve the little boy and his cat opened all of the presents under the Christmas tree. His cat said "can I see the magic carrot?" The little boy reached in his pocket to pull out the magic carrot but it wasn't there!

The cat found one more present hiding under the Christmas tree. It had the little boy's name on it. The little boy opened the present and inside was the magic carrot! The little boy was very happy.

Brayden- Class Allen



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#Love where you learn



Woodford Academy- Stage 1

Christmas Sing-along 2022



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KHS Big Day In - Year 6

Post a letter - Class Allen & Class Teckentrup



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FROM THE ART ROOM



Magnificent Mugs – Stage 3



Oustanding Owls – Stage 1



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State Recognition for Leura Public School



Congratulations



Congratulations to our very own Laughing Legends who recently competed at the NSW Game Changer Challenge State Grand Final. The team have been awarded the highly prestigious 2022 Mott MacDonald Incubation Prize. This is a post-event award that is presented to one outstanding team from across the state, including both primary and high schools. Our students will now partner with global engineering, management and development consultancy Mott MacDonald in 2023 as part of a mentorship program. This will see the team travel to the company headquarters to engage in a full-day workshop as they continue to develop and grow their concept. This is an amazing achievement for our school community and an exciting opportunity for our students moving forward.

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Odd Things Out

P&C competition

Purchase a competition sheet from the canteen on Friday 2nd of December for \$2.

You then have from the 5th - 9th December to search the school for the odd things out.

Please return sheets to the box in the office.

There will be a prize for most correct finds in each stage.



Stage 1 - Sylvie- Class Jinks

Stage 2 - Ella- Class French

- Elsie- Class Morgan

- Frankie- Class French

- Team Lorelei, Neve, Charlotte

& Avery- Class Morgan

Stage 3 - Avi- Class Blabey

Farewell



All the best
for your move
back home
Martyn!

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LEURA LIBRARY NEWS

Term 4, Weeks 8-10

LIBRARY MONITOR EXCURSION

On Monday 28th November the library monitors caught the train to Sydney with the library monitors from Wentworth Falls Public School to visit the State Library. We got a sneak peek into the Shakespeare room, a tour through the Mitchell reading room, the art galleries, the Children's collection and a visit to the 'Imagine: The Wonder of Picture Books' exhibition. We then enjoyed our lunch in the beautiful Botanical gardens before heading home.



LPS LIBRARY



2022 STATISTICS

10,095 BOOKS ON OUR SHELVES

994 damaged, old, double or un-borrowed books weeded from the collection and donated to classrooms.



NEW BOOKS ADDED IN 2022 **568**



Purchased with Scholastic Book Club funds or from Megalong Books or Booktopia online. Some donated on Grandparent's Day. Accessioned and covered in contact.

1669 Picture Books
1317 Junior Fiction
155 Graphic Novels
1098 Senior Fiction
98 Senior Picture Books
2372 Non Fiction

BOOKS BY CLASSIFICATION



TOTAL BOOKS BORROWED **5,743**



Up from 4410 in 2021
Down from 5964 in 2020

Reading Matters!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads 20:00 minutes per day	A student who reads 5:00 minutes per day	A student who reads 1:00 minutes per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and access to 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 222,000 words per year and access to 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and access to 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests

MOST BORROWED BOOKS

IN 2022

PICTURE BOOKS

WE FOUND A CAT: 52 LOANS
Do not open this book 7 loans

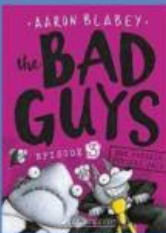


Pig the Elf
7 loans



JUNIOR FICTION

THE FURBALL STRIKES BACK 16 LOANS



Party Time 11 loans
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days 8 loans



GRAPHIC NOVELS

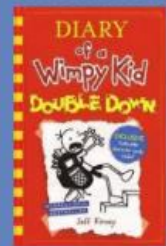
A TALE OF TWO KITTIES 23 LOANS
Kristie's Great Idea 19 loans



Brawl of the Wild 19 loans

SENIOR FICTION

DOUBLE DOWN 8 LOANS
Dog Zombies Rule 7 loans



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets 7 loans

NON-FICTION

MINECRAFT: ANNUAL 2017 31 LOANS



Magical Rainbow Slime 20 loans
Kids Cook books 14 loans

TOP BORROWING

TOP CLASS BORROWING

903 BOOKS WERE BORROWED BY CLASS FRENCH



Stage 1: 789 books borrowed by Andersen
Stage 3: 471 books borrowed by Blabey

TOP TEACHER BORROWING



Mrs Aldred **73** books

TOP STUDENT BORROWERS

Aydin (French) 78

Frankie (French) 72

Cassandra (French) 64



OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS



400 library lessons taught
2 new Google Classrooms used
4 Films shown in FBTE Festival
1 author visit: Jodie McLeod
1 Book Week performance: 'Story Quest'

1 Scholastic Book Fair held
1 excursion to the State Library
66 students completed the PRC
11 Gold PRC certificates
6 Platinum PRC certificates

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS TRANSFORM LEARNING



School libraries provide equitable physical and intellectual access to the resources and tools required for learning in a warm, safe and stimulating environment.

Thank you for welcoming me into your beautiful Leura community this year. I have had a great year here and am looking forward to 2023.
Happy holiday reading! Mrs Halse

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Biggest/bestest special thanks go to the amazing core team of:

Nicole Law
Cass Spees
Amanda Poulos
Winnie Hua
Mel Acton
Kathleen Ferriz
Anna-Maria Kortelainen Boelskov

Year 6 Farewell

Along with all the other people who worked at the bee or helped decorate etc etc, including:

Jessie Paroli
Rebecca Burey
Brenda Prado
Jill Day
Caroline Casdagli
Trish Gonzalez
Kylie Foot
Jaki Lumsden
Jason Lumsden
Anthony Foot

Our amazing security detail:

Justin Cocks
Andrew Foot
Kevin Heeley

Our paparazzi:

Kalle Kortelainen
Anthony Foot
Gus Hua

Plus the following people/businesses who generously loaned or donated items...

Zsuzsanna Lemonjian - the amazing cake!
Diana and Brad Viney - the Hollywood sign
The Buckley family - champagne glasses and cake boxes
Big W - tablecloths
Kmart - tablecloths and balloons
The Edge - stanchions and posters
Polar Bear Cafe - stanchions



THANK YOU
for your support

The P&C wish to thank everyone who ordered a tea towel, apron or bag from the Xmas Fundraiser. We raised just over \$500 that will go towards purchasing a 3D Printer for the school. We hope you enjoy your limited edition goodies and wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday break.



Thank You



The Canteen Coordinators would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all our wonderful volunteers — from our hard working behind-the-scene bakers and shoppers, to our front line volunteers who prepare numerous lunches and bravely face the hordes of hungry children every Friday. Without these generous people volunteering their time, there would be no Leura PS Canteen.

We also wish to say a huge **THANK YOU** to the students and the school community for supporting the canteen and for being so patient with us (especially when the sushi order runs late!).

Have a wonderful summer holiday break and we'll see you again in 2023!

\$150 BACK TO SCHOOL NSW VOUCHERS



Get ready for 2023. Apply now for \$150 worth of Back-to-SchoolNSW vouchers to help pay for school supplies including school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, and stationery. For more information visit:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers>

NSW public schools open these holidays!

We're proudly sharing our space with the local community.



STRONGER FAMILIES ALLIANCE

school holiday calendar

Visit www.strongerfamilies.net.au and search our new calendar.



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