At Leongatha Primary School we believe that learning is a partnership with student, teacher and parent and therefore we would like our students to be active participants in their interviews.

It is a wonderful opportunity for the students to talk about their goals and empower them to explain what they are doing in the classroom.

Our Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews will be held on -

**Tuesday the 14th February from 3.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Wednesday the 15th February from 3.30pm – 5:00pm**

Interview times are ten minutes duration, and will be held in the students classroom, please be prompt. Specialist teachers are also available to be booked on both days.

**Bookings for the interviews are now available on Compass.**

**Instructions to book Parent Teacher Student Interviews**

1. Log into your account using your family username and password.
2. Choose Book Parent Teacher Interviews’
3. Select the time you wish to make the booking, click drop down arrow and select teacher you wish to book and click 'Update'. Note - If the teacher you want is not an option it is because they are not available at that time.
4. Repeat the process for each child.

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**BREAKFAST IS IMPORTANT**

Breakfast helps improve mental performance and concentration during morning activities. Children who skip breakfast will be more sluggish, less attentive, and have less energy to carry out their morning tasks. It is important that children have a drink as well with breakfast eg, water, orange juice or milk so they don't become dehydrated. Teachers observe that children who come to school hungry and thirsty experience more learning difficulties compared to well-nourished children. Studies show that breakfast eaters perform much better in their school work and show extra energy in sports and other physical activities.

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**LOST PROPERTY-NAMING BELONGINGS**

The beginning of the new school year/term is a great time to check that all your child's jumpers, hats, lunch boxes, etc are clearly named. A reminder that there are 2 lost property tubs to check for your child's items. One is in Building A between the Preps and Grade 1s and the other is at the end of Building B, near the Grade 3 rooms. Clearly named items will be returned to your child and un-named, unclaimed items will be donated to op. shops at the end of each term. Parents and children are encouraged to check for lost items during the term.

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**CURRICULUM DAYS 2017**

**Friday 9th June**

**Thurs 24th August**

**Mon 6th November**

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**UNIFORM**

The uniform is now available to purchase online from Buxwear. Here is the link to their website: [http://shop.buxwear.com.au](http://shop.buxwear.com.au)

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**UNITING CARE – AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

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**LPS values**

Tolerance and Understanding, Respect, Responsibility, Excellence, Inclusion, Honesty, Care and Trust.
Involvement in schools by parents and carers helps children achieve the best possible learning outcomes. You can participate in school life, both formally and informally, through school councils, parent clubs and volunteering. Government schools have volunteer programs where parents can directly participate in school activities. These opportunities cover things like helping in the school canteen, helping with school excursions and school events; assistance with reading and maths programs; and participation in environment committees and cultural groups. If you are interested in volunteering you are asked to apply for a Working with Children (WWC) check, which helps to keep children safe by preventing those who pose a risk to the safety of children from working with them in paid or volunteer work. For more information about the WWC check, see: Working with Children. Applications for WWC can be made online at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au or at the local post office. Volunteer checks are free of charge.

ANAPHYLAXIS - information

The school won’t ban certain types of foods (eg: nuts) as it is not practicable to do so, and is not a strategy recommended by the Department of Education or the Royal Children’s Hospital. However, the school will request that parents do not send those items to school if at all possible; that the canteen eliminate or reduce the likelihood of such allergens, and the school will reinforce the rules about not sharing food, and not eating foods that parents have not provided or consented to.

BOOK CLUB DUE
Issue One
Due Friday 10th February
Reminder –
This year parents will only be able to pay by Credit Card online NOT by phone. Orders with cash may still be sent to school as normal

Chinese Whispers From Pei Laoši

Hello, Ni hǎo (你好) to all new and old LPS community members! It’s 2017, Year of the Rooster!

As you know, children are learning basic Mandarin Chinese language and culture at school. This year, all students will have one 45 min session each week; it’s not much, so they need practise outside of the Chinese classroom. Adults in the family (that’s you!) and siblings can all join in to make the learning sink in better! Ask your child what day they have Chinese lesson and follow up with asking, ‘what did you learn in Chinese today, can you teach me?’ I’ve had reports of some very interesting dinnertime conversations/family lessons...

You can help your child (and yourself) to review our lessons and even skip ahead, by hopping onto Youtube and subscribing to ‘Pei Laoshi’s Chinese Tube.’ Students in Grades 3-6 have access to this content on the school’s Drive, too. All the language basics are there and I try to update content whenever I get a chance. I’m happy for students and parents to make requests 😊. Check out my latest video to learn how to say ‘Happy New Year!’ and ‘Year of the Rooster.’

ABSENCE

It is Not Okay to be Away.

The Department of Education requires parents to provide written explanation for the absence of any child. We would appreciate your support in developing good habits of punctuality and regular attendance in your child/ren. We need to work together to ensure that your child gains maximum benefit from the curriculum presented at school.

If an occasion occurs when you need to take your child early from school, please complete a “sign out” slip at the general office and present it to the class teacher when collecting the child.

NB: If a person other than a parent is calling for your child, the school needs to be notified in advance.

In the event your child is late or absent it is a Department of Education requirement that an explanation is required. Our Compass system provides the facility for parents to approve and explain student absences. If you are unable to process the absence on compass a written note must be provided to the office. The note must include the child’s name, date of absence, and a reason.
**LPS BREAKFAST CLUB**
**EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING**
**from 8:10am**
**IN THE CANTEEN AREA**
**ALL WELCOME**

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**Mowing Contract**
**Leongatha Primary School**

Mowing Contractors are invited to tender for the mowing contract at Leongatha PS. The contract will involve mowing and edges for the Primary School section of the Leongatha Education Precinct site for the next 12 months.

Contractors will need to supply their own equipment and have their own insurance. School visits will be available on Friday 17/2/2017 and quotes need to be delivered to the school by Friday 24/2/2017.

For full tender details please contact the Leongatha PS Office on 5667 4600.

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**COMING EVENTS - 2017**

**FEBRUARY**

- Tuesday 14th: Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 – 7:30pm
- Wednesday 15th: Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 – 5:30pm
- Tuesday 21st: Senior School - Swimming Carnival – Mirboo North
- Friday 24th: District Swimming Carnival – Korumburra

**MARCH**

- Friday 3rd: Division Swimming – Korumburra
- Thursday 16th: Grade 2 Botanical Gardens Excursion – Cranbourne Regional Swimming - Sale
- Tuesday 21st: Grade 6 Camp – Wilsons Prom
- Wednesday 22nd: Grade 3 Camp – Cowes
- Tuesday 28th: Senior School House Aths
- Wednesday 29th: China 2017 Trip
- Friday 31st: End of Term 1

**APRIL**

- Tuesday 18th: First day Term 2 School Photos Day
- Wednesday 19th: State Swimming MSAC

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**CANTEEN ROSTER FRIDAY – TERM 1**

**February**
- 10th: Danielle Elkin
- 17th: Tina Allen – Kate Dean
- 24th: Fabio Dal Pozzo

**March**
- 3rd: Mel Heber – Sarah Norman
- 10th: Mel Heber – Carmen Olm
- 17th: Phil Munro – Janine Lowe
- 24th: Viv Scott – Katrina Lawson
- 31st: Tori Martin – Gaynor Greenaway

**More helpers required**

If could spare a few hours once a term on a Friday please contact Kerrie in the canteen
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South Gippsland Miners Baseball Club
COME AND TRY
FRIDAY 24TH FEB

Our season starts in APRIL 2017 and we are always on the lookout for new players to join our team. We need to register P13/14 PLAYERS. Join our club and secure your place for the coming season.

COME AND TRY DAY
FRIDAY 24/2/17 AT
our home ground
Leongatha Sports field (near the railway station)

JUNIORS (U6 - U14) FROM 4.30PM TO 5.30PM
SENIORS
FROM 5.30PM TO 6.30PM

CLUB MEETING TO FOLLOW
ALL WELCOME!

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