LPS NEWS
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Motivating them to read

Very few life skills are as all-encompassing as reading. Reading opens doors to learning.

The earlier a child can read, and the more often they read, will speed up their learning.

Here are some tips on motivating them to read for themselves:

- Set aside time each day for reading
- Ensure a variety of books are available for them to choose from -- buy them a book (amongst other things) for their birthday and other events.
- Make regular trips to the library and allow them to browse the children's section.
- Encourage their borrowing of many different genres -- picture books, fiction, nonfiction.
- You can find many games (online and in store) to improve their literary skills -- scrabble to name but one.

Over time, their motivation to read may wax and wane. Even though school will ask them to read set novels, poetry etc. However, the time investment you make in their early years will provide significant dividends in later life.

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

BOOK CLUB
DUE
Friday Feb 12th

LPS values Tolerance and Understanding, Respect, Responsibility, Excellence, Inclusion, Honesty, Care and Trust.
**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.

**LOST PROPERTY**

There are already quite a number of items in the two lost property boxes. Could parents please check that ALL jumpers, hats, lunchboxes, drink bottles etc are clearly named so they can be returned to their owner.

**BRINGING YOUR BIKE TO SCHOOL**

It is fantastic that students ride their bikes to school, but there are a number of things which will make this safer for the student and the bike.

1. Please walk the bike or scooter in the school grounds
2. Please put your bike or scooter in the bike area and leave that area immediately.
   No one is to be in the bike area during school time.
3. Please take your helmet into your classroom.
4. We strongly suggest that you chain up your bike or scooter.

**CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

REMINDER – Application Closing Date is 29th February.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

You need to re-apply each year

Application Forms are available at the office if you are unable to download or print from Compass.

**VACANCIES FOR UNITING CARE**

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

- Held in the LPS Gym
- Wednesday – 2
  - Thursday – 1
  - Friday – 1

**Phone**

Uniting Care 5662 5150

**CANTEEN DUTY**

- FRIDAY – Term 1
  - February 12th
    - Swimming Carnival
  - 19th
    - Sharon Fisher - Gaynor Greenaway
  - 26th
    - Fabio Dal Pozzo – Danielle Elkin

- March 4th
  - Tori Martin – Nicole Reid
- 11th
  - Robyn Colwill – Phil Munro
- 18th
  - Janine Lowe – Mel Heber

- Thursday 24th
  - Leonie Dean – Tina Allen

Welcome to our 2 new mums who have volunteered for canteen duty. I would appreciate some more helpers – only required once a term, Friday 11:00am – 1:15pm. Dads are more than welcome. – Please contact the office or Kerrie in the canteen

Phone 5667 4600
Leongatha Primary School has been running a very successful LAP program (Learning Assistance Program) for a number of years which many children have benefited from.

If you love working with children, seeing them progress with their learning then this volunteer role might be for you.

Leongatha Primary staff are seeking volunteers to help do some one-on-one or small group learning with students who need that extra bit of assistance with their Literacy skills. Our LAP program needs you.

You will be asked to work with a student on basic English skills, like learning and revising sight words and reading. All instruction, games and resources will be provided by the teacher of the student - no preparation work is required. You do not need any specific training in these areas, but just need to be a willing volunteer who is eager to work with students and learn how to assist them with their learning. You will be working with a student from either Prep - Grade 6.

The volunteer can be a parent, grandparent or family friend. The only requirement is that you have a Working with Children Check. If you would like to know more about the LAP Program, please contact Dot Coghlan or Maisie Horvath at Leongatha Primary School on 56674600. It only takes 30 minutes once a week, we'd love to see you at our school.
COMING EVENTS - 2016

FEBRUARY

Friday 12th
LPS Swimming Carnival
Mirboo North

Tuesday 16th
Parent Teacher Interviews
3:30 – 7:30pm

Wednesday 17th
Parent Teacher Interviews
3:30 – 5:00pm

Friday 26th
District Swimming – Korumburra

MARCH

Friday 4th
Division Swimming – Korumburra

Wednesday 9th – 11th
Cowes Camp – Grade 3

Tuesday 15th
Curriculum Day – No students at school

Thursday 17th
Regional Swimming Sports – Sale (Combined Primary and Secondary)

Tuesday 22nd
Senior School House Athletics

Thursday 24th
Last Day of Term One

APRIL

Monday 11th
First day Term 2

Tuesday 12th
School Photos

Tuesday 19th
State Swimming MSAC

St Laurence Netball Club invites you to our Netball Registration and Uniform fitting afternoon for LDNA 2016 season on Friday 26th February, between 4pm – 6pm, at Leongatha Netball Club room. All welcome, juniors from age 8 and above (11 age section) to age 17 & under, and senior sections A, B & C. Boys are welcomed up to the age of 15. New players welcomed. For enquiries and further information please contact: Angelique Dunlevie 0438 166 124
MEENIYAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL
Meeniyan Junior Basketball would like to invite any new players 7 - 17 years to come join our competition. Section 2 & 3, from 3.45pm Friday nights, Section 4 - Wednesday nights. Season starts Friday 19th February. Could all new players or any players not playing or unavailable 1st game please contact Kim 0427346048/56636252 or Darlene 0417640035/56640035. If you played last season you will be automatically put into a team, unless you have already advised us otherwise. Names must be in by Friday 11th Feb, late names will not be accepted. Teams & times for Section 2, 3 & 4 will be published in the Star newspaper on Tuesday 16th Feb, on our Facebook page & Website. Reminder: Fees are to be paid up front. Section 2 & 3 - $40, Section 4 - $50. Registration must be paid online prior to the first game, unless paid in July or at another Association. Website - Meeniyan Basketball Association (foxsportspulse). Any queries please contact us.

COME PLAY NETBALL
NO TRYOUTS – EVERYONE GETS A GAME
Registration: Friday 26th February from 5.30 to 6.30pm
@ LDNA netball courts behind the Leongatha velodrome

We welcome every age and ability from U11 (boys & girls), U13 (boys & girls), U15 (boys & girls), U17/C, B, A Grade
All games played in the same place so no travelling! For more information or if you can’t get to our registration please contact Julia Lomas from Mt Eccles Netball Club on 0459 191 695

Come and Try Girl Guides Night
Leongatha Girl Guides are having a mother and daughter “Come and try Guides night” for girls new to Guiding
On Wednesday the 17th February
5pm to 6.30pm for girls in grades 1 to 4
7pm till 8.30pm for girls in grades 5 and 6
At Leongatha Guide hall, A’Beckett St, Leongatha. Girls must be accompanied by an adult who will be expected to join in the program.
To book a place or get more information, please contact Chris Oliver on 0428644397 or coliver@guidesvic.org.au

AUTUMN SEASON
LEONGATHA BASKETBALL ASSOC.
Senior Men
Monday 8th February 2016
Juniors & Senior Women
Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th February 2016
Entries close for Juniors & Senior Women: Feb 7th 2016
Monday nights: Girls U10’s, 12’s &1 4’s. Boys U17’s & Senior Men
Tuesday nights: Boys U10’s, 12’s & 14’s. Girls U17’s & Women
Children must be 7 years prior to commencement of season.
All registrations online at www.leongathabasketball.com.au
Senior Team entry forms available at: www.leongathabasketball.com.au
Enquiries: Morgan Fisher on: 0473 623 171
Families are invited to complete an online survey via Council’s website to help inform our Municipal Early Years Plan 2016 - 2021. We’d like to hear from children too! A survey tailored towards children can be printed from Council’s website. Both can be found at the link below.

The survey will take between 5 - 10 minutes to complete and is designed to assess the childfriendliness of a community from the family’s perspective and from those interested in the wellbeing of children 8 years of age or younger.

Service providers will also be involved in our decision making processes and will be invited to complete their own survey.

The Municipal Early Years Plan guides Council in its delivery of programs, services and spaces that consider the needs of children aged 0 - 8 years. It also identifies opportunities for Council to work in partnership with others who work with children and families.

Please complete the family survey by 17 March, 2016. The children’s survey can be posted to South Gippsland Shire Council, Private Bag 4, Leongatha 3953.

Thank you for supporting local children and their families.

For more information contact Coordinator Children and Family Services, Sally Baker, on 5662 9200.

Survey link –