



# LPS News

## 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

EVERY  
DAY  
COUNTS  
Primary school attendance

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



#### Introduction of Professional Practice days

From 2018, teachers will spend four days per year further developing their skills in areas that are aligned to our school priorities. Students will directly benefit from these improvements

in their daily learning.

The professional practice days are an opportunity for teachers to work collaboratively to improve their teaching practice. The days are being scheduled ahead of time to ensure there is minimal impact.

There is a learning plan in place to ensure education continues as usual in the classroom. More information in regard to these professional practice days is below.

#### School Leaders:

It was an excellent assembly last Friday when we had a special guest Tim Furlong present our School leaders with their badges. Mr Furlong now works as a general and transplant surgeon at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and it was very interesting to hear him speak about his work. Tim was a past student of Leongatha. Tim's message to our students was to work hard and be kind and respectful to one another.

#### School's Dress Code:

Congratulations and thank you to all parents and children who support our school dress code by wearing our wonderful school uniform every day. This plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and maintaining our school culture. The School's Sun Protection Policy requires children to wear a School Hat. All children need to have a School Hat at school.

#### Breakfast is important:

It is extremely important that our students receive a good breakfast each morning. Breakfast provides the body and brain with fuel after an overnight fast - that's where its name originates, breaking the fast! Without breakfast our students are effectively running on empty, like trying to start the car with no petrol! Please ensure that our students get the best start to their day by giving them a healthy, nutritious breakfast in the morning.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

This year Leongatha Primary School Council has vacancies for six (6) Parent Members and two (2) DEECD Employees. The term of Office is March 2018 to March 2020.

School Council meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month beginning at 5.30pm.

If you need any further information, please talk to Tim Kemp on 0438623183, our current School Council President or Dot Coghlan, our Principal.

#### Call for nominations

Nominations for School Council will be open from Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 and forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged at the school office **by 4:00pm on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.**

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

### PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

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 20<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.**

CURRICULUM DAYS 2018  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

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

# TEACHER PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS – VICTORIA STATE GOVERNMENT EDUCATION and TRAINING

In the Education State, we achieve excellence by consistently focusing on improving the achievements of learners across Victoria, whether it is through improving the quality of educational services or changing the way we teach.

The most important thing we can do to improve student outcomes is to develop and improve the skills of our teachers.

The Victorian Government will continue to provide opportunities to develop professional, passionate teachers and principals and equip them with the right knowledge and skills for a modern classroom.

To ensure we support the learning and development of not only our students, but our teachers too; we are committed to providing professional development opportunities for our teaching workforce.

## WHAT ARE THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS?

As part of the Victorian Schools Agreement 2017, teachers will receive one day per term when they are out of the classroom to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning.

## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR CHILD

Your child's teacher will spend four days per year further developing their skills in areas that are aligned to the school's priorities. Your child will benefit from these improvements in their daily learning.

On these days, an alternate teacher will be provided with the learning plan for the day and be well equipped to assist your child with their learning needs.

We are scheduling the professional practice days ahead of time so there is minimal impact to students and, where possible, there is consistency in teaching.

## Professional Practice Days for Term One –

Grade 6 Team -	Friday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 5 Team -	Monday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 4 Team –	Thursday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 3 Team –	Monday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 2 Team –	Thursday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 1 Team –	Friday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>
Prep Team –	Wednesday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>

RESPECTFUL  
RELATIONSHIPS



WELL DONE AWARDS

**Callum Smith PD, Kale Fletcher PR, Piper Holt PP, Harvey Nelson PA, Reggie Read PH.  
Riley Leeden 1M, Bianca Gurney 1P, Tara March 1S, Oliver Arnold 1BH,  
Tyler Vieth-Mitchell 1BH.**

**Millie Wilson 2J Ebony Dumas 2P, Mitchell Andronaco 2H, Katie Simpson 2S,  
Chelsea Bennett-Pearson 2G.**

**Noah McLennan 3B, Lily Reid 3B, Lily Dumas 3H, Daniel Clissold 3L, Daniel Prentice 3T.  
Damon Edwards 4E, Duke Stewart-Williams 4H, Laila Holt 4A, Ben Mills-Cutts 4L.  
Aydan Williams 5M, Ruby Kuhne 5X, Alice Hutchinson 5X.  
Max Noble 6E, Tara Campbell 6R, Brodie McNaughton 6MG**

## SCHOOL LEADERS - 2018

Below are our 2018 School Leaders with Principal Dot Coghlan and guest speaker/presenter Tim Furlong.



**School Captains – Luke Murphy, Eden Robertson, Molly Heber, Bailey Close**



**Johnston Captains: Mia, Sophie, Zavier, Cameron**



**Herrald Captains: Sienna, Rylan, Kyra, Sophie**



**Strzelecki Captains: Erica, Finn, Rylan, Sienna**



**Wightman Captains: Lachlan, Lucy, Rose, Will**

**SCHOOL LEADERS - 2018**



**ICT Captains: Hannah, Caelan and Tia**



**Music Captains: Phoebe and Zoe**



**Library Representatives: Jorjah and Kyran**



**Environmental Leaders: Makayla and Leah**



**Language Captains: Sally and Lachlan**



**Art Advisors: Olivia, Tyson and Ava**

## DRAGONS, LIONS AND FIRECRACKERS.....

Friday, Feb 16th is officially the first day of the Year of the Dog (Gǒu Nián) and this weekend there will be celebrations in Melbourne. LPS students are very excited to learn about the Chinese New Year festival and so many colourful, noisy and tasty traditions that are part of this ancient culture. We've learnt about the terrifying Nián Monster and will avoid getting gobbled up, by putting up lots of red decorations around the school.



We can't set off firecrackers, but there will certainly be plenty of those ear-splitting explosions in Melbourne this weekend. If you want to join me (Peí Lǎoshī) for a fun day on Sunday 18th, I'll be on the V-line bus at 8am. The Dragon Parade is at 11.30am on Little Bourke St., in Chinatown and Crown Casino have displays, performances and food stalls along the Yarra all weekend. There should be some good 'freebies' to bring back :-).



Sun Loong (Xīn Lóng) is the longest Chinese Dragon in the world and it lives in Bendigo! But you can see this beautiful giant at the Melbourne Museum, during Chinese New Year, in the next two weeks.



The Year of the Dog is bringing Good Fortune (Fú) to this bunch of lucky students, as they prepare for their trip to China. To make their experience even more worthwhile and ensure they get as much as possible from their stay in Zhōng Guó (China), the group are having extra Chinese language (Hànyǔ) lessons at lunch time on Thursdays. It's fantastic to see the enthusiasm and hear them practising. Parents and staff are welcome to join us for these sessions in the Chinese Room.

## ENGAGEMENT MATTERS

At Leongatha Primary School our teachers know the importance of our students being fully engaged in their learning. Below is some photos of our prep children fully engaged in their activities.



# HAWKES VISIT LDS

There was a lot of excitement at school on Tuesday when players from Hawthorn Football Club came to visit.



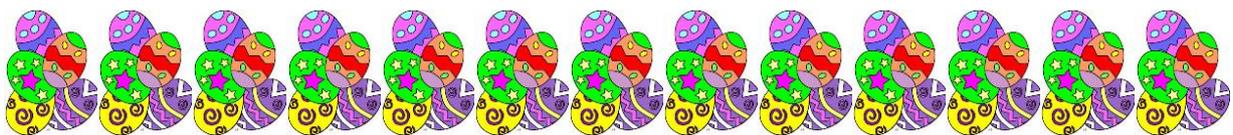


At Leongatha Primary School, we are proud to be a BETTER BUDDIES school in 2018. The Alannah & Madeline Foundation's Better Buddies Framework is an initiative designed to create friendly and caring primary school communities where bullying is reduced. Through Better Buddies, children in their first and fifth year of primary school buddy up and learn the values: *caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility.*

All children in the school learn these values through formal and informal activities - and at LPS this includes the work we do in our RRRR program, and we use our mascot "Buddy Bear" to help us with these activities. The grade 5 students have been busy working on their training about how to be the best leader possible to their prep buddy.

On Friday, the Prep students will be meeting their grade 5 buddy and will be getting ready for all of the fun activities that they will participate in together over the coming year.

We are looking forward to sharing more about the fun we have each fortnight in future newsletters! Prep and Grade 5 teams.



### LPS GIANT EASTER RAFFLE

**Our giant Easter Egg raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, at our final assembly for Term 1.**

**Bring your Easter eggs to the office**

**Raffle tickets will be sent home next week**

## STAFF CAR PARK CLOSED

REMINDER LPS Staff Car Park will be closed from 8:30am – 9:00am.

This is due to Occupational Health & Safety instructions.

We understand this is inconvenient and the parking situation is not ideal, however we must keep the safety of our children as our first priority.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE THE STAFF CARPARK to drop off students.**

## PIANO LESSONS



Piano lessons are being offered at LPS with Piano teacher Jake Amy. If you are interested, please contact Jake on 0404 724 684.

## REMINDER

**Our Sunsmart Policy requires compulsory wearing of school hats in Terms 1 & 4**  
**Hats can be purchased from Nicks, Target and through Buxwear**

## COMING EVENTS – 2018

### FEBRUARY

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> District Swimming Sports – Korumburra  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Excursion – Science Works

### MARCH

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 4 Moonlite Sanctuary excursion  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Swimming – Korumburra  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Public Holiday – School Closed  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Regional swimming Sports – Korumburra  
Wed 21-23<sup>rd</sup> Grade 3 Cowes Camp  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Wala Cultural Performance  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Senior Athletics Sports  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – China tour  
12<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> End of Term 1

### APRIL

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Term 2 Begins

## UNITING CARE – AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School Educator - POSITION AVAILABLE

Hours 3:15 – 6:00pm

Certificate 3 (Early Years) minimum required

Please call Kristi Burns at Uniting Care

5662 5150

After School Care available every day

Phone 5662 5150 or email:- ucgipps.org.au

mobile Number – 0466 480 712

## TOWN NETBALL CLUB

Registration Day 2018 Season

Wednesday, 21st February

4 - 6pm at the LDNA Netball Courts

All Ages welcome.

U11, U13, U15, U17 Boys and Girls

Senior (A & B Grade) Ladies

No experience required.

Competition starts Saturday 21st April

All games played each week at

Leongatha courts

Training Wednesdays 4 - 5pm starting

21st March

## CANTEEN ROSTER FRIDAY – TERM 1

### FRIDAYS

### FEBRUARY

16<sup>th</sup> Janine Lowe-Tori Martin

25<sup>th</sup> Fabio Dal Pozzo – Kirsty Bolge

### MARCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Gaynor Greenaway-Joel Langstaff

9<sup>th</sup> Sarah Norman – Danielle Elkin

16<sup>th</sup> Mel Heber – Claire Guy

23<sup>rd</sup> Kate Dean – Phil Munro

Thursday - 29<sup>th</sup>

Helen Dowel – Kaisie Rump

If you could spare 2 hours once a term on a Friday please contact Kerrie in the canteen

The uniform is available to purchase online from Buxwear  
Here is the link to their website

<http://shop.buxwear.com.au>

# LEONGATHA BASKETBALL

**Autumn Season  
Registrations now open**

## Juniors & Seniors

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Entries close: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Monday nights: Girls U10's, 12's & 14'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 Registration Leongatha Basketball SPORTS TG

Enquiries: Dan Monaghan on: 0458 641 234 or Joel Langstaff on: 0419 623 766



### Parents - why should your daughter try Girl Guides?

Recently your daughter had a presentation on Girl Guides so that she now knows what fun Guides can be, but Girl Guides is so much more.



Do you want your daughter to develop her leadership skills, learn to serve the community, challenge herself in the outdoors, develop her ethics, make new friends and develop self-confidence, as well as having fun? These are all fundamentals of the Girl Guide program.

One of the great things about Guides is it is for girls only. We can do what girls want to do and how they want to do it.

Your daughter can come and try Girl Guides at Leongatha for two free weeks to find out more about our program.

Leongatha Lyrebird Guides, for girls in grades 1 to 6,  
Wednesday night from 5.00pm to 6.30pm at  
the Guide hall, A'Becket St, Leongatha.



If you are interested in giving Guides a go please contact Chris Oliver on 0428644397 or [coliver@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:coliver@guidesvic.org.au)



## JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL NOW RECRUITING

All players welcome!

Thursday night training at 5pm for all juniors. Saturday or Sunday game day.

### Football

Training starts 15 March

Under 10s - Sunday

Under 12s - Sunday

Under 14s - Sunday

Under 18s - Saturday (boys only - train now)

### Netball

Training starts 22 February

11 and under - Saturday

13 and under - Saturday

15 and under - Saturday (girls only)

17 and under - Saturday (girls only)

AusKick and NetSetGo start Term 2 - register online or contact [tarwinsharks@gmail.com](mailto:tarwinsharks@gmail.com) for more information

Football phone

Vaughan 0407 365 893 or

Travis 0487 148 644



Netball phone

Cathy 0413 148 942

## Flipp'n Out

BaSS Coast Playcentre

OPEN

9:30AM-4:00PM

DAILY\*\*

ENTRY PRICES

Free Wifi

Parties!

Cafe

SCHOOL DAY PRICES  
6-12 MONTHS \$4.00  
1+ YEARS \$9.00

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WEEKEND

6-12 MONTHS \$4.50

1-3 YEAR OLDS \$10.00

4+ YEAR OLDS \$13.00

ADULTS FREE (CHECK IN FOR A FREE DRINK!)

FOR ENQUIRIES VISIT

[WWW.BCFLIP.COM.AU](http://WWW.BCFLIP.COM.AU)

OR CONTACT US ON

56722975

\*\*TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

4/6 CYCLONE STREET  
WONTHAGGI

## Inviting Girls, Boys & Women Netballers of all ages & abilities

### Mt Eccles Netball Club Registration Day Thursday 22nd February, 5.30 - 6.30pm

at LDNA Courts (behind the Leongatha  
Velodrome)

U11, U13, U15 & U17 Girls & Boys  
A & B Grade Women

No tryouts, everyone gets to play

We welcome players from all over South Gippsland  
& Bass Coast

For queries contact the Club on [mounteccles@gmail.com](mailto:mounteccles@gmail.com) or  
call Julia Lomas 0459 191 695



# MAKE SOMEONE'S SUMMER!

with the  
DISABLED SURFER'S  
ASSOCIATION OF  
AUSTRALIA

SAT. 17<sup>TH</sup> FEB.  
11AM - 2PM

Join us for a day of all abilities surfing fun at  
**INVERLOCH SURF BEACH**

GET IN TOUCH:

STUART: 0411 476 478 / JODIE: 0428 666 050  
EMAIL: [info@aaasurf.com](mailto:info@aaasurf.com)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

- Could you help us? -



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK for all  
event details, pre-registration and  
updates: @DSAINVERLOCH

Anyone can VOLUNTEER at a DSA SURFING event.  
We have both water & land based roles for you to  
get involved with, to help assist people with a  
disability to have a safe surfing experience.  
No surfing experience is required!