



LPS News

3rd April, 2018

EVERY
DAY
COUNTS

Primary school attendance

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



First term has been a particularly busy one and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff for all of their hard work and extra activities that they organise.

One of our highlights this Term has been our Writing work. The focus of our Annual Implementation Plan is to improve our student's writing and I'm already seeing this across the school. Our work with Misty Andoniou has given us some great strategies to improve our student's writing and parents can help their children at home as well.

Read great books

"The very best way to write well is to look at good models of writing. Teach kids how language works by looking at it doing its work in its natural habitat - exemplary writing. If you want your children to write well - read great books to them, and give them great books to read."

Misty Andoniou – Associate Professor in Language.

I had the absolute pleasure to listen to some of our grade 2 students reading their writing pieces to me last week. The excellent word usage, engaging start to their stories and the detailed story lines showed me that our teachers are doing some great things in the classroom to improve our student's writing.



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Our excited group of students, parents, grandparents and teachers fly out to China this Friday. We are all really looking forward to visiting our Sister School in Changshu and being immersed in the Chinese culture. We will be sending photos back to our school Facebook site so that you can see what we are doing.

On Friday 5th April, we have a casual dress day with a gold coin donation. We will have our major Easter raffle and thanks to everyone for the donation of Easter eggs for our prizes. School will finish at 2.00pm on Friday.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday and a very safe and happy Easter.

**Dot Coghlan
Principal**



LEONGATHA
Secondary College

Year 7 Information Evening

An invitation is extended to Grade 4, 5 & 6 students, and their parents, to attend a presentation about our College, its programs and facilities.

Student led school tours are available from 12 noon until 1.30pm






Tuesday May 7th, 6:00pm

Followed by supper and an opportunity to meet with principals, co-ordinators & teaching staff

Venue: Junior 'C' Building - Parents will be ushered from the General Office.

Year 7 Co-ordinator: Sheena Cumming
Junior School Leader: Paul Borg
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WELL DONE AWARDS



Eliza Stein – 2PG

For always being a kind and respectful member of our 2PG community. You embody our school values and live them each day.



Will Redpath 3LH

For being a respectful and resilient camper at Cowes Camp.

Lilah Riggall PJ, Madden Goessens PJ, Mack Katz PH, Indi Jacobsen PR, Mason Hulshof PE, Felix O'Leary PD, Tyson Houston PD.

River Neale 1P, Kaleb Willis 1P, Max Van Velzen 1BH, Kale Fletcher 1S, Ryan Perry 1S, Kade Johnson 1M, Heidi Considine 1M, Jade Villasevil 1A, Brody Jarvis 1A.

Hugo Sweeney 2H, Noah Edwards 2H, Tara March 2S, Noah Lochlin 2PG, Eliza Stein 2PG, Amy Stevic 2G, Averie Hughes 2G.

Jack Matthews 3LH, Lacy McNaughton 3LH, Judd Holt 3H, Jonathan Hosking 3H, Cye Dale-Haywood 3H, Tayah Matheson 3H, Stefan Tumino 3LH, Will Redpath 3LH, Jake Johnston 3B, Louis Read 3B, Thomas Landry 3B.

Brayden Rip 4L, Jackson Oosterlaak 4L, Georgia Lawry 4R, Macey Turner 4R, Maddie Noble 4M, Ethan Langstaff 4M, Jake Andronaco 4D, Cohen Harrison 4D.

Kitty Moon 5S, Shem Hogarth 5S.

Josh Clapton 6H, Sari Hickey 6H, Fletcher McLennan 6R, Zac Langstaff 6S, Corrina Quinlan 6A.



LPS GIANT EASTER RAFFLE

Our giant Easter Egg raffle will be drawn this Friday, 5th April, at our final assembly for Term 1.

**Please bring your Easter egg donations to the office
Raffle tickets have been sent home, more available from the
office**



THANKS MADDI



Thank you Maddi Beyer, for sharing peacock feathers, collected from your grandparents' farm, with us at LPS.

In primary school, some students miss on average **3 weeks per year** of school. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



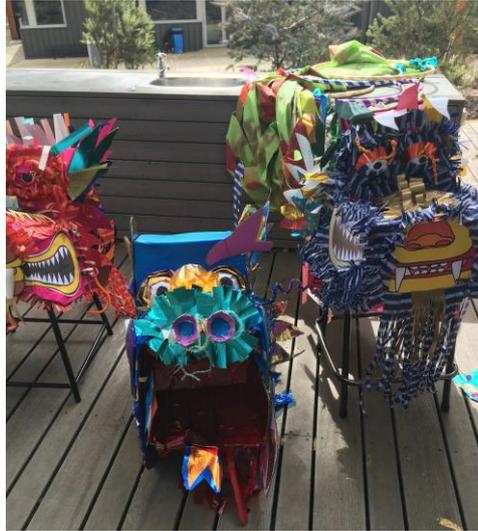
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Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

VISUAL ARTS

Lots of preparation in the Art room for the Chinese New Year Celebration over the past few weeks.



Grade 6 Dragon Heads under construction



Grade 1 'Year of Pig' 2019 efforts



Preps made flying dragons



Grade 6s prepared painted cloth for our dragons



Grade 4s improved their paper cutting skills



Grade 5 girls created dragon masks using paper sculpture skills

GRADE 3 RECEIVE THEIR IPADS

"The Grade 3 students are very excited to receive their iPads this week. We look forward to them supporting your child's learning throughout their time in the senior school. Here are some photos among the excitement of iPad set up! A big thanks to our IT staff, Craig and Simon!"



GRADE 3 CAMP



Joe loving life on the Grade 3 Camp

LANGUAGES

THE YEAR OF THE PIG arrived a little late at LPS, but as you may know, the pig (zhū) was the last animal to get over the finish line in the story of the Zodiac Race, so it's not too surprising that our celebrations took place at the end of term. Students have been busy making decorations and dragons, learning songs and drumming. The splash of hóng sè (red) that spread across our basketball courts last Friday morning, signalled the Chinese New Year (otherwise known as Spring Festival) assembly was about to begin. Chinese Captains, Aluah Harry and Eleanor Pedlow looked beautiful in their traditional Chinese qípǎo as they spoke confidently to the whole school. Grade 4 boys Miller Richards and Mikey Farmer, also dressed in silky jackets for the special occasion, added a touch of comedy to the introduction. The dragon parade was launched with the Grade 5 Marching Drum group, who kept going with their rhythm as the dragons danced their way around the basketball courts. To finish off the assembly, little cute Prep dragons put on their masks and roared all the way back to their classrooms!

Aluah and Eleanor asked some students what their favourite part of the assembly was:

'I really enjoyed holding the dragon head for the parade' (Katy Geary 6H)

'The drumming is my favourite' (Chelsea Kelly 6H)

'The creativity of it all' (Shaelin Selmes 6S)

'It was cool how everyone took part in the celebration by wearing red' (Brandyn Clifford 6H)

This week, 'flash mobs' are appearing around the LPS ovals and play areas during recess and lunch times. As Grade 5 girls beat the sound of the drums (well, actually stools, plastic tubs, tins and little Chinese pop-pop drums) one of the huge lóng (dragons) weaves and dances to the excited screeches of children. Preps and Grade 1 students are providing entertainment with their Chinese New Year songs, sung in perfect Chinese!

What a fantastically bright and noisy way to end the term! May the Year of the Pig bring you all good luck, fun and lots of great learning.



**Red is very lucky in Chinese culture.....
this was a very lucky LPS assembly :-)**



Grade 5 drummer girls accompany Grade 3 dragoners on a flash mob mission



Prep's scatter as dragons roam freely!



These Preps made paper dragons in Art...and learnt a Chinese New Year song



Grade 3 made Fú posters for Good Fortune for our school



Wow! Such impressive Chinese drumming from the Grade 5 boys!



The dragons follow the Pearl of Wisdom as they come onto the basketball courts

SENIOR HOUSE ATHLETICS

On Thursday last week, the grade 3-6 students competed at the LPS Senior Athletics Carnival. In beautiful weather students earned valuable points for their house by participating in a variety of athletic disciplines. It was great to see so many students have a go and try their best. A highlight for the day was the house captains vs teachers 4x100m. Wightman House came away with the win which means they hold both major sporting titles of the year so far. A massive thank you to all parents who came and supported on the day and an especially big thank you to the Leongatha Little Athletics club for helping with sprints, timing and equipment and to Joel Langstaff.



Age Champions: Priya Nelson, Tej Gaddam, Louis Read, Lacy Fennell, Dot Coghlan (Principal), Angus Livingstone, Shari Harris, Fletcher McLennan, Melissa Diggerman.



Wightman Captains receiving Shield

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS TUESDAY

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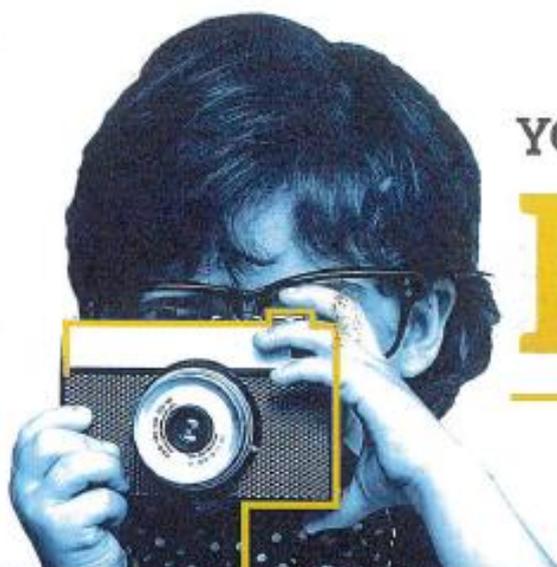
HELPFUL PHOTO DAY INFORMATION:

1. If you are placing an order please ensure each child has their own envelope.
2. Do **not** place another child's envelope inside their siblings envelope.
3. Please collect a family envelope from the school office if you wish to have a family photo taken.
4. All children are photographed regardless if you are paying or not. This is for the schools records.
5. When the photos are returned to school, those who did not place an order on the day will be given a second chance to order via a new form distributed when photos are returned to school.
You won't miss out!
6. The school does not give change nor do the photographers.
PLEASE ensure the correct money is enclosed.
7. If you lose your envelope the photographers and the school carry spares.
8. Only parents who are paying on the day and requesting it will have a family photo taken.
9. Ordering online is the only way you can pay with credit cards.
10. We do not have control over the way your child's name appears in the photo - any changes or requests are strictly handled by the school.

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WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Students from Grade 4 to 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period, Monday 29th April to Friday 7th June. The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Survey results will be communicated to parents via our Annual Report.

Last year we used the survey results to plan to inform our Annual Implementation Plan.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>



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PROTECT



CHILD SAFE STANDARD

As mentioned in previous newsletters, Leongatha Primary is committed to Child Safety. As a community we want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. There is zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We meet our legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Leongatha Primary is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

As a community we support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. There have now been new regulations around Working with Children Checks and we are proactive by ensuring that community members who work with children have a Working With Children Check.

Additionally, we expect all volunteers, contractors, trainee teachers and visitors to the school to read the Child Code of Conduct when they sign in. This is a requirement to ensure we are always looking out for the best interests and safety of all our children.

Below is the Child Safe Code of Conduct which has been posted on the school's web page since last year alongside the Child Safe Policy and our commitment to a child safe environment.



CHILD SAFE CODE OF CONDUCT

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Leongatha Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Our school community recognises the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school is a safe, supportive and enriching environment which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children and young people, and enables them to thrive in their learning and development.

This Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce any opportunities for child abuse or harm to occur. It also assists in understanding how to avoid or better manage risky behaviours and situations. It is intended to complement child protection legislation, Department policy, school policies and procedures and professional standards, codes or ethics as these apply to staff and other personnel.

The Principal and school leaders of Leongatha Primary School will support implementation and monitoring of the Code of Conduct, and will plan, implement and monitor arrangements to provide inclusive, safe and orderly schools and other learning environments. The Principal and school leaders of Leongatha Primary School will also provide information and support to enable the Code of Conduct to operate effectively.

All staff, contractors, volunteers and any other member of the school community involved in child-related work are required to comply with the Code of Conduct by observing expectations for appropriate behaviour below. The Code of Conduct applies in all school situations, including school camps and in the use of digital technology and social media.

Acceptable behaviours

As staff, volunteers, contractors, and any other member of the school community involved in child-related work individually, we are responsible for supporting and promoting the safety of children by:

- upholding the school's statement of commitment to child safety at all times and adhering to the school's child safe policy and other policies
- taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- treating students and families in the school community with respect both within the school environment and outside the school environment as part of normal social and community activities; including listening to and valuing their ideas and opinions
- listening and responding to the views and concerns of students, particularly if they are telling you that they or another child has been abused or that they are worried about their safety/the safety of another child
- welcoming all children and their families and carers and being inclusive
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- promoting the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of students with culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- promoting the safety, participation and empowerment of students with a disability
- modelling appropriate adult behaviour
- reporting any allegations of child abuse or other child safety concerns to the school's Principal, or Assistant Principal

- following the steps in Flowchart: CHILD SAFETY REPORTING PROCESS when one wants to raise a concern about breaches of the code and to how to make a complaint
- listening to children and responding to them appropriately
- reporting and acting on any breaches of the Code of Conduct, complaints and concerns
- complying with our guidelines on physical contact with children (see unacceptable behaviours)
- understanding and complying with all reporting or disclosure obligations (including mandatory reporting) as they relate to protecting children from harm or abuse
- if child abuse is suspected, ensuring as quickly as possible that the student(s) are safe and protected from harm
- respecting the privacy of children and their families and only disclosing information to people who need to know

Unacceptable behaviours

Staff, volunteers, contractors, and any other member of the school community involved in child-related work must not:

- seek to use children in any way to meet the needs of adults
- ignore or disregard any concerns, suspicions or disclosures of child abuse
- develop 'special' relationships with specific children or show inappropriate attention that could be seen as favouritism or amount to 'grooming' behaviour (for example, offering gifts)
- engage in rough physical games
- initiate unnecessary physical contact with children or do things of a personal nature that children can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes
- treat a child unfavourably or discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability or sexuality
- exhibit behaviours or engage in activities with students which may be interpreted as abusive and not justified by the educational, therapeutic, or service delivery context
- ignore behaviours by other adults towards students when they appear to be overly familiar or inappropriate
- discuss content of an intimate nature or use sexual innuendo with students, except where it occurs relevantly in the context of parental guidance, delivering the education curriculum or a therapeutic setting
- communicate directly with a student through personal or private contact channels (including by social media, email, instant messaging, texting etc.) except where that communication is reasonable in all the circumstances, related to school work or extra-curricular activities or where there is a safety concern or other urgent matter
- photograph or video a child in a school environment except in accordance with school policy or where required for duty of care purposes
- in the school environment or at other school events where students are present, consume alcohol contrary to school policy or take illicit drugs under any circumstances

Ratified by School Council: 4th March, 2019

Due for Review: 2021



Totally Smiles Mobile Dentistry will be visiting
Leongatha Primary School
the week commencing
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May 2019

Our innovative mobile dental service was created to meet the needs of the fast paced/time poor lifestyles of many parents. We are changing the game by bringing our dental team and equipment to **Leongatha Primary School** to provide our onsite dental services to students.



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If not eligible, Totally Smiles Dentistry can provide:
Oral examination, scale clean and fluoride for \$99.
Oral examination, scale, clean, fluoride and 4 fissure seals* \$179

FISSURE SEALANTS

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How are fissure sealants applied? It is quick and straight forward, taking only a few minutes per tooth. Our Dentist will clean and prepare the tooth with a special solution. The tooth is dried with air. The liquid is then applied and set hard using a special light. It is pain free.

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April School Holiday Program

These coming school holidays we will be running 2 fun filled days of gymnastics.

Dates: Tuesday 9th April and Thursday 11th of April.

Time: 9am-3pm Cost: \$40.00 Per day

BYO lunch and Drink Bottle. Morning tea provided.

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For more information contact Britt:
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COMING EVENTS – 2019

APRIL

Friday 5th

Casual Dress Day
Easter Raffle Draw

End of Term 1 - Early finish 2:00pm

Tuesday 23rd

Term 2 Begins

Wednesday 24th

State Swimming Sports

Thursday 25th

ANZAC Day – Public Holiday

Monday 29th

Grade 5 – STARLAB visit

Tuesday 30th

School Photos

MAY

Monday 6th-10th

Grade 4 Woorabinda Camp

Monday 13th

District Athletics

Tues 14th –Thrs 16th

NAPLAN

Monday 20th

Grade 3 Melbourne Museum Excursion

Wednesday 22nd

Senior House Cross Country

Monday 27th – Fri 31st

Smiles on Site – Dental Van

**The uniform is available to
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Karmai Monday the 8th of April to Friday the 12th of April

Community Children's Centre

Vacation care week one

- Based at Karmai Community Children's Centre, 22 Princess Street, Korumburra
- Program runs from 8.30am-6.00pm, before program is available from 6.00am at no additional cost
- BYO Lunch, Snacks, Drink bottle, appropriate clothing and footwear and spare clothes
- All activities are run by qualified educators
- Daily fee of \$85.00 (Eligible families will receive a government rebate).
- For bookings please contact 03 56532121

Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
<p>Gift making day</p> <p>The children will be able to make a variety of gifts that can be put aside for special people throughout the year.</p>	<p>Fire Truck visit</p> <p>at Korumburra Primary School, play games and enjoy chips for lunch</p>	<p>Coleman Park picnic and Swimming</p> <p>10am leave Karmai the children will start the day with a walk to the pool for a swim and then lunch followed by some games and a play in the playground. They will return to Karmai at approx. 4pm.</p>	<p>Jump Crazy \$31</p> <p>The bus will leave at 9.30am to go to Pakenham Jump Crazy. If children already have socks can you, please send them. This will be 2 hours of jump time with a rest in between and then lunch. We will return at approx. 3.30pm.</p>	<p>Slime Day</p> <p>This has been a children's request to have another slime day where they will be able to mix up a variety of ingredients to experiment with and explore the textures.</p>



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