FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU PAUL-

Our school chaplain Paul Brailey will be finishing with our school next Tuesday as he and his wife have made the decision to move to Adelaide to be closer to their son. Paul's contribution to our school has been invaluable. His constant support, care and positive attitude to his work has seen countless children benefit. Paul has also given his time to many parents to listen and care for them whenever he could. Paul started the breakfast club at our school and his smiling face will be sadly missed each Wednesday morning by the students and teachers. Thank you so much Paul for everything that you have done for the students, parents and staff at our school. Your presence in our school will be greatly missed however we wish you and your wife all the very best at your new home in Adelaide.

CHINA TRIP FAREWELL-

Next Wednesday a very excited group of students, parents and teachers will fly out to our Sister School in China. A huge amount of work has gone into the organisation of this trip and I would like to thank Mr Buckley and Miss Black for all of the extra work that they have been putting in to make sure that the trip goes smoothly. We have 17 students and 4 teachers travelling to China and I know that they are all looking forward to catching up with their buddies at our Sister School in Changshu. The group will also be seeing some of the amazing history of China like the Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors just to name a few. We look forward to hearing all of their stories and seeing all of their photos when they get back. Good luck and have a safe trip.

- Dot Coghlan

LPS GIANT EASTER RAFFLE

Our giant Easter Egg raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 29th March, at our final assembly for Term 1.
Bring your Easter eggs to the office
Raffle tickets have been sent home
GOODBYE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Mr Brailey’s last Breaky Club

Six years ago I was welcomed to the school at a Friday assembly. I spoke about my love of the sea, walking on the beach, swimming and sailing. These things, I said, are important to me, but the most precious are the people in my life. Shared values of Kindness and Respect make living together truly special.

It has been my privilege to be a part of this school community. I thank you all for allowing me to be a listening ear and a helping hand in times of need. I will miss the laughter and smiles of the children most of all.

My wife and I are retiring to Victor Harbor in South Australia at the end of this term. I will miss you all very much.

Sincerely – Paul Brailey

IS IT BULLYING?....

BBQ LUNCH
SENIOR ATHLETICS DAY
MONDAY 26th March, 2018

BBQ lunch is open to the whole school on Athletics Day

Sausages $2
Rissoles $2
Primas $1
Water $2

LOST PROPERTY – END OF TERM 1

The unclaimed lost property items will be displayed for collection on Friday 23rd March near the canteen.

All CLEARLY, NAMED items will have been returned to your child by then.

Please check lost property bins asap for your child’s jumpers, etc.

Also, please check that all your child's items are clearly named. Thanks.
MUSIC NEWS

Mrs Stein, Luke and Phoebe were interviewed by Lyn Gallacher from ABC Radio National last Tuesday afternoon. The success of Lennie the Legend: 600 Miles to Sydney is still well known. Luke and Phoebe interviewed beautifully and demonstrated why they are two of our school leaders.

Preps have been busy learning all about rhythm. They were all so inspired by the grade two drumming at assembly last Friday that they had to try it themselves!

ACCESS MINISTRIES at LPS

Our school will be starting a lunchtime SRI-Christianity activity for one lunchtime a week. This class will be starting on Thursday the 26th of April in the PAC and will continue each Thursday at lunchtime.

We will have six qualified religious education instructors running these classes who all have current Working With Children’s Checks.

The content and activities encourage pro-social behaviour, positive character development and the awareness of how values have an impact on our everyday life, using the Christian faith as the framework.

For a child to be able to participate in these classes the permission form that is attached to this newsletter MUST be returned to your child’s classroom teacher by Thursday 29th March
COMING EVENTS – 2018

**MARCH**
- Wed 21-23rd: Grade 3 Cowes Camp
- Friday 23rd: Wala Cultural Performance
- Monday 26th: Senior Athletics sports
- Wed 28th – 12th April
- Thursday 29th: End of Term 1

**APRIL**
- Monday 16th: Term 2 Begins
- Wed 18th: State Swimming MSAC
- Tuesday 24th: ANZAC DAY public holiday
- Wed 25th: Grade 6 winter sport – round 1
- Friday 27th: Prep Autumn walk 10:30-1pm
  - Disco Mesley Hall 4pm-5pm

**MAY**
- Wed 2nd: District Aths – Velodrome
- Prep Teddy Bear Maths night
  - 6pm-7pm
- Thursday 3rd: Mother’s Day Stall 10am-2pm
- Friday 4th: Grade 6 winter sport – round 2
  - Prep Teddy Bear’s Picnic-Moss Vale Park 11am-1pm
- Mon 7-11th: Grade 4 Woobinda Camp
- Friday 11th: Grade 6 winter sport – round 3
- Tues15-17th: NAPLAN testing Grades 3&5
- Friday 18th: Grade 6 winter sport - round 4
- Mon 21-25th: Education Week
- Tuesday 24th: Reptile Encounters Show – Junior School
- Wed 25th: 2019 Prep Parents Information Session 6:30-7:30pm

**JUNE**
- Friday 1st: Lightning Premiership
- Thursday 7th: Division Cross Country – Stony Creek
- Friday 8th: Curriculum Day – No school

**CURRICULUM DAYS 2018**
- Friday 8th June
- Friday 24th August
- Monday 5th November

**NO RIDING BIKES IN THE SCHOOL GROUND**

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

**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

**CANTEEN ROSTER FRIDAY – TERM 1 FRIDAYS**
- MARCH
  - 23rd: Kate Dean – Phil Munro
  - Thursday - 29th
  - Helen Dowel – Kaisie Rump
  - If you could spare 2 hours once a term on a Friday please contact Kerrie in the canteen

**TOWN NETBALL CLUB**
2018 Season – All Ages welcome.
- Senior (A & B Grade) Ladies
  - Competition Starts Saturday 21st April.
  - All games played each week at Leongatha velodrome courts
  - Training Wednesdays 4-5pm starting 21st March.
  - Registration Forms available from the office.

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

The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 provides that government schools must be secular. The only exception to this principle is non-compulsory Special Religious Instruction (SRI).

Page 1 of this form provides information for parents in relation to SRI. Page 2 provides parents the opportunity to indicate whether or not they wish their child to participate in SRI.

If you would like your child to participate in SRI, please return this form by the date specified on Page 2.

Note: SRI should not be confused with general religious education which may be delivered to all students in the school curriculum and provides education about world faiths and secular belief structures, which assist students to understand the world around them and act with tolerance and respect towards all cultures.

What is Special Religious Instruction?

SRI is “instruction provided by churches and other religious groups and based on distinctive religious tenets and beliefs.” This may include scriptural studies, and instruction in how to live and behave according to the beliefs of a particular faith.

SRI is an ‘opt-in’ extra-curricular activity that provides instruction in a specific faith, and is provided by a church or other religious group.

Given the specific religious nature of SRI, the Department of Education and Training does not endorse SRI program content. SRI materials are available online and via the SRI provider for parents to review.

Who delivers Special Religious Instruction?

SRI is delivered by religious volunteers who are accredited by an approved provider to deliver SRI instruction. Currently, the organisations approved to accredit instructors are:

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Volunteer instructors are associated with a church or religious organisation. Their role is not that of a teacher. To obtain accreditation, they must undertake training through one of the providers listed above, and sign a Code of Conduct, which outlines how they are to conduct themselves in a government school. It is a requirement of accreditation that volunteers have a valid Working With Children Check.

Participation in Special Religious Instruction

A student may attend SRI in a government school for a maximum of 30 minutes per week during lunchtime, or within the hour immediately before or immediately after school hours.

SRI is not compulsory for any student. Schools can only allow students to participate in SRI if parental consent is provided using this form.

Parents are requested to complete and return this form to the school if they wish their child to participate in SRI.

Your consent for your child to participate in SRI is for the program listed on this form only. It does not constitute general consent and is valid until the end of the school year.

You may withdraw your child from SRI at any time by notifying the school principal.

School Name: Leongatha Primary School

Date form must be returned by:
Thursday 29th March

Parents can opt their child/children out of SRI at any time, by notifying the school principal.

I confirm that I have read and understood the information about SRI on page 1

Do you consent to your child/children participating in the SRI program proposed above?

If you have indicated yes, please list your child/children’s details:

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Parent/Guardian’s Name: .................................................................

Signature: ............................................................................................

Date: ........../........./.........
April School Holiday Program

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

**Dates:** Tuesday 10th April and Wednesday 11th of April.

**Time:** 9am-3pm

**Cost:** $40.00 Per day

BYO lunch. Morning tea provided.

Bookings Essential. Places are limited so get in quick.

No Experience needed.

0400273658 leongathagymclub@hotmail.com

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Leongatha Junior Parrots Football Club Training Session have begun for u10’s & u12’s are on Wednesday nights and u14’s on Thursday nights. All existing players and any new ones are welcome.

Registrations are available online, follow the links on the clubs website or facebook page. Registrations close March 25th.

The 2018 season starts on April 22nd.
LDNA All Abilities Netball

LDNA would like to welcome Mitch Price who will be running skills sessions supported by LDNA Life Member Pat Kuhne and the LDNA Committee and Umpires

- Starts the 21st of April 2018
- 10am Start

All Players must have VNA Please see the link details below
https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?misc=2PhH5GETYF48mI39fZ19RwMCcCoCQP7hmV7Wt%2f2V8pbUq8%3d&fl=1&type=1&id=23322&entityid=39500

LDNA Fees
- $60 Seniors
- $50 Juniors

Fees must be paid by the 5th of May 2018

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South Gippsland Miners Baseball Club

are looking for new Players.

Boys, Girls, Men & Women of all ages and ability’s.

U13’s, U16’s, C Grade & A Grade.

Come along and have a go!!

For further details check out our Facebook page

South Gippsland Miners Baseball Club

Senior season starts April 8
Junior Season starts April 21
Training Wednesday’s from 4pm

East Campus, Imperials Cricket Ground,
Narrewa Rd, Leongatha behind Federation Training
Contact - Tim Katz - 0409 978 465 or Maxine Prosser - 0407 686 011
Website - Southgippslandminers.com.au