Term 1 Week 6

From the Principal

Penrith District Swimming Success
Our school team performed exceptionally well at last week’s district carnival. Every team member tried their best and represented our school with great pride. Well done girls and boys! Special congratulations to following students Declan C, Caitlyn C, Cari E, Charliise G, Maya B, Hayden D, Riley D, Nathan G, Kalan C and Kaytlin U on qualifying to represent Penrith District at the Sydney West Carnival on Monday 16 March at Homebush. We wish these students all the very best at the Sydney West Carnival. Thank you to Mrs Manuel for managing our team.

Parent/Carer Information Meetings
Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the recent class information evening. It was great to see so many visitors to our school. We hope that you found the evening informative and useful in understanding how your child’s classroom will operate this year.

Kindergarten Welcome BBQ
Last Thursday our school hosted a BBQ to welcome our Kindergarten students and their families to our school. It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance and to have the opportunity to welcome them to our school. Thank you to Mrs Germaine Quinn and Mrs Doris Barbaro for organising this event and to Mr Sam Barbaro for doing such a wonderful job on the BBQ.

School Fun-Run / Cross Country
Leonay Public School will be holding an Adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The fun run will be in conjunction with our annual school cross country for primary students and school fun run for infants. The event will be held on Wednesday 18 March within the school grounds for Infants and Leonay Oval for Primary students. The School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is participation. All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase valuable teaching and learning resources. We look forward to your support for this event. Thank you to Mrs Wallace for coordinating this fundraiser.

Late Arrivals
In recent weeks we have seen a number of students arriving late to school. It is important for parents to make sure their child is at school prior to the 9am start time. Children that are late to school miss an important part of the day when instructions are being given. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. Late arrivals are required to report to the office to complete an explanation slip.

Parent & Carer/Teacher Interviews
This week a note will be distributed to your child about parent/ teacher interviews. On the bottom of the note there is a reply slip for you to indicate your preferred times. Please ensure you return the slip to your child’s teacher by Monday 16 March. A copy of the note can be downloaded from the school’s website.

Voluntary School Contributions
Each year public primary and secondary schools across NSW request financial contributions from their community to enhance the school’s educational programs. This request occurs because there are no actual fees to attend public schools. These voluntary contributions help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of our students. Our voluntary contribution for this year is $45 per child. Payments can be made at any stage at our front office.

Final Permission Note and Payment Dates Due

MARCH
Wed 25
Adidas School Fun-Run

APRIL
Wed 1
$50 deposit - Canberra
Thurs 2
ICAS entry fees Yrs 3-6

JUNE
Wed 10
Balance of $250 - Canberra

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME
Late Student Pickups
On odd occasions we realise that parent/carers can get caught in traffic and are unable to be at school by 3pm to collect their child. If this is the case, please contact the school to let us know before 3pm and we will have your child wait in the office for the short period of time until you arrive. Upon arrival you are expected to report to the school office to collect your child. For a longer delay, you will need to make an alternative arrangement.

P & C AGM Meeting
The next P & C meeting will be the AGM held in the library on Tuesday 17 March, commencing at 7pm. Only current financial members of the P & C as of the last meeting are entitled to nominate and vote at this meeting. Voting will take place to elect the following positions: - President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. For more information on each role, visit the NSW P & C website: - www.pandc.org.au/

Assembly
Next assembly - Friday 13 March, parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

Mr M Gill
Principal

School Banking
Wednesdays

DEBATING 2015

The Leonay Public School Debating Competition has begun for the year! The 4 teams competing this year are:

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Our support crew will be lead by India S and Mia K.

The students have voted on the topics they want to debate and are preparing earnestly for the first round and we are looking forward to another great competition.

Good luck debaters – keep up the effective arguing!

Mrs Fisk
Co-ordinator
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday was Leonay Public School’s Swimming Carnival. It was a great day (and it didn’t rain….thank goodness) with many students getting in and participating and having a go. It was excellent to see all students have a go…whether it was in the 25 metre races (which seemed to be lots of fun) or the more competitive races where many students swam their best. I was so proud of many students on the day and I hope they were proud of themselves too.

A very big thank you you need to go to Ms Payne, Mrs Bearman, Mrs Manuel, Ms Mills and Mrs Eichorn who all were such a great help in making the carnival run smoothly on the day.

A very big thank you to Mrs Clements (who did an awesome job as starter), Mrs Copeland, Mrs Grant, Mrs Williams, Mrs Chambers, Mr Tooth, Mr Reece and Mr Hennessy for all their fantastic help on the day with timekeeping. A special thank you to Shae for all his help with the marshalling. It is greatly appreciated.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

We had 20 students represent us at the District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 4 March, which was held at Penrith Pools. Mrs Manuel told me that all the students were awesome, cheered on one another and gave their very best effort. Well Done!

Leonay Public School for a very small school have a number of students going on to represent our school at the Sydney West Carnival which will be held on Monday 16 March at the Aquatic Centre at Homebush. What a fantastic experience for them all.

Congratulations to:
- Declan – 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, Senior Medley
- Maya – U8 50m Freestyle
- Cari – 50m and 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, Senior Medley
- Caitlyn – 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly
- Hayden, Riley, Nathan, Kalan – Junior Boys Relay
- Cari, Caitlyn, Kaitlin, Charlise – Senior Girls Relay

WOW!! What a fantastic achievement by all those students. Congratulations and we all wish you the very, very best of luck at the Sydney West Carnival. Congratulations!!

The students will be presented with their ribbons from the School Swimming Carnival on Friday 13 March (after the school assembly – week 7). Look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Walker

Some of our junior swimmers representing
Leonay Public School at the District Swimming Carnival – Congratulations!!!!
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All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase: valuable teaching and learning resources such as books, computers and sporting equipment for the school.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. In the Sponsorship Form you will find many other benefits such as the chance to win a family holiday in Disneyland!

Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, please reiterate this at home. The best people to ask for sponsorship are people you know (e.g. friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours).

A new way to help your child reach their sponsorship goals is through online fundraising. Students raise an average of $103.38 using online fundraising, which really benefits all involved! To utilize this new feature, log on to schoolfunrun.com.au/students today!

Once fundraising is complete please help your child fill out Step 5 – How to Claim Prizes, on the back page of the Sponsorship Form. Then tear it off and return it with all money raised to the front office on or before Wednesday 25 March 2015, student prizes will arrive shortly after.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

SUPER SPORTS STARS!!!

Our Super Sports Stars over the past few weeks have been awesome showing encouragement of team members, participating and having a go as well as working extremely well as part of a team. Congratulations to these people:

**Week 1:**
3/4M – Cooper and Imelda
3/4W – Matthew and Elsa
4/5/6P – Jai and Ruby
5/6B – Tane and Alexander

**Week 2:**
3/4M – Max and Olivia
3/4W – Jake and Mason
4/5/6P – Bailey and Max
5/6B – Jett and Kaytlin

**Week 4:**
3/4M – Chloe and Lana
3/4W – Cooper and Gabby
4/5/6P – Ty and Olivia
5/6B – Ty and Chloe

A big congratulations to these students on their fantastic efforts during the last few weeks of sport.

Mrs Walker

P&C NEWS

Mothers’ Day Stall
The Mothers’ Day Stall will be held early Term 2. At this time we are asking for donations of gifts. We are in particular need of candles, bath salts/bombs, tea towels, mugs and wrapped chocolates that can be easily separated and bagged.

Fundraising Committee Meeting – Friday 13 March
To discuss fundraising ideas for 2015 we are holding a meeting. Everyone is welcome. Please join us in the canteen on Friday 13 March at 2pm or email us: pandcleonay@gmail.com with your ideas.

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 17 March
Committee elections will take place followed by our regular monthly meeting. New blood in the P&C is needed for the future of the P&C so have a think about nominating yourself or someone else. For more information call Germaine 0431 953 217.

WANTED! Raffle and Trivia Night Prizes
After last year’s successful fundraising effort we hope to again host a trivia night and hold raffles for Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day. If you are able to donate a voucher or prize from your local business we would love to hear from you.

Second Hand Uniforms
Uniform rack is available for you to look through every Friday morning. Clean, used uniforms can be handed into the office at any time. A gold coin donation is appreciated for items. If you cannot get to school on Friday morning give Cheryl a call on 0428 038 449.

Easter Raffle

We are asking each family to donate a chocolate egg, bunny etc for the annual Easter Raffle. These can be left in the box in Miss Payne’s office.

The raffle tickets will be sold before school by the house captains during weeks 7 to 10 of this term. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 1 April.

All money received through the raffle will go towards the Year 6 fundraising.

Your help in supporting this cause is greatly appreciated.
LEONAY P.S. ‘EGGS-CELLENT’ EASTER
‘EGGS-TRAVAGANZA’

We will be celebrating Easter at school this year on
WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015

Years K–4
All the children in K, 1, 2, 3 and 4 are asked to make an Easter Hat at home
to bring to school to wear in an Easter Hat Parade for the whole school
and parents to watch beginning at 9:15am.

The themes for each year are:
Kindergarten - Traditional Easter Bonnets
Year 1 - Egg Hats
Year 2 - Rabbit Hats
Year 3 - Nature Hats
Year 4 - Out-Of-This-World Hats

Years 5 and 6
The children in Year 3 are asked to come with ‘Crazy Hair’ for the Easter
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PO BOX 658
KINGSWOOD NSW 2747
penritheisteddfod.com.au
closing 5th May 2015
**CREATIVE WRITING SECTIONS**

**CONVENER:** Dorothy Charnley

Entries to:

Creative Writing Convener  
P O BOX 658  
KINGSWOOD NSW 2747  
0413 877 318

The purpose of the Creative Writing sections is to encourage original poetry, prose and play writing. Prose may be fiction or nonfiction and no longer than 2,000 words. Poetry may take any form. Plays must be performed in ten minutes. Submissions from previous years will not be accepted.

Work should be submitted on A4 paper, neatly handwritten or typed and double spaced.

Spell check may be used and young entrants may receive assistance with spelling and setting out.

Entrants are not required to perform their work by reading aloud.

Submissions will be returned at the presentation, **with a short report on each.**

A large, self-addressed stamped envelope is needed for return by snail mail.

Entrants’ names and details should be recorded on the entry form, **but should not appear anywhere on the written work.**

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**PRESENTATION:** Prizes will be awarded on 23 August 2015 at The Henry Sports Club, Warrington, NSW 2747.

This year we hope to provide a short report on each entry.

A program will be posted out two weeks before the event.
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Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School
Open Night
Tuesday
17 March 2015
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

student performances, school tours, open classrooms, displays