



Leumeah Public School

Fortnightly Newsletter

Week 6, Term 4, 2018

Upcoming Events

WEEK 7

TUE 27/11 School Banking

THU 29/11 Night of the Notables

FRI 30/11 Diwali Celebrations

WEEK 8

TUE 4/12 School Banking
P & C Disco
P & C Meeting 7 - 8.30pm

THU 6/12 Parent helper morning tea
10.10am in the library

PAYMENT DUE

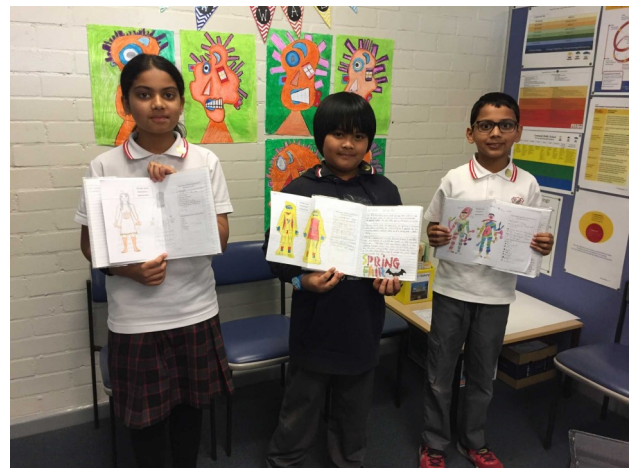
From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to:

Congratulations to:

- Our platinum badge award winners at last week's K-6 Assembly. It was lovely to see so many visitors and parents! We have given out 260 badges in the last two weeks. We will have one more
- assembly before the end of the year for students to receive their green platinum badge for 2018. It is hoped that we will have at least 71% of students receive their badges for being safe, respectful learners who come to school on time by the end of the year.
- Miss Hall and the Stage 3 teachers for a successful Colour Run and Walkathon. Lots of fun was had and money raised for Year 6 Farewell.
- Maleeka, Lazeem and Adrian from 3/4M who did amazing work in creating characters and putting them into an adventure. Well done!



- Stage 3 students who applied for leadership positions in 2019. Congratulations to our 20 finalists who presented their speeches last week. I am excited to see who will be our prefects, vice captains and captains for 2019, at our Stage 3 Presentations Day in week 9. Thank you to Miss Smith for organising and supporting the students as well as their parents and classroom teachers!

- Mr Stephen and 5/6S for their STEM Fun Day. We were fortunate to have Mrs Stephen join to facilitate four sessions of engaging experiments and hands-on activities. Students built their own batteries, tested the conducting and insulating properties of objects and explored a huge range of fun battery operated devices that highlighted energy transformation. Students thoroughly enjoyed their day and got a head start practising the skills required to be successful high school scientists.
- Mrs Bull and the Early Stage 1 team for a fantastic kindergarten orientation. Our new families and student are settled and ready for a great start in 2019!

Staff Leave

- Mrs Evans will be on leave from 26.11.18 – 7.12.18. We welcome Mrs Quevedo as the classroom teacher for 3/4M for this period. Mrs Quevedo is a regular casual to LPS. We welcome her back to LPS and wish Mrs Evans safe travels!
- Mrs Tebbutt will be on leave from 3-14.12.18. Mrs Tebbutt will be replaced by Mrs Seeney who is a permanent teacher at LPS who is currently on maternity leave and returning to LPS in a part time capacity in 2019. Mrs Seeney knows the school and students well and will maintain the teaching and learning program effectively.

Staff Farewells:

- Ms Kat Saville will take up a fulltime teaching position in 2019 at another school. Ms Saville has been our student welfare worker for just over two years. Ms Saville has recently introduced food hampers to the school to support families and has been instrumental in supporting the emotional and social wellbeing of students throughout the school. We thank Ms Saville for her dedication and wish her all the very best in her new role.
- Ms Penny Draper has been a teacher at LPS for ten years and has been successful in obtaining a transfer. I know you will join with me in thanking Ms Draper for her dedication to the students at LPS. Miss Draper shares her expertise with her colleagues and always wants what is best for students. Miss Draper will be missed by the LPS community. We wish her all the best for the future both professionally and personally.

Thank you to:

- Ms Williams who has replaced Mrs Hardiman while she has been on leave. Ms Williams has been a welcome asset to 5/6T as a classroom and her first long term block at LPS.
- Ms Steen who has replaced Mr Torpy while he has been on leave. Ms Steen has undertaken student reports and has been very diligent in her duties whilst teaching 1/2F.

Kind regards

Kerry Wood

School Food Hampers

This term the school is involved in a food hamper program, which gives us access to up to 5 hampers each week for families in need. So far we have distributed these hampers to several families and we would love to give away more.

You can become involved in the program by:

1. Self-referring, just call the school to let us know you would like a hamper, or
2. Refer another family you are aware would benefit.

From the Deputy Principal's desk

Reminder about students not returning or returning late in 2019

We are attempting to finalise numbers for 2019 and classes and need to know which students are not returning next year. We also need to know who is returning, but will be on an extended holiday and will be late to return to school.

If your family is returning late next year, please contact the office and get an extended leave form to fill in.

If your child or family is moving schools in 2019, please let your child's class teacher know in writing, along with the school he or she will be going to or contact the school office.

Informing the school will ease our 2019 transition.

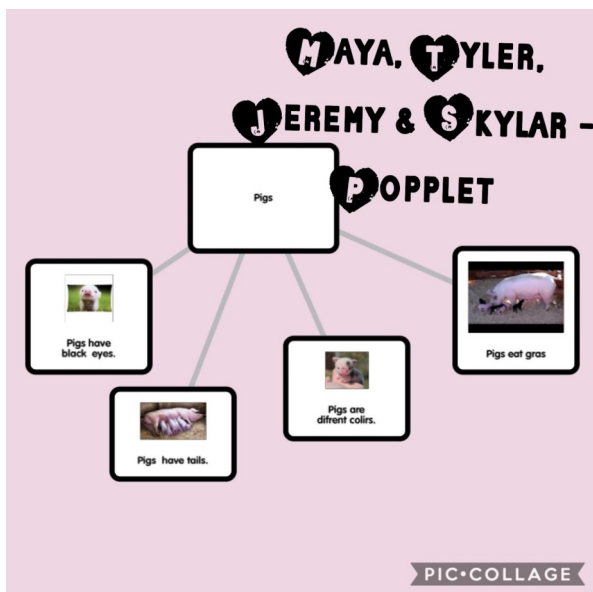
Approaching other students at school

Sometimes parents can become frustrated with the actions of other students at school. It is important though, that parents do not approach other students, at any point. If you are concerned about a school incident, or the actions of others, you must report this to your child's class teacher or the teacher on duty and allow them to deal with the issue. Parents must not ever accost other students.

Schools are safe places, but if students feel like they will be confronted by other parents in the environment, they will not feel that way.

Congratulations to:

- Tyler, Evelyn, Callum, Alex, Travis and Sajani from KA for writing some amazing farm animal facts. Well done KA and Mrs Van Zanden!
- Maya, Jeremy, Skylar and Tyler for creating an amazing Popplet about pigs during guided inquiry. Fantastic work Kindergarten, Mrs Bull, Miss Roach and Mrs Shankar!
- Miss Mahoney and Mrs Van Zanden for organising an amazing Kindergarten excursion to the Fairfield City Farm. I know I had an amazing time learning about farm animals and how farms work. Our kindergarten students demonstrated amazing manners on the day. The highlight was Mrs Van Zanden cracking a whip with the farmer.



Kristy Hill



Diwali Celebration and Festival of Lights Art Walk

On Friday parents/caregivers and students are invited to view student learning about the Diwali – Festival of Lights. Hindus celebrate this festival with lights to symbolize triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance. Students, classes and community will walk around and view the window displays.

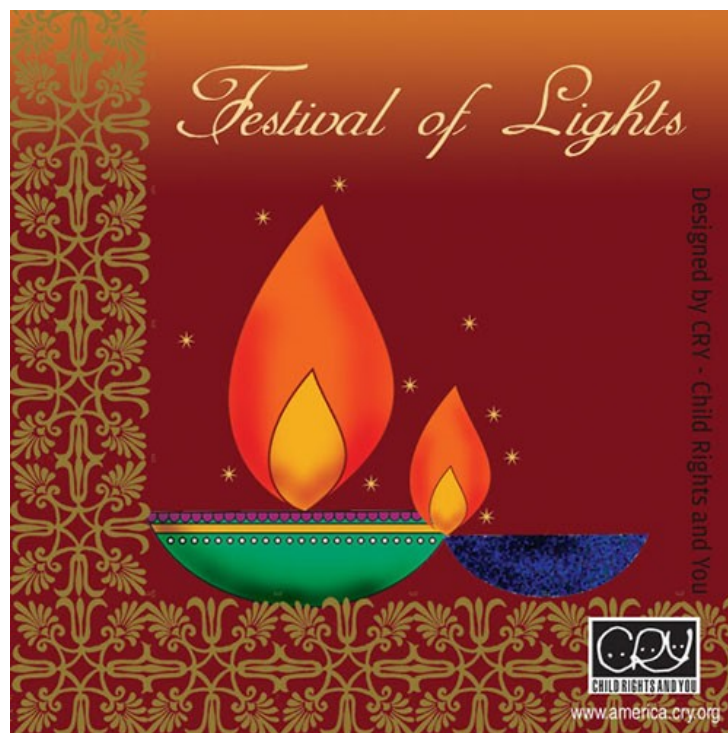
Important Information

Date: 30/11/18

Venue: Classrooms, Infants Quad

Start time: 1:50pm outside student classes.

Collection: Parents/caregivers may collect their child from the classroom and walk around.



3/4P

This term 3/4P have been learning about all different artists and methods for creating a piece of artwork. This week students looked at recycling newspaper and justifying colour selection. Through a guided drawing, they drew a fox, selected a colour that had meaning to them and painted it. They all turned out amazingly. Well done 3/4P.





5/6W - STEM



This term 5/6W have been enjoying taking part in STEM activities.

Last week we completed the **Balloon Car Challenge**. In groups, we had to design and make a car using recycled materials and a balloon.

Our cars had to be propelled forward by air escaping the balloon, they had to be sturdy and not fall apart, they had to travel in a straight line and go further than 1.5 metres.

Three groups were able to successfully attach and inflate their balloons, but unfortunately none of our cars were able to move.

At the end of Friday's session we decided to have a car race. One person from each group pushed their car to see whose car travelled the furthest without falling apart!

Congratulations to Madison and Rihanna who were our race winners!





Rainbow Walkathon

The Rainbow Walkathon was a fantastic school and community event. The students and teachers all had an absolute blast.

A big thank you to Stage 3 students, teachers, LPS Staff and community for their support in making this event a success.

Reminder that the Rainbow Walkathon money is due back to the office this Friday 23/11 3pm. This is to ensure all the prizes for the Walkathon are ordered.

The prizes will open from Monday 26th November. Prizes are to be ordered through the online sponsorship website; schoolfundraising.com.au or through your student's classroom teacher.

The last day student's prizes can be ordered is Wednesday 28th November. Make sure your child doesn't miss out on a prize for their hard work!

Miss Courtney Hall
Rainbow Walkathon Coordinator





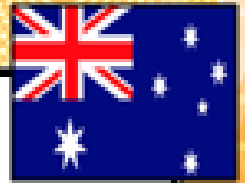


Our *Deadly* Stars

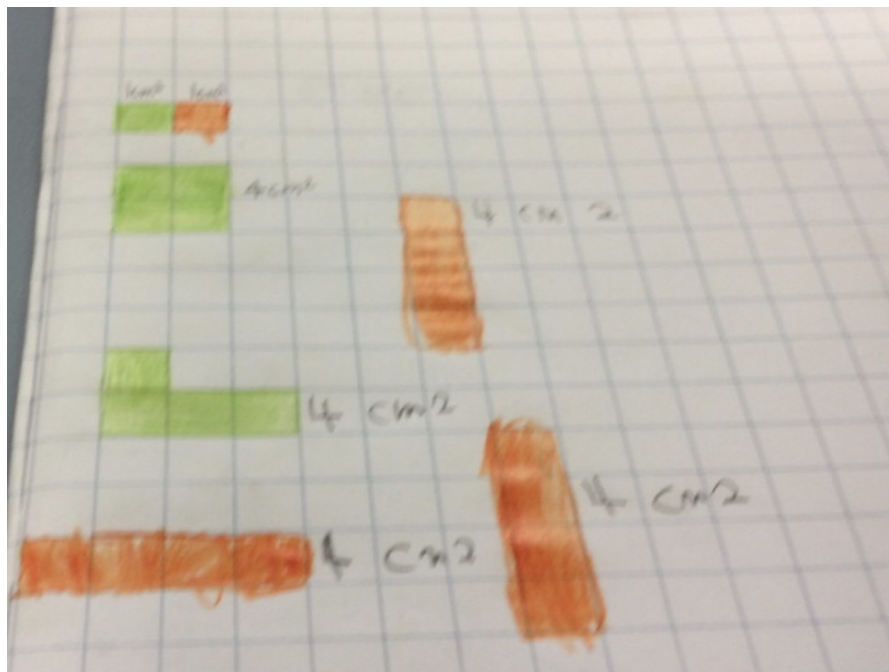
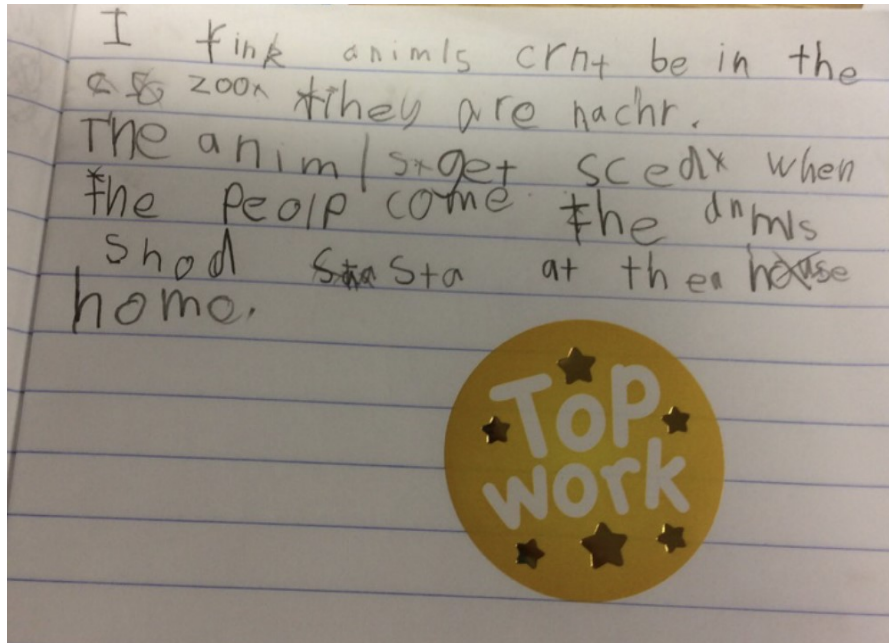
Heartbeat: Get the Rhythm Day, 2018

On Thursday, 8 November 2018, Mrs Evans and Mrs Lemeki had the pleasure of accompanying seven Stage 2, Aboriginal students on an excursion to Western Sydney University, Campbelltown. At the yearly Heartbeat: Get the Rhythm Day, students participated eagerly in a number of hands on and engaging activities. They enjoyed the exciting facilities at the university including the “hospital room”, lecture theatres and even the gym. Highlights of the day included listening to our heartbeats through a stethoscope, learning about the Healthy Food Pyramid, having our arms ‘set’ in plaster casts and testing our reach, hand grip strength and balance! Whilst learning about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, some students were even inspired to consider a career in the health services.





Our Deadly Stars



Cooper has been doing some awesome work in 1/21. Keep up the great work!

Nabu Aboriginal Family Support Program is providing Solicitor Advice Outreach from our office each Monday fortnight from the 5th November 2018 onwards
Bianca Dufty is an Aboriginal Solicitor from Legal Aid Campbelltown will be available from 10am-12pm – Free consultation

- If you are a carer and want to know your rights
- If you have children in Care – know your rights
- If you are involved with Docs/Facs with your child/ren know your rights
- If you need advice around family law (separation/divorce)
- Know your rights about FACS/DoCS?
- Education Advice – is your child not attending school
- If your child has had a long period of time off school

Call MFYS Receptionist or Kerin Carpenter for an appointment on 4620 4667 or drop in to our office 16 King Street Campbelltown



Returning Kids TV Show Looking for Kids & Their Pets Now!

Northern Pictures are looking for **kids aged 8-12 and their pets** to feature in the second series of an animal focussed, hilariously funny kids' TV series!



We are looking for **every kind of pet** – from bunnies to birds, frogs to ferrets, snakes to snails, horses to hogs – we'd love to meet them and give them their 5 minutes of fame!

Our hosts and camera crew would love to visit **you** – and find out exactly how well behaved (or not!) your pet is! So, don't delay – get in touch!

DATES: The first 3 weeks of the summer school holidays - 7th – 25th January 2019.

LOCATIONS: Your animals' natural habitat – in your backyard, home or property!

NOTES: We're looking for a wide variety of animals – No pet is too great or too small!

HOW TO APPLY:

Send the following details to kids@northernpictures.com.au

Full Name, Address, Contact Number, Email, Child's Name & Age, Pet Species/Breed and Name. The more information you can provide about your pet the better!



RETRO RAINBOW DISCO

Come dressed in bright colours, Daggy outfits.
There are plenty of options.

DATE: 4TH DECEMBER

LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL

K-2 DISCO: 3.45-5.15PM

3-6 DISCO: 5.30-7PM

Tickets are available at the door \$5 each. This includes entry, a drink, light snack.

There will be a small canteen available with yummy cakes to purchase.

Spot prizes for groovy dancing and best dressed.

This event is for school aged children only. If you can volunteer, please contact us via the Facebook page.

We'd love your help setting up, packing down and serving kids their snacks in the break.

Contact: www.facebook.com/lpspandc

lpsfundraising@outlook.com

Cake Stall

Every year the P&C Committee holds a cake stall during the disco, with the help of donations from the school community. If you would like to bake something to contribute to the stall please drop off your treats to the office on the morning of the disco, December 4th. Please clearly label your container with your child's name and class so it can be returned to you.

Not a baker?

The P&C gladly accept store-bought treats! We would also appreciate sealed bags of lollies that can be used to make lolly bags. These can also be dropped off on the morning of the disco. All proceeds from the cake stall will help provide cooling solutions for our school, as we work towards our ultimate goal of air conditioning.



Cheryl Owen Award 2018



Dear Families,

Thank you to the members of our community who took the time to nominate the very deserving people listed below who have provided assistance to our school in 2018.

A voting form has gone home on 22 November 2018. Voting closes at 3pm on Wednesday, 5 November 2018.

The nominees that have assisted our school in 2018 are:

- **Melanie Bettle:** Fundraising, assistance at Mother's and Father's day stalls and second hand uniform shop
- **Nahida Chowdhury:** Classroom helper
- **Rachel Dutton:** Hours of behind the scenes P&C business, organisation of P&C events including Movie Night and Mother's and Father's day stalls, classroom helper, Volunteer at K-2 Tabloid Sports Day, all round volunteer for the school wherever needed
- **Jodie Gilford:** Classroom helper, sport carnivals, PSSA and Spring fair
- **Michelle Lemeki:** Umpire of netball gala days and netball coach
- **Melissa Plummer:** P&C Treasurer, hours of behind the scenes P&C business, treasurer etc
- **Laura White:** Long-time School Banking coordinator
- **Laila Yasmin:** Scripture teacher

Kind regards,

Tracey Oates
Secretary P & C