Dear Parents and Caregivers

Reminders

- School Banking will change to Tuesday from next week.
- The Bollywood dance performance will be on Thursday Week 7, 19 November at 2.00pm.
- Infants Dance Group will perform at Assembly, Week 10, 10 December at 2.00pm.
- Year 4-6 choir will be performing on Presentation Day (Stage 2 & Stage 3).
- Band will also perform on Presentation Day, Tuesday 8 December 2015.

Congratulations to:

- Mrs Shipley, Miss Smith, the kindergarten team, P&C, staff, community and our new kindergarten students and families for a successful kindergarten transition program over the last three weeks! We look forward to a smooth start to ‘big school’ in 2016!

Thank you to:

- Mrs Ramsdale for co-ordinating Swim Scheme and to Mrs McIntosh for supporting the students in the water. Congratulations to all our swimmers for the progress they have made over the last two weeks as they meet their goals of becoming competent swimmers!

Good luck to:

- Gala Day sport teams for week 5!

Kind regards

Kerry Wood
Relieving Principal
From the Deputy Principal’s desk

It is exciting to see examples of personalised learning in our classrooms. Here are some wonderful examples.

1L students Kathleen-Rose and Rayd have been working on adding more description to their writing. I think they have done an amazing job. Well done!

Miss Smith and KC are using the literacy continuum to track their learning progress. Students are working towards achieving their I can statements in their writing. Students know where they are in their learning and where they are heading next. What a great achievement Miss Smith & KC.
Whooping cough alert

Dear Principal,

There has been a large increase in whooping cough notifications in NSW during 2014 and 2015. A large part of this increase has been among school-aged children.

NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools.

I am writing to request that you include the attached text in your next school newsletter or other appropriate communication tool to encourage early diagnosis and treatment of those with the infection, and to help reduce the spread of infection in the community.

This information is also available on the NSW Health website:


You are invited to cut and paste this text into your school’s newsletter or other appropriate communication tool as required.

Please notify your local public health unit on 1300 066 055 if you are aware of new cases of whooping cough in your school. This is a requirement of the NSW Public Health Act 2010.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Vicky Sheppeard

Director Communicable Disease Branch

9 Oct 15.
During History Stage 2 have been investigating the history of their local area, family and Australia. Over the last two weeks we have been investigating the Traditional Owners of the land that Leumeah Public School rests on—the Dhawaral Mob and their traditions and customs. We learnt that pre-colonisation there was over 350 different Aboriginal languages in Australia. We especially loved exploring the artefacts.

As part of our History research task each student has been interviewing their parents, grandparents or great grandparents about what life was like for them as students:

**Zia learnt** that in her Grandma’s childhood each student was given a small bottle of milk from the milk man to drink at play time.

**Sasha discovered** that her Grandma and Poppy went to all boys and all girls schools and that the teachers wore a suit and wrote on black boards with chalk.

**Matthew learnt** that his mum had two types of school uniforms, a traditional Indonesian one, which was a white top with a red skirt and a Catholic uniform.

**Whilst investigating Palguni learnt** that her parents went to school for eight periods of learning with different teachers for each. However they had different kinds of art every day such as knitting.

**Taha discovered** that his mum’s favourite game was handball and his dad liked to play hockey. School was very strict and that his parents tried really hard.

**Haylee found out** that her Grandma travelled to Australia at 31 as a ten pound pom with her two daughters.

**Ahmad learnt** that his mother were home schooled in high school. His parents travelled to Australia as there was a war happening in their homeland.
Exploring Fantasy in 4H

The past two weeks 4H has been exploring what the concept of fantasy is in images, movie clips and stories. We looked at different images and discussed if they were fantasy or reality. We investigated the book Bamboozled by David Legge. We have been discussing why authors and illustrators would use fantasy in their books and why it makes books so interesting. Fantasy involves attracting the readers imagination with colour, action pictures, posing problems and being creative.

We recommend that you read Bamboozled and let your imagination run free.

*By Zia, Sasha, Palguni and Ruveena*
Over the last two weeks, our new Kindergarten children for 2016 have attended their orientation sessions on Monday 19th and 26th of October. Children were invited into the classrooms to meet each other, our teachers and get better acquainted with Leumeah Public School.

While parents were in the hall finding out all about our school, children had the opportunity to play, listen to stories, make craft, sing songs and lots of other fun activities.

Special thank you to the amazing P&C for their support in both orientation sessions and the Smart Start BBQ.

Leumeah Public School is looking forward to seeing their happy faces in the 2016 school year!

Kindergarten Teachers
Mrs Shipley, Mrs Maytom, Mrs Boutkaska, Mrs Balde, Miss Purches and Miss Smith.
Swimming Scheme

During weeks 3 and 4, 120 students from years 2 to 6 attended swim scheme at Bradbury Aquatic Centre. The School Swimming and Water Safety Program provides essential water safety messages and skills that are particularly important as the weather warms up and we approach the summer holidays. Our students thoroughly enjoyed Swim Scheme and improved on their swimming skills. They showed maturity and independence in organising themselves and looking after their belongings. Our students proved themselves to be safe, respectful learners and a credit to our school. Thank you to parents and care-givers for supporting this valuable program.

Mrs Ramsdale & Mrs McIntosh
The Little Duck
by Charlotte Carney 3J

The little duck went to school one day,
Duck Public School next to a bay
Little duck yelled “quack, quack, quack”
And her friend said “Quack, quack” straight back
They flew near the ground
Little duck and her friends flew all around
They flew in a circle and did a backflip
Then little duck found a whip
She took the whip, flew very high
Above the school, right up to the sky
She pulled out her whip from her backpack
And hit the cloud with a mighty crack
Down below in school, the teacher did cry
Hurry up ducks and get your apple pie
As the ducks held up their pie the clouds began to squirt
Streams of whipped cream the complete their dessert.

Write, No Fun
by Luke Cox 6B

I wonder what to write today
Should I write now or go to play?
My brain is thinking tremendously hard
My eyes gaze at the backyard
Should I write in pencil or pen?
Should the characters be Olaf or Sven?
Mother begins to yell and shout.
The clock shows time is running out
Outside my brother is kicking a ball
Should my story be set in Brazil or Ecuador?
Should the poem be based on misery?
Writing a text is like solving a mystery.
Whether the text will be bad or bright,
So I begin to write, it’s now night.
My poem is done, no time for fun.
Cheryl Owen Award

Nominations have close for the Cheryl Owen Award.

The six selected nominees by Leumeah Public School Community are as follows:

- Mark Goodlet
- Laura White
- Jennifer Shaddock
- Michelle Olson
- Melissa Plummer
- Priest Vankataramanan

These six nominees have made a great contribution to our school throughout the year. The recognition of being nominated is well deserved. Their time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Please continue to show your appreciation by casting a vote over the coming 7 days. Everyone is eligible to vote for one of the chosen nominees.

Voting closes at the end of school on Monday the 9th of November.

A silver box will be on reception desk at the front office throughout the voting period.

Please consider voting kids, parents and teachers. They deserve our support.

Thanking you in advance
Donna De Martin
P&C President.

Leumeah Public School would like to extend a massive thankyou to Mark from Narellan Sand and Soil for a very generous donation of over 2 Tons of extra special organic garden mix delivered for students to grow fresh produce in. Without this amazing donation our garden would not have been possible! The staff, students and community of LPS are so grateful for the generosity of local small businesses.
### SILVER AWARD

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Megana Kokkarne
Reva Dubey

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Paige Gourlie
Ryleigh Briggs
Meghann Peeters

4/5/6K
Shazaib Cheema

5A
Isabella Pasovska
A J Adami
Emily McQuillan
Tanisha Singh

5T
Sarah Swadling
Lani De Martin

6R
Vashna Sen
Ryan Howard
Sarah Peck

6W
Annabelle Peeters
Amadee Thotawatta
Tulei Sakai

PARENTS OF YEARS 3 & 4

Please be aware that due to camp, Stage 2 awards will be presented at Week 10 Assembly, 5 December, 2015.

Also PSSA Gala Day, Friday 6 November the venue for Tiger Tag has changed to Eschol Park.
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