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Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It has been a very smooth start to the term and, after three weeks, I am feeling a bit more knowledgeable about the school and community.

Leinster Community School is at the heart of our community and attracts strong support from families and associated industry and organisations. Our school aims to communicate clearly and consistently with its broad range of stakeholders.

To this end we have shut down our existing website as it did not integrate well with current technology. A new site is currently being developed and we hope it will be operational towards the end of week 5. Also, as Skoolbag has moved its operations offshore and we can no longer guarantee secure data storage we will discontinue using this application. It will, in time, be replaced by a WA Education Department endorsed message system.

I look forward to communication at Leinster Community School being used to inform current and prospective staff, parents and families of our commitment to the successful development of our students, to provide a secure and positive environment for all and address issues in a proactive manner.

To assist the community to know a little more about our staff I will include some staff profiles in each newsletter.

Student Numbers for 2020

In order to plan effectively for next year, we require information about student enrolment numbers for 2020. Please advise the school, by 23 August, if your child(ren) will not be returning in 2020.

Student enrolments for 2020*

If your child is four years old by 30 June 2020 you can apply to enrol them in Kindergarten for 2020.

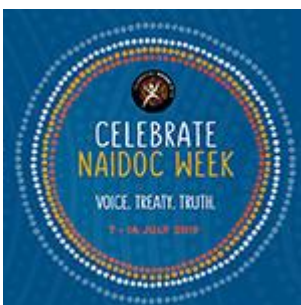
Pop on in to the school or phone 9037 9086 for an enrolment pack.

Would you like a school tour? Contact us today, we would love to make this happen.

Have a great day!

*Please note: We welcome new enrolments for all terms throughout the year.

NAIDOC Assembly: Due to NAIDOC Week falling in the school holidays we conducted a short assembly on Thursday to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Each Class presented a activities they have class to recognise the



sample of the undertaken in week.

Managing Student Behaviour

Leinster Community School has a policy for student behaviour, and we expect all children here to comply with our rules. While the main emphasis of our behaviour policy is to positively reinforce correct behaviour and attitudes, occasionally, sanctions such as detention, in school suspension or out of school suspension are used. Recently the Minister for Education released a statement, *Let's Take a Stand Together*, on school violence which has a number of actions which schools need to implement. There are a number of actions which directly affect our Behaviour Policy

- Principals to suspend students who attack other students or start fights
- Principals to automatically move to exclude any students who physically attack school staff, and
- The introduction of "good standing"

We are currently revising our policy in this area and when completed will seek endorsement from the Board before communicating the policy more widely to our school community.

How do I raise a resilient child?

- Don't accommodate every need
- Avoid eliminating all risk
- Teach them to problem-solve
- Teach your child concrete skills
- Avoid "why" questions
- Don't provide all the answers
- Avoid talking in cataclysmic terms
- Let your child/ren make mistakes

Year 4/5/6 Camp

Recently the Year 4,5,6 class went to Ern Halliday Recreation Camp for 3 nights, 4 days. Students visited Parliament House and participated in many activities including team building, caving, flying fox and archery.

When I went to camp I felt nervous on the zip line because it was so high up but I had so much fun.

~Zaimon

I have done caving. I would normally do something else but I did all the three stages. It was scary at first but when I did it some more, I wanted to do more. I have overcome my fears of dark and small spaces.

~Sophia

I have done new things like caving and it was very small, dark and exciting. I have also been on a flying fox that was 5 or more metres off the ground so I was terrified. But when I went, I felt much better.

~Aleysha

Camp looks like a place where you get the best dessert ever.

~Sea

Camp felt scary, fun, happy, nerve-racking, exciting and normal all at the same time. It also felt like I was included in the games.

~Sway

Camp sounds like giggling and whispering when it was time for bed.

~Grace

In the morning I could hear the crows and birds, and the music Mrs Fawcett was playing.

~Elle

Staff Profiles

Name: Rachel Fawcett

Role: Year 4,5,6 Primary Teacher

Where were you prior to Leinster: Binnigup

Two people you'd like to invite to dinner: Jamie Oliver, Richard Branson

Favourite fruit: Strawberries

Pet peeve: When people don't use their manners.

Best movie ever: Dangerous Minds

If you could do one thing to change something happening in the world, what would you do to change it? World hunger. Get everyone to donate /tax \$1. Lead by example.

What might (someone) be surprised to know about you? I used to navigate jet boats

Name: Gary Stenhouse

Role: Principal

Where were you prior to Leinster: Perth

Two people you'd like to invite to dinner: Barack Obama and Cadel Evans

Favourite fruit: Apple

Pet peeve: Bad manners

Best movie ever: The Princess Bride or Life of Brian

If you could do one thing to change something happening in the world, what would you do to change it?

The lack of empathy within our society. Encourage people to challenge their biases and assumptions and practice experiential empathy – “walk a mile in another person’s shoes”

What might (someone) be surprised to know about you? I love riding my bicycle

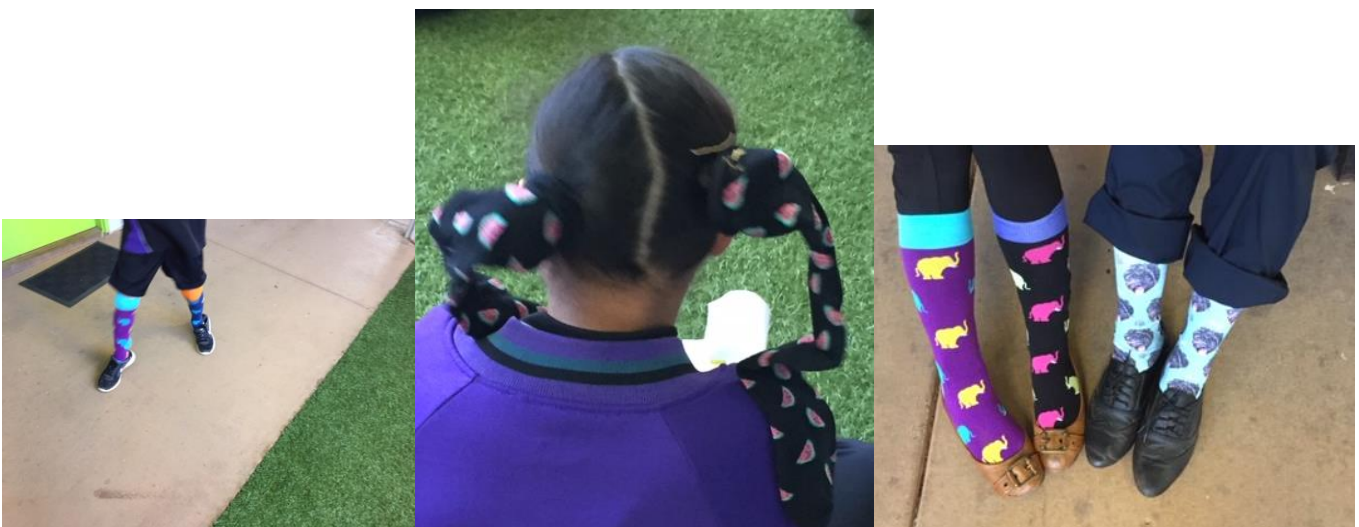
P&C Meeting

The aim of the P&C is to promote community engagement between parents and the school through opportunities to participate in a variety of activities and events. The P&C also provides financial assistance to the school through contributions to a variety of projects Meetings are held regularly (at least once per term).

LCS is in need of office bearers. Please consider nominating for a position!!! The next meeting is tentatively planned for September 11.

The more people involved in our P&C the more exciting and successful it will be. Great results can be achieved for your children and our school – when we work together.

Silly Socks



There were a great many silly socks on display and as a result just over \$90 was raised for sick kids through the Ronald McDonald House charity. A great effort from LCS!

Coming Events

- 14 August **Assembly** - hosted by the 4,5,6 class
Please bring 50c to purchase baked goods from the Home Ec room all proceeds going to Royal Flying Doctors
- 19 August **Cricket Workshop**
Chris to run workshops with the classes
- 19-23 August **Book Fair**
Open to community each morning (8.00 – 8.30am) and from 3-4pm, Wednesday 21 August – Thursday 22 August
Dino theme
- 21 August **Book Week Parade**
9am followed by classroom rotations
- 5 September
6 September **Athletics Carnival** - Jumps and throws on the school oval
running races and team events on the town oval
- 11 September Assembly – hosted by the kindergarten class