From the Principal ….

Everything is in place for a successful athletics carnival to be held on Wednesday, 7th May. Even the weather forecast is looking positive for a sunny but cool day. We do hope that you and other family members and/or friends can come along sometime on Wednesday to either help run events or just to encourage and cheer-on the children. A note explaining the outline for the carnival was sent home to all families last week and sport house team meetings were held with the children and staff house patrons on Friday 2.5.14. We hope to see you on Wednesday!

It certainly is a busy week or so in our sport program. Congratulations to the boys and girls softball teams who competed in Griffith last Thursday in round 4 of the PSSA knockout competition. The girls are now off to play in round 5 sometime this term. Thanks Mrs Cassidy for all you have, and will do, to ensure the children can enjoy their softball!!! We are looking forward to some gala days for Years 5 and 6 students as well as selections for Riverina rugby and girls softball. Have fun boys and girls! Can you help???

If you have any second hand uniform items can you please send them along to school? You can donate them to the uniform shop or, the uniform shop can sell them on your behalf. There are good stocks of all warm winter uniform items so come on in and support the school’s uniform policy and your P&C uniform shop.

Our Years 5 and 6 students and staff members will be away from school this Friday (9.5.14) due to the touch football gala day and Riverina girl’s softball selections. Despite their absence we shall still hold our school assembly at 10:30 a.m. on Friday followed by our Mother’s day picnic lunch.

This term we welcome Mrs Mel Beer to our school as she completes a 4-week student teacher placement in her teaching training studies. Mel is working alongside Mrs Cassidy and 5C and is making some valuable contributions to the learning and well-being of students. Also this week we welcomed 4 new students to our school so it has been a busy start to the term. And we will get even busier with many lunchtime activities planned and lots of in-class programs including gardening, cooking, model-making, sewing, choir, singing group, Aboriginal art, guitar, crochet and even belly dancing (456S are having a go this term)!!!! What fun for the children and staff. If you, or someone you know, would like to assist with any of these activities please give us a call and have a chat. We’d love to see families and community members involved. Maybe you have an idea for an activity you could do with the children? Please let us know.

If any child is interested in doing Zumba during school hours with a qualified instructor for $5 per child, please let the office know and, if we get enough interest, I will organise this.

Don’t forget to buy your raffle tickets in the beautiful quilt (and it is!!) and bundle of children’s books to help raise funds for our whole school reading program. The raffle will be drawn during Education Week early next term.

Finally I would like to remind all families about an important road safety issue that has been raised by our bus drivers, staff members and the road safety officer. CHILDREN ARE TO USE THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO CROSS TO THE PARK IN THE MORNINGS AND THE AFTERNOONS. PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE NARRANDERA PARK SIDE AND CALL CHILDREN TO WALK THROUGH THE BUS ZONE TO YOU. ALSO PLEASE DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE BUS ZONE YOURSELF. THIS ROAD BEHAVIOUR HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR A SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO HAPPEN. The police, school staff members and bus drivers will be monitoring this area so that everyone can be encouraged to be extra safe in this busy zone. We thank you for cooperation on this matter. Have a most enjoyable week everyone.

Susan Ruffles

Calendar of Events

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**P&C news**

Your P&C met on Monday, 5th May at 6:30pm in the school library. The meeting was well-attended but the association is still in need of a treasurer. If you, or someone you know, are interested in finding out more about this position please contact Brooke Absolom at the school’s office.

Some things that were discussed:

- This year’s Easter raffle raised about $1400. Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle.
- The P&C has paid the Library subscription for 2014. This $2000 allows the library to purchase all books for the year and is a tremendous support for our children’s learning and reading enjoyment.
- The uniform shop has been very busy. It has good stocks of uniform items. Size 14 girl’s pants have been ordered and are expected at school in about 4 weeks.
- Students have requested some new foods for the canteen menu. Mel Beer will speak to the canteen about these.
- The P&C will be investigating other uniform suppliers this year to see if better ‘deals’ can be found.
- In the Principal’s report these things were mentioned: the athletics carnival and it’s organisation on Wednesday 7th May; the school welcomes Matthew Bolton to the relieving position of General assistant (GA) from the beginning of Term 2; all families will receive a class note within the next week explaining what’s happening in each class during Term 2 and leading into Term 3; our school will participate in the Dixon Park pre-school Kindergarten school tours on Tuesday, 13th May; and the school is investigating community supports for our vegetable garden and the P&C indicated they might be able to purchase a raised garden bed for the area.

**MOTHER’S DAY PICNIC LUNCH**
On Friday, 9th May our school will host a Mother’s Day picnic lunch. The P&C will be selling tea/coffee and scones (jam and cream) for $4. These will be sold near the BBQ area. If you can assist with this please contact Brooke Absolom at the school’s front office.

10:30 a.m. School assembly in the hall.
11:15 a.m. Picnic lunch – BYO lunch and drinks but don’t forget the yummy scones!
12 o’clock. Children and staff return to classes.

The school is also raffling a beautiful patchwork quilt (2nd prize is a bundle of children’s books). Tickets will also be sold during lunchtime on Friday.

We do hope to see you at school on Friday.

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**KIDS CLUB**
Friday, May 9
4.30pm to 6.00pm
Cost $2
Kindergarten to Year 6
(Please sign children in and out)

**LEETON SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC**
The School Dental Clinic is available for all children aged from 0 – 18 years of age. We encourage all parents to make an appointment for your child to have a full dental check. Treatment at our clinic is FREE to all children who have a Medicare card. To make an appointment please telephone our call centre on 1800 450 046.

We hope to see you soon!!!

Sue & Cleo.
MOTHER’S DAY SHARED PICNIC LUNCH
on Friday, May 9, 2014, at 11.15am.
Come and join your children for lunch after the school assembly which starts at 10.30am. Kindergarten and 4D will be entertaining everyone with some special mother’s day items. Hope to see you there.

TRANSITION
The Transition to Kindergarten program will commence in Term 3. This year the program will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12.30pm until 2.30pm during Term 3 and 3 days during Term 4. Once again a bus will be available to pick children up from their homes or childcare centres.
If you would like more information about this program please contact the school.

5C News
We welcome another new student to our class this term. Siara Moore has joined us from Taree. We hope she enjoys our great school and gets involved in all of the wonderful activities on offer.
Ask your children about the new behaviour chart in our room. There are already people striving to get to the top of the chart to receive a reward and a positive phone call home.
Merit winners last week were Noah Birch, Hannah Barnes, Mackenzie Winnell and Clayton James. Many students are forgetting to bring in a piece of fruit for our fruit break each day so please send in some fruit with your child.
This weeks’ time tables are 5’s and our maths topics are patterns and algebra, and mass.
Don’t forget our Library day is Tuesday.
Another reminder, don’t forget that there is a touch rugby day for all of 5/6 on Friday. All students are expected to attend. Please return your note and money to the office ASAP.
Next week is our NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5. Please make sure your child is at school unless they are sick.
Thank you. Kerryn Cassidy. Year 5 teacher.
Softball News

Last Thursday 23 boys and girls travelled to Griffith to play in the PSSA softball knockout against Griffith East. The boys played in the fourth round and unfortunately were beaten by 1 run. It was a great game where the scores were even after the 2nd and 3rd innings and only 1 run difference after 4 innings. We then ran out of time, the end score being 15-14 the skills from both teams during the day were to be commended. Well done boys.

The girls’ game followed, this was the 3rd round of the knockout. It was also a very close game. The girls showed great team work and played above their ability. They were rewarded with a win, 19-14. We will now play either Tocumwal or Lavington some time towards the end of the term. Thankyou to Cindy Christian for doing a great job umpiring both games and for helping with transport. Also a big thank you to Rob Bolton, Anita Lyons, Tash Hanlon and Melissa Johnson for helping with the transport. It was much appreciated by all of us.

Kerryn Cassidy - Softball coach.

2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

I give permission for my child ___________________________ of _____________________________
Child’s Name Class

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

___ Science – 4 June, 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
___ Writing – 16 June – 20 June, 2014 ($18.70 GST inclusive)
___ Spelling – 17 June, 2014 ($12.10 GST inclusive)
___ English – 29 July, 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
___ Mathematics – 12 August, 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
___ All of the above ($57.20 GST inclusive)

Please find enclosed ___________________________ entry fee.
Amount

Name of parent/caregiver: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Signature of parent/caregiver: ___________________________