



Respect



Responsibility

BULLETIN

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Doing Your Best



Care and Compassion

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Supervision Times:	8:15 Morning Bus Duty	8:30-Morning Yard Duty	-4:00 Afternoon Bus Duty

NOTES OUTSTANDING

Please be aware that the following notes and other administrative tasks are outstanding for many families. Having to revisit these issues uses up valuable administration time and we would greatly appreciate your help in returning them:

- Parent Opinion Survey (15 out of 59) – 59 randomly selected families were notified several weeks ago about completing this survey but at this stage only 15 out of the 59 notified families have done so. This information is being sent home again in case some people have misplaced their login information. Unfortunately due to this survey being anonymous we are unable to check who has or hasn't completed the survey (If you have already done the survey 'thank you' and no you don't have to do it again). If you require any further assistance completing this survey please contact the school. Survey must be completed by 9th September.
- Unexplained absences (4 out of 32) - Three weeks ago we sent home 32 unexplained absence forms but only 1 has been returned. This is a legal requirement that the school has to follow up on so please return the forms asap. If you can't remember why your child was absent on that day you can reply either 'ill' or 'parent choice'.
- Immunisation Records and Birth Certificates (1 out of 9) - Also three weeks ago, 9 families were notified about outstanding Immunisation and Birth Certificate information, again only 1 has been returned. This information is expected to be shared with the school before enrolment and legally a child cannot be enrolled at a school unless this information is on our records.

CALENDAR

This week 5/9– 12/9

10th & 11th Sep – Dental Van

11th Sep – Base costumes due to school

11th Sep – Basketball @ Foster (selected students)

Upcoming

20th Sep – School concert

21st Sep – Last day term 3

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The newsletter is compiled on Monday afternoons. All items need to be submitted by 1:50pm to be included.

REMINDERS

- **Sun Smart – 'Hats On Policy' from 1st September until 1st May.**
- **All children should have a change of clothing (including underwear) in their bags. Whilst we are able to provide a pair of short/track pants, windcheaters etc, we do not have underwear.**

PERFORMANCE COSTUMES

Students will need to bring these items to school in a named bag by **Tuesday 11th September**.

Prep, 1 & 2	Black Tshirt and Black shorts or leggings
Grade 3	White Tshirt and Black shorts or leggings
Grade 4/5	Black Tshirt and Black shorts or leggings
Grade 6	Current school uniform and costume (details to follow)

We are looking for some items to use in the concert. If anyone has an old bike helmet that doesn't need to be returned (3 needed) please bring it in to the school office.

Dress up as a 'Farmer' day

We raised \$302.50!!

Well done everyone.

The money has been donated to Drought Angels who support Aussie Farmers.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"It's not Happiness that brings us Gratitude. It's Gratitude that brings us Happiness!" This quote refers to lasting happiness rather than the short lived kind we often get distracted by. Lasting happiness is the kind that brings us better health, particularly mental health, an issue the World Health Organisation has stated is the single biggest issue facing the western world.

Such is the nature of our world today that we often focus on the negative. News stations are far more likely to describe a car accident rather than an amazing piece of driving. Social media blasts us with what is wrong with our country rather than what is right. Is it any wonder that the art of gratitude has taken a back seat in our lives? At our Monday assembly this week we took some time to highlight the importance of gratitude. Each week the students share what they are thankful for but as we pointed out, how often are they practicing this with actions in their everyday lives?



When I was a kid, Mum and Dad used to just call it manners. *"Remember your Please and Thank You?"* They would say every time they dropped me off or when I returned from someone else's house. What I now know is that they were actually teaching me gratitude. I loved going to friend's houses, I appreciated what was different and I loved returning to what I had in my own home. Learning appreciation from a young age truly brought me happiness as well the tools to sustain happiness throughout my life. Clearing the table after dinner and bringing in the groceries and washing, all these sorts of things teach a child gratitude. At school we are encouraging students to make gratitude a habit. To ask themselves, *Who provided me with this opportunity? Who paid for this to happen? Who is playing in a way that makes this even more enjoyable?* And to follow through with actions like setting up, cleaning up and offering help.

Right now at school, we have many people working and volunteering behind the scenes to make our school a better place. Events like School Camps and Excursions, Breakfast Club and the School Concerts don't just happen. They take time and effort and above all else they take head space. On behalf of the school I say thank you to all those people who are working to make our little space a better place. Now it's time to pass the gratitude on to our students. Before and after these events remind your child to take a moment to say thank you. It is only a simple gesture but one that will bring your child lasting happiness. 😊

Gene VanderZalm, Acting Principal

'TRUCKIN FEED A FARMER

If you would like to make a donation to farming families in drought, a donation tub has been placed in the foyer of the office. The volunteer group 'Doing it for our Farmers' are looking for donations of toiletries, non-perishable foods (no glass), general house hold necessities, domestic pet food or money. At the end of September, the donation tub will be collected and 'trucked' to farmers in drought. See attached flyer for further details.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- ☺ **Penny C** for demonstrating commitment to her learning in every way.
- ☺ **Cooper W** for his conscientious effort when working on his non-fiction book about horses.
- ☺ **Xavier S** for making an improved effort to consider other people in the room.
- ☺ **Brody S** for being a fantastic example of an engaged, self-motivated and independent learner during Inquiry lessons.
- ☺ **Peter C** for the effort he demonstrated on his multiplication pre-test.
- ☺ **Sophie K** for displaying true leadership and teamwork on our ride to Woorayl Lodge.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- ☺ **Evelyn W** for always playing by the rules and not joking about others.
- ☺ **Angus C** for always playing by the rules and his ability to ignore distractions.

YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Amelia P** for cleaning up rubbish.

HOUSE POINTS

Last week's winner: Waratah

Overall Winner: Bluegum

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications.
They are not considered school activities

Leongatha Gymnastics School Holiday Program:

These coming school holidays we will be running 2 fun filled days of gymnastics.

Dates: September – Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th from 9am-3pm.

Cost: \$40 per day. BYO lunch, morning tea provided

For more information and a booking form, please contact us 0400 273 658 or leongathagymclub@hotmail.com

No experience needed. Places are limited so get in quick.

South Gippsland Tennis Coaching:

September School Holidays Tennis Coaching clinic, held at Fish Creek, Leongatha and Mirboo North. Monday 24th to Friday 28th September for ages 7-18. We run beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. For a full information flyer, please contact Matthew Pocklington - info@southgippslandtenniscoaching.com.au or 0402 736 693

Camp Rumberg Day Camps:

School Holiday Program, 1-5 October 2018. Adventure activities such as:

Abseiling

Archery

Leap of Faith

Flying Fox

Aeroball

Climbing

Canoeing

Challenge Course

Raft Building

All instruction included, suitable for ages 7-14. Arrival from 8.15am, activities between 9-4.15. Pick up 4.15-5pm.

Just \$49 incl. GST per day. To book visit: www.pgladventurecamps.com.au/daycamps Bookings essential.

2018 SCHOOL CONCERT TICKETS THURSDAY 20th September - MEENIYAN TOWN HALL

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Night at the Museum

MATINEE PERFORMANCE – 1.00PM	EVENING PERFORMANCE – 7.00PM
<p>Name: _____</p> <p>_____ Adults @ \$7 per seat _____</p> <p>_____ Children (-12) @ \$3 per seat _____</p> <p>Please find enclosed \$ _____</p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>_____ Adults @ \$7 per seat _____</p> <p>_____ Children (-12) @ \$3 per seat _____</p> <p>Please find enclosed \$ _____</p>