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TERM 1 WEEK 1
WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2012

Text absences to 021 289 9879

Quote of the week

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether 20 or 80 - Henry Ford

Term Dates 2011-12

Term 1 2012
31/1/12—6/4/12

Term 2 2012
23/4/12—29/6/12

Term 3 2012
16/7/12—28/9/12

Happy January Birthday to:

Tiara-Charli H
Dylan C
Liam E-H
Kassidy G
James K
Katie P
Kyle P
Stella B
Orin B
Nathan B
Isaac B
Kaylee T
Daniel L
Hamish D
Abigail W
Connor McC
Josh H
Isabelle M
Alexander S
Daniel C
Max F-C
Kayley S
Kayleigh J
Max C
Lucas B



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- ✓ Family Picnic
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- ✓ Weetbix Tryathlon
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Principal's Comment

A very warm welcome back to all our Leamington school community! I hope that you have all enjoyed some time spent relaxing with friends and family over the summer holidays and are now eagerly anticipating the busy term ahead. We will be able to come together this term at both the family picnic and the swimming sports evening and, hopefully, the sun will shine for both! I would like to extend an especially warm welcome to those families who are new to Leamington School this term. I am sure that you will soon find yourselves making new friends and acquaintances amongst our existing families as we all come together over the course of the year. Please enjoy all aspects of your child's time at Leamington; sporting, cultural and academic. Their time with us is precious and every moment should be celebrated. As a staff we hope that you will all have a happy and successful year and we look forward to working alongside you again during 2012.

With best wishes
Mike Malcolm
Principal

Family Picnic

Thursday 9 February
Please keep the evening of Thursday 9 February clear from 5:30pm to approximately 7:30pm. Each year we hold a family picnic where parents get to meet the teachers in their classrooms, meet the parents of other children and get shown around the school and their classroom by their child. We also have a scavenger hunt, swimming and a lolly scramble. This is a fun night out and a great way to get to know other parents. See you there.

Funeral for Jacob Henderson

The funeral for Jacob Henderson is going to be held this Monday 6 February at 2pm at the Trinity Church in Queen Street. The family has asked for children attending from Leamington School to wear their uniform to show their support as his school friends. Please see the attached letter for more details.

Hydroplane Visit

On Thursday 2 February one of the Hydroplane boats is visiting the school from 2pm. All parents / caregivers who would like to attend are very welcome to do so.

Before School Care

Our Before School Care programme continues to grow in popularity. Due to parent requests we have decided to begin our Before School Care programme at 7am each morning to allow working parents to get away earlier if they need to. We will also provide basic cereal and toast for those children who require it. For more information please see the school office.

Time to arrive at School

Many parents have been asking what is an appropriate time for their children to be arriving at school. Children can start arriving at school from 8:15am (before this time they need to be in Before School Care). We ask that all children should ideally be at school by 8:45am at the latest to allow them to unpack their bags, greet their friends and teacher and have a little play before the bell rings at 8:55am. Of course, family circumstances can sometimes make this difficult, but as a rule of thumb, before 8:45am is a good time to aim for!

Class and Individual Photos

Masterpiece Photography will be taking our class and individual photographs again this year on **Thursday 23 February**. An envelope will soon be coming home with each child. Please ensure that you complete one envelope per child. Please also note that you are paying the photographer direct, not the school, therefore payments cannot be made by eftpos or via school accounts. All the instructions are clearly detailed on the envelope. It will, of course, be possible for sibling groups to be photographed together and there is a space for this to be detailed on the envelope. Pre-schoolers are also welcome to be photographed with their older siblings.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all of your child's belongs; stationery, uniform, shoes etc., are clearly named. We do have a lost property box outside the back door of Room10, however, we would really like to keep this as empty as possible. Named items can be easily returned so please endeavour to name all items that come to school. Thank you.

Uniform

We wanted to thank parents for the effort they have gone to in regards to the children being in the correct school uniform. Every child at our school is in the correct uniform and wearing it with pride. Our children look amazing! Thank you. In regards to shoes, a gentle reminder that shoes need to be 90% or more black or dark navy blue to comply with the school policy on uniform. For more detailed picture information, please visit the school website.

Office Opening Time

Due to the busy nature of the time of the year, and the number of parents who are paying their school donation, purchasing stationery and uniform items, as well as new families enrolling their children, we are going to open the school office at 8:00am until Friday 3 February.

Spanish Lessons

Did you know Mrs Ramsay can speak Spanish? She is interested in taking some lunchtime Spanish classes for children who are interested. More details will be in the next newsletter.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Registration has now closed for students wishing to be part of the school group taking part in the Hamilton Weetbix Tryathlon on 12 February 2012. It is still possible to register your child by going to www.weetbix.co.nz and following the links. For those who are part of the Leamington School group, please note that your \$32 payment needs to be made immediately. The closing date for payments is **Thursday 2nd February**. If payment is not received by this date your child will not be able to be part of the school group and will not receive a free breakfast, group photo or reduced entry fee. Payments can be made in cash, by eftpos or cheque (cheques made payable to Leamington School) at the school office. If your child had put their name down to participate but will now not be taking part, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Dental Truck

The dental truck is currently visiting our school. This state of the art facility (which is located beside the netball courts) will screen each child and do the necessary work on their teeth. The dental truck will be remain at our school for most of Term 1.

Nursery Helper

If you are interested in helping our students with the nursery and garden and feel you can give them an hour of your time each week, please contact Whaea Margaret in Room 3. We would love to have you!

Bell Times

8:15am—First bell rings, children are allowed at school.
8:55—School Starts
10:00 to 10:15am—First Break
11:20 to 11:35—Second Break
12:40 to 1:30—Lunch Break
3:00pm—End of school day

Bike Licences

All children wanting to ride their bike to school can apply to have a bike licence. We do not have an age when children can or cannot ride their bike to school. As parents we ask you to determine when your child is responsible enough to get from your home to school safely. Forms for these are available from the school office or the school website. Bike licences outline some of the things to think about when riding to and from school. Children receive their own little licence which makes them feel just like a grown up!

Incredible Years Parenting Programme

The incredible years parenting programme will be held at Cambridge Primary School from 20 February to 7 May (12 weeks). This is a free parenting course covering topics such as play, parental attention, effective praise and encouragement, using rewards to motivate, rules, responsibility and routines and many other aspects of being a parent. If you would like to register please contact Jane on 847 2585 or 027 432 2908 or email info@lifecommunityservices.org.nz

School Donation

The BOT has set the donation to the school as \$60 for one child, and \$110 per family. This amount is unchanged from 2010. All funds generated through the school donation goes towards funding things that the Ministry of Education only partially funds. This allows all our children to enjoy high quality of resources that every child can utilise. In 2011 all funds went towards new resources for the school library. In 2012 all funds will go towards upgrading ICT equipment in classrooms.

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