



# Leeman Primary School

*Turquoise Coastal Schools Alliance*

## Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember

10 Mar	Newsletter
12 Mar	After School Sport <i>School Board Meeting</i>
13 Mar	Assembly <i>P &amp; C Meeting</i>
14 Mar	Friday Clubs
19 Mar	After School Sport
21 Mar	Friday Clubs
24 Mar	Newsletter

### *From the Principal's Desk*

#### School Survey

I have sent a survey to parents and caregivers with this week's newsletter. The information gathered from this survey will help us to achieve our goal of providing the best possible education for the students at Leeman Primary School. We will carefully consider the results from these questionnaires so please take the short time needed to let us know your opinions and ideas. All questionnaires are anonymous so you are able to answer frankly. Please return all surveys (without your name) to the front office by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.



#### School Board Meeting

There is a School Board meeting on Wednesday 12 March. The agenda includes the following:

- \* Introduction to CHAT as a whole school approach by Kate McConkey.
- \* Review and endorsement of the 2014 Annual School Budget.
- \* School Board Training with Natalie Dennis, Principal of Cervantes Primary School.

#### Watermelon

We belong to the melon family and can be round, soccer ball-size or an elongated, egg shape with smooth, hard, thick, green or yellow skin or rind. Kids love eating watermelon because of its sweet flavour and juicy texture – perfect for the lunch box. Watermelons are rich in carotenoids which are good for maintaining healthy eyes. There are many different types of watermelon. The most popular is the Red Tiger but other varieties include: Viking, All sweet, Sugar Baby and Champagne.



#### Nutritionist Visit

Our local nutritionist, Meredith Irving will be back at school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March to again work with our students. If there is any information you would like from Meredith or any questions that you would like to ask of her, please leave a message at school with details.



#### Principal Professional Learning

I have recently attended the first two days of Professional Learning of a Principals for Numeracy Learning Project hosted in Perth by WAPPA (Western Australia's Primary Principal Association).

#### Learning Journey

Parents and caregivers are invited to a Learning journey to be held at school in week 9 on Thursday 3 April. It will be held immediately after the whole school assembly and will be hosted by the students in their classrooms.

## Junior Room Technology and Enterprise Project (T & E)

A few weeks ago we showed you some photos of our Junior Room students working in small groups to make different objects using newspaper.

- A bridge between two chairs that could hold a wooden car once it was finished
- A pencil holder that could hold four pencils (a cup or a pencil case)
- Clothes that could be taken on and off easily
- A small bowl that could hold

Last week, they tried a different material which was plastic (plastic garbage bags); to make the same objects and the results were amazing. The students planned their designs, created their designs and then evaluated whether they had achieved their goal for their design. Students also gave feedback as to how they could improve their design if they did it again. They produced some terrific results as you can see from these photos.



## P & C Meeting and AGM

A P & C meeting will be held Thursday 13 March at 3.00pm in the staffroom. The AGM will be held Monday 24 March at 3.00pm.

## Whole School Assembly

We invite parents, caregivers, family members and community members to our upcoming assembly hosted by the Year K/P/1 class on Thursday 13 March, starting at 9.00am. We look forward to seeing you on the day.



## Health Forms

If your child requires a Health Plan, please ensure it is completed and signed by a doctor.

## PRE-EMPTIVE CLOSURE LETTER

I have attached an example of a pre-emptive closure letter to show the type of letter that the Department of Education has asked us to send home to parents and caregivers **IF** there's a chance that the school may close on the following day because of **A CATASTROPHIC BUSHFIRE ALERT**. There are other letters that may also be sent home which will be just as important; these will give you an explanation of the school's plans when there is **A CATASTROPHIC BUSHFIRE ALERT** and you are asked to treat these types of letters with the utmost importance when they are sent home from school.

*Warm regards  
Jackie Miller*

## WANTED!!

**New** Playgroup members  
**Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30am**

Bell Court, Leeman

All ages welcome, bring a piece of fruit to share!

Contact: Stacey 0427 531 893 or Katrina 0429 189 895 for enquiries.

## Health Corner



In our school health program  
we are currently studying  
*happiness*

### Health Fact

*The energy used by the brain is enough to light  
a 25 watt light bulb.*

*How's that for a brain taser!  
(taser not teaser, by Gerry)*

## Happy Birthday

to the following students who are  
celebrating their birthdays this fortnight



Scahlett

James

Ashton

## P&C Fundraiser

The P & C are holding a bulb fundraiser. Please  
return forms and money to the office by  
**26th March.**

If you have any queries please phone  
Bec on 0427 081 370

**GardenExpress Fundraising**  
**Growing Funds**  
**\$6 Spring Basics Packs**  
Colourful, easy growing favourites at a great value price.

<p><b>Daffodil Yellow</b> (ed. flowers) For early, cheerful &amp; sunny 3 bulbs for \$6</p>	<p><b>Ranunculi Mixed</b> Multiple blooms, easy to grow 10 bulbs for \$6</p>
<p><b>Freesia Fragrant Mixed</b> Fragrant, easy to grow &amp; sunny 8 bulbs for \$6</p>	<p><b>Anemone Double Mixed</b> Easy to grow, sunny &amp; sunny 10 bulbs for \$6</p>
<p><b>Jonquil Erlcheer</b> Easy to grow, sunny &amp; sunny 3 bulbs for \$6</p>	<p><b>Sparaxis Mixed</b> Easy to grow, sunny &amp; sunny 10 bulbs for \$6</p>

## Congratulations

### School Councillors 2014 **Regan and Mae**



### Co-councillors 2014 **Storm, Gerry, Kayla**



The next P & C meeting will be  
held on Thursday 3pm in the staff  
room

## P&C AGM

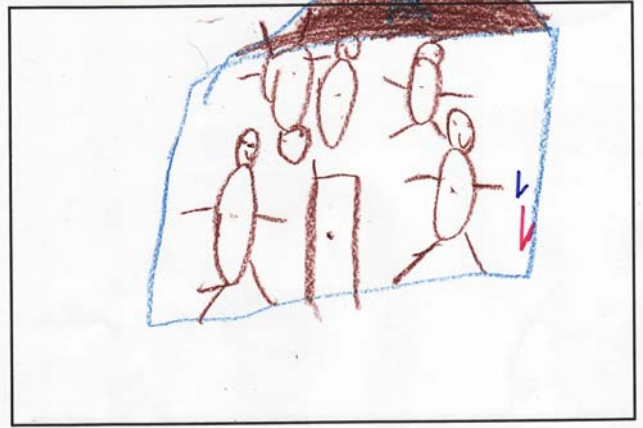
**Monday 24th March**  
**3pm in the staff room**

***New members welcome and  
encouraged to attend***

# Work submitted by the Year 1 students

☆ Charlie

10.3.14



On the weekend  
 dad <sup>came</sup> to Charlie  
 and we <sup>rode</sup> the <sup>bike</sup>  
 and we <sup>to</sup> fish

☆ Keoni

10.3.14



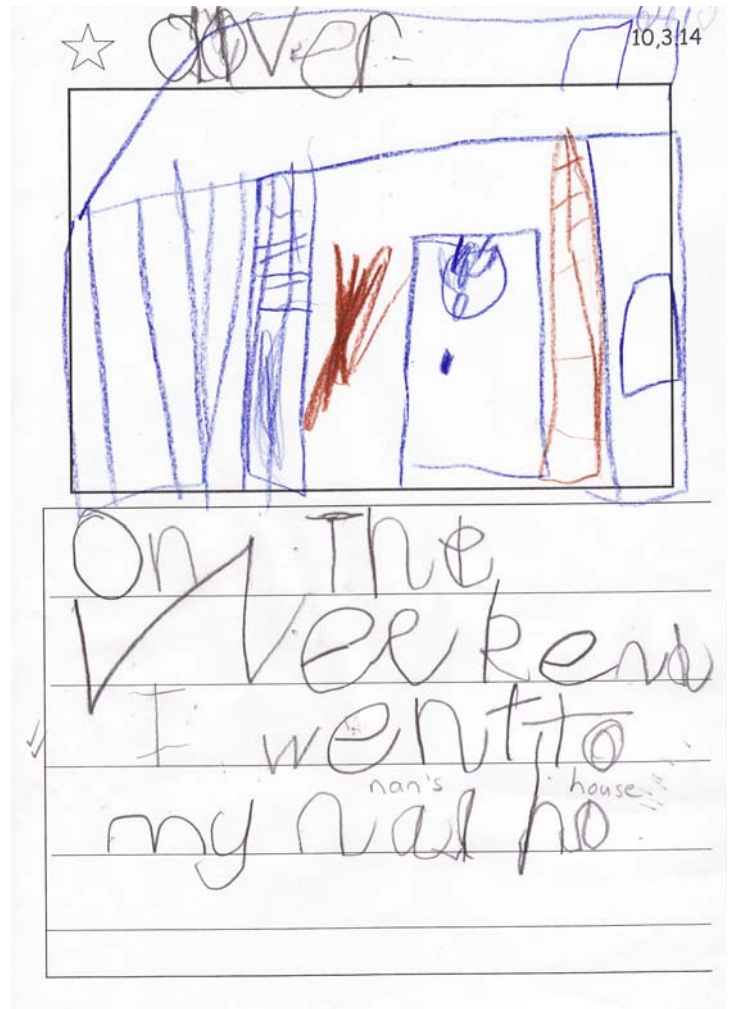
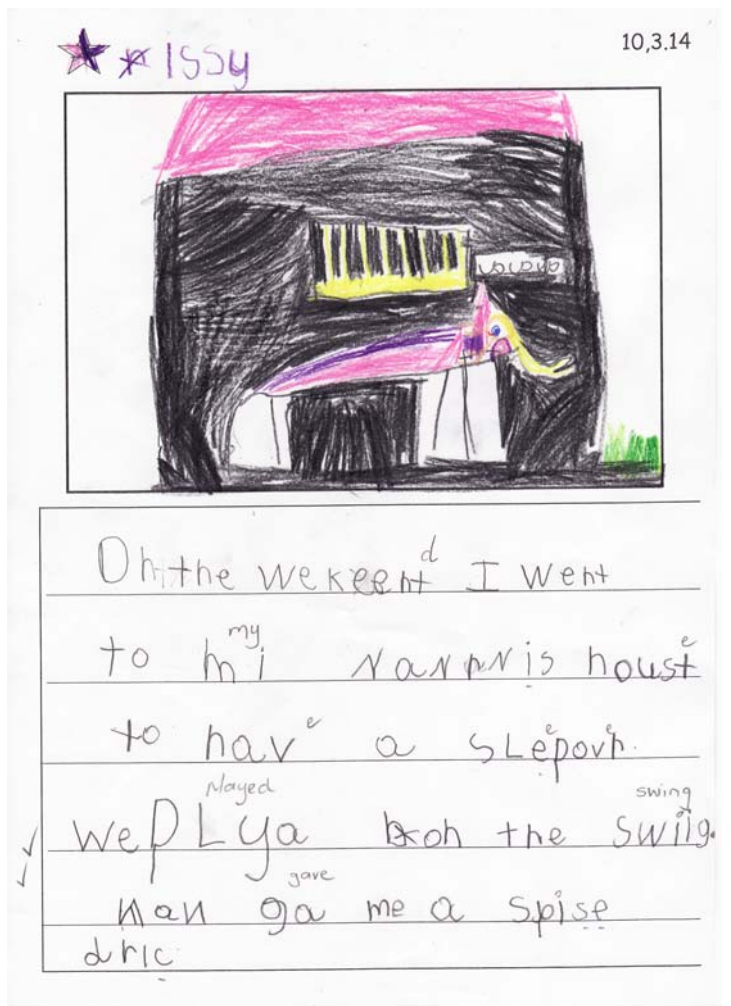
On the weekend  
 I ~~and~~ <sup>went</sup> to <sup>to</sup>  
 Dynamite Bay  
 and we swam

☆ James

10.3.14



On the weekend  
 Went to ~~Adventure World~~  
 Adventure World  
 We went on a  
 water slide and  
 it had a big <sup>bucket</sup>



*Example of a pre-emptive closure letter*

**Template Letter to Parents Confirming Pre-emptive Closure**

**BUSHFIRE ALERT  
CONFIRMATION OF TEMPORARY SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Dear Parent

The planned pre-emptive closure of Leeman Primary School on -----

of which I advised you on \_\_\_\_\_

**will** go ahead as planned. The Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for that day has not changed, so the safest option remains to close the school for the day.

It is anticipated that the school will only be required to close for the single day, but this will depend on the weather. We will contact you if this needs to be extended. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

I ask that you monitor local media for current information about fire danger ratings and notification of schools reopening. Staying tuned to ABC Local Radio in your locality is advisable. You can also check with DFES on 1300 657 209 or [www.dfes.wa.gov.au](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au). Alternatively you can call me on 0407 386 444 or Mid-West Regional Education Office on 9956 1600.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to make our school as safe as possible for your children.

Jackie Miller  
Principal  
Leeman Primary School

**Template Letter to Parents Reversing Pre-emptive Closure**

**BUSHFIRE ALERT  
REVERSAL OF TEMPORARY SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Dear Parent

The planned pre-emptive closure of Leeman Primary School on

\_\_\_\_\_ of which I advised you on \_\_\_\_\_

will **not** go ahead. The Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for that day has been downgraded. Accordingly, the school will open and operate as normal.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to make our school as safe as possible for your children.

Jackie Miller  
Principal  
Leeman Primary School