

Jumbunna

LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

What a week!

Last week was my favourite since 23 March. Do you know why? . . .

Because all the Prep - 2s were back at school! Yeah!

It was so wonderful to have our youngest students back at school. I know the week beginning 9 June will be even better as we will be able to have ALL our students back at school! I can't wait and am counting how many sleeps until the big day!

It was fabulous to see all the Prep and 1/2 students arrive back on Tuesday with big smiles on their faces. The Prep-2 staff did a wonderful job adding colour and streamers to the corridors and classrooms to celebrate the students returning. There have also been some crazy antics at the gate which have brought a smile to the faces of the youngsters and the young at heart. This week's special guests included B1 and B2 who loved dancing up a storm to the Nutbush! I have included some pictures so you can see all the fun from the week. I wonder who will pop in next week . . .



I would like to thank parents for your awesome efforts in following the arrival and dismissal times. Your work has been exceptional and has helped make a challenging situation less stressful. Normally we love to have our families inside the school grounds but at this time we need to follow the advice provided by the government so we can all stay safe and start to get back to normal.

Thank you to the students who returned this week for your sensational efforts in settling in so beautifully and following all the new instructions.

Arrival and dismissal times will change from Tuesday 9 June when we welcome our remaining students back to school. Please check the roster included with this week's Jumbunna carefully to ensure you arrive at the correct time.

Year 6 to Year 7 transition timeline

Application forms for Year 7 Placement in 2021 were sent out to our year 6 students over the last few weeks. These forms were due back at school on **Friday 29 May**. Please see the timeline for your reference below.

At this stage we have a number of forms which have not been returned. I know school staff have been contacting parents of year 6 students reminding them about returning the forms. It is vital that all forms are returned to school this week so they can be processed ready to be sent to the secondary schools.

Forms can be emailed back to us, given to younger siblings to return or you can come to the school gate and we will collect the form from you.

If you have any queries about this process, please contact your child's year 6 teacher.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Office Hours

8:30am - 4:00pm

Monday 1-5 June

Preps, Grade 1s and 2s and Grade 2/3 1'a at school

Year 6 to year 7 application forms due back at LEPS this week

Wednesday 3 June

Grade 3-6 Planning Day
No work assigned to students

Monday 8 June

Queen's Birthday
Public holiday

Tuesday 9 June

All grade 3-6 students return to school

2020 TERM DATES

Term 2

14 April - 26 June

Term 3

13 July - 18 Sep

Term 4

5 Oct - 18 Dec

Tuesday 9 June - ALL Students - ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL Times

Prep to 2 families please note the changes to the arrival and departure times

We are using staggered arrival and dismissal times to reduce the congregation of students at entrance gates and in the yard.

We ask ALL families to adhere to these arrangements for the safety of everyone.

Parents will **NOT** be permitted to accompany their child to class. Parents must wait outside the school gates and ensure they maintain appropriate social distancing of 1.5 metres. Please assist us by ensuring your arrive at school at the time indicated below.

Beginning of the day arrival times

- 8:45am - A surnames
- 8:50am - B to G surnames
- 8:55am - H to K surnames
- 9:00am - L to N surnames
- 9:05am - O to S surnames
- 9:10am - T to Z surnames



Please check your designated arrival time carefully

The gates at Cleveland Street and McKimmies Road will **NOT** be opened until **8:45am**.

Staff will be at each entrance and will provide hand sanitiser for each student.

Students must go directly into their classroom and **NOT** play in the yard.

End of the day dismissal times

- 3:15pm - A surnames
- 3:20pm - B to G surnames
- 3:25pm - H to K surnames
- 3:30pm - L to N surnames
- 3:35pm - O to S surnames
- 3:40pm - T to Z surnames



Please collect your child at the designated time

Students will be dismissed at the indicated times and must leave the school grounds straight away.

Students are not permitted to play on the equipment at this time.

Please assist us by arriving at school at the correct time to collect your child/ren.

Staff members will be at each exit point to direct children out of the school.

If your child comes in the front gate you should meet them at the front gate.

If your child comes in the plaza gate you should meet them at the Lalor Plaza gate.

All children will require a labelled drink bottle as we are **NOT** permitted to use the drink taps for drinking, only for filling water bottles.

Building Update

Work has been continuing on our building project at school and in Geelong.

Work at school has focussed on installing all the screw piles for the two buildings. This work is now complete. The next stage will be to laser cut the screw piles to the correct height. The difference in the height of the poles is due to how deep each post needed to be drilled into the ground to ensure our building will be rock solid. Work will also commence to prepare for the different services including power and water. Our new spaces will include split system units for heating and cooling.

Down in Geelong work has focussed on installing the window frames to the Admin Building and constructing the other half of the Admin Building. The building pieces have been wrapped for insulation and the exterior cladding and internal plaster work will commence in the next week as well. Electrical cabling will also be installed ready to be connected when the building arrives on our site in the last week of term 2 which is only 4 weeks away!

Successfully transitioning students back to school

I have included a timely article from Michael Grose in this week's newsletter. It has great advice about what we need to do as parents to help children transition back into school easily.

I know many people still have anxieties about having their children back at school. I can understand this as we have been isolated for so long and there has been so much media attention on the pandemic. I think it is important to keep things in perspective when thinking about the pandemic:

- 1) the government would not have encouraged us to reopen schools if they felt it was not safe to do so
- 2) we have increased cleaning occurring throughout the day and at night
- 3) we have plenty of sanitiser and students are washing their hands very regularly.

I think a silver lining during these unprecedented times is that we have been forced to really focus on the simple things we can all do to stop the spread of germs, not just the coronavirus, but germs in general. We must wash our hands properly and regularly. Some students are actually washing their hands more than before the pandemic when I had to remind students on numerous occasions to wash their hands after visiting the toilet!

Linda Richards





Successfully transitioning students back to school by Michael Grose

The recent home-schooling experience of Australian students is about to end with most states and territories transitioning kids back to school. For parents, many of whom have discovered just how complex teaching can be, the return to school will be a welcome relief. For children, going back to school may bring a mixed bag of feelings. Eager anticipation about reconnecting with friends and teachers will probably be accompanied by a level of anxiety about what school may be like upon return.

School undoubtedly will be a different experience for students post COVID-19. For a start they've just experienced a prolonged period of remote learning and an absence from their friends, which will take time to process when they return to school.

With organised extra-curricular activities put on hold most children have had a great deal of free time, which has placed the locus of control firmly in their hands. I suspect many kids will grieve their lack of freedom, as they've had a glorious glimpse of what an unstructured life is like. It may take some time for them to get back into the swing of school life.

With the return to school imminent here are some sensible strategies to make adjustment easier for students.

Get ready for a return

Worriers and anxious types in particular like to know what's ahead so your approach will make a difference. Prepare your child for a return by discussing the safety procedures the school will be implementing. Let young children know that an adult won't be accompanying them past the school gate. Ask your child what they are looking forward to and check in with how they are feeling about a return. Validate any fears and apprehensions and correct any misconceptions.

Go slowly

This period will mirror the start of the school year when your child had to adjust to new teachers, different classmates and a new year level. Adjusting to change takes a great deal of personal energy, so your child or young person may become tired, grumpy, even moody at home. Make allowances for these personal changes and make sure they have plenty of free time to unwind after school.

Successfully transitioning students back to school continued

Focus on reconnection

Make reconnection the theme for your child's return to school. He or she will have to reconnect with friends, teachers and learning, which takes time. In all likelihood, your child's teachers will use many strategies to help your child connect with their friends, reflect on their time at home and move them back into full-time learning mode. Support these activities and keep your learning expectations for your child in check.

It may take the rest of the term for some children to adjust to their life back at school.

Stay calm

Anxiety is very contagious, so it's easy for us as parents to take on our children's worries and fears. The reverse is true, and kids can pick up our worries, taking them on as their own. As a buffer against anxiety ensure you do something each day that brings you some joy, whether it's listening to music, going for a walk or having a coffee with a friend.

Look after yourself

In recent months parents and teachers have been doing significant emotional labour. The learning and adjustment curves have been massive, with little time to relax and take a break. Consider your own emotional resources and make your wellbeing a priority, which will make it easier for you to stay calm if your child experiences difficulties.

Communicate confidence

It's a fine line that many parents walk between being flippant ('you'll be right') and showing confidence ('you'll do okay') when kids struggle to adjust to change. My research into childhood anxiety reveals that children and young people want parents and teachers to understand their fears and anxieties and to coach them to negotiate difficulties including adjusting to change. You can support your child through sharing stories of resilience, focusing on the positives and letting them know that will eventually adjust.

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown up many difficulties requiring us all to quickly adapt to new situations. Flexibility is a prime characteristic of resilient people, so if nothing else, getting through these challenging times will make us all more resilient.



Year 6 to Year 7 transition timeline

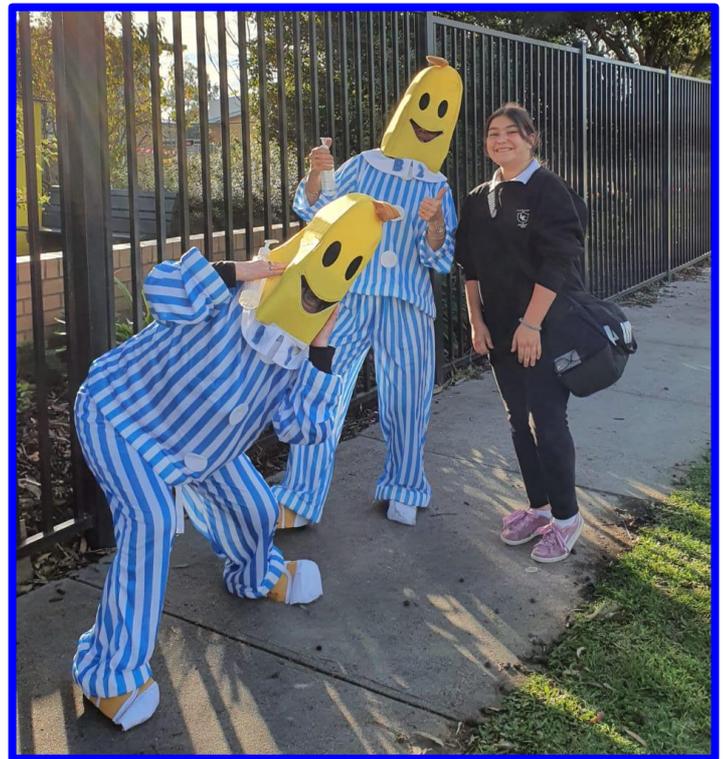
Parent/carer Copy

Statewide placement timeline and procedures for 2020-2021

2020 Dates	Activity
Term 2: Tuesday 14 April 2020 – Friday 26 June 2020	
From Week 1, Term 2 2020	Government primary schools provide guidance to all parents/carers of Year 6 students on how to access the Transition Information Pack. The pack includes the <i>Application for Year 7 Placement 2021</i> form.
Friday 29 May 2020	Parents/carers return the <i>Application for Year 7 Placement 2021</i> form to their child's government primary school by this date.
Term 3: Monday 13 July 2020 – Friday 18 September 2020	
Wednesday 19 August 2020	Government primary schools notify parents/carers of Year 6 students of Year 7 placement offers, in writing.
Thursday 20 August 2020	Parents/carers may commence lodging written placement appeals to their preferred secondary school using the Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Placement Appeal Form. Your child's primary school will provide you with this form.
Monday 31 August 2020	Closing date for parents/carers to lodge a written placement appeal with their preferred secondary school.
Friday 11 September 2020	Secondary schools notify all parents/carers in writing of the outcome of their placement appeal by this date. Note: If your appeal to your preferred secondary school is unsuccessful, you may lodge a further written appeal to the relevant Department of Education Regional Director. Please see the FAQs on the following pages for more information regarding appeals.
Friday 25 September 2020	Closing date for parents/carers to lodge a written placement appeal with the relevant Regional Director where they are unsuccessful with their appeal to the secondary school.
Term 4: Monday 5 October 2020 – Friday 18 December 2020	
Friday 30 October 2020	Regions notify all parents/carers in writing of the outcome of Regional Director placement appeals by this date. Note: this only applies to appeals received by the closing date of Friday 25 September 2020.
Tuesday 8 December 2020	Secondary schools host an Orientation Day for Year 6 students.

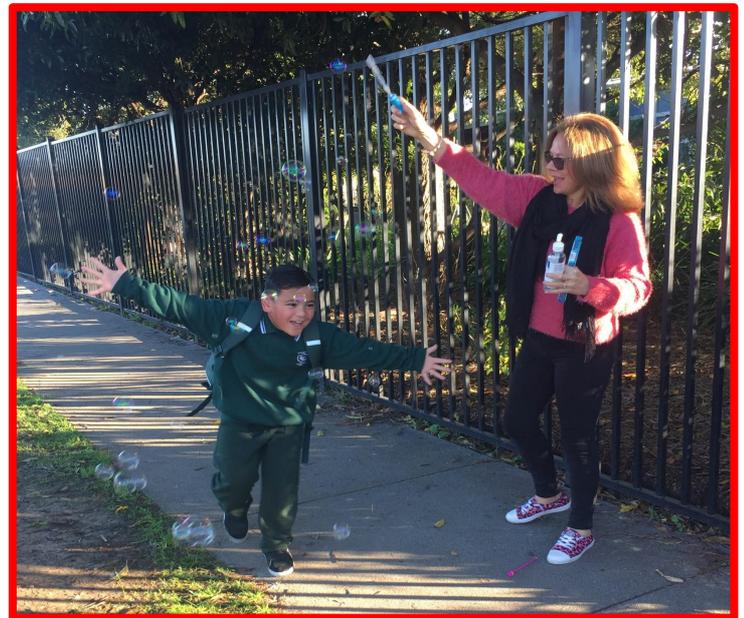
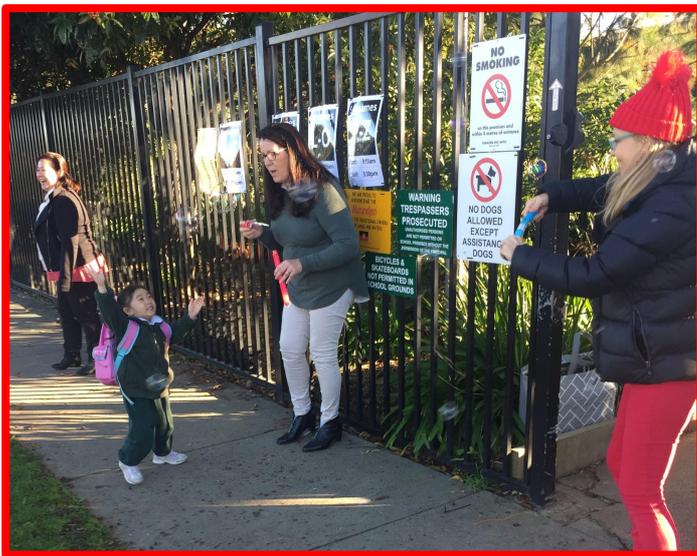


Special guests B1 and B2

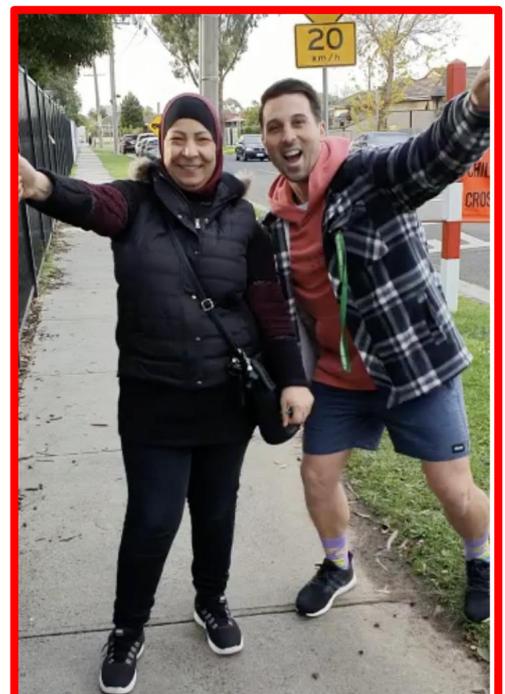


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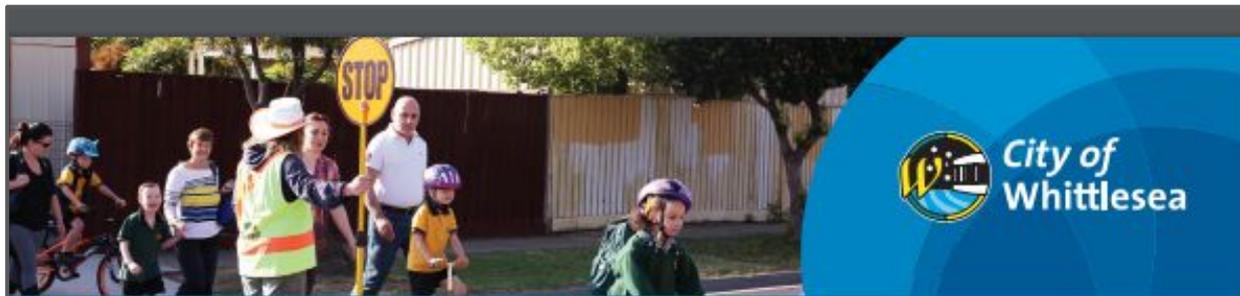
See photos of our new building, details of student learning and other exciting activities at Lalor East PS. Search for us on Facebook or [click here](#) to follow us..



Having a 'Bubbly' day



Please take the time to read this important information from Whittlesea City Council. We have noticed some of these things happening when parents are dropping their children off. Remember, following these rules keeps everyone safe and alive!



PARKING AND SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Speed

Look out for the reduced speed limit around schools and slow down to improve safety.

Yellow edge line

A driver must not stop on the side of a road marked with a yellow edge line.

Parking/Stopping signage

No stopping areas must be kept clear. If times/days are specified, restrictions are only applicable to the specified times/days. You cannot park in a P3 minute area for longer than three minutes.

School crossings

- Look out for flags and Crossing Supervisors
- You must stop for anyone waiting to cross, or who has started crossing
- Please remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

No parking on nature strips/footpaths

Parking is illegal on nature strips and footpaths.

Double parking

It is illegal to double park at any time. This affects the flow of traffic.

Within 10 metres of an intersection

A driver must not stop with any part of their vehicle within 10 metres of an intersection unless signed otherwise.

Stopping across driveways

It is illegal to stop/park across a driveway unless you stay in the car are there for no more than two minutes and move immediately if required to do so to allow entry or exit by the owner/occupier.

3 metre gap for signage

At least 3 metres must be left between your vehicle and the centre dividing line to allow other vehicles to pass safely and not obstruct traffic.

☎ Free Telephone Interpreter Service					
العربية	9679 9871	Italiano	9679 9874	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ	9679 9879
Ελληνικά	9679 9873	Македонски	9679 9875	Tiếng Việt	9679 9878
हिन्दी	9679 9879	普通话	9679 9857	தமிழ்	9679 9879
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- What can you do to stay safe**
- Supervise your children in or near traffic
 - Walk or cycle to school with your child
 - Respect all road rules, parking signs and instructions from authorities
 - Wait on the same side of the street as your child
 - Always let your child out of the kerb side of the car.



Lalor East Primary School

2 June 2020

Natalie 0477 177 646

Oh what a wonderful time we have had at OSHC. We have been so busy having fun and laughing our heads off. The children have turned the OSHC room into a GIANT cubby house with personalised rooms, a library and a kitchen. We have used our imaginations cooking up scrumptious pretend food. I have absolutely loved eating a plastic big breakfast with the lot. Yum!

The children are very talented in our real kitchen too. We've cooked up delicious pancakes, muffins, biscuits and our new favourite cheesy quesadillas. Thank you to my wonderful sous chefs for helping grate the cheese, butter toast, and mix all our ingredients together.

This term we are really focusing on self-help at OSHC. The children have been encouraged to wash their own dishes and serve themselves at breakfast and afternoon tea. Well done to all the children at OSHC for having a go. You are superstars!

If you are interested in booking your child/children into our fabulous service, please visit <https://theircare.com.au/> or better yet, come visit the service near the carpark. You might be lucky to get a muffin or a slice of quesadilla.





About the program

TheirCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children and an environment where children come and enjoy their time in their program. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

Lalor East Primary School has partnered with **TheirCare** to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average [^]
Before School Care	7:00am – 8:45am	\$25.00	\$9.41 - \$25.00	\$9.41
After School Care	3:30pm - 6:00pm	\$29.00	\$6.73 - \$29.00	\$6.73
Pupil Free Day	7:00am – 6:00pm	\$60.00	\$9.00 - \$60.00	\$9.00
Late Booking Cancellation Fee	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Service Phone Number: 0477 177 646 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol

Visit **TheirCare** website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs

[^]Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located



SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING (SEAL) PROGRAM

Empowering Young Women

What is SEAL?

SEAL provides personalised teaching and learning through a program that meets the needs of gifted and talented learners. The program provides stimulating learning experiences that challenge, extend and develop the gifts and talents of students by offering acceleration and enrichment. The SEAL program at Pascoe Vale Girls College offers a faster paced curriculum with the opportunity to study concepts in greater depth. There is an emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills. Students who are capable of working independently, enjoy intellectual challenges and have a high level of academic ability are encouraged to apply.



How do you apply?

- Visit the school website www.pvgc.vic.edu.au
- Go to the Student Learning section and click on SEAL
- Register using the link to the online application and entry test
- Students who wish to be considered for this program are required to sit an entrance test administered by Edutest (a fee applies)
- 2021 applications close on Friday 5th June, 2020
- 2021 testing takes place at PVGC on Saturday 20th June, 2020
- You will be notified about the location, time and conditions of the test closer to the date

For more information about the SEAL program at PVGC please contact
Dani Bedohazy, Assistant Principal, on 9306 2544 or bede.pvgc.vic.edu.au

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Dear Parents

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

A parent or legal guardian of a student must be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:

- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card

OR they must be a temporary foster parent

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020
- or if there has been a change in your family circumstances

Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Most payments start from March onwards. Applications can be received over **term one** and **two**. Payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed for previous years. The CSEF payment **cannot** be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, or formals/graduations.

CSEF payments are made to schools from March onwards each year and must be submitted before the last day of term two. CSEF payments are \$125 per year for eligible primary school students.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. Application forms are available at the office.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2020

Kind regards,
LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL