



### Issue No. 4 – 31 March 2021

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday 1 April**  
Last day of Term 1  
**1:30pm finish**



Personal and Social Skills Learning Task available through Compass after 2:00pm

**Monday 19 April**  
First Day of Term 2

**Monday 3 May**  
Coffee & Chat - After Assembly

**Friday 7 May**  
'Significant Females' Afternoon Tea  
2:30pm - 4:00pm in the MPC

## Office Hours

Monday to Friday from 8:30am-4:00pm

## Early Pick up

Please call the office prior to arrival to assist with a quicker collection of your child/children.

## 2021 Term Dates

**Term 1:** 28 January - 1 April

**Term 2:** 19 April - 25 June

**Term 3:** 12 July - 17 September

**Term 1:** 4 October - 17 December

## From the Principal

### Easter Raffle - Thank you

There are not enough words to express the level of our gratitude to all the members of our community for your generosity with our Easter Raffle, either through your donations of items for our raffle or through your purchase of raffle tickets. It was our best Easter raffle ever!! We had fourteen prizes and raised over \$1559!! WOW! This is incredible and will make a big impact on our environment with all the lovely plants we will be able to purchase to beautify our new home.

Thank you to Carly and Katie for preparing the prizes for the raffle.

### Easter Raffle Winners:



**1st:** Paul

**2nd:** Allegra

**3rd:** Shams

**4th:** Roy

**5th:** Pearl

**6th:** Hana

**7th:** Urvi

**8th:** Arlind

**9th:** Blake

**10th:** Hugo

**11th:** Mia J

**12th:** Tushaar

**13th:** Qaya

**14th:** Eva

## Garden Update

We have already made some purchases with the Easter Raffle money and we have had lots of positive comments from people about how lovely the new garden beds are looking. So far the Garden Club has planted out four garden beds and started on the bed at the front of the school. It is wonderful to see how enthusiastic our gardening group is and how dedicated they are to helping to make the school environment a better place for us all. Tony, our friendly Crossing Supervisor also helped out on Friday. We will be making further purchases in term 2 so stay tuned for our updates.



## School Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 23 March. The Annual Report was presented at this meeting. Highlights of the report included:

- high levels of Parent Satisfaction with the school as recorded via the annual Parent Opinion Survey 93.6% compared to 81.2% for the State
- high levels of a Sense of Connectedness from students in Years 4-6 as recorded on the Student Attitudes to School Survey 86% compared to 79.2% for the State.
- Teacher Judgement for Mathematics was higher than the average for similar schools, 78.3% compared to 73.6%.

The report highlighted that further work needs to be done improve our results in the following areas:

- the Teacher Judgement for English average is only 74.2% compared to 77.6% for the state
- results in the Staff Opinion Survey for School Climate were 62.3% compared to 77.8% (State)
- reducing the number of days students are absent from 29.7 days to closer to that of the State average of 19.3 days.

I have highlighted in previous Jumbunna, that a child's learning is directly linked to their attendance. The higher the days of absence, the lower their academic achievement. Put simply, the more days a child is at school, the better their learning will be.

The new School Councils were inducted onto the School Council. Congratulations to Carly G on being elected as President and Tee P on being elected as Vice President. I am sure they will both do an excellent job to represent our community. Katie N was also inducted onto the School Council after a resignation from another councillor.

The Annual Report is available on the school website for members of our community to read

## Breakfast Club - Volunteers still needed

We still need your help as we are short of volunteers for our popular Breakfast Club! Having breakfast boosts energy levels and makes it possible for students to be able to concentrate in class and learn. If you can cook toast, cut up fruit or pour cereal and milk into a bowl we need you! We only need an hour of your time once a week between 8:00am and 9:00am. Please contact Amanda to add your name to our list of volunteers if you can help us.



## Coffee and chat returning in term 2

As we have started to get back to our COVID normal, Scott and I are hoping to reintroduce our popular 'Coffee and Chat' session from 2019. We loved these

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opportunities to catch up with you and listen to your thoughts on our plans and ways you think we can improve us. **Our first session since 2019 will be held on Monday 3 May** after assembly. Please join us.

## Special Community Events



### Mother's Day Celebration

The School Council and Lalor East staff would love to acknowledge all the hard work of the significant women in our community by inviting you to a special afternoon at the school on **Friday 7 May**. Celebrations will kick off at 2:30pm and go till around 4 pm. We all know 'mothers' come in many different forms in our community including grandmothers, aunts, big sisters or special family friends. These significant and important females are all invited to our special celebration so we can thank you for all the big and small things you do to support the most important members of our community, our students!

### Happy Holidays

It has been an incredibly busy term and we have achieved a lot. We have adjusted to being in our beautiful new spaces and have learnt lots of new letters, words and numbers. Everyone has been feeling pretty tired during the last two weeks so it is definitely time for a holiday!

I hope everyone has an amazing holiday and enjoys some quality time together as a family. Try to minimise screen time to give your brain a chance to recover from all your hard work.

Take the time to read a book or two, practise your times tables and help Mum or Dad with a few jobs around the house. Play a board or card game. Ride your bike. Go for a walk to the park and play on the equipment. These things are all FREE! They are also great ways for us to recharge our batteries so we are ready for another busy term of learning.

**School resumes on Monday 19 April at 9:00am.**

I will be thinking of you all the way from Kununurra at the top of Western Australia!

**Linda Richards - Principal**



## Student of the Week Certificates

**Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates:**



### 29 March

Prep/1 A - Eva

Prep/1 B - Urvi

Prep/1 C - Laith

1/2 A - Ivy

2A - Evan

3/4A - Antonia

3/4B - Tala

5/6A - Alanah

5/6B - Khang & Batul

OSHC - Amelie

Principal: Xzavier, Kheder & Zaid

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## Young people, we need to talk



### Respectful Relationships

by Michael Grose

*"Something is happening, and I don't know what it is, Mr. Jones."* It's nearly sixty years since Bob Dylan sang those words as a demand for action to a generation of youth itching for change.

Dylan could well sing those words today as there's change in the air once more. Women of all ages are spotlighting the massive problem we have with inappropriate sexual behaviour and abuse from males. Former Liberal staffer Brittany Higgins' disclosure of alleged rape by a work colleague in a minister's office in Parliament House has been the catalyst for others to speak up about similar incidents. While initially the focus was on Federal Parliament and men of a certain age, the petition ([www.teachusconsent.com](http://www.teachusconsent.com)) by Australian student Chanel Contos moved the spotlight to young people. The petition calling for consent education in Australian schools was signed by 300,000 young women, with many recording harrowing accounts of sexual assault they've experienced.

The publication of the superb speech by the head prefect of Sydney's Cranbrook School urging boys to change the way they viewed women from sexual objects to "people just like you" was ground-breaking. It was a brave speech that led the way for many men as well as the students he addressed.

While schools are being urged to tackle the problems outlined, families are the most appropriate starting points for meaningful change. Current events and the ensuing media storm provide wonderful conversation starters about these issues. Young people need to have their voices heard but they also need to hear the voices of parents and other adults, who are generally interested in their future wellbeing. Conversations can be wide and varied but should at least include the following areas.

### Porn

Popular author and Parenting Ideas contributor Maggie Dent believes that boys' attitudes have become worse since the advent of the digital world. She says, "Porn is freely available and sadly, many children stumble upon it accidentally." Dent writes that "this problem of male entitlement where boys demand that girls meet their sexual needs, or where boys think there is no problem with raping a sleeping or

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unconscious girl, has to come from somewhere." Porn is so prolific and accessible that anyone with a mobile phone in their hand can access.

### Consent

Respect is at the heart of consent. Boys need to respect the wishes, the dignity and humanity of a girl when she refuses to engage in sexualised behaviour of any sort. It is important to teach and reinforce to boys that no means no, not maybe.

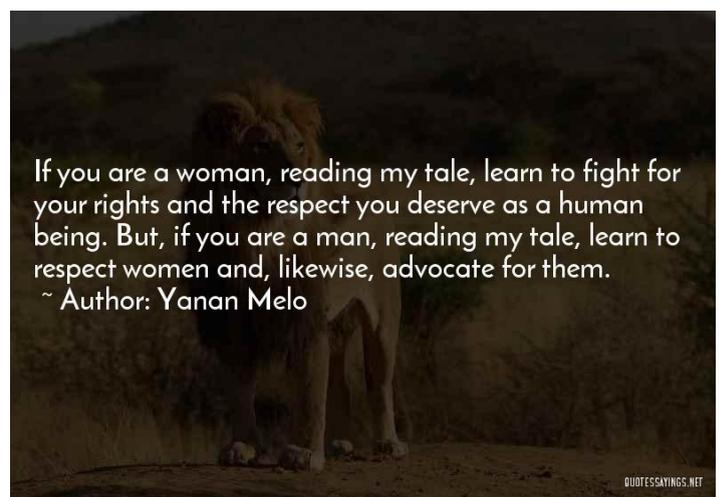
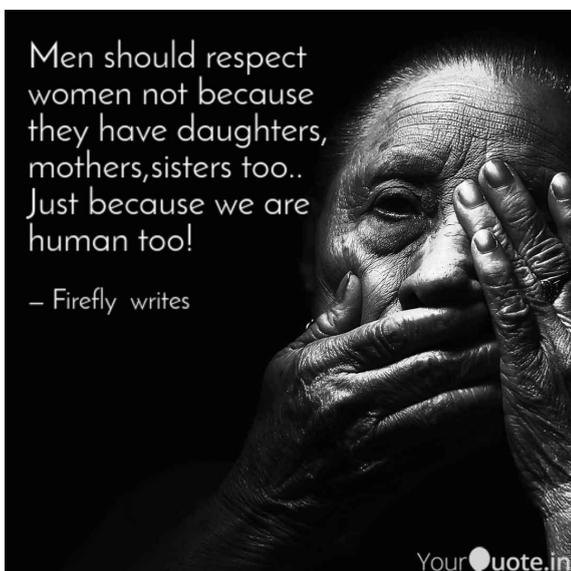
To help girls feel more confident about saying no, they can practise withdrawing consent (non-sexual, of course) in a number of ways with the males closest to her at home. "No bro, you can't come into my room now." "No Dad, I don't want to talk right now. I can talk later though." Consent education should be common fare in every family.

### Character

Porn, Tinder, Sexting and other digital behaviours may normalise highly sexualised behaviours, but no one makes a young person continually harass a girl for sex or send out a nude image without consent. Character and values play their part. Young people may make poor choices, but parents need to hold them accountable, model values of respect and fairness and be bold and upfront with their views.

### In closing

Dylan also sang that 'the times they are changing.' Attitudes to women, particularly in relation to sexual assault need to change. As beneficiaries of this change young people need to be involved and parents can help get the ball rolling by talking about these issues in meaningful ways with their young people.



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## District Athletics



Well done to the 29 students who completed on Tuesday 29 March at the District Athletics at the Meadow Glen Athletic Track. All children did a wonderful job supporting and encouraging each other and trying their personal best in their events. Mr Sharples, Ms Aitken and Athena were extremely proud of the wonderful cooperation shown throughout the day.



A special congratulations to the following students who achieved a ribbon for their event. 1st and 2nd place for track events and 1st place for field events will now have the opportunity to compete in the Whittlesea Zone finals later this year.



Cybelle - 3rd 800m, Ersi - 3rd 200m

Zayn - 3rd Long Jump, 2nd Triple Jump

Aymen - 3rd Triple Jump

Noor - 1st Long Jump

Musa - 1st High Jump, 3rd 200m

Olivia - 1st Triple Jump

Shakila - 3rd Hurdles, 2nd 200m

Clement - 3rd Discus



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## Office News

Office hours 8:30am - 4:00pm



### 2021 Parent Payments are overdue

Please contact the office to arrange payment  
Statements will be sent home next week to  
families with outstanding balances

### Change of Details

Please let the office know promptly if you have  
changed your address, phone numbers, work details  
or emergency contact numbers.

### Spare Uniform

Please consider putting extra clothes in your child's  
bag in case of any accidents that might occur during  
the day as we do not supply a change of clothes.

### Hats & Bags

As a 'SUNSMART  
SCHOOL' we need to  
ensure we wear hats  
from the middle of  
August until 30 April.  
Hats are available for  
purchase at the office for  
\$16.00.



LEPS school bags can also be purchased from the  
office for only \$10.00.

## Student Asthma Medication

It is a directive from the Department of Education that  
students must supply their own medication and  
equipment if they suffer from Asthma. Students who  
require Asthma Medication during school hours need  
to supply their own individual Ventolin or Becotide  
puffers.

Individual Spacers must also be provided for  
administering the medication. The items ALL need to  
be named and will be stored in the sick bay.

If you require an asthma action plan please see the  
office staff.



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open every morning to students  
from 8.30 am in the Multi Purpose Centre.

Students are able to receive a FREE breakfast of  
toast, cereal and fruit before they begin their busy  
day of learning.

Students can enter the school grounds to visit  
Breakfast Club through the gate beside OHSC.

Breakfast Club would like to acknowledge the  
continuing support from Foodbank Victoria, Bakers  
Delight Mernda Village, Christina Bakery and Semper  
Dental.

### Learning Task Reminders

A new task will be available to view after 2pm on:  
**Thursday 1 April** - Personal and Social Skills

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## Easter

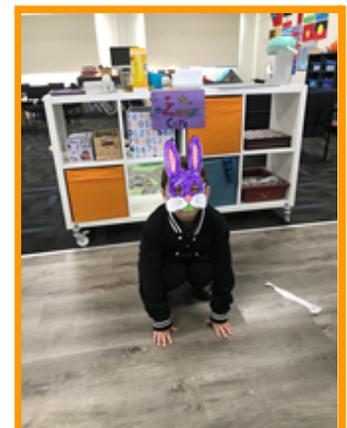
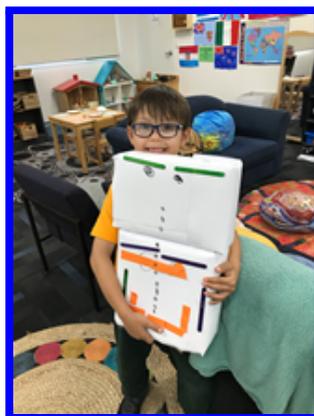
During OSHC last week, the children and I celebrated our unique cultures through art and craft, music and language. The children created henna designs using sequins, coloured Chinese dragon masks, constructed the Leaning Tower of Pisa using recycled boxes and Russian Snowmen (even an upside down one), and colourful Fijian Leis. We pretended to be in Russia and Vietnam on our magical blanket boat and learnt Vietnamese words. Annabelle bravely danced a traditional Vietnamese dance too.

This week is all about Easter. We have been super creative making cards, baskets and paintings inspired by our favourite rabbit: Easter Bunny. There will also be Easter egg hunt too.

OSHC is open on the last day of school. Woohoo! We are open straight after school to 6pm. There will be games, arts and crafts and delicious snacks.

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 and say hello.

Have a safe and wonderful school holiday everyone.



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## About the program

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**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 <sup>^</sup>
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	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Cancellation Fee				
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](http://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

<sup>^</sup>Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located

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