



### Issue No. 8 – 20 July 2021

#### Upcoming Events

##### Thursday 22 July - ONLINE

3 Way Conferences 10:30am till 7:45pm

No classes on this day. Students to attend interview with their parent/guardian

##### Friday 30 July after 4:00pm

Writing Learning Task available via Compass

##### Friday 13 August after 4:00pm

Reading Learning Task available via Compass

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

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

### From the Principal

#### Lockdown 5.0

Sadly, we received the news none of us wanted to hear last week that we were headed into another lockdown. I would like to think this will be the last time we will need to be locked down but, unfortunately, nothing about the COVID virus is predictable and we can not really predict what will be happening too far into the future.

Rest assured that we will do all in our power to support our students, families and community. If we all work together we will get through this and come out the other side. We have proved this the last four times we have had to do this. Afterall, we are a tough, strong, capable, kind and resilient family who always put the best interests of our 'children' first.

Please reach out to us if you are struggling and if there is anything we can do to support you through this challenging time. Hopefully, we will all be back together, sooner, rather than later.

#### 3 Way Conferences - Moving ONLINE

We will still be conducting the 3 Way Conferences on **Thursday 22 July** but will be moving to an online format to reduce the movement of people in our community. Links will be sent to families later this week with information about how to login for your child's 3 Way Conference.

It is really important for ALL families to speak to their child's teacher to gain further insights into their child's strengths, progress and areas for future growth. The conference will provide

valuable insights to supplement the Semester 1 Reports which were provided to families in the last week of term 2 via the Compass portal. This time is more important than ever with all the disruptions to regular schooling than ever before because of COVID lockdowns.

Teachers will not be providing work for students on this day. Students should attend the conference with their parent/s or guardians.

### Persuasive Writing Pieces

Last term, the grade 5-6 students were focussing on the persuasive genre and benefits of Remote/Online Learning compared to Onsite Learning. This is certainly a topic that they have had a lot of first hand experience in over the last 18 months.

I have included two completed pieces, one from Clement arguing about the benefits of learning remotely and one from Sedra arguing that face to face learning is more beneficial for students. Both are well written pieces and are excellent examples of the wonderful work completed by the 5-6 students on this topic. I will leave it to you to decide who had the most convincing argument!

### 2022 Grade 5-6 Portsea Camp

We are calling for expressions of interest from children to attend the 2022 Grade 5-6 Portsea Camp in term 1. It still seems a long time away but we need to have a clear idea of the number of participants so we can determine if there is enough interest for the camp to proceed. The Portsea Camp is a wonderful experience for students. Camps are definitely a highlight of the primary school experience for any child who attends.

The camp will cost \$360 and a \$60 deposit will be required to secure your booking. We can take a maximum of 50 students so get in early so your child doesn't miss out!

**Linda Richards**



## Student of the Week Certificates

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

**12 July 2021**

2A - Zarith

5/6B - April



### E-waste Recycling Skip

The Victorian Government has introduced a ban on the disposal of e-waste to landfill. E-waste refers to any item with a battery or cord.

To enable your school and local community to recycle unwanted e-waste, the City of Whittlesea, in partnership with Ewastec Pty Ltd, are offering local schools the opportunity to host an E-waste recycling skip for a three-week period.

The E-waste skip will be at Lalor East PS from **23 August to 13 September** so put any items with cords or batteries aside so then you can add them to the recycling skip when it is here. That way, we can all do our bit for the environment.

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# Jump Rope for Heart Certificates

Congratulations to the recipients of the different skipping awards. Being able to skip for 1 minute continuously without stopping or making a mistake is terrific, 2 minutes is impressive but 3 minutes is phenomenal! Well done everyone!

## Kangaroo Club



## 1 Minute Club



## 2 Minute Club



## 3 Minute Club



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# Why Remote Learning is BETTER than Onsite learning

## By Clement

In December 2019, COVID struck, and we all thought, "It's not going to get worse than that!" But then 2020 walked in and he changed all of our lives. It started to get a LOT worse... which makes me want to bring up Quarantine. With the WHOLE WORLD plunged into Quarantine, there was no way we could learn. Then remote learning rammed 2020 into its butt. Kids at home, with unlimited junk and privacy, but personally I think it's good. Most parents reading this are probably thinking "IS THIS yoUnG KiD CrAzY?!?" Nope. I'm not crazy and I'm going to tell you the reasons why I have this point of view...

First and foremost, kids at home, don't you like it when you can stay home from school and have the whole day sleeping in? But what if you could do that everyday? Yep, with online learning, you could binge watch some cartoons and play some fun games! If you don't want to wake up every Monday morning getting ready for onsite learning, then lay down in bed while in your pyjamas and do your school work from home! This is why I STRONGLY agree that online learning is good. But wait, I'm not even halfway yet...

Secondly, unlimited breaks. Say you're at school struggling to wait for the recess bell to go off, but if you were at home you wouldn't have to wait any longer! Chill back, have a snack or even play a little game! Is the teacher going to come to your house and tell you off? No! Nothing is stopping you to do anything in online learning! (well, except for parents.) Still not convinced? Well, this one might get ya...

Finally, privacy. Staying home is fun, but there is one more topic that might catch your ears. Privacy. Do you really want to be in a nosy classroom with a bunch of nosy classmates? Or do you want peace, silence and meditation? Well, our good buddy online learning has got us covered, because not only do you get freetime, you get PRIVACY! Do you want other people minding your business? I'm pretty sure you don't.

It's been a long time now, so let me get on to my conclusion. For these reasons, I personally think that destructive, terrible onsite learning is waaaaay worse than our best friend online learning. Did I get you there? Heh, now you're convinced. :)

Thanks for Listening...

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# Onsite learning is better than remote learning

## By Sedra

Would you ever want to see your child staring at a computer screen 24 hours non stop with wide eyes, in bed waiting for their food to come to them not moving a bone because of laziness? Nowadays this is what is actually happening in Australia because of the COVID lockdown. Children are forced to stay at home doing work that doesn't teach them anything. Children are now changing their handwriting skills to typing skills. If this dreadful disaster keeps on continuing you will realise that your child is slowly, slowly starting to look at a completely plain wall for no reason. Keep on reading for the reasons why onsite learning is better than online learning.

First and foremost, children will start not to listen to their parents when telling them to get off the screen for some sunshine and exercise. Without any sunshine or exercise, children will become pale and deconditioned. Children's muscles will also weaken, not allowing children to stand up properly. Children might even become breathless if they do even less exercise.

Secondly, parents will find it hard to provide enough devices for their kids. They will also find providing food and supplies hard because they don't have enough money because of lack of work that has been happening around. Parents will also get massive headaches seeing their children jumping up and down, day and night in front of them like monkeys. It will be even more complicated for some parents if they are new to Australia who do not speak English. At school teacher assistance is available anywhere, anytime. That's why school is better!

Finally, children's social life will be destroyed forever and ever. Children will complain and whine about that all day. Meeting face to face will become impossible. Then you will never see your children's happy face laughing again. That is the real reason why school is very important to both parents and children.

For these reasons you must now definitely agree that going to school is very important for parents, teachers and especially young children. When children first come to school they will learn how to manage time and they will also learn physically, mentally and emotionally more effectively. Plus teachers really want to see children's cheeky smiles and faces in school once again.

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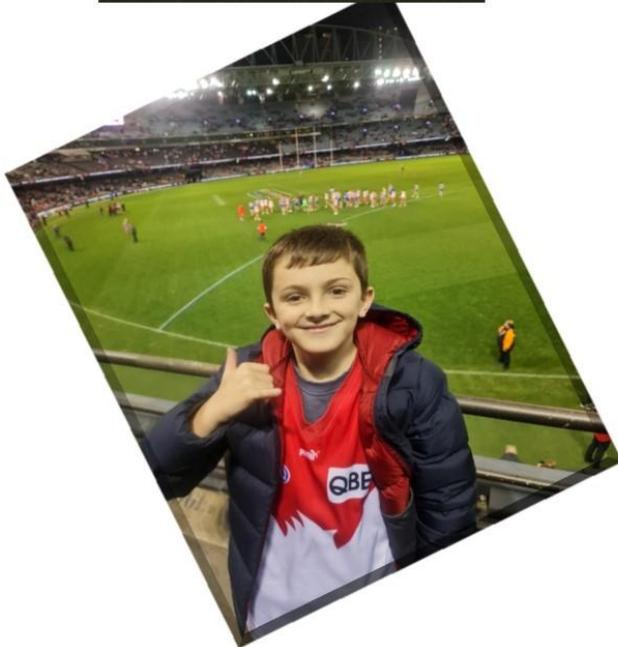
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# Marvellous Medallion Club Prize Winner - Darcey

**Congratulations** to Darcey and his family who were the lucky winners of our recent raffle. Their prize was to attend a match of their choice at Marvel Stadium. Darcey and his family chose to watch their beloved Swan take on the Bulldogs which was lucky for them since the Swans were victorious on the day!



Thanks to everyone for supporting our raffle. We raised \$740 which will be used for line marking on the new concrete areas so students will be able to play bat tennis and foursquare again. Special thanks to Steve and the team from **TheirCare** for their generosity in providing this prize for us to raffle.

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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.

**We still need volunteers to assist each  
morning so our children can start the day  
with good energy. Let us know if you have an  
hour to spare. Contact Amanda Einsiedel if  
you can help us.**



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### **NAIDOC WEEK**

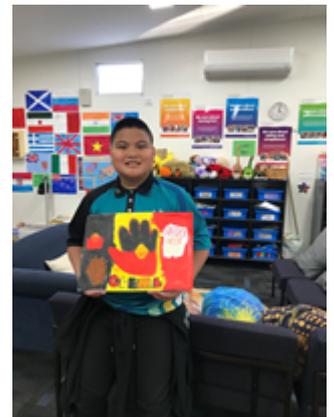
Last week at the magical world of OSHC, we celebrated NAIDOC Week. We talked about NAIDOC week and what this important week represents. We acknowledged the culture, history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We put on our artistic hats, as we painted fabulous Aboriginal inspired artwork using paint, twigs, bark and leaves and NAIDOC Week posters.

The children have really enjoyed making jewellery. They have created fantastic bracelets and necklaces using beads, pipe cleaners and straws. It has been lovely outside, the children and I have enjoyed a fun game of tennis and also had a laugh on the playground. The children have been super creative with LEGO building amazing worlds, and using their imaginations to role play families, cafes and zoo keepers.

This week is all about fun! We will be doing all the cool and fun things at OSHC. So far, we have created metallic magnets and danced to JUST DANCE Waka Waka.

### **Pupil Free Day is on Thursday July 22!**

**On Thursday 22 July, our school is having our 3 Way Conferences. TheirCare is operating a Pupil Free Day from 7am to 6pm. There will be fun games, arts and crafts, outdoor activities and lots of laughs.**



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.

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## 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	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

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

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# Triple P Fear Less Group

A free online parenting group  
for parents of children experiencing anxiety.

Fear-Less Triple P supports parents to learn new strategies for managing their child's anxiety. This group is for parents that are concerned about their child's anxiety that would like to learn strategies they can put in place to support the wellbeing of their child and the family. Content is suited to parents or caregivers of children aged from 6 to 14 years.

The topics covered in this program include:

- Understanding how anxiety works.
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for their children.
- Becoming effective emotion coaches.
- Understanding and teaching the value of flexible thinking.
- Managing their children's anxiety effectively.
- Using constructive coping.

## Dates:

28/ July/21, 4/Aug/21,  
11/Aug/21, 18/Aug/21,  
25/Aug/21, 1/Sept/21

## Location:

Online via Zoom

## Time:

10am – 11:30am

### How to book:

To schedule an enrolment into the group, contact Georgia from the Triple P Team by emailing us at [triplep@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:triplep@berrystreet.org.au)

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## 2021 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Lalor East Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 20 August 2021.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)



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If you have children born between 1 May 2017 and 30 April 2019 you can now apply for:

3 and 4 year old kindergarten for 2022

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Applications are also open for 4 year old kindergarten for 2023

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4 year old applications for 2021 are still open

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**Application forms available at**

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Council Offices and  
Maternal & Child Health Centres.



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For more information contact the Kindergarten Team on 9217 2170 or email [keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:keo@whittlesea.vic.gov.au)

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