



### Issue No. 12 – 12 October 2021

#### Upcoming Events

##### Wednesday 13 October @ 4pm

Virtual School Tour  
Book via our website

##### Thursday 14 October @ 4pm

Virtual Planning Meeting for our big 50th celebration in 2022

Call the office to register your interest

##### Portsea Camp 5/6 2022

Contact the office to arrange payment  
Second \$100 instalment due: **15 October**  
Final \$100 instalment due: **5 November**  
Or Full Payment \$300 due **15 October**

#### 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.



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide

#### 'Hat Season' has arrived

We all need to wear hats when we are outside  
Hats can be purchased at the office

#### 2021 Term Dates

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

### From the Principal

#### Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a refreshing break and made the most of the days in the holiday when we had sunshine for some outdoor activities. I went on lots of walks and cleaned lots of cupboards!

It was excellent hearing the news regarding the Roadmap relating to students returning to school. The return to school will be a staggered one. I have included the schedule for the week 3 below:

Monday 18 October	Prep/1 A Prep/1 B Prep/1 C
Tuesday 19 October	Prep/1 A Prep/1 B Prep/1 C
Wednesday 20 October <b>Preps only</b>	Prep A Prep B Prep C
Thursday 21 October	Grade 1/2A Grade 2
Friday 22 October	Grade 1/2A Grade 2

Students of permitted workers and those who meet the disability/vulnerable category will continue to be permitted to attend Monday to Friday, just as they have throughout the pandemic. A booking form will be sent later in the week so those families can register their child/ren.

Further information will be provided to ALL families regarding the return to school.

To ensure we can minimise our exposure to the COVID virus and keep our school open for our students, families will need to drop their children at the gate at the start of the day and collect their child from the same gate at the end of the day. **ONLY current LEPS students** will be allowed onsite.

Families will need to socially distance while waiting for their child to come onto the school grounds or leave school grounds.

Children who are unwell will be sent home. You will need to call the office when you get to school before coming onsite to collect your child.



From 18 October, it will be mandatory for Grade 3-6 students to wear a facemask while indoors.

It is recommended that Prep-2 students also wear a facemask but this is not mandatory.

### 2022 Plans - Where will your child be?

We are busy making plans for 2022 regarding our class structure and really need to finalise our enrolment number.

Please contact the school if:

- your child will be moving to a different school in 2022
- you have a child who will turn 5 by 30 April 2022 so we can enrol them in our prep program.

We will be hosting the third of our Virtual School Tours at 4pm on **Wednesday 13 October**. Click

on the link on our homepage to register for the tour.

We have enjoyed meeting our new families during the Virtual Tours we have run so far and can not wait to meet those already registered for Wednesday's 'tour'!

### 1:1 Device program

Remember to sign up to purchase a device for your child to use for their schooling in 2022. COVID has impacted supplies, so order early to avoid disappointment. Detailed information about the 1:1 program is contained in this week's newsletter.

Have a wonderful week and stay safe!

**Linda Richards**

## Lalor East is turning



## in 2022 and we are planning a big celebration!

BUT, we need some volunteers to help start getting everything ready.

**We are holding our first meeting at 4:00pm on Thursday 14 October online via Webex!**

If you are interested in joining our planning committee, please contact the office on 9465 4350 and register your interest in helping to plan a memorable event for us all to enjoy. We will send a link to your email so you can join the planning meeting.

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## Nurturing young boys' friendships

### By Maggie Dent

There are a couple of factors in helping our kids in the early years at school. One is a warm connected relationship with the teacher or education assistant. The other is having at least one friend they can rely on at school.

### Boy friendships are fragile

Since boys often talk later (and less) than girls, little boys can struggle with friendships. I am astounded at the capacity of most little girls to have real conversations that explore things friends have in common, help them play games and negotiate, and experience mutually bonding moments. Girls also tend to have a better grasp on the non-verbal cues of building rapport such as smiling, waving, and hugging.

One of the world's leading boy experts, Dr William Pollack, author of *Real Boys*, believes that while girls communicate more, boys seek connection more indirectly through activities or play. So, for boys to bond they need significant amounts of time spent playing with other boys.

### Boys need play to facilitate friendships

'Play dates' are a reasonably recent happening. Years ago, children tended to play for hours either in each other's backyards or at sporting events. Now, less recess and lunch time at school, remote learning, and more emphasis on technology than real play is impacting this key window of building emotional and social skills.

We need to create opportunities outside of school. Finding families in your neighbourhood

with kids of similar ages and older is still an excellent way of creating friendships. Yes, it involves some scheduling, but many families still make time to gather maybe one afternoon a week in the same playground with the same grownups and kids to create cohesion.

Play has many benefits other than the obvious one of helping our boys discharge excess energy and stress. Unstructured play helps to create feel-good neurochemicals, especially when it allows kids to follow the often-unspoken randomness of boy play which frequently includes adventures, hunts, and targets. It teaches them to lose, to wait, to take turns and much more.

### Coaching young boys

I often share the story of the little boy who at the end of the day at school ran up to his best little mate and punched him in the head. In no way did this little boy mean to hurt his friend, however, at that moment his actions, which looked confusing to everybody, were an attempt to express how much he liked his friend and how much he was going to miss him.

Helping boys to create (and practice!) welcoming and farewell strategies can help alleviate some of these awkward moments. Giving a high five, having a secret handshake, teaching them to smile and calling out 'hello' using their friend's name are all great strategies to coach and teach.

Having a friend at school can make a huge difference to our boys, but sometimes they need a little help from parents to find their way.

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# WELLBEING WEDNESDAYS

Here is a selection of photos and comments from the 34s about their Wellbeing Wednesday tasks.



**George**



**Joshna**

- Today I helped my mum with the lawn mowing and washing the cars. After that me and my sisters did some rollerblading outdoors. **Emily**
- I played uno. **Alice**
- I helped in the garden with the plants. I also listened to my mum's Spotify list and it felt good to dance with my mum in the morning sun. **Julian**
- I did the gratitude jar and card (actually I made a birthday puppet which says happy birthday once opened)! **Yuvraj**

I made an acrostic poem and did the scavenger hunt using the letters of my name.

<b>R</b> refreshing	Rug
<b>U</b> understanding	umbrella
<b>Q</b> queenhood	quilt
<b>A</b> amazing	apple
<b>Y</b> young	yogurt
<b>A</b> affection	art book



**Kurt- picture using items from the garden**

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The students at school have been busy looking after the beautiful flowers and delicious vegetables.



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## Student of the Week Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates:

### 4 October

3/4C Super Stars - Term 3

### 11 October

O1C - Mayha & Laith      34B - Shakila & Luise

12A - Paul      34C - Jeremy & Luise

56B - Nisha      OSHC- Rayanna

## Office News (Office hours 8:30am - 4:00pm)

### 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

As a 'SUNSMART SCHOOL' we need to ensure we wear hats from the middle of August until 30 April. The new black hats are available at LOWES for \$24.50.



## 2022 Grade 5-6 Portsea Camp CONFIRMED!!

Our Grade 5-6 Portsea Camp is confirmed! **Only 4 places remain** so get in quickly if you would like your child to be part of this memorable occasion. The camp costs \$360 and a \$60 deposit will be required to secure your booking.

## Families who have already paid their deposit must make remaining payments as detailed below:

Remaining balance - 3 x \$100 payments

- Payment 1: \$100 due Friday 10 September
- Payment 2: \$100 due Friday 15 October
- Payment 3: \$100 due Friday 5 November

Or full payment by Friday 15 October.

## 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.

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## **Join the LEPS Family Book a Virtual School Tour**

<https://bit.ly/bookavirtualtour>

Wednesday 15 September 2021	11:30 am
Thursday 7 October 2021	9:30 am
Wednesday 13 October 2021	4:00 pm

For more information please call 9465 4350

<http://www.laloreastps.vic.edu.au>  
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Scan QR code to book

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## 1:1 Device Program

### Information for parents

In 2022, Lalor East Primary School will introduce a 1:1 device program for students in grades 3 to 6.

The recent series of lockdowns have highlighted the importance of providing the best technology education for our children. A 1:1 program will equip our students with the skills needed to tackle the challenges of the digital age.

A personal learning device, together with our Google and Compass accounts, comprise the ideal learning ecosystem to enable flexibility and real-time feedback. Our students will be able to access their learning anywhere.



### Why a one to one program?

Technologies are already an essential part of every aspect of life. They changed the way we work, communicate, create and entertain ourselves. Technologies are also changing the way we learn.

We believe a 1:1 program is the best way to provide our students with the tools they need to thrive in the 21st century.

### Our provider - Learning with Technologies

We are working with **Learning with Technologies** to provide affordable Chromebook devices. These are fast, easy to use, and free from many distractions, so students can focus on their learning.

They have prepared a dedicated ordering portal at:

<https://leps.orderportal.com.au/>

There are two Lenovo Chromebook models to choose from, 100e and 300e as well as different accessories, warranty and insurance options.

### Is finance available?

Families can apply for **Zip** and **Latitude**, 12-month interest free finance directly on the portal provided (subject to approval).



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## What if I already own a device?

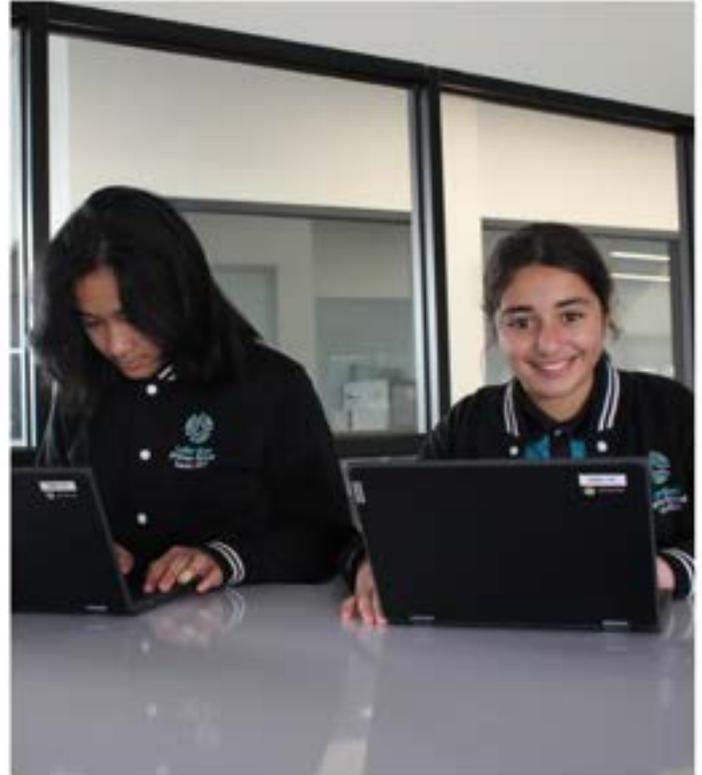
We acknowledge that many families have recently purchased a device for remote learning. Most devices purchased within the last two years are eligible for the program, provided they are in good condition.

iPads and Android tablets are OK, but we recommend purchasing an external bluetooth keyboard to practice typing.

## Need help choosing or ordering a device? Have any questions or concerns?

Please contact the school or send an email to [1-1@laloreastps.vic.edu.au](mailto:1-1@laloreastps.vic.edu.au) with your enquiries.

Additionally, we will be conducting information sessions in terms 3 and 4.



**LEARNING**  
with technologies

 **LATITUDE**



chromebook



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# MEADOWGLEN / LALOR LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

Come join us for the 2021/2022 Little Athletics season.

&

*Start your Olympic journey to  
Brisbane 2032.*



It's a great way to Make new friends  
and have fun along the way

**FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL**

Registrar: Val Humphrey on 0417 659 097 or  
[val\\_humphrey@hotmail.com](mailto:val_humphrey@hotmail.com)



# BACK TO SCHOOL



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**Natalie 0477 177 646**

**Welcome back to Term 4! We can't wait to see all the children slowly come back to OSHC. We miss you!**



Last week, the children, I jumped into a time portal and blasted ourselves back into medieval times. We created castles and dragons using recycled materials and created our own protective shields. We also relaxed whilst playing our favourite game at the moment called Pop and Hop. Thank you Amelie for leading this awesome game last week. We even had one child create a cool story about dinosaurs using our sandpit and dinosaur toys.



To celebrate International Space Week this week, the children are turning into awesome astronauts and blasting into space. Whosh! We will be exploring our solar system and hopefully meeting some cheeky aliens along the way. There will be lots of art and craft, outside adventure and some fun times with our friends.



**If you are interested in booking your child/children into our fabulous service, please visit <https://theircare.com.au/> or call Natalie on 0477 177 646.**

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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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