



### Issue No. 13 – 31 May 2022

#### Upcoming Events

##### Tuesday 31 May

Grade 3/4A & 3/4B Excursion to Quantum

##### Wednesday 1 June

3/4B and 4/5A (partial grade) - Quantum Excursion

##### Friday 3 June

Curriculum Day - NO students at school on this day

##### Tuesday 7 June

Jump Rope for Heart Event - come and join us at 2:30pm

##### Monday 13 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - NO students at school on this day

##### Tuesday 21 June

LEPS School Council Meeting - 6.30pm in the Staffroom

##### Friday 24 June

Last day of Term 2 - 1.30pm finish

#### 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.

#### 2022 Term Dates

**Term 2:** 26 April - 24 June

**Term 3:** 11 July - 16 September

**Term 4:** 3 October - 20 December



A huge thank you to the staff and parents who volunteered to run our sausage sizzle BBQ on Election Day on Saturday 21 May. Thanks to the wonderful efforts of Robyn, Katie, Dean, Suzanne, Shona, Carly, Ayhan and Bev the school was able to raise \$1150 towards our playground upgrade project! Special thanks to Robyn, Katie and Dean who started work around 8am and stayed till the BBQ finished after 2pm. We are very lucky to have such wonderful people who are willing to give up their precious 'down time' to assist our school.

All our fundraising efforts this year are aimed at raising valuable funds to improve and upgrade our playgrounds for the students.

#### COVID and Flu

I returned to work on Monday 23 May to find our school decimated by the flu and COVID. We have been experiencing high numbers of student and staff absences which is very challenging for everyone. I know parents I have spoken to since my return have said how badly their family has been hit by either COVID or the flu, with some families having both viruses within a short period of time.

I feel we will continue to experience challenges in relation to this throughout the remainder of term 2 and likely into term 3 as well.

I encourage all those who are eligible to book to get a flu vaccine so that at least if you do get hit by the virus, your symptoms will hopefully be less severe.

It is very important for any sick children to be kept at home. I understand this is challenging for families who have work commitments, but a school is no place for anyone who is coughing, sneezing, has a runny nose or is generally unwell. It also increases the chances of the virus spreading to others. Children who are unwell at school will need to be sent home.

Please continue to use the RATs the school has provided so you can test your child if they are unwell. If they are positive, they will need to isolate for 7 days. If you need additional RATs please contact the school and we will arrange to provide them to you.

If another member of the family tests positive, your child can still come to school but they will need to complete 5 RATs over a 7 day period and wear a mask while at school

Our best defence against the virus still remains:

- keeping up to date with vaccinations
- practising good hygiene - washing hands correctly and using sanitiser
- staying at home if we are unwell.

If we all do these simple things, we can help to keep each other safe. At the moment we are unable to source enough replacement staff for the staff who are absent due to illness. This means there will be days when classes will need to be split and some lessons will not proceed as originally planned.

### School uniform

I have noticed an improvement in the number of students wearing the correct school uniform. A reminder that hair ties, hair clips and hijabs need to be black. Red, blue, pink etc accessories are not our school colours and need to be kept for weekends.

Unfortunately, the grade 6 polos are still delayed due to a COVID outbreak in China where they are being manufactured.

If students are unable to wear the full uniform as prescribed in the school's uniform policy, they will need a written note from their parent/guardian so a Uniform Pass can be issued to them.

### Term 2 Curriculum Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Friday 3 June

Staff will be working with renowned behaviourist presenter, Dan Petro, to support us with our ongoing work related to School Wide Positive Behaviours. Students will not be required at school on **Friday 3 June (week 6)**.

Families can book their child into our Out of Hours Program run by TheirCare on these two days. Fees will apply.

### Holiday Update

I had an incredible time travelling in the Northern Territory with my husband Craig and saw so many incredible things it is difficult to choose my favourite. However, if pressed to provide a Top 3 it would be:

#### Equal first:

Sunrise Jetski adventure on Darwin Harbour - 2 dolphins swam near my jetski which was very exciting! Did you know Darwin Harbour is five times bigger than Sydney Harbour?



The Field of Lights Art installation at Uluru comprises 50000 solar powered light spheres which change colours. We even saw 3 shooting stars!



**Second:** Bike riding around the base of Uluru

**Third:** Swimming at Buley Rock Pool and Florence Falls in Litchfield National Park

We are incredibly lucky to live in a country with so much diversity and so many cool places to visit. If you are planning a holiday any time soon, I would highly recommend visiting the Northern Territory.

As fun as holidays are, it is always good to return home and I am very lucky to have received such a warm welcome back to school from our wonderful students, staff and community. I am sure the students have all grown while I have been away, they all seem that little bit taller than when I left.

I would like to acknowledge all the staff and particularly Scott, Adrian, Steph, Shona, Natalie, Robyn and Bev for all their incredible work keeping things running smoothly in my absences. There were definitely some challenges with the high numbers of COVID and Flu cases but they all did a wonderful job in my absence.

**Linda Richards**

### **Wellbeing Space!**

The Wellbeing space has been an interesting one for the last couple of weeks.

As Linda mentioned in her report a lot of students and teachers have been absent from school due to Covid or the Flu. We know a lot of our families are concerned and worry if their child is missing school, or are not able to see their friends or be involved in all of the extracurricular activities we offer. We completely understand these concerns and please know we as staff feel them too, but it's important that we take care of ourselves and each other during this time so that we can move forward better, bolder and more brilliantly!

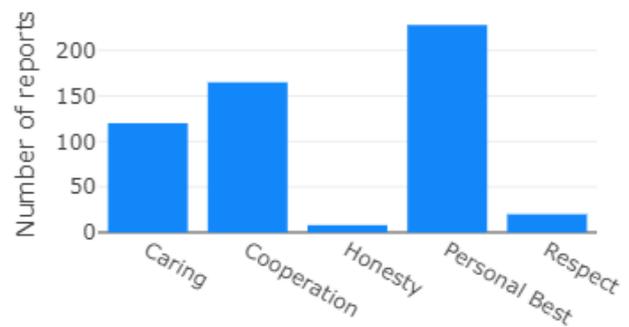
### **Have you seen our new Wellbeing display board?**

When you're next at the office make sure you take a look at some of the wonderful things we do at LEPS in the Wellbeing Space.

### **Focus on the good points - We're rising up!**

Well done to all those students over the past couple of weeks who have been working hard to earn themselves some focus on the good card points. Even during these tough times teachers are still handing out points and students are definitely still displaying our school values.

Take a look below to see what is happening at LEPS over the past couple of weeks.



It's looking like Personal Best is still leading the way followed by Cooperation and Caring coming closely behind. We need to get those Honesty and Respect focus on the good points up.

### **What learning is happening in the Wellbeing Space at LEPS this term?**

As you all know from previous Jumbunna and Compass posts, for the remainder of this term, students will be participating in Wellbeing Wednesday groups. We started these groups during term 1 and this term students will again be given the opportunity to select a different club to participate in for 4-5 weeks. At the end of the term students will be given the chance to share feedback on what worked well and some areas for improvement in relation to their experiences.

Students will also continue the topic on Personal Strengths from the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program. If you wish to

have a look at these lessons please see below the link

<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/ResourcePacka/ge/ByPin?pin=2JZX4R>

We will also have a visit from Dan Petro Behaviour Analyst on **Friday June 3rd**. Dan will be working with the teachers and integration aids on responding to student behaviour. He will be sharing strategies in promoting safe change and effective decision making that respects the rights and independence of individuals.



**Natalie Iverson**



**Congratulations to the following students and classes who were awarded certificates on: 30 May**

0/1 A - Ellie	3/4A - Zoe
0/1/B - Hugo	3/4B - Hakan
1/2A - Roy, Sienna & Arjun	6A - Joued
	6B -
2A - Alisha	OSHC - Gurinder & Ethan



## 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.

### 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 will open at **8:30** and student's will be able to enter the school grounds through the small gate next to OHSC but only if they are eating at Breakfast Club. If students are not visiting the Breakfast Club they are to enter the school grounds at 8:45am.

Students can receive a **free** breakfast of toast, cereal, milk and fruit before beginning their busy day of learning. Breakfast Club wishes to acknowledge the kind support from Bakers Delight-Mernda Village, Christina Bakery and Foodbank Victoria

## Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser - Tue 7 June

On Tuesday 7 June as part of Education Week, L.E.P.S will be holding its annual 'JUMP ROPE FOR HEART-JUMP OFF EVENT'.



The 'Jump Off' will be held after lunch from 2:30-3:20pm. At 3:05pm a hand selected team of students will be participating in a skipping demonstration in front of the whole school in the Multipurpose Centre. Awards will also be given out to students who have demonstrated excellence in jump rope. Parents are welcome to come along and assist teachers for the afternoon event and join in the fun.

Your child is encouraged to bring a GOLD COIN donation to participate in the Jump Off. We hope you can support your child, your school, and the Heart Foundation in this very worthwhile fundraiser. Hope to see you there!

**Dean Sharples - Phys/Ed Coordinator**

## Cyber Action - Brainstorm Production Saving Lil and Archie

On Tuesday 24 May, students watched the Saving Lil and Archie performance from the Brainstorm Production Team. The performance focussed on the importance of having balance between being online and being active physically. This is definitely something we all have difficulty with at times.

Students also learnt strategies to use if they are being bullied online. We will be doing follow up work on these themes in the next few weeks. Our Cyber Action Team Leaders will be assisting the class teachers to run the lessons they have planned based on the performance last week.





Lalor East Primary School 2022

Natalie 0477 177 646

### Reconciliation Week

The children and I will be celebrating Reconciliation Week. Through art and craft, and group discussion we will be building positive relationships and learning more about our shared histories, culture and achievements. We will be building reconciliation hands, mosaic snakes, paper plate frogs and painting turtles. We will be inspired by paintings of Aboriginal artists to create our own artwork and be using chalk outside. We will share and act our Aboriginal dreamtime stories.

The children will also be doing their favourite activities: colouring in, role playing cafes and dress up. We will even be hosting our children's quiz.

**Parents:** We will be having a Morning Tea on Tuesday. You will be able to leave with a warm cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit/muffin. Yum! Afternoon parents, I am happy to give you coffee/tea too.

**There is a Pupil Free Day on Friday 3 June 2022. We are open from 7am to 6pm. There are games, crafts, cubby houses, and outside adventure too. Please speak to Natalie or Adam if you have further questions. Thank you Gurinder for designing our PFD poster.**

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 can also email us at [laloreast@theircare.com.au](mailto:laloreast@theircare.com.au).





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Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average^
Before School Care	7:00am – 8:45am	\$25.95	\$10.08 - \$25.95	\$9.41
After School Care	3:30pm - 6:00pm	\$30.10	\$7.43 - \$30.10	\$7.43
Pupil Free Day	7:00am – 6:00pm	\$62.28	\$9.34 - \$62.28	\$9.34
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



# World Environment Day Festival

Sunday 5 June, 11am–3pm

Laurie's Field, Brookwood  
Avenue Doreen



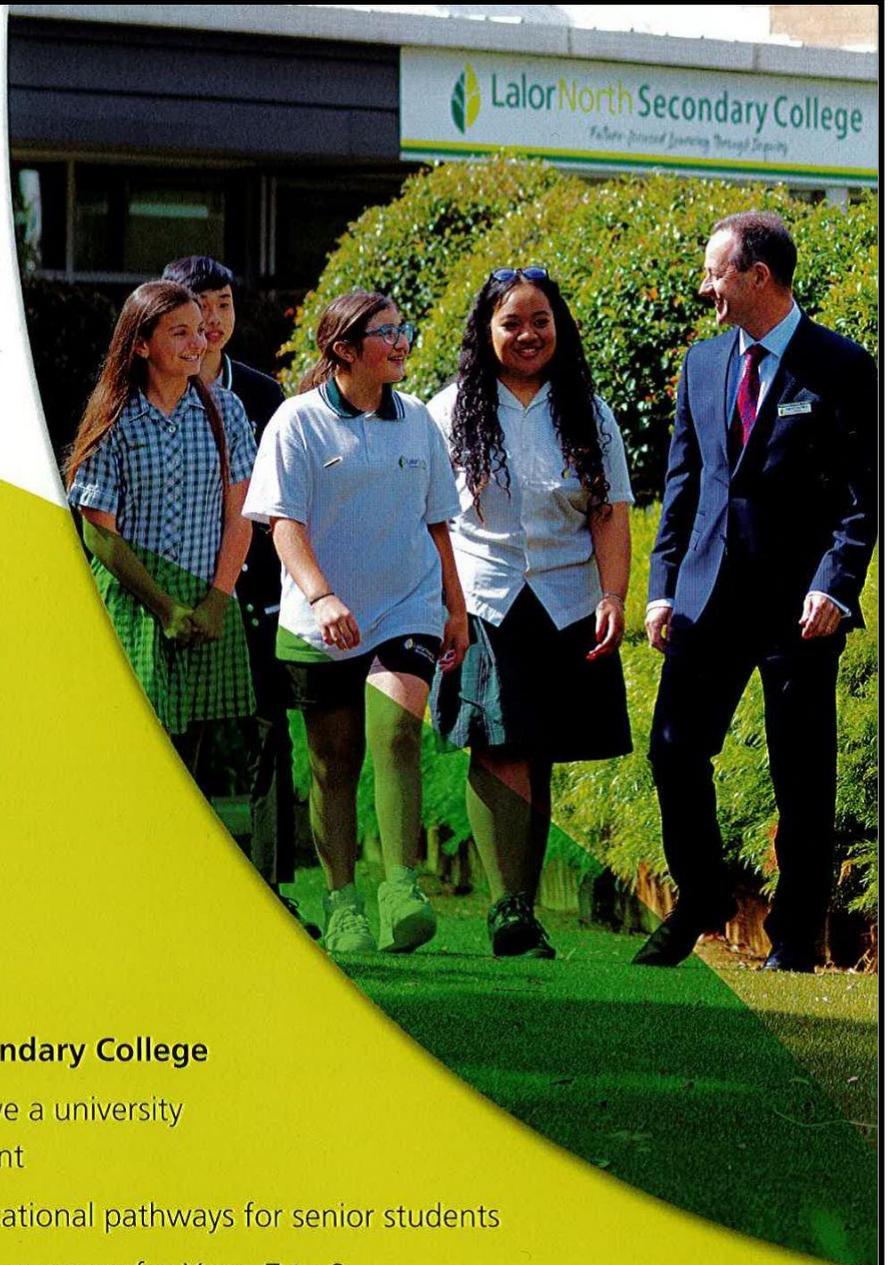
Activities include:

- a ninja course
- nature based fun and games
- science activities
- traditional smoking ceremony
- BBQ
- and much more!





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