



Issue No. 23 – 22 November 2022

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Friday 25 November - LAST SESSION

Prep - Grade 2 Swimming Program

Wednesday 23 November 9:30 am - 10:30am

2023 Prep Transition session - Group C

Friday 25 November

Icy-Poles on sale at lunch time - \$1

2023 Grade 5/6 Camp to Lady Northcote

Camp Fees due - 9 December

Wednesday 14 December - 6pm - 7pm

Grade 6 Graduation

Order Tickets on Compass - (Link - Compastix)

Dinner & Celebration - (Students Only)

7pm - 9pm

Monday 19 December

Grade 5/6 Funfields Excursion

Last day of term 4: 20 December

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.



Congratulations Luis and Isabel who became the proud parents of a gorgeous little boy Mateo on 8 November. Mateo took his Mum and Dad a little by surprise by arriving just over a week earlier than expected but everyone is doing well.



Luis will be on leave until February 2023 so he can spend lots of quality time with his beautiful son. I am sure you join me in wishing the new family all the best. Hopefully, Mateo is a cooperative sleeper and they can get a little rest between all the feeds a newborn needs.

Prep Transition

We have been having lots of fun the last two weeks getting to know our new 2023 Preps. Each group has completed two transition sessions at the school, one focussing on literacy and the other on numeracy. The new preps are a very engaging group and the only tears were from the

Mums or Dads who felt upset when their youngster headed off for their transition session without saying goodbye!

One prep to be was upset the next day when dropping off her brother because she wanted to be at school again. Apparently, she has had enough of being at kinder and wants to be at school!

It is wonderful to see our newbies be so excited about starting the next exciting adventure of their young lives. I am sure you are going to be seeing and hearing lots from this dynamic new group in the years to come.

If you have a child who will turn 5 by 30 April 2023 it is not too late to enrol them. Contact the office and Robyn, Suzanne or Bev will be very happy to help you complete the enrolment forms.

Thanks to Zeinab, Ivy, Jennifer and Long who exchanged their Focus on the Good points to be the Principal for two hours and helped out with the transition sessions. Zeinab and Long also chose to include speaking at assembly as one of their 'Principal' duties and both did a sensational job! Maybe, I'll be out of a job soon since so many people want to be the Principal!! Although, none of them seem keen to do all the boring paperwork I need to complete each week.



Whole School Transition Sessions

This week we will hold the first of two transition sessions for our current Prep-5 students. These sessions provide an opportunity to move to a different learning space and work with a different teacher. The reality is, with our new learning spaces, the students actually have

numerous opportunities to work in different learning spaces and with different staff throughout the year so are fairly confident working in different spaces compared to when we worked in our old classrooms. The biggest change will be for the Grade 2s who will get to move from the Azure building to the Octane building.

Our grade 6s are preparing for their graduation performance and ceremony and will spend the day at their chosen secondary school on 13 December.

School Uniform

A reminder to our families and students, that even though we are nearing the end of term, our expectations regarding uniform remain the same.

Our uniform consists of:

- plain black (no logos, stripes etc) shorts or track pants, skorts may also be worn
- school teal polo
- school bomber jacket
- school broad brimmed hat
- hair accessories, need to be black, white or teal
- hijabs can be white or teal

Please note bike shorts and tennis skirts **are not** part of our uniform and should not be worn to school.

A great deal of learning time is lost each day having conversations with students who are not wearing the correct uniform.

Parents, it is your responsibility to ensure your children are wearing the correct uniform each day.

Changes to school hours in 2023

Throughout the year, staff have been having discussions about how we can improve learning opportunities for our students. This year we have been trialling a healthy snack break at 12:30 as we were finding that the energy levels of students were waning at that time. The students have been very positive about this initiative and we have noticed an improvement in their energy levels since introducing this change.

Moving forward we believe students would benefit from changing our daily timetable around and changing when we have our lunch break and reducing the outside time in the afternoon. Valuable learning time is lost during the afternoon sessions as staff need to spend learning time unpacking and solving issues which have occurred during lunch time rather than focussing on learning.

The majority of yard incidents happen in the last 15 minutes of our current lunch break. We believe that by changing the structure of the day and reducing the lunch break we will reduce the number of incidents in the yard and increase the effectiveness of the learning in the afternoon session

After much discussion we are intending to implement the following changes in 2023:

Time	Activity
8:50 am - 9:00 am	Soft start
9:00 am- 11:00 am	Learning sessions 1 & 2
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Lunch eating time
11:15 am - 11:45 am	Play outside
11:45 am - 1:45 am	Learning sessions 3 & 4
1:45 pm - 2:15 pm	Eat small snack & play outside
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	Learning session 5
3:15 pm	Home time

The proposed changes were presented to School Council in September and they have given their endorsement for us to proceed with sharing this information with our broader community.

If you have any feedback regarding the proposed changes, please contact the school and arrange a time to discuss your concerns with me. Thanks to the students who have been discussing the changes with me.

Parent Contributions

Notices were sent home with all children at the beginning of November regarding Parent Contributions for 2023. Thank you to those families who have already come into the office to finalise your child's 2023 payments.

The office team and other staff have worked very hard to keep our costs as low as possible for all our families. We understand that many families are doing it tough in the current financial climate. All money paid by families goes towards buying resources for our students, books, paper, textas, art supplies, sports equipment, technology etc. We appreciate families paying the Parent Contributions requested. Every extra dollar we get frees money for us to buy any extras and the special things that make our school unique, things like new playground equipment.

Every dollar helps, and we would really appreciate families popping into the office and contributing what they can to support their child and the school.

Musical Performances

Thanks to the Band for entertaining us at assembly on 14 November. It was a wonderful way to start the week.

The Choir will be performing at assembly on 5 December so come and join us!

I have the utmost respect for those who have musical talent and have the ability to perform and entertain others.



Linda Richards

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates . . .

14 November

0/1A - Omar	05A - Louis
2A - Rusiru, Whole class	06A - Helen 06B - Narjis
3/4A - Zoey, Yousef	OHSC - Aydin
3/4B - Shivansh	



21 November

0/1A - Fatima, Adam	3/4B - Artin
1/2A - Loudia, Sasha	4/5A - Jennifer
2A - AJ	5A - Hasan
3/4A - Rhea, Frankee-Lee	6A - Clement
	6B - Lana



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 **8:30am** 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. **If any families are experiencing hardship, please contact Amanda or Robyn and a food package can be organised.**

2023 Grade 5/6 Camp to Lady Northcote

A reminder to families to continue making payments for the camp. All payments need to be finalised by **9 December**.

Students who have already paid their deposit have been issued with their Medical forms. Can you please fill these out and return them to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Pesio I'a - Camp Coordinator

Wellbeing Space!

Relationships and Sexual Education Sessions

On Tuesday 15 November Judy from Sexual Health Victoria came to run a free session for all of grade 5-6 parents. This session was a great opportunity for parents to ask questions about what their child will be learning.

Sexual Health Victoria will be teaching our grade 5-6 students the **mandatory** curriculum over 3 sessions. The sessions will be mixed sexes and a teacher will be present at all times. These sessions will take place on Thursday 17th, 24th and 1st.

For more information about what students will be learning please use the link below:

<https://shvic.org.au/schools/sex-education-services/classroom-sessions?categoryfilter-traversablecategories=10>



Ivy and Zeinab talking to Whitney from DPV Health about the Wellbeing Programs we run at LEPS.

RRRR lessons

All year levels have now completed their RRRR lessons for the school year. The curriculum students are learning is mandated in all government schools. Well done to all students who have completed all 4 curriculum areas this year. We will be back next year teaching the following units:

- Stress Management
- Help Seeking
- Gender and Identity
- Positive Gender Relations

If you wish to view the curriculum please see the link below for more information

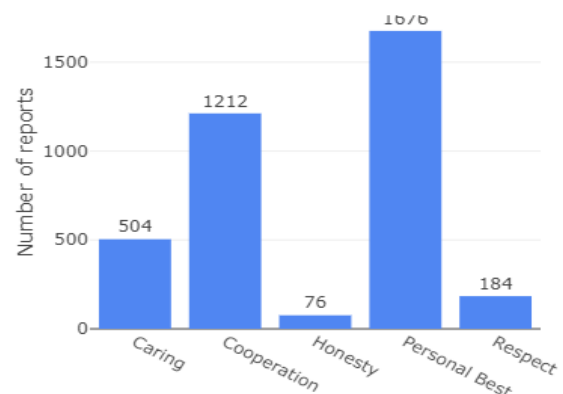
<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/ResourcePackage/ByPin?pin=2JZX4R>

Passport to Success - Grade 6 students

This term students in grade 6 have been participating in the Passport to Success program run by the Smith Family. Throughout the program, students learn skills that will assist with the increased school workload including time management, planning, goal setting, motivation to engage with learning, and increase their knowledge about what to expect in high school. Students have the opportunity to raise their concerns and hear from a secondary student about their high school experience.

Focus on the good - SWPBS

Not long now and our focus on the good system will be finished for the year. We have a huge amount of students with points to be spent. Over the past couple of weeks Linda has been very busy with students redeeming the reward for 'principal for 2 hours'. Students need a total of 150 points for this reward. Well done to everyone who has been following our school values! Please see below a breakdown of our focus on the good points.







P-2 Fire Fighter Visit

On Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 November, the P-2 students were fortunate to have a visit from the fire fighters from Epping Fire Station. In the first session, we learnt about safe and unsafe fires, what to do if there is a fire at home and if our clothes catch fire. The fire fighters also showed us the equipment use and wear they need to protect themselves.


In the second session, they showed us their fire truck and we were able to go inside the truck and had a turn with the hose. Everyone loved the experience and hearing the loud siren.



Buddies

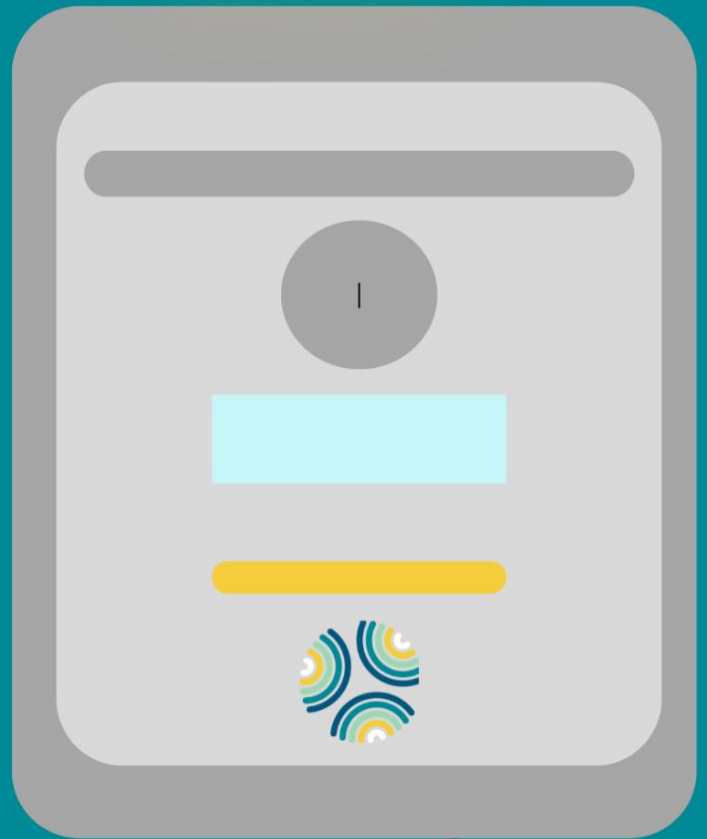
6B and the 1/2s had fun making craft fish together last week.





WHAT DO YOU
WANT AT
LEPS?

HAVE YOUR SAY BY
PUTTING AN IDEA IN
THE
SUGGESTION BOX
AND WE'LL LOOK
INTO IT AT OUR
NEXT JUNIOR
SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING



SUGGESTION BOX IS
LOCATED IN THE
OCTANE AND AZURE
BUILDING





Lalor East
Primary School

ICY-POLE SALES

Bring \$1 on FRIDAY

Limit of 2 Icy poles per
child

On sale first half of lunch



Be
KIND

DOUBLE
POINTS WEEK!

1 card = 10 points

From Monday 28th - Friday 3rd



Lalor East
Primary School

Lalor East Primary School

Natalie 0477 177 646

Puzzles and Boardgames!

It's all about board games and puzzles this week. We will be playing all our favourite games and completing tricky puzzles. The children and I will be making our own puzzles using paddle pop sticks and creating our own board games. We will be learning origami and attempting crosswords and word searches. It's all about having fun with others and learning social skills.

When the sun is shining, we head outside to the playground for OSHC Ninja Warrior and other wonderful adventures. We will also help water our vegetable gardens too and play a fun game of volleyball.

There will be a lot of cooking at OSHC this week, the children absolutely loved cooking biscuits last week. They were absolutely delicious.

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 laloreast@theircare.com.au or call Natalie on 0477 177 646. also email us at





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Lalor East Primary School



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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^
Before School Care	7:00am – 8:45am	\$27.30	\$10.71 - \$27.30	\$10.71
After School Care	3:30pm - 6:00pm	\$31.67	\$7.98 - \$31.167	\$7.98
Pupil Free Day	7:00am – 6:00pm	\$65.46	\$9.82 - \$65.46	\$9.82
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 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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- Paid public holidays that fall during school terms
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- Pro-rata sick leave
- Receive on-the-job training and uniform is provided
- Reduced price memberships available at Mill Park Leisure and Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre
- Join the City of Whittlesea's active social club and attend organised events
- Health & Wellbeing Programs available



TO APPLY visit the City of Whittlesea website at www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/schoolcrossings

For further information please contact the School Crossing Team on 9217 2508 or email school.crossing@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



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We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers** in your area. Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

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Last day of term 4:

Tuesday 20 December

School finishes as

1:00pm





HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

21 - 23
DECEMBER

8:30AM - 3:00PM



LALOR GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

134 Kingsway Drive, Lalor

DAY 1

Ice Breakers
Capture the Flag
Soccer World Cup

DAY 2

T20 Cricket Blast
Dodgeball Battle
Downball Championship

DAY 3

Nerf War
Lego Masters
Multi Sport Tournament

All programs are
run by qualified
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coaches



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Holiday Camps

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ORGANISATION

2023

WHAT IS ON OFFER?

During the summer and term 1 holidays, Doxa will be running camps in both the city and our bushland camp in Malmsbury. They will cater for children aged 10 to 12 years and will be free for participants registered with the Victorian Government Positive Start Programme.

MALMSBURY CAMP

Our Malmsbury Camp is located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria where campers will have exciting outdoor adventures. Onsite there are all sorts of facilities including a giant swing, a climbing wall and trampolines and we visit stand out local attractions such as the steam train.

CITY CAMP

Located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD, our City Camp will offer participants the opportunity to discover all the things that our vibrant city has to offer. From the large iconic attractions to the hidden gems of Melbourne's laneways, sporting activities, and even an amazing race, the experience they have will be like no other.

DATES FOR BOTH OUR MALMSBURY & CITY CAMP

January 9 to January 13
5 days and 4 overnights

January 16 to January 20
5 days and 4 overnights

April 11 to April 14
4 days and 3 overnights

April 17 to April 21
5 days and 4 overnights

TRANSPORT

We will provide buses to and from central pick up points at the Southern Cross Station in Melbourne and the regional towns of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong and Traralgon or you can pick up and drop off your child from the camp.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

For further information, to book or help to register for a free camp with The Victorian Government Positive Start,

email: info@doxa.org.au
or phone: Marianna Anthony
on (03) 9046 8200
or see our website:
doxa.org.au/holiday-camp/