



Issue No. 22 – 8 November 2022

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Friday 7 October - Friday 25 November

Prep - Grade 2 Swimming Program

Friday 11 November

Grade 5-6 Interschool Sport - last match!

Music/Spanish Learning Task live on Compass
@ 4pm

Tuesday 16 November - 5:00 pm - 6:00pm

Relationships and Sexuality Education parent
information session (Grade 5-6 parents)

Friday 18 November@ 4pm

Writing Learning Task live on Compass

2023 Prep transition Sessions

Monday 7 & 14 November 9:30 am - 10:30am

2023 Prep Transition session - Group A

Tuesday 8 & 15 November 9:30 am - 10:30am

2023 Prep Transition session - Group B

**Wednesday 16 & 23 November 9:30 am -
10:30am**

2023 Prep Transition session - Group C

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.

Last day of term 4: 20 December

House Sports Fun!

Thank you to all our families who supported our House Sports Day by assisting the children to dress up in their house colours and/or attending on the day to cheer the competitors on.

It was wonderful to be able to hold our House Sports again after a three year break. The students had a wonderful time and apart from a small hiccup during the tug of war, I think their behaviour was outstanding.

These events are a key part of building strong links between students across the different grade levels and also with our families. It was great to see some of our families jump in to help out with the tug of war!

A HUMONGOUS thank you to Dean Sharples for all his work to ensure that the day was such a tremendous success. Lots of work went on behind the scene to make the day the success it was.

I would like to applaud the work of our house captains: Aymen, Aydin (Blue), Chevelle, Jeremy (Red), Jayden, Luise (Green), Eli & Hasan (Yellow) on their work on the day running the different tabloid events and assisting with other tasks on the day. You all did an incredible job!

Congratulations to **YELLOW House** who were the overall champions on the 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- 10:00 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.

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) - Parent session

Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) is part of the Victorian Curriculum, is mandated through the Child Safe Standards and is compulsory for all Victorian Government Schools (primary, secondary and specialist).

RSE is a **shared responsibility** between parents/carers, school based programs and the local health and welfare community. We acknowledge that parents and carers are the primary educators of their children around RSE. Our program supports family communication by providing homework activities and encouraging children to discuss classroom sessions and their family's values at home.

I can understand that this can be an emotive issue for some members of our community. Sometimes it can be difficult to accept that our 'babies' are growing up and they are changing. If we want them to make this transition as smoothly as possible, it is important that we give them the information they need to understand the changes their bodies are going through. That is why these lessons are so important.

We will be offering a parent information session for our Grade 5-6 parents on **Tuesday 15 November from 5:00pm - 6:00pm** at Lalor East Primary School. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to come along and ask questions about what your child will be learning over the 3 sessions.

If you have any queries regarding our program, please make a time to speak to Natalie Iverson or me.

2023 Prep Transition Sessions

This week we will begin welcoming our 2023 Prep students for their transition sessions. This is an exciting time for our new preps. Scott and I had the pleasure of meeting them during the tours they completed earlier in the year and we are very excited to have them start with us full time in 2023.

We will be running two transition sessions for each group. The sessions will give the children a chance to spend a short time at the school getting to know their new teachers and classmates.

I am pleased to announce Brad Jones and Angela Pobjoy will be continuing their amazing work in the Prep team in 2023.

Prep Transition Dates:

Monday 7 & 14 November 9:30 am - 10:30am

2023 Prep Transition session - Group A

Tuesday 8 & 15 November 9:30 am - 10:30am

2023 Prep Transition session - Group B

Wednesday 16 & 23 November 9:30 am - 10:30am

2023 Prep Transition session - Group C.

From our experience, children who participate in our transition program, generally, have a smoother transition from kindergarten to school.

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

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 but not bike shorts or netball skirts
- 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

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.

Linda Richards



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

8 November

4/5A - Kassem

6A - Victor, Alice

5 - Isabella

6B - Jayden

OSHC - Hayleigh



Pen Licence Awards



Congratulations Artin on being awarded your licence to write with a pen!

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 before the end of this year.

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!

Student Leadership opportunities for 2023

It has been a busy couple of weeks for our grade 4 and 5 students. Students have been enthusiastically writing their leadership applications. Student leadership applications close on: **Tuesday 8 November**. Teachers will be short listing for school and vice captain on Wednesday 9 November.

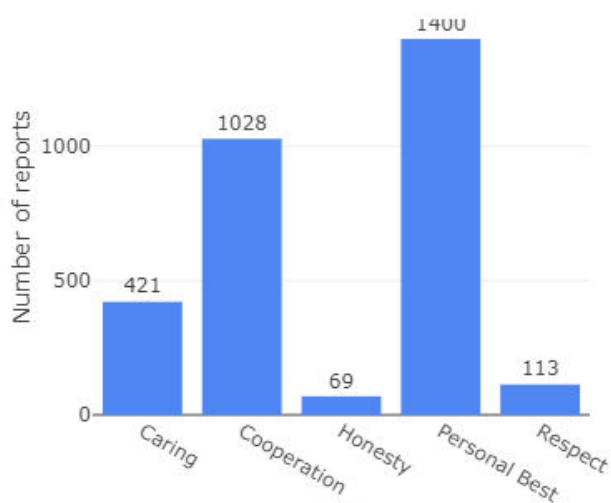
Resilience, Rights, Respectful Relationship Lessons

This year, from grades prep - 6 students have been engaging in RRRR lessons. These lessons in 2022 focused on: Emotional Literacy; Personal Strengths; Positive Coping; Problem Solving; Stress Management. In 2023 students will be engaging in lessons related to: Help Seeking; Gender and Identity; and Positive Gender Relationships. To access the curriculum please use the link below:

Focus on the good

We're just over half way through the term and it has been a super busy one for all of us for focus on the good. Students have started to spend their focus on the good card points. A friendly reminder to all our families our focus on the good program ends at the end of the year. Points will not carry over to 2023, so students need to spend by the end of week 10.

The table below shows how the school is going in relation to our focus on the good/school values followed:



As you can see Personal Best is leading the way followed by cooperation. Well done to all students who have been following the school values over the year. We're super proud of you all!

Class of the week

As you know each week a class who has been following the school values and earnt the most focus on the good cards earns the class of the week. I would like to thank Sofia and Koray, our school captains, for this wonderful idea as they have been leading this all year. We don't have many work weeks to go, so make sure you keep earning those points to get your class over the line.

Natalie Iverson - Wellbeing Learning Specialist

Interschool Sports Update

On Friday 4th of November we managed to sneak in interschool sports despite the gloomy weather! We had a fantastic day out winning 3 out of 5 matches! A huge effort to all students who played, our sportsmanship and values were on display all morning, very proud of our teams!

Please see scores below:

Scores:

SPORT	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	RESULT
Cricket	61	58	Win
Rounders Boys	4	14	Loss
Rounders Girls	11	12	Loss
Bat tennis Boys	38	26	Win
Bat tennis Girls	41	17	Win

Dean Sharples - Physical Education Coordinator



Bundoora Farm: P-2 Excursion

We went to the farm!

To celebrate a fantastic year in the Prep-2 space, all students participated in an excursion to Bundoora Farm. Here are some photos of our adventures and some writing samples from the students. Enjoy!



"The horse Ben is my favourite in the whole world." - Eiaa

"The pig is muddy, funny and tricky." - Nour

"The sheep is playing with her friends." - Zaynab

"The pig is muddy. The pig is big." - Ethan

"The chicken is fast. The chicken is as small as a bunny." - Aydin

"The chick is fluffy and is as small as an apple." - Anelia

"The horse is big and brown." - Talal

"The llama is at the farm and is loud." - Hayleigh

"The chicken is small, soft and yellow." - Sammer





"We helped fill the Compost Bins with hay and horse poo!" - 01B



Alpacas & Llamas



"The donkey is strong;" - Alden



"The horse is hungry." - Hussain

On a rainy day we all went to Bundoora Farm. We did a little bit of compost. We patted a guinea pig. It was so much fun. We also fed the sheep. I was surprised when I saw a real emu egg and we rode in a small bus and I saw 2 kangaroos fighting. It was funny. It was a fun day!!! - Rachel (12A)



At school we were going to Bundoora Farm for an excursion for the whole day. Then we were at the farm, we went to the café to eat our snack. First, we rode in an electric car and saw kangaroos and emus. There were 2 kangaroos play fighting with each other. Secondly, we went to see the guinea pig and they were so soft and we fed grass to them. Then we made a sheep picture using real wool. Afterwards, we went to feed the farm animals. Then we went back on the bus and came back to school. - Rusiru (02A)

At Bundoora farm we ate our snack. We fed the animals and it was so much fun. My favourite animal is a horse and his name is Ben. We went on a ride to see the kangaroo and emus. We saw two kangaroos fighting. We did a craft activity and made sheep using wool. It was a fun day. - Shams (12A)

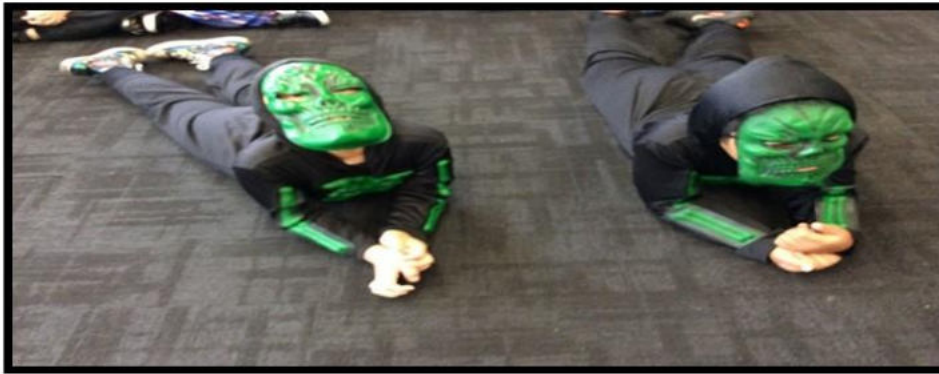


I liked the guinea pig. I liked the pig. I liked the sheep. I liked the day. - Hassan E (02A)










HALLOWEEN DRESS UP












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 2022

Natalie 0477 177 646

National Recycling Week

Guess what we are celebrating this week? National Recycling Week! Woohoo! The children and I are very excited to have a very “hands on” week making super cool stuff using all recycled materials at TheirCare. We have been saving all our milk lids to make cool new friends, delivery boxes for construction, paper rolls into monsters, even tricky kaleidoscopes, and perhaps using nature to make stamps, collages and special leaf people.

Of course we will be spending time outside in the playground, cooking up scrumptious muffins treats, turning our fruit into funny faces and watering our new wonderful sensory/herb garden. All the children at TheirCare are so creative and fun.

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 or call Natalie on 0477 177 646.





Amazing Before + After School Care Programs

Lalor East Primary School



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	\$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 Cancellation Fee	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
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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Whittlesea



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Make a difference in your community.

**School Crossing Supervisor positions now available.
Enjoy the benefits of permanent part-time work!**

There are so many great reasons to join the City of Whittlesea team as a Crossing Supervisor:

- Starting hourly rate of \$31.96 (work 40 weeks but be paid for 52 weeks a year)
- Work 15 hours per fortnight during school terms (Annualised salary paid 12.6hrs per fortnight)
- Paid public holidays that fall during school terms
- 10.5% superannuation (updated from 1/7/2022)
- 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

2022 School Crossing Supervisor Awards

Nomination Form



To acknowledge the contribution of the work undertaken by our school crossing supervisors, an award will be given to a school crossing supervisor selected for their commitment and dedication to the supervision of school crossings.

The staff member receiving the award should be able to demonstrate the following:

- Professional and great presentation (uniform and equipment)
- Working knowledge of road rules relating to school crossings
- Welcoming, caring, and encouraging to all users of the school crossing
- Helpful – informative and clear on correct use of the crossing
- Good attendance and punctuality.

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Name of nominated person: _____

School crossing number (if known): _____

Location of school crossing: _____

In 25 words or more, please tell us why you have nominated this person to receive an award for School Crossing Supervisor of the year (2022):

Your name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

**Please return
this form to:**

Janina Chandler
City of Whittlesea, Locked Bag 1
Bundoora MDC VIC 3083

Email
school.crossing@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Please note: Nominations close 5pm Wednesday 23 November 2022. All nominations will be assessed independently and in accordance with the School Crossing Supervisors Procedures. The winner will be announced at the Annual Function. The winner will be presented with a certificate and a \$100 Coles voucher.

CREATIVE WORKSHOP

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18

A six week fun and creative workshop for young people 12 - 18 years, who live in or around Lalor

When: Every Thursday from 27 October - 1 December

Time: 4pm - 5:30pm

Where: Lalor Library, May Road, Lalor

To register: www.trybooking.com/CCYUP

What to Expect: Art, drawing, anime, snacks, fun and the opportunity to give feed back & ideas for a new youth space at Lalor Library

For more information, contact Baseline for Young People
94048800 or email baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

