



Issue No. 24 – 13 December 2022

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Wednesday 14 December - 6pm - 7pm

Grade 6 Graduation

Order Tickets on Compass - (Link - Compasstix)

Dinner & Celebration - (Students Only)

7pm - 9pm

Friday 16 December

Final day for parent payments for 2022

Monday 19 December

Final Assembly for 2022 - 9am

Grade 5/6 Funfields Excursion

Raffle drawn 3.15pm

Tuesday 20 December

Last day of school - 1:00 pm finish

Term 1 2023

Friday 27 January 2023

Pupil free day (staff returning to school)

Monday 30 January 2023

Students return to school for the start of Term 1!

New school hours for 2023

Start: 8:50am

Finish: 3:15pm

We made it! (nearly!)

By the time you read this Jumbunna edition, we will have less than one week of the 2022 school year. It has been a massive endeavour getting through our first full year of school in three years. There have been challenges along the way but also lots to celebrate. Some of the highlights of the year have been:

- students have made growth with their learning
- seven students completing the High Abilities Program
- celebrating our 50th Birthday in March with over 1000 of our closest LEPS family members
- five successful grant applications (shade sail, Queen's Jubilee Trees, plants, playground and Vacation Care totally over \$120 000)
- the introduction of our composting program
- gardening leaders running lessons in the classrooms
- completing the first 4 modules of the Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships Program
- successful introduction of the Sexual Health Victoria personal development sessions for grades 5-6
- incredible fundraising efforts by the JSC, School Council and broader school community - over \$11 000 to date.

All this in addition to our regular class programs!

Thank you to our community for supporting all our endeavours throughout the year but more importantly for encouraging, nurturing and loving your children so they can focus on their

learning and grow to become valued members of our community.

Thank you to the incredible LEPS staff who have worked tirelessly in 2022 to ensure our students were supported and challenged to be the best versions of themselves. What you do matters!

What's ahead for 2023?

There will be three major changes at LEPS in 2023:

- 1) the old green LEPS uniform will no longer be included as part of our uniform. Only the official black and teal uniform may be worn by students
- 2) our school hours are changing and students will have a shorter lunch break and finish school 15 minutes earlier at 3:15pm
- 3) families will be welcomed back onsite at the end of the day to collect their children from the courtyard and other outside areas.

| Time | Activity |
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| 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 |

Parent Contributions

Thank you to those families who have already come into the office to finalise your child's 2023 payments. Generally over 85% of families normally make these payments. This year less than 30% of families have made these payments. This is a significant decrease in funds for the school and will result in us having to review our current practices and programs and what we are able to offer our students and families moving forward.

At less than \$200 for most grades our book fees are one of the lowest of all schools. We

understand that many families are experiencing financial hardship but ask that you still try to pay the Parent Contributions to support your child's learning at LEPS. Every cent paid by parents is used to benefit our students. Every dollar helps, and we would really appreciate families popping into the office and contributing whatever you can to support your children and the school.

2023 Class Arrangements

We will be running nine classes in 2023. Students will attend one hour of Art and Music/Spanish each week and two hours of P.E:

Azure Learning Space

Prep - Brad Jones Prep/1 - Steph Chan
 1/2 Natalie Iverson 1/2 Julie Hewison

Octane Learning Space

3/4 Pesio l'a 3/4 Daniela De Vincentis
 4/5 Shona McCulloch
 5/6 Kristian Carrocci 5/6 Hannah Sutherland

Specialist Classes

Art - Karren Moncur & Adrian Parisi
 Music/Spanish - Luis Rios Gonzalez
 Physical Education - Dean Sharples

Angela Pobjoy will be taking some leave at the beginning of the year and we hope to welcome her back in term 3.

Scott is still not well enough to return to work at the beginning of the year but we hope to see him back in term 2. I am sure you all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery

Meet our 2023 Captains



Congratulations to Jina and Ahmad on being elected as our 2023 School Captains and Hasan and Ivy on being elected as our 2023 School Vice Captains. We are looking forward to working with you in 2023 and can't wait to see what new ideas you have to improve our school.

Thank you to Janna, Koray and Clement for your beautiful speech and badge presentation to the new leaders. It is hard to believe this was you this time 12 months ago and now you are passing the baton to the next leaders.

Farewell Grade 6s

The time has come for us to say goodbye to our 2022 Grade 6s. We have loved watching them grow and develop over the years they have been with us, whether that has been 1, 2 or 7 years.

They all have individual qualities which are unique and admirable. They all have the potential to make a positive impact on the world around them. They have made us laugh, cry (usually good tears!) astounded us (in a good way) and inspired those around them.

As long as they remember our school values of Respect, Caring, Cooperation, Honesty and Personal Best they should go far in life. Their fate is definitely in their own hands.



Goodbye and Good luck

Several of our students will be transferring to different schools at the end of this year. We wish them every success at their new school and hope you keep fond memories of your time at LEPS! We will miss seeing you at LEPS.

Best wishes to Hari Mathios who has been appointed to a teaching position at a school closer to her home. You made a positive difference to the students at LEPS in the time

you were with us and we are sure you will continue to make a positive difference to your wonderful new grade 1-2 class.



I hope everyone has an amazing holiday and enjoys LOTS of time just doing very little after a very hectic year. I look forward to seeing you all back in 2023!

Linda Richards



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

28 November

0/1B - Sam

3/4B - Jack

1/2A - Elia, Michael

06A - Sofia



Pen Licences

Congratulations to Aleena and Zoe on being awarded your Pen Licence



Principal for two hours - Artin and his proud family



family are unable to attend so we presented the award early.

Sophia is testament to the fact that if you work hard and show commitment to your studies you can achieve anything.



5 December

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| 0/1A - Omar | 5A - Nashmy |
| 1/2A - Rachel | 6A - Hussein |
| 2A - Alisha, Rusiru | 6B - Alanah |
| 3/4A - Rayanna | OHSC - Rachel |
| 3/4B - Cybelle | |

Grade 6 Graduation English Achievement Award

Congratulations to Sophia on being awarded the 2022 English Achievement Award. When Sophia started with us in Grade 1 she didn't speak English and now has been awarded the English Achievement Award. This award is normally presented at Graduation but Sophia and her



12 December

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| 0/1A - Whole Class | 6A - Janna |
| 0/1B - Hayleigh, Whole Class | 6B - Narjis |
| 1/2A - Jordan | OHSC - Clement |
| 2A - Zaki, Lucas & Majd | |



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. **Last day for Breakfast Club will be Friday 16th December.**

2023 Grade 5/6 Camp to Lady Northcote

All payments were due to be finalised this week - **Friday 16 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



New school hours starting from
Monday 30 January
School finishes at 3:15pm



Changing of the guard . . .

Goodbye to our 2022 Captains: Koray, Janna, Clement and Sofia (absent)
Hello to our 2023 Captains: Hasan, Jina, Ahmad and Ivy











News from the Gardening Leaders:

Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee

We want to talk to you about a very important and exciting project happening around the school involving the planting of lots of trees.

We were very lucky to get a \$10,000 grant from the federal government to plant big trees around the school. These trees will grow nice and tall to give us heaps of shade and bring beautiful birds into our school. These trees will be planted to honour Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee year which is this year.



You may have seen the wonderful planter boxes behind the Octane building. These are where three of the trees are going to be planted. Thank you to everyone who helped us shovel the dirt into the boxes, it was great to see so many of you willing to help.

Next year we will be planting some more trees around the school including on the big grass area at the front, all dedicated to remembering The Queen's Jubilee year.

The Queen was very important as she ruled over Britain and the Commonwealth, which includes Australia. This year marked her 70th year as Queen. She became Queen on the 6th of February 1952 when she was only twenty five years old. The Queen visited Australia 16 times during her reign, most recently in 2011. This year in September The Queen sadly passed away, but she will always be remembered as the longest serving British King or Queen.



We hope you enjoy the new trees and the seating area. Please be respectful around the planter boxes and only use the seats to sit on.

Thank you from the Gardening Leaders.

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

Natalie 0477 177 646

Ho Ho Ho! It's Christmas time. My favourite time of the year. The OSHC room is now decorated with tinsel and baubles. We have put our magical tree up and have made amazing presents for our family and friends whilst listening to our favourite carols. Our cheeky elf is back. He is always getting up to some mischief. He got him stuck in the Christmas wreath and almost got eaten by a dinosaur.

Dear parents of TheirCare, please stop reading this newsletter. The children and I plan to make some extra delicious treats for you for Christmas this week. It involves chocolate and coconut, and is round. I wonder if you can guess what we are making?

This Friday, the children and I are having a picnic to celebrate the last few days of the year. We will be having fun outside games and enjoying a special afternoon tea. Yum! Children need to be booked in to attend (if the weather permits).

The last day of school is Tuesday, the 20th of December at 1pm. TheirCare will be operating from 1pm to 6pm. There will be fun games, arts and crafts, delicious treats and there will be a special Christmas party.

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





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 | 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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now!

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



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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
Health and PE
teachers and expert
coaches



Single and three day programs available



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Holiday Camps

DOXA
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/



You are invited to the
Bundoora Difference
OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023
6.00pm to 8.00pm

See our Farm and Virtual Reality Centre in Action
Tours • Musical Performances
Meet Our Principal, Teachers, Staff and Students
Food and Refreshments

53 Balmoral Avenue, Bundoora VIC 3083
All enquiries to **9467 1511** or email
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or scan to secure your spot.

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