



Issue No. 1 – 7 February 2023

Upcoming Events

Term 1

Wednesday 8 February

No school for Prep students

Wednesday 15 February

No school for Prep students

Thursday 16 February

After school training commences for interschool sport - 3.15 - 3.45pm

Friday 17 February

Interschool Sports commence for Grade 5 & Grade 6

Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 February

Lady Northcote Camp - Grade 5 & 6

Thursday 23 February

OZ Tenpin Bowling excursion - non campers

Tuesday 28 February

School Council - 6.30pm

Term Dates 2023

Term 1: Mon 30 Jan - Thur 6 April

Term 2: Wed 26 April - Fri 23 June

Term 3: Mon 10 Jul - Fri 13 Sept

Term 4: Mon 2 Oct - Wed 20 Dec



It was sensational to welcome our students and families back on Monday 30 January. Our students have had a very positive start back and we are really looking forward to an amazing year of learning and fun!

Welcome to our new Preps who have settled in very well and adopted quickly to being 'big school people'. We are excited about being part of their journey over the next seven years.

Welcome to all of the new families who have joined us this year. We hope you have been made to feel welcome and a part of our LEPS Family.

Thanks to staff for all of their work during the holiday break to prepare for the students' return. I would like to acknowledge the incredible work completed by Gloria over the break to ensure everything was clean and fresh ready for our return. Thanks to Anthony for coming in during the break to mow the lawns so we didn't lose any students in the extremely long grass!

Special thanks to Hannah, Nat P, Amanda, the Georgakopoulos, and Robinson families for their work over the break keeping our gardens watered. The good news is we didn't lose any plants during the hot weather. The Garden Club

members have been hard at work already pulling out all the weeds which did grow. Hopefully, we will soon have things back looking the way we like them.



A huge thank you to Kristian, Hannah, Luis, Amanda, Pauline and Katie for staging another sensational and memorable Graduation night for our 2022 Grade 6 students. Thanks to Alesha, a former student, who also gave up her evening to ensure our students had cool music to dance the night away to.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure this is a special and memorable night for our students. Kristian and Katie worked together to decorate the gym and make it sparkle on the evening. Without Amanda and Pauline everyone would have starved!

Countless hours outside of work went into preparing the Graduation Book (Luis, Kristian & Hannah) and video (Kristian).

These things are examples of where staff go above and beyond to ensure our students have special mementos to remember their time at LEPS. The Graduation Team have my endless gratitude for their work and I hope others in our community take the time to pass on their thanks as well.

Grade 5-6 Camp - Lady Northcote

The date for departure is fast approaching. We have 39 eager campers ready to set off for Bachus Marsh on Wednesday 22 February for three days. Kristian, Hannah, Mr Sharples, Amanda and I will be accompanying the students. I wonder who will be more tired by the time we return!

Please remember to finalise your payment if you haven't already done so.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schools_privacypolicy.aspx

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

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| Amharic | Arabic | Dari |
| Gujarati | Mandarin | Somali |
| Sudanese | Turkish | Urdu |
| | Vietnamese | |





Congratulations to our new student leaders

Monday's assembly saw the introduction of our new student leaders to our community. We are all looking forward to working with the leaders throughout 2023 and helping them to make LEPS an even better place to be.

Junior School Council

Hasan	Linda	George	Saida
Winston	Cybelle	Jayla	Noor
Ivy	Nashmy	Louis	Jennifer



Cyber Action Team

Zara	Ahmed	Devin	Jashna
Haider	Jina	Kassem	Zeinab
Eldi	Estelle	Pranshi	



Gardening Club

Petar	Martin	Hussain	Safa
Hakan	Natale	Bella	Luise
Rhea	Tala	Marcus	Blake



Library Monitors

Audrina	Bella	Tala
Ramadan	Julian	Payton



Accident Insurance, Ambulance Cover and Private Property

We would like to remind families that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transportation.

Emergency ambulance services are NOT free. The average cost of an emergency transport is more than \$1200. A family membership costs less than \$100 a year and can be paid quarterly.



If a student is injured, we will call the ambulance so visit: <https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/> to sign up today!

Private Property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the department of Education and training does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department of Education and training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or valuable items to school.

Parents or guardians can purchase policies from commercial insurers if they wish.

As detailed in our Mobile Phone Policy, any phones brought to school need to be signed in at the office when students arrive at school and must not be left in school bags or pencil cases. Phones can be collected at the end of the day.



School Council Elections

Schools need a School Council made up of a mix of parents, staff and at times students. We are very proud of and grateful to the parents who join our School Council. The parent members and staff are a hard working group and have worked diligently over the years to support the school with our fundraising efforts. The school could not function as well as it does without the support of our community.

It is that time of the year where we call on parents to nominate for the 2023/2024 School Council.

Generally, the School Council positions run for 2 year terms and at times there are vacant positions which run for one year.

In 2023 we have the following parent vacancies:

2 year position **4 vacancies**

1 year position **1 vacancy**

In 2023 we have the following school employee vacancies:

2 year position **3 vacancies**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following parents, students and staff for their commitment to our school and their hard work over the last year or two years:

Ayhan Hazar, Koray Hazar, Tee Paulini, Carly Georgakopoulos, Ruby Georgakopoulos, Hwayda Kanjo, Elizabeth Vecchio, Katie Nelson, Valentina Jovenski, Daniela De Vincentis, Pesio I'a and Scott Duncan.

You have been a delight to work with and I have enjoyed the laughs and the support you have provided to our community and me personally.

School Council meets approximately 8-10 times a year, usually on a Tuesday evening once a month for 1-2 hours. They help to make important decisions regarding the development of specific policies for the school (uniform), approving school budgets and are instrumental in raising additional funds for the school to purchase those special items for students including playground equipment.

If you wish to make a positive contribution to our school, call into the office and complete a nomination form.

Nomination forms are available at the office.

Forms are due back to the office by:

4:00 pm on Wednesday 15 February 2023

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

6 February

PA - Whole Class	1/2B - Talal
P1A - Wole Class	5/6A - Julian
1/2A - Arjun	5/6B - Marcus



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 is now open at **8:20am** and students are 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.

Wellbeing Corner!

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships

Our RRRR program will be back up and running during term 1. The unit we will be working through this term will be **Stress Management**.



During this unit, students will discuss a range of personal, social and work-related stressors which children and young people experience in their everyday lives. Activities within this topic have an explicit focus on teaching positive approaches to stress management.

Assisting students to recognise their personal signs and symptoms of stress, and to develop strategies that will help them to deal with stress effectively, will help students cope with future challenges. The activities focus on the ways in which self-calming strategies can be used to manage stressful situations.

Wellbeing Wednesday Clubs

Wellbeing Wednesday Clubs will be returning in week 4 of term 1. Teachers have been organising their chosen clubs during week 2 and students will have the option to select their own clubs during week 3. We can't wait to get clubs back up and running in 2023!

Focus on the good

Our focus on the good system has begun and students have been busy earning focus on the good points. Each time a child earns a focus on the good card, parents are notified of the reason via Compass. These cards are each worth 5 points. Throughout the term, students will also have the opportunity to earn double points. We look forward to seeing lots of students following the school values and collecting lots of focus on the good points to exchange for an item from the LEPS rewards menu.



JUNIOR TRAINING SCHEDULE

**STARTING THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 2ND 2023**

MINIROOS UNDER 7-11
STARTING 5.30PM
TILL 6.30PM

UNDER 12-18
STARTING 6.30PM
TILL 7.30PM

REGISTER TODAY



<http://tiny.cc/jf13vz>

MOSAIC RESERVE
1W MOSAIC DRIVE, LALOR VIC 3075



Foster Care Information Session

Wednesday, 15 March 2023 | North West Region
6.30pm - 7.30pm (via Zoom)

Children in your local community need a safe and nurturing place to stay.

REGISTER TO ATTEND!

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www.pvlfc.com.au



Lalor East/St Johns XXIII Primary School

Natalie/Emerald 0477 177 646

Welcome back everyone to 2023. The children have come back taller, wiser and happier. Yay!

This year our TheirCare (OSHC) program will be very different. Well sort of. We have welcomed the wonderful children from St Johns XXIII PS into the program. It has been absolutely wonderful to meet the children, their families and the staff members from St Johns XXIII. The children have already made friends and have played perfectly together.

Here is a little information about the service we provide at TheirCare.

Theircare operate from before school from 7am to 8:45am and straight after school from 3:15pm to 6pm. All prep children from Lalor East who are in the service are walked to their line up in the morning and picked up from their classroom in the afternoon. The wonderful staff at St Johns XXIII have organised pick up and drop off, and will walk the children to and fro.

In the morning, the children are served delicious breakfast including quesadillas, and in the afternoon we always have a fruit platter and yummy snacks. Which now include fried rice, pasta, chicken noodles and other goodies. Yummo!

The children at TheirCare are encouraged to do arts and crafts, go outside to play games, sports and enjoy the playground and cook up delicious treats.

We also try to include educational activities in the service. The children are encouraged to do their homework, read their home readers, and practise their counting, writing their name and sounds. We often read story books as well. We have our own herb garden, the children have assisted with planting and watering.

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

*If your child has asthma/medical conditions. Please provide their medication and their medical plan before your child/ren starts at the service. Thank you. It's a legal requirement.



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	3:15pm - 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



Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of **LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by **4.00pm on Wednesday 15 February 2023**.

The ballot (if an election is required) will close at 4.00pm on **Monday 27 February 2023**

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category - Parent member	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2023
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2025
Term of office (2 years) - Number of positions	4
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2023
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2024
Term of office (1 year) - Number of positions	1

Membership category - School employee member	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2023
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2025
Term of office (2 years) - Number of positions	3

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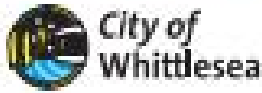
If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Richards", is written over a horizontal line.

Linda Richards (Principal)

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