



Thursday Thoughts

Issue 13

Date: 5th May 2016

Important Dates:

MAY

6th - Mother's day stall

6th - Mum's Afternoon Tea

10th, 11th, 12th - NAPLAN

11th - School Council

7.00pm

16th - 20th - Education Week

17th - Grandparent's day

18th - Open Night

19th - 5/6 Film Festival

20th - Book Character Dress Up day

25th - 27th - 3/4 Camp

JUNE

3rd - Aussie Sport's Expo
Grades 5/6

3rd - Healesville Sanctuary
Excursion Grades 1/2

4th - Aerobics

8th - School Council
7.00pm

13th - Queen's Birthday
holiday

23rd - Parent/ teacher
interviews

Upper Yarra RSL ANZAC Service

Yesterday Mr. Smith, Fiona and our grade 6 students attended the combined schools ANZAC ceremony at the Upper Yarra RSL. Together they commemorated the loyalty and sacrifice of our brave service men and women. Students then laid a wreath in memory of our fallen service men and women. The wreath was made by our students and included laurel and rosemary – both symbols of remembrance.



**Student Absent
Hot Line Number
5964 7783**

Wreath Making

Last Tuesday Kayla M, Daniel P and Jaimie D attended the Upper Yarra RSL with Naomi to make the wreath which was taken to yesterday's special ANZAC service.

What an amazing job they did - not only of making the wreath but representing our school in such a positive and respectful manner.





VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and LPPS is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign a consent form at the office. All children will receive a certificate.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



National Assessment Program

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. On **Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May**, students in Years 3 & 5 will sit the 2016 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in Literacy and Numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in Numeracy and Literacy skills against the national standards for all Australia children.

For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

LPPS is participating in a project called Linking Learning. The aim of the project is to improve learning outcomes for children 0-12 years living in the Upper Yarra area.

The project involves working with families to improve children's language experiences at home, in the community and at school. Singing, talking and playing with children every day, right from birth, helps to create a foundation for lifelong learning.

Families can find out about the children's activities and programs being offered in the local area and win some great prizes by signing up to the Linking Learning Rewards program at:

www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/LinkingLearningYR

Parents are also encouraged to join a local parent network group on Facebook called Parent Champions of the Upper Yarra (search and request to join). Linking Learning also has a Facebook page with information and updates for local families.

www.facebook.com.au/LinkingLearningYR



Over 135 local families have signed up to participate in the Linking Learning Rewards Program. The program is designed to encourage parents to attend language related programs and events.

When families sign up to the program they receive a Reward Card, which can be stamped each time they attend a Linking Learning event. After five stamps participants can choose a prize such as CD's, DVD's and books.



| | Name | Award |
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| 1/2A | Jake R Jace S-B | Wonderful improvement in his handwriting and story writing. Outstanding ANZAC day homework. |
| 1/2C | Max R | For his thoughtful and beautifully written Mother's day poem. |
| 1/2T | Kalan B Ella P | For contributing his ideas and thoughts to class discussions. Being a responsible learner. Ella is well organised and tries her best. |
| 3/4B | Alex J Luca L-H Angus L | For being a kind and friendly class member. For his enthusiasm when making a planet mobile. For working hard in MultiLit. |
| 3/4N | Joel C Connor W | For making great connections between texts. For writing such a great story starter. |

Lion Tamers



This term, the grade 1/2s are beginning a new social skills program called the Lion Tamers. It kicked off last Friday afternoon with the creators of the program, Steve and Nicole from Free Form, coming in to run a session with the students. This program teaches social skills such as communication, resilience, balancing emotions and team work through a mix of strength building and centering exercises; and story-telling. The stories and exercises are about four kids who have become Lion Tamers: Tomu the strong man, Fin the horse whisperer, Shard the fire eater and Zen the acrobat. Each of these performers have different skills and stories that they will share with the students so that they too will learn how to become assertive and confident Lion Tamers.

Classroom

Grade 5/6 Science



This term in Grade 5/6 our Integrated Studies topic is 'Change Detectives'. Throughout this unit students will be undertaking a range of science experiments that focus on substance changes. They will be investigating the types of changes that substances undergo, and whether they are reversible or irreversible. For one of our lessons we studied a range of everyday items in different states. We had fun making observations, collecting data and analysing our results in order to correctly identify the type of change that occurred, and categorising them as reversible or irreversible.



Grade 5/6 Maths



Over the past couple of weeks the Grade 5/6 students have been learning about probability. One of our favourite activities involved creating our own original probability game. Students had to develop the game's concept, rules and playing pieces. They were then required to calculate and explain the likelihood of a player winning their game, as well as developing alternative rules to give players an even chance of winning. The students had a great time creating their games, and then setting them up to play with their classmates.

AEROBICS REPORT

By Maeryn and Ashley (2016 Aerobics Captains)

On Friday the 29th of April there was a buzz of excitement in the air as all of the aerobics girls got their hair in a bun. We'd like to thank all of the parents who helped with our hair.

On Saturday the 30th of April, the aerobics students went to the Geelong Arena for the Aerobics Competition.

In the Future Legends section, Launch came 1st and 11th. In the Primary Littlies section, Launch came 3rd and 7th. In the Primary Aerobics section, Launch came 2nd, 5th, 7th and 9th and in the Primary All Boys section, Launch came 3rd, 6th and 10th.

Our teams, 2XTREME, High Voltage, Lightning Angels and Rockin' Rebels made it through to the State Finals. All of the other teams get a second chance in the Wild Card Final, which will be held on the 4th of June.

We'd like to thank Miss Nyman and Miss Mackie for teaching us our awesome routines and thank you to the teachers and parents who came to support us on the day.

Maeryn and Ashley.



Extend Before and After School Care at Launching Place Primary School



Our weekly recap

We had a really good week with our science experiments.

The children's favourite was blowing up balloons with a bottle, vinegar and bi-carb soda and making rock candy with water and sugar, we are watching its progress as it turns from a liquid to a solid.

We also tried to blow up zip lock bags but all they did was inflate until the children jumped on them!

Michelle, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstar is Joshua W for being patient and kind to younger children in the group and always lending a hand when it is needed.

Forthcoming Activities:

Monday 9 May:

Group football match / basketball practice

Tuesday 10 May:

Lego / marble run / free drawing

Wednesday 11 May:

Beep test / basketball practice

Thursday 12 May:

Free drawing / cubby houses / UNO game

Friday 13 May:

Octopus / Duck Duck Goose, Ship Shark Shore

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Mother's Day Stall

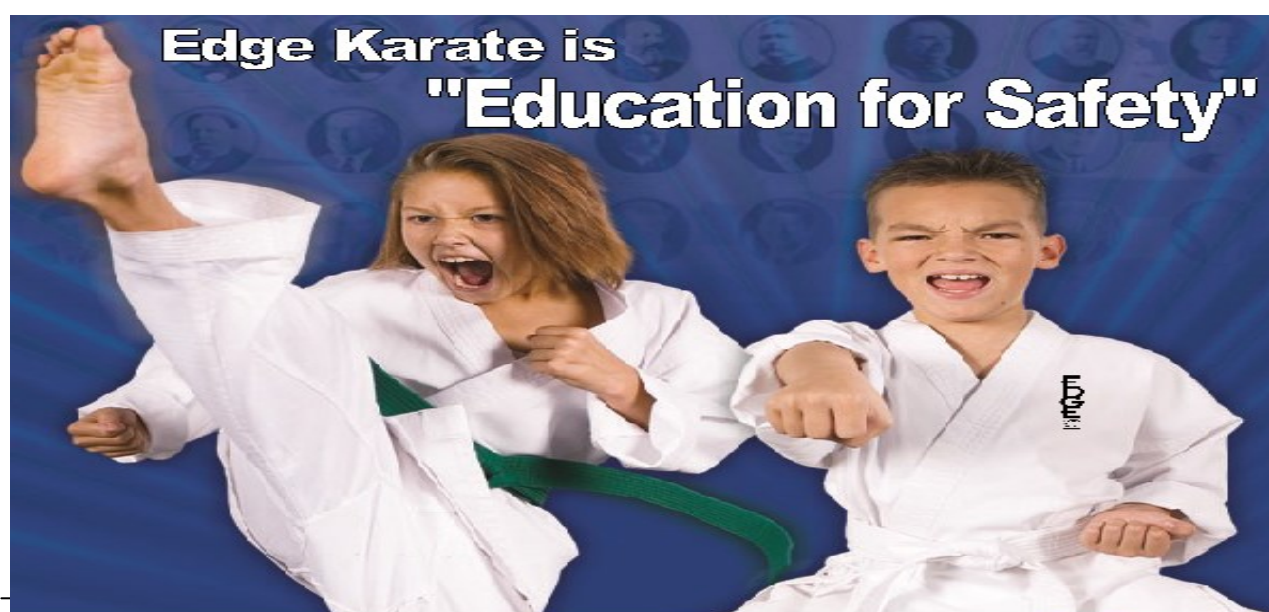
It's time to spoil our mum's for all the hard work they do.

Mother's Day stall is on Friday the 6th May 2016.

Lots of gifts to be bought.

Please send up to \$10.00 with your child.

You will also be able to buy at recess and lunch if you have any left over money.



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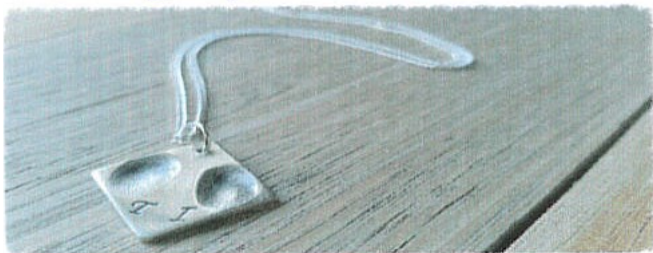
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Tell head lice to nick off!

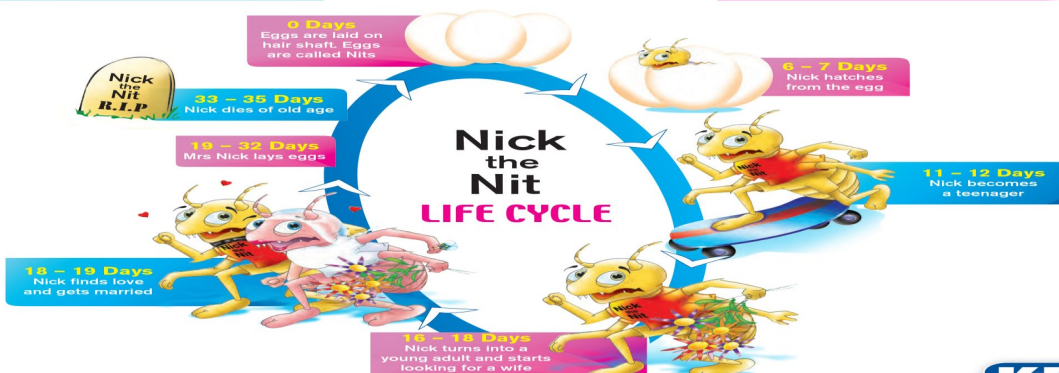
How to control head lice

- 1 **Detect**
Use metal comb and combing solution to detect and remove head lice and their eggs
- 2 **Treat**
KP24 has different types of head lice treatments; the latest RAPID, medicated and natural treatments. Use either treatment to kill head lice and break their life cycle.
- 3 **Prevent**
Use egg remover and a metal comb to kill eggs and remove them from the head
- 4 **Repeat**
Repeat the process after 7 days to effectively kill the cycle
- 5 **Clean**
Wash bed linen and clothes in warm water with soaking solution to get rid of lice from home



How to identify head lice

- Head lice can be anything from greyish white to white in colour
- They are the size of a sesame seed
- Nits are the eggs, yellowish white in colour and are found on the hair shaft generally at the nape of the neck
- Adult lice may be found anywhere on the head
- Red bite marks or scratch marks are often seen on the back of the neck
- The eggs are sometimes mistaken for dandruff
- It takes several weeks exposure to the lice before itching develops
- Remember:
 - ✓ Head lice has nothing to do with hygiene
 - ✓ Head lice don't like short and plaited hair
 - ✓ The lice don't hop, jump or fly
 - ✓ Don't share hats, head bands or pillows



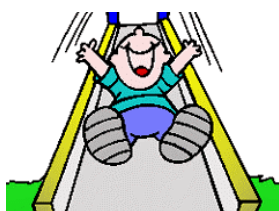
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PRESCHOOL OPEN DAY



Wednesday 18th May 2016

Woori Yallock Preschool - 2.15 - 3.15pm

Launching Place Preschool – 2.15-3.15pm

- You are welcome to come and visit the preschools
- Meet our qualified and experienced staff members
- Let your children enjoy some of the activities available
- It's a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have

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