



Thursday Thoughts

Issue 8

Date: 17th March 2016

Important Dates:

MARCH

18th - Athletics' carnival

Grades 3-6

23rd - Easter Hat Parade
and Raffle Draw

24th - Alpha Show (whole
school incursion)

24th - Last Day Term 1
2.30 finish

APRIL

11th - Term 2 begins

15th - School Photos

25th - Anzac Day holiday

30th - Aerobics Prelims

MAY

2nd—Curriculum Day (no
students required at
school)

10th, 11th, 12th - NAPLAN

16th - 20th - Education
Week

17th - Grandparent's day

18th - Open Night

19th - 5/6 Film Festival

25th - 27th - 3/4 Camp

Buddy Bench



are urged to invite them to play, walk, or talk with them. This is a great way to build and strengthen relationships and support student wellbeing.

A great initiative in Australian schools is the Buddy Bench, sponsored by Bunnings hardware stores. The Buddy Bench is a permanent bench at school where children are encouraged to sit when they are feeling a little lost at times and need some extra help to find a friend at recess or lunchtime. If a student



Origami Club

Lunchtime clubs have been extremely popular this term, especially with the run of hot weather that we have been having. Origami club provides the chance for students across all levels to come along and join in the fun. This term students have had the opportunity to make such things as frogs, cups, 'chatterboxes', sumo wrestlers and butterflies.



**Student Absent
Hot Line Number
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ANZAC APPEAL

ANZAC pins, badges,
wristbands and key rings
are now available from the
office. Prices range from
\$2.00 - \$5.00.



Notices/ Replies due back:

1. Athletics Sports 3-6: Due today
3. Aerobics payments are now overdue.
4. UNSW testing: 18th March.

Parent Information

Arriving at school early

In the last couple of weeks there are more and more students arriving at school early. Although it is great that we have so many keen learners, we remind parents that teachers are only on supervision in the yard from 8:45am. Up until this time **all students** who are at school need to be supervised by an adult. For those parents who are unable to drop their child off after 8:45am, before school care is available. We would really appreciate your support in this matter.



Excursions/ Permission Notices

Excursions and incursions form an integral part of our curriculum each year and are thoroughly enjoyed by students. Prior to these special events, notices are sent home and parental permission received as necessary. We remind parents of the importance of returning such permission notices promptly with their child. Class teachers will follow up as necessary but to ensure the smooth running of such events all permission notices and monies must be returned no later than the day before an event.



Working with Children Check

A reminder that all parents volunteering at LPPS must hold a current Working with Children Check (WWC). The volunteer checks are free to parents. They can be applied for at the following online site:

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Once you have lodged your application, please bring a copy of the receipt and documentation to the School Office for our records.



School Nursing Program

Sarah Torsello, the visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training, attended the school last week to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents' consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to

services available in the community and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Please see us if you wish to discuss the School

Nursing Program further.



Reminder

Can You Help With Good Quality Pre Loved LEGO?



If you have any pre loved Lego that is looking for a good home we'd love to have it at school. One of our most popular lunchtime clubs is Lego club. It provides the opportunity for students across all levels to join in, interact and create. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



The TiqBiz App has been buzzing this week with the: Declaration of Poll School Council; Cooking at After School Care; Label Books; Sentence Fluency, Shape Fun in 1/2; Symmetry; Area & Perimeter; Math's Groups. It's great to see the 'Language of Learning' being shared with the wider community.



	Name	Award
Prep R	Ellie C	Being a kind and caring class member.
1/2 A	Tom B	Amazing work and taking pride in his finished work.
	Persia L	Wonderful counting in Maths.
1/2 B	Zoe M	For showing Respect and Consideration.
	Taite G	For excellent Math's strategies.
1/2 C	Gracie B	Always displaying enthusiasm for all learning tasks.
	Lara S	Working well to learn her sight words.
	Max N	For working so hard and completing his red words.
3/4 B	Rosie V	Moving up a level in Multilit.
	Charlotte B	Excellent work habits in the classroom.
3/4 M	Chelsea S	For collecting a range of entries in her reading journal.
	Ryan P	For reading fluently by looking at the punctuation and changing his voice.
3/4 N	Charlotte D	For working so hard to complete all of her work.
	Roy R	For having great ideas during class discussions.
5/6 F	Deanne D	For sharing an emotional piece of writing with the class.
5/6 L	Mitchell S	For writing a great story about Grandpa at war.
5/6 S	Blake S	For getting up to the last level of Blitzmaster.
	Emiliy D	A well written Fictional Narrative with lots of interesting adjectives.

Junior School Council - Reminder

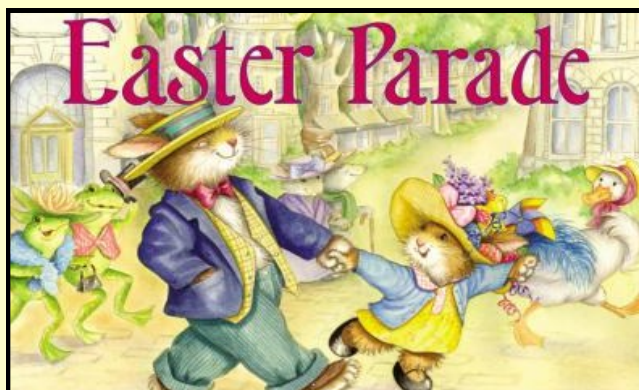
Easter Hat Parade

Wednesday 23rd of March

9.05 am Basketball Court

Design and decorate your own
Easter Hat to wear in the parade.

Gold coin donation
for the RCH Good Friday Appeal.



From The Classrooms

Grade 5/6 Writing

This term the grade 5/6 students have been working on using adjectives to make their writing more interesting. Below is a writing prompt the students were given and a sample of the introductions to the stories they wrote.



The little girl didn't need to know where the ladder led, she simply climbed.

THE LADDER

I was looking for the butter when I looked at the clock.

"I'm not going to get there, have lunch and get back in time at the rate I'm going. I better hurry up." I thought to myself. After I finished making my sandwich I packed it with fruit and a piece of cake and it was time to go. I waved goodbye to mum and I was on my way.

By Maeryn B.



You are walking through a strange forest full of odd sounds and noises. You stop for a short rest, knowing that you want to get home as quickly as possible. You sit next to a tree. Hearing a noise you look next to you and see the tree LOOKING at you.

THE MYSTERIOUS FOREST EYE

Wow! Who knew taking your dog for a walk could turn into the scariest day of your life? I still wonder how a tree could possibly have an eye.

By Kayla M



It all started off as an ordinary day for Jack. He got up, got dressed, brushed his teeth then went into the kitchen to see his mum. His mum would normally be in the kitchen making breakfast for him, but this morning she was not. "Mum! Mum where are you?" he called "I'm in here" she called back. He walked into her bedroom and she was still in bed. "What are you still doing in bed?" he cried

By Emily D

The Fall

It was just a normal day for Mary, waking up and going to school, but school for Mary wasn't like a school with teachers, and friends. Her school was at her house her dumpy, scratched, timbered white house. No friends at all, and her mum Lucy was her teacher. She was home schooled. She has been home schooled all her life since she was a little baby but now she's twelve.

By Bailee L

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on
Friday, 18 March 2016.

This annual day is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence highlights the need of communities and schools to review, discuss and implement anti-bullying policies, strategies and programs.

The initiative delivers a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay.



Last week all students participated in the 'Bully Busters' spot check survey. The surveys gave all children the chance to say how they are feeling at school, any concerns they may have and highlight any students who may be displaying anti-social, annoying or bullying behaviour. This provides an excellent snapshot of how students at Launch are feeling and what support is needed. The surveys are always completely confidential.

Parents and Friends

Hot Cross Bun

orders need to be returned by Monday 21st March.

Reminder for Easter Egg Donations and raffle tickets.



Raffle!



Extend Before and After School Care at Launching Place Primary School



Our weekly recap

Last week we had a busy week, we enjoyed dancing outside and we drew lots of pictures too.

The children enjoyed imaginative play when they created a café. Outside we had running races and enjoyed some free time where we climbed all over the play equipment.

Michelle, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstar is... Jack R for helping other children when they are unsure of what to do.

Next week's activities:

Monday 21 March:

Who am I? Game and Card Games

Tuesday 22 March:

Running Races and Easter Colouring Pages

Wednesday 23 March:

Easter Baskets and Monopoly

Thursday 24 March

Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 25 March:

GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au



Lost Property

There are a lot of unnamed jumpers in lost property at the moment. Please drop into the lost property room (near the office) and collect any items that belong to your child.

If jumpers are named they are returned to students.

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled.

Thank you.



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2016 Croydon Junior Open Chess Tournament



School holidays:	Wed 6th April & Thu 7th April
Time:	10am – 12.30pm on both days
Where:	Croydon RSL, 1 Civic Square, Croydon
Entry fee:	Free
Organisers:	Croydon Chess Club <u>www.croydonchess.com</u>
Format:	All players will play 7 games over the two mornings. 15 minutes per player per game.
Prizes:	Age group based medals & book prizes donated by Croydon Chess Club.
Eligibility:	Must be Under 16 on the 1st Jan 2016. Players should know the rules of chess. Tournament rules will be explained on the first morning.
Supervision:	There will be supervision by a retired teacher (Working with Children Card). Parents or guardians are welcome to attend.
Food:	Please bring your own snacks and drinks.
Contact:	<u>ian.birchall@croydonchess.com</u>