Thursday Thoughts

Date: 21st April 2016

Important Dates:

**APRIL**
- 22nd - Grade 6 ‘teen talk’
- 25th - Anzac Day holiday
- 26th - Book club orders
- 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
- 20th - Book Character Dress Up day
- 25th - 27th - 3/4 Camp

**JUNE**
- 3rd - Aussie Spots’ Expo Grades 5/6
- 3rd - Healesville Sanctuary Excursion Grades 1/2
- 4th - Aerobics
- 13th - Queen’s Birthday holiday

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REMEMBERING THE ANZACS @ LPPS

**ANZAC Day**

Anzac Day, 25th April, is one of Australia’s most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. However, Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service. The spirit of the Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

**ANZAC** stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

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The **Ode**

The “Ode of Remembrance” is an ode taken from Laurence Binyon’s poem, “For the Fallen”, which was first published in The Times in September 1914. The Ode is read at many ANZAC Day services across Australia and is symbolic of the respect held by all for our ANZACS.

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**ANZAC DAY - LPPS students**

This Anzac Day, LPPS student leaders (school captains, vice captains, house captains, junior school council members) will take part in the official ANZAC Day ceremony being held at Yarra Junction. We look forward to highlighting this very important event in next week’s newsletter.

Siblings of our school leaders are also invited to attend the march.

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**Recipe**

**Anzac Biscuits**

**Ingredients**
- 100g softened butter and extra for greasing
- 2 tablespoons of boiling water
- 85g desiccated coconut
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- 1 tablespoon bicarbonate of soda
- 100g caster sugar
- 100g plain flour
- 65g porridge oats

**Method**
1. Preheat oven to 100 degrees / gas mark 4
2. Melt the butter in a small pan and stir in the golden syrup.
3. Add 2 tablespoons of boiling water to the bicarbonate of soda, then stir into the butter and golden syrup mixture.
4. Gently pour and stir the butter and golden syrup mixture into the bowl with the sugar, flour, oats and coconut.
5. Spoon dessert spoonfuls of the mixture on to buttered baking sheets.
6. Bake for 8–10 mins until golden, then transfer to a wire rack to cool.

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**ANZAC BADGES**

Don’t forget that ANZAC badges and wrist bands are still on sale at the office until next week.

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**POPPY APPEAL**

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This Week at Assembly

School Captain’s Report

Prep: Wow! We have had a very busy week in Prep. It was the first time that we have been to school 5 days in a row. We have been learning about the letter C and enjoyed making chocolate crackles. We have been identifying the first sounds in words and enjoyed making a book that focused on one sound. We have started Math’s groups and are excited about our new I.S. topic around ‘Things That Move’.

Grade 1/2: The grade 1/2’s have started learning about Australian animals and look forward to an excursion to Healesville sanctuary later in the term. In Science we have been classifying specimens into living and non-living. In our CAFÉ and Writing lessons we have learnt what fiction and non-fiction means and the features that each have. In Maths we started our addition focus groups this week.

Grade 3/4: This week has been a busy one. We have been looking at persuasive writing and making predictions before, during and after reading. In Maths we have looked at different strategies for solving problems including looking for patterns, identifying the important information, acting out a problem and making a drawing or diagram. We look forward to learning more about our solar system in Integrated studies. Lastly, we’d like to thank Mr. D for a very successful athletics’ day that we really enjoyed.

Grade 5/6: We had a great week in 5/6 with children settling back in to their routines nicely. In Math’s groups we are working on fractions. We started our new Writing unit, Feature Writing, and have been exploring the different elements of this genre. We are looking forward to a busy term with our 5/6 students.

Achievement Awards

Well done to all of the students who received achievement awards at assembly. It is always great to see the smile on children’s faces as they receive an award.

Our media team are doing a fantastic job of taking photos at assembly. Well done Josh W for taking this week’s photos.
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               Hayley S
          For contributing to class discussions with deep and thoughtful ideas and answers.
               Excellent school holiday reading.                                   |
| 1/2A         | Liam S
               Tori C
          Working extremely hard on his magic 100 words. Great work Liam.
               Starting term 2 with an awesome attitude.                          |
| 1/2T         | Riley A
               Zara C
          Trying hard to learn his M100 words.
               Always trying her best.                                           |
| 3/4B         | Ella T
               Amarli W
          For always showing excellent manners and behaviour.
               For improving in her Blitzmasters score.                          |
| 5/6F         | Casey M
               Hunter L
          For improving both her behaviour and her work presentation. Well done Casey.
               You should be very proud of yourself!
               For always being a kind, helpful and respectful student.         |
| 5/6L         | Chad H
               Holly W
               Erica C
          For working well in Math’s groups.
               Always trying her very best on all tasks.
               For great improvements with reading. Well Done!                 |

**ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY**

All of our senior students (Years 5 & 6) will be asked to complete a survey in the coming week/s regarding how they see their life at school: their studies, their relationships with their teacher/s, their peers and how safe they feel. This survey is completed by senior students across the state at this time of the year to determine key areas for schools to focus upon and improve in. How our students feel at school and how engaged they are in their work is extremely important to us at school. At LPPS we hold similar, less formal surveys, such as our Bully Spot Check surveys, with our Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 students, in order to track our students from an earlier age. These results are also analysed by staff and acted upon.

**A Special Mother’s Day Event**

We would like to invite all of our mums to a special Devonshire tea on 6th May at 2.30 in the GP room. Notices were sent home on Monday. We hope that you can join other Launch Mums for a cuppa and chat. There will also be a special Mother’s day song performed by some of our students. For catering purpose please make sure that you return your reply slip.
We have been classifying specimens into living and non-living. Children chose one of each and included a picture or diagram and wrote about it.

To be living, a specimen has to: move, breathe/respirate, grow, reproduce, need water & need nutrition.
## GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE 2016

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Our weekly recap

Last week we had a football-themed week with activities revolving around football. Monday the children coloured-in and drew some football pictures and put them up on our football-themed wall. Tuesday we cooked popcorn and watched as the heat made the corn kernels pop. Wednesday we coloured-in our team guernseys for our Football Wall, Thursday the children used their social skills and played a football game, making sure everyone got a fair turn, and lastly on Friday the children enjoyed some painting-in their favourite football team colours.

Michelle, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstar is... Lloyd B for making sure everyone felt included and had a fair go in our football match.

Forthcoming Activities:

Monday 25 April:
ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 26 April:
Make your own Rock Candy, Don't Fall Down, Bingo

Wednesday 27 April:
The Exploding Lunch Bag, Cafes, Free Drawings

Thursday 28 April:
Fizz Inflator, Fire Station Lego, Mr Funny Face

Friday 29 April:
A Colour Symphony, Dominos, Uno

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Tuesday 3rd May, 2016
Presentation and Tours from 6.00pm

Presentation, tours and supper provided throughout the evening in our café.
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Wednesday May 4th 12.15pm

Can our planet survive?
Wanting a better planet for our children's future is not enough. We need better children for our planet.

Join Natalie Houghton former CEO of the Jane Goodall Institute Australia, who will discuss what measures she has incorporated into her life to help animals and our fragile environment.

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 13th May

Arrival: 7pm @ Mt Evelyn Campus Performing Arts Centre

Cost: $20pp or Table of 10 People $180
Don’t have enough to make a table?
We can place you with a team!
Book at office or phone 9736 3650

BYO: Food and Drinks
Theme: Horror

Great prizes up for grabs, silent auction, prizes for best dressed – bring along some extra cash for games played throughout the night!

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