



Thursday Thoughts

Issue 9

Date: 24th March 2016

Important Dates:

MARCH

24th - Alpha Show (whole school incursion)

24th - Last Day Term 1

2.30 finish

APRIL

11th - Term 2 begins

13th - 3-6 Athletics Sports

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

Easter Hat Parade

There was a lovely buzz in the air yesterday morning as we all gathered for our annual Easter Hat Parade and raffle. A lot of effort had gone into decorating hats of all descriptions – the creativity was outstanding. Through the gold coin donation, Junior School Council raised money for the RCH Good Friday Appeal.

Thanks to our PFA for organising the Easter raffle fundraising event. It is certainly a time honoured tradition at Launch. Thank you also to the numerous families who donated eggs and Easter treats. Without your generosity this special fundraising event would not be possible.



The Term in Review

It is hard to believe that first term is coming to an end. It has been a short but very busy term and we are very proud of the way that our students are working so harmoniously in their new classes.

The investment of time to set up classroom agreements and expectations sets students up for success throughout the year. The big idea of 'Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner' has been a wonderful concept to explore in first term, with students from prep to grade 6 able to recognise what the keys are to being a successful learner.

A big thank you to our teachers, support staff and our parent helpers for all of their hard work this term. It has been a great start to the year. We wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing break.



**Student Absent
Hot Line Number
5964 7783**

Parent Information

Congratulations

Well Done Mrs Messerle on your amazing efforts at the Victorian Masters State Championships held last weekend. Mrs Messerle won a gold medal in discus, making her the Victorian State Champion. Silver medals followed in shot-put, hammer and weight throw and a bronze medal in javelin. We wish Mrs Messerle all the best as she competes at the Australian Masters games in April.



Important Information

Curriculum Day – term 2

The next Curriculum Day approved by School Council is Monday, 2nd May 2016. This date is a number of weeks away but please pop it into your diaries as there will be no school for children on this day. All staff will be attending a Network PD – Making Common Practice Common – Glenn Pearsall. Glenn is an inspirational speaker with a wealth of experience in primary school settings.

ANNUAL REPORT

As part of accountability requirements, a report is provided to the school community each year highlighting curriculum and wellbeing data from the previous year. This Annual Report was due to the Department of Education and Training by 24th March, 2016 and was presented to School Council at our March meeting. This report is available on request from the office.



Canteen Update

At last week's school council meeting a 'Canteen Committee' was formed to look at different options for the running of LPPS canteen. A letter will be sent out to all parents/ carers early next term requesting parent helpers. Canteen will follow the same process as term one until further notice.

Canteen Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to Paul Thompson who has put a great deal of time and effort into helping in the canteen. Paul's expertise and commitment is outstanding.

CANTEEN
COMMUNICATIONS



1st of May,
Hats off day.

But always remember,
Hats on again in **September**.
A reminder that for the first 3 weeks of
April, we follow the Sunsmart
policy and all children
MUST wear a hat.
NO HAT, NO PLAY



Name		Award
1/2 A	Isabelle C Kael S	Consistently trying her hardest to do her best work. Well done Isabelle! Working hard to improve his handwriting and writing a great story.
1/2 C	Max N	For an excellent sentence describing the emotion 'disappointment'
5/6 F	Luke H Teanna C	Working hard on his very detailed imaginative fiction piece. For always trying her very best and for being a polite, kind and respectful student - always.
5/6 L	Ashlyn E Jackson H	Always trying her best and for great work in Maths. Great work in Maths.
5/6 S	James D Tali L	Biggest Easter hat I have ever seen! Moving through the Multi-lit Levels.

Aussie Of the Month

Brock C

Brock is a very kind and caring student. He shows a great deal of respect to his classmates and teachers. Brock works hard to follow all of the LPPS values. Staff often hear Brock using kind words to encourage his classmates. Well done Brock on being the Junior Aussie of the Month.

Jay H

Jay is always trying his best in all aspects of the curriculum. He shows a positive attitude when completing tasks inside and outside the classroom. Jay is helpful, polite and caring. He displays great qualities and is a fantastic role model.



School Captain's Report

Prep: This week we have continued making books in Writing. We enjoyed making a class 'What am I?' book. In Reading we have been talking about rhyming words; we liked playing the different rhyming games. We have started to explore basic addition in Maths. We had lots of fun using the laptops for the first time.

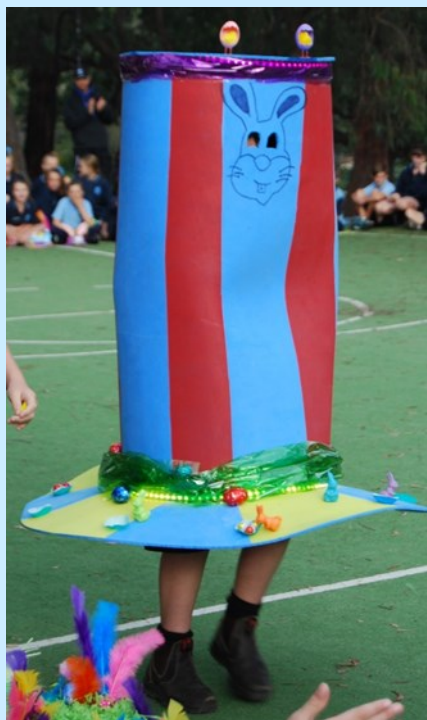
1/2: Our Writing is becoming magnificent as we work our way through the 6+1 Traits of Writing. We have had lots of fun using different voices and expression in our CAFE reading and are able to retell a story including the important points. Our understanding of shapes has improved in our Math's focus groups and we're getting better at our counting patterns.

3/4: We finished off our subtraction Math's groups and we're very proud of our progress. We have continued working on our realistic fiction stories and explored how the story changes when told from a different point of view. In Reading we've been responding to visual images and have been working on our fluency when reading aloud.

5/6: This week we have continued our study of area and perimeter in Math's groups. We have been working hard on our imaginative fiction pieces in Writing. After finishing our class novel of 'Holes' we used a wet Friday afternoon to enjoy the movie version - this book was a hit amongst all of the 5/6 students. We have all enjoyed a great first term and are looking forward to working even harder in Term 2.

Principal: Our new School Council met for the first time - we would like to thank our retiring members and thank them for their outstanding contribution to our school. The 3-6 ath's sports have been postponed to the first week of term 2.

Easter Hat Parade



AFL Football @ Launch

Last Tuesday we were very excited to welcome two Hawthorn Football club players to our school. Cyril Rioli and Blake Hardwick ran clinics for students in grades 1/2 and then spent time with the 3-6's answering questions such as:

What inspired you to play football?

Do you have a favourite game or moment in a game?

Do you have to stick to a special diet and what kind of training do you do?



Everyone was very excited to be given the chance to learn a little more about all of the great things that inspire an AFL footballer. The AFL School's Program aims to provide information and encourage children to participate in junior/youth football, as well as physical activity. By participating in school visits and game development activities, players encourage children to be interested in Australian football while emphasizing the benefits associated with playing a sport such as teamwork, leadership and resilience. We would like to thank the AFL, Cyril Rioli and Blake Hardwick for giving the Launch kids a chance to meet two of their football 'heroes'.



OSHC

Extend Before and After School Care at Launching Place Primary School

Our weekly recap



We had a short week this week, the children made cheese and Vegemite scrolls on Tuesday, they read the recipe and measured all the ingredients themselves!

Wednesday we had some fun in the GP room playing group games like Octopus and Duck Duck Goose.

Thursday, while we all waited for everyone to finish snack, we played a game of UNO, everyone was excited to join in then we went outside to play with the footballs and basketballs. Lloyd and Max R practiced their football kicking skills, Scarlett played basketball and Max N kicked around the soccer ball.

On Friday the children chose from board games like Monopoly and Don't Fall Down and played in groups then had some free time running about in the GP room.

Have a lovely Easter break everyone and I look forward to seeing you in term 2.

Michelle, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstar is... Max R for playing fairly with other children and being considerate of other's feelings.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au





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Fri 1st April 10.30am-12.30pm Lilydale Lake

Sat 2nd April 10.30am-12.30pm

Queens Park, Healesville

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Mount Evelyn Campus

Tuesday 26 April, 6.00pm

Tours are available from 6.00pm
Information session at 7.00pm

Mooroolbark Campus

Thursday 28 April, 6.00pm

Tours are available from 6.00pm
Information session at 6.30pm and 7.30pm

School Tours outside of our Information Nights are available. Please contact the campus office to make a booking.



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"Bible Exploring and Learning Life Skills"

Weekly Fri. 3:30 to 5:00 pm. for Primary Ages.



The Pressy church at Woorti wants to partner with those parents who will miss C.R.E. since it is no longer offered at the local school and who still wish their children to receive instruction about the Bible and the Christian faith

Along with Bible stories we also plan to offer many optional life skills activities in classes such as: Cookery, sewing, knitting, woodcrafts, singing, chess, other games, art, pigeon keeping – the variety is extensive. (Not all classes will be available each term but children should be able to enjoy their first preferences for one term at least each year.)

For further information and the necessary enrolment form, send your family name and address to:

Stewart Miller: 5964 6068 or stewmiller@bigpond.com

MONTROSE TOWN CENTRE

935 MT DANDENONG TOURIST RD
MONTROSE PH: 1300 368 333

FRI 1 APRIL 10:30AM & 1:00PM
KUNG FU PANDA 2 Presented in partnership with Eastern Regional Libraries. Free activity in library after the movie! **FREE**
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TUE 5 APRIL 11:00AM

BIG BUZZ'S OUR STORY
Come on a madcap romp through time, shopping for snippets of the important events and amusing facts that have shaped the nature of modern day Australia. Great school holiday value! All ages.
"Fantastic! Entertaining! Hilarious! The students were totally engaged, they loved the humour and action. It was a brilliant overview of history as never seen before!"
- Tessa Cape Primary School, Tasmania

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WED 30 MARCH 7:30PM
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Family film night presented in partnership with Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship. Free ice cream, tea and coffee! **FREE** PG (1h 42 mins)
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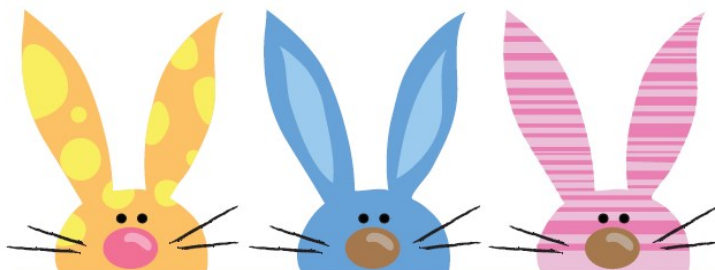
TUE 5 APRIL & THU 7 APRIL 10:00AM

YOUNG ARTIST WORKSHOP
- WOOD SCULPTURES
Create a sky scraping tower or a terrifying monster with different shaped pieces of wood. See how tall it can go without falling over! Ages 5-9.
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TUE 5 APRIL & THU 7 APRIL 1:00PM

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entertainment.



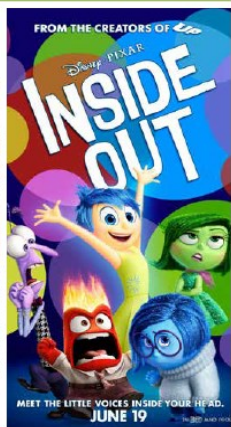
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
For all activities (unless specified)



YOUNG ARTISTS - WIRE & WOOL WORKSHOP



STICKS STONES, BROKEN BONES



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INSIDE OUT

MEET THE LITTLE VOICES INSIDE YOUR HEAD.

JUNE 19



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Wed 31st March

Session 1 – PaddlePower

Thurs 1st April

Session 2 – PaddlePower

Friday 2nd April

Session 3 – PaddlePower

90 minutes - 3pm – 4:30pm – Westerfolds Park, Templestowe

Wed 6th April

Session 1 – Kayak Fun and Games

Thurs 7th April

Session 2 – Kayak Ball – Basketball on the water

Friday 8th April

Session 3 – Paddle the rapids

Location: Week 1 : Lillydale Lake, Lilydale
Week 2 : Westerfolds Park, Templestowe

Cost: \$25 per session. **Book Now** for 1 or multiple sessions!
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Discount for Club Members

Contact: Canoeing Victoria : cvooffice@canoevic.org.au / 0430 312 252
Bookings essential

