



# Thursday Thoughts

Issue 5

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## The Week in Review

### Important Dates:

#### FEBRUARY

24th - List of SC candidates posted

26th - Send out SC ballot papers to all parents

26th - New Families/ Foundation/ Buddy BBQ

#### MARCH

4th - Swimming Carnival

7th—Close of SC ballot

11th - Declare Poll SC

14th - Labour Day Holiday - no school

15th - Foundation/ prep students start full time

15th - School Council (new) 7.00pm

24th - Last Day Term 1

#### APRIL

11th - Term 2 begins

25th - Anzac Day holiday

Our specialist programs are in full swing with all students across the school participating in 'The Arts', Japanese/ Asian Studies and Physical Education. We are fortunate to have teachers who are passionate and well equipped to teach across such a diverse range of subjects.

This year we are offering a group of grade 5/6 students the opportunity to participate in a Japanese 'master class'. During this weekly session, students will fine tune their skills in practicing hiragana and calligraphy while conversing in the Japanese language.



### Kayaking Fun at Lilydale Lake

Last Monday selected Year 5 & Year 6 students attended a kayaking program at Lilydale Lake. The session was run by Canoeing Victoria. Special thanks go to Mr Devisser for organizing such a great activity and to Mrs Lorenc and parents



for their support with transportation and supervision on the day. Judging from the photos, it was a fantastic opportunity to be involved in such a fun yet challenging sport.



**Student Absent  
Hot Line Number  
5964 7783**

### Notices/ Replies

1. Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF): All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 29th February 2016.
2. School Nursing program: Questionnaires due back by 3rd March.
3. Swimming Carnival permission forms due back asap.

## Parent Information

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

#### School Council Elections 2016

Yesterday information came home regarding the need to run an election to elect 4 Parent representatives for School Council.

This election was required as a result of having 6 nominations for four positions. Please vote in the election; it is important that you have a say in who represents the parents on School Council. Voting closes Monday 7 March at 4pm, and all votes will need to be put in the ballot box in the office by this time.

**Instructions and details will be included in a letter being sent out to all families tomorrow.**

#### Parents and Friends Association

The Parents and Friends Association is a vital group within the school community. Not only does it undertake the vast majority of fundraising across the school which enables us to purchase additional items that we couldn't otherwise pay for (like our new Prep playground), but it provides a strong social network for families within the school.

The P&F held its AGM last week and managed to fill the executive positions.

**Please refer to page 6 for a full report.**

**It is also timely to thank our previous P&F committee for their hard work and dedication to our school. A special thank-you to Janine Knight as the P&F outgoing president!**

Thank you!



#### RIDE 2 School Day Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

National Ride2School day is coming up on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. As this is the date of our swimming carnival we are moving the day forward to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. As part of creating a healthy and active culture at LPPS we are asking students to ride or walk to school on this day.

This is a great chance to meet up with friends and discover who else lives near you. So all you need to do is get pedalling, walking or scooting to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR MEDICAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Parents are requested to advise the school if a child's family situation, medical circumstances, address or phone contact changes during the school year. It is important that all information is kept up-to-date in case the school needs to contact parents/guardians. Forms to update our records for asthma and allergic or anaphylactic reactions should have been received by parents if such medical conditions are recorded on our system. It is

imperative such records remain up to date at all times to ensure we can adequately care for your child should there be a need. Regulations stipulate that these forms are updated at the start of each calendar year.

**We thank you for your support.**



#### 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.



**tiqbiz** 

**Reminder:** Tick' the correct Year on Tiqbiz for your child's/ children's 2016 class.





Name		Award
Prep R	Noah D	Being brave and writing the sounds he can hear in words.
1/2 A	Lacey H	Working hard on her magic 100 words.
1/2 B	Tayla N Zac F	For consideration and good thinking. For focusing on personal writing.
1/2 C	Jayla D Josh S	Setting a great example for her peers. Well Done! Being a great scientist during our Float vs Sink investigation.
1/2T	Jaiden R-S Juliet P	For passing three levels of BlitzMaster. For amazing writing and taking pride in her Writer's notebook.
3/4 K	Brock B Blake C	For doing a beautiful piece of writing about his special things. For writing an excellent entry in his Writer's Notebook about motor bikes.
3/4 M	Riley W Kasie P	For being a happy, helpful and hard working member of our grade. For always being an active listener and participating in all classroom discussions.
3/4 N	Remmi C Joel C	For always being a positive member of the class. For always getting started straight away.
5/6 F	Daniel P	For showing a great work ethic and always trying his best.
5/6 S	Maeryn B Joaquin G	Setting a great example for your peers and being respectful to all staff and other students. Great reading and challenging yourself with difficult tasks.

## Junior School Council

**Congratulations to our 2016  
Junior School Councillors**

Launching Place Primary School's *Junior School Council* (JSC) organises and implements a range of fundraising events, particularly for people in need of our help. JSC also act on behalf of their classmates to improve their school. At LPPS there is a JSC representative from every class 1-6. All JSC members are voted in by their classmates at the beginning of the year. We wish you all a great year in JSC.



## From The Classrooms

# WELCOMING OUR 2016 AEROBICS TEAMS

## LETHAL LABS

JACK  
COOPER  
AARON  
ADEN  
CONNOR

## BADITUDE

SOPHIE  
BAILEE  
ZOE  
CHARLOTTE  
ALYSSA  
KAYLA  
KATE  
BRIANNA

## POISON IVY

TALI  
STORM  
HOLLY  
AIMEE  
JASMINE  
CLAUDIA

## ROCKIN' REBELS

TAYA  
ELLA  
TAHLIA  
CHEYENNE  
REMMI  
KASIE  
ANITA  
CHELSEA

## HIGH VOLTAGE

OWEN  
BLAKE  
LUKE  
TRAK  
JAY

## AFTERSHOCK

DECLAN  
ARCHIE  
LACHIE  
RUBEN  
BLAKE

## DANCING DEVILS

MISCHA  
MIRANDA  
RUBY  
ZARA  
TIA  
MAKAYLA

## VIOLET VIPERS

EMILY  
MADISON  
TEANNA  
ERICA  
CHARLEE  
ERIN  
TAHNEE

## TWISTED SISTERS

ROSIE  
KEIRA  
KAYLEE  
NICOLA  
MADISON  
CHARLOTTE

## LIGHTNING ANGELS

CHELSEY  
AMARLI  
TESS  
TALEISHA  
PAIGE  
CHELSEA  
ALLY  
EMILY

## 2XTREME

DEANNE  
CASEY  
ASHLEE  
ASHLYN  
ASHLEY  
JAIMIE  
MAERYN  
BRIDIE  
BREE



## I LOVE AEROBICS BECAUSE...

I LIKE TO  
PERFORM IN  
FRONT OF AN  
AUDIENCE

BAILEE L

I LIKE  
GOING TO  
GEELONG TO  
COMPETE  
AGAINST OTHER  
SCHOOLS

KAYLA M

IT'S  
FUN AND IT  
IMPROVES MY  
FITNESS

ALYSSA B

WE GET TO  
SPEND TIME WITH  
FRIENDS AND LEARN  
NEW ROUTINES

SOPHIE G

## 2016 COMP DATES

PRELIMS  
30.4.16

STATE FINALS  
4.6.16

NATIONALS  
6.8.16

SPRING COMP  
15.10.16



# Cybersafety



## Social Media

How old your child should be before he or she starts using social media with your permission is really up to you. Most social media websites and apps require that kids be 13 to sign up. Aside from this, 13 is generally the age when kids start developing a broader understanding of the world around them and, along with that, a better sense of what's appropriate to share online.

***"Quarter of Australian children aged 8-12 are underage Facebook users"***

# A survey has found a quarter of Australian children aged between 8 and 12 use Facebook, despite the minimum age for a user being 13.

# The survey discovered that children found ways to get around the age restrictions, but in most cases they were given access by their parents.

# The survey found children were spending up to 1.5 hours on internet - enabled devices each day.

***Social media issues continue to be regularly raised by parents at LPPS. It is important that you know what your child is doing online and that any issues are reported.***

### Quick tips to help your child become eSmart - smart, safe and responsible with digital technology:

- Find out about and understand your school's 'Acceptable Use Policy' and other bullying policies. Try to actively support your school's policies and processes that help to address bullying and cybersafety.
- Talk to your child about what your expectations are of their online behaviour. Set up some ground rules and basic guidelines.
- Get involved and take an active interest in cybersafety. Attend information nights, research online safety, and work with your school to help make cybersafety a priority.

Some great sites are:

<https://esafety.gov.au/?from=cybersmart>

An Australian government site offering excellent online portals/ forums/ advice for parents and children.

[http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/internet\\_safety.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/internet_safety.html)

Excellent site for general information, advice and parenting tips.



### Parents and Friends

Parents & Friends AGM and 1st meeting of the year was held on Monday (15th) and we would like to thank all those who attended.

We can announce that our New Committee is:

**President:** Bianca Amore

**Treasurer:** Kerry Egan (Prep)

**Secretary:** Jenni DeLima



We welcome this new group and extend an invitation to any other parents to join us for an exciting fundraising year.

We have the Easter raffle coming up very soon so look out for your notice & tickets.

**Next Meeting:** Mon 21st March in gp room.

P&F team



### Extend Before and After School Care at Launching Place Primary School

#### Our Weekly Recap

Last week we had so much fun with finger butterfly paintings, cooking choc chip/sultana biscuits, outside free play, basketball practice and indoor free play where the children coloured in pictures and played fooseball.

*Michelle*

Our Extend Superstar is... Max N for being a great helper by packing away all the games at the end of before school care.

#### Next Week's activities

Monday 29 February:

Dead Fish and Origami Animals

Tuesday 1 March:

Run Rabbit Run and Who Am I?

Wednesday 2 March:

Duck Duck Goose and Animal Colouring and Drawing

Thursday 3 March:

Cooking Muffins

Friday 4 March:

Craft Animals

**PARENT PORTAL:** [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)



### Headlice

Headlice are back in the School and Community.

Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly. This will help stamp out headlice and break the cycle.



## Tuition in Ballet, Jazz, Tap dancing & Hip hop

**Classes held at Launching Place Primary School,  
Carter St, Launching Place.**

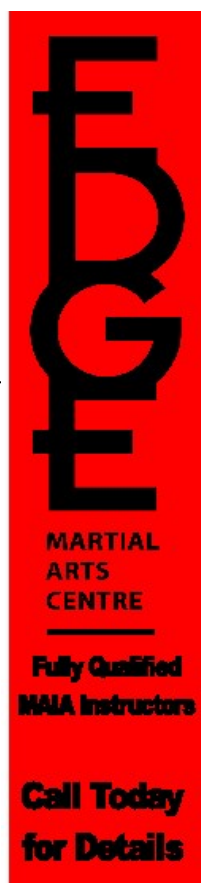
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## Children's Karate

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## Community Advertisements

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VICTORIA



### Warburton Junior Netball Club Pre-season Family fun night



### Wesburn Oval

February 26th 2016  
5.30-8.00pm

Warburton Junior Netball Club are holding a Pre-season training session and Family Fun Night. In conjunction with Wesburn Junior Football Club, there will be a Sausage Sizzle, Inflatables, as well as a clinic run by AFL Victoria Staff.

Johanna Crosby from Netball Victoria will be running fun netball games and activities.

For more information email warburtonjnc@gmail.com

Upper Yarra Netball Association Registration  
Yarra Centre  
March 4th 2016 4.30-5.30pm

### Kids Creative & Performing Arts (CAPA)

This fun new class offers a range of creative art activities. Classes are flexible and will be based around what each child enjoys most.

\*\* Musical Performance - song, dance & instruments \*\*

\*\* Costume & Set Design - drawing & painting \*\*

\*\* Putting Story into Theatre Games \*\*

Call us on 5964 6857 to find out more!



Thursdays  
3.45pm - 5pm  
\$10 per class



Woori Community House  
Shop 5/1385  
Healesville Koo-Wee-Rup Rd  
Woori Yallock

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Would like to help your child

## START SAVING NOW

To save you time, it's as simple as sending your child's banking to school with them and they can watch their savings grow.

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\*\*Certificates are presented each term to all consistent savers regardless of the amount banked\*\*



Bendigo Bank

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\* **Back to School Asthma Spike** \*  
\* Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and \*  
\* hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. \*  
\* Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to \*  
\* help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia's website and social media \*  
\* provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help \*  
\* your child and a survey to complete to determine the \*  
\* impact for parents/carers. Please refer to: <https://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/> \*  
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