



# Thursday Thoughts

Issue 1

Date: 31st January 2019

## IMPORTANT DATES

### February

- 8th** - Parent planners home
- 11th** - School Council 7pm
- 15th** - Prep/ Buddy/ New Families BBQ 5.30pm
- 20th** - 'Getting to Know You' Parent/ teacher interviews

### March

- 8th** - Whole school swimming carnival
- 11th** - Labour Day holiday - Pupil Free day
- 12th** - Preps start full time
- 20th** - **Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day**

### April

- 5th** - Last Day of term



Welcome back to school for the start of the 2019 school year. Each year when school resumes, it is delightful to see such happy and enthusiastic faces. Students are always keen to share their holiday adventures - from travelling, to camping, to visiting the beach or movies or simply hanging out with family. We trust your break was relaxing and enjoyable.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our new Prep families. The Preps arrived ready to learn and begin their Primary School education. It is always an exciting time! This week all students have been engaged in 'Launch into Learning' activities in their classrooms and are enjoying getting to know one another in their new classes. A focus in all classrooms over the first few weeks of school is the creation of a positive and engaging learning environment where each class member feels valued.

This year at LPPS it will continue to be a significant year as we begin to fully implement our new Strategic Plan which was developed last year after our extensive school review.

*Stay tuned for further information in the coming weeks and months.*

### Welcome to our new staff

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members who have joined us at LPPS this year. Mrs Kristy Scott is teaching grade 1/2 and Mrs Sarah Hartshorn will be teaching grade 5/6.



## School Council

**February 11th** - Nominations for School Council

**18th** - Closing Date for SC nominations

**20th** - List of SC candidates posted

**22nd** - Send out SC ballot papers (if needed)

**March 4th** - Close of SC ballot

**8th** - Declare Poll SC

**Student Absent  
Hot Line Number  
5964 7783**

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ABN 96 199 518 803

### Are Your Details Up to Date?

Once again this year, we are aiming to send a large number of school notices, including our newsletter, electronically. This not only cuts down on paper, but it makes sure that the process of parents receiving important information is efficient. If you have not already done so, can you please supply the office with your email address. Also, please check that all of your other details are up to date (including phone numbers). We thank you for helping us to refine our communication processes.



## 2019 Staff

# Staffing 2019

Classroom Teachers	
Foundation	Lara Mackie
Foundation/ Year 1	Zoe Harris
Year 1/2	Heather Taylor & Jacinta Kemp
Year 1/2	Kristy Scott
Year 3/4	Tom Margary
Year 3/4	Jessica Freeman
Year 3/4	Kasey Bishop and Marissa Tomlinson
Year 5/6	Ala Lorenc
Year 5/6	Sarah Hartshorn
Year 5/6	Haley Rusch
Specialist Teachers	
The Arts/ Physical Education	Candice Nyman
Physical Education	Andrew Devisser
Japanese	Toko Osadczuk
Administration	
Principal	Narelle Messerle
Assistant Principal	Debbie Hobbis-Hartley
Business Manager	Jacqui Eycken
Office Manager	Audrey Watt
Support Staff	
Integration Staff	Sonia Dunn, Fiona Boek, Naomi Read, Glenn Waterhouse, Paul Traynor, Sharyn Barrile
Chaplain	Chezelle Conroy
Information Technologies	Joe McLachlan





## Celebrating Our New School Values through the 'Launch Into Learning' program

This week all classrooms are engaged in our Launch Into Learning program. This is a program that the whole school participates in and is focused on building relationships and setting expectations for the year ahead.

***Last year, as part of the school review, students in grades 3-6 voted on new school values.***

**Our revised school wide values are:**

**Curiosity:** *We ask questions to learn*

**Achievement:** *We persist and try our best*

**Respect:** *We show care and compassion for others and the environment*

**Responsibility:** *We are in control of our learning and our actions*

**Empathy:** *We treat others with care and compassion*



Through the 'Launch Into Learning' activities, we aim to achieve:

- ◆ clear, explicit and shared expectations and processes in all classrooms
- ◆ a collaborative style of teaching and learning
- ◆ an understanding of school wide behaviour expectations and values
- ◆ an understanding of 'Circle Time'
- ◆ a sense of responsibility and active involvement in decision making
- ◆ a sense of fairness, consistency, security and belonging
- ◆ an awareness of the behaviours that demonstrate the values held
- ◆ more self-directed learners who are able to take action for themselves.



This is a positive way to start our year and will ensure that students, teachers and parents all have strong, open and honest relationships, that will carry on throughout the school year.

## Updating Medical Records

The Department of Education requires **School Asthma Action Plans and Anaphylaxis Plans** to be updated annually. Existing and newly diagnosed Asthmatics must have an Asthma Action plan (available from the School Office). Please complete this form and return to school as soon as possible. A doctor's signature is required. Anaphylaxis Plans are obtained through the doctor also.

***If your child no longer requires an asthma plan can you please notify Audrey.***

**time to  
UPDATE**

## MEDICAL AUTHORISATIONS



If your child requires medication during school hours you must complete a Medication Authorisation Form. These can be obtained from the front office. The medication must be brought to the office before school.

**ALL MEDICINE MUST BE SUPPLIED IN THE ORIGINAL CONTAINER**

If your child requires Panadol etc. during school hours please complete a Medical Authorisation Form and supply your own Panadol to the front office. Students are not permitted to carry any medication in their schoolbags or self-administer any medication.

Thank you for your support with helping us to manage student medical needs.



## Mindfulness and Parenting

Yarra Junction Primary School

2370 Warburton Highway Yarra Junction

Monday February 25th 2019 6:30pm-8pm

Strong Minds Psychology are partnering with Yarra Junction Primary School to offer a community workshop to benefit families of the Yarra Valley and beyond. This is the first of a series of four workshops on different topics that will be conducted throughout 2019.

### About the talk

- What mindfulness is (and isn't)
- The challenges that come with being a parent or carer, and how we can utilise mindfulness to become more aware, engaged and attuned to both our needs, and those of our children.
- Tickets: \$10 for parents/carers; \$20 for professionals (tax deductible)

Register now at Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/myevent?eid=55258479600>



### Presented by Toby Mizzi (Counselling Psychologist)

*Toby works with a client focus, using a number of CBT approaches as well as integrating elements of mindfulness. He provides counselling and therapy for children, adolescents, adults and couples helping with depression, anxiety, self-esteem, relationship difficulties, grief & loss, and family conflict.*

Email [strongmindspsychteam@gmail.com](mailto:strongmindspsychteam@gmail.com) or call 5967 1438 for questions

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Register online - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/myevent?eid=55258479600>

GIRL GUIDES VICTORIA AND YARRA  
JUNCTION GIRL GUIDE UNIT PRESENT

# ***GIRL GUIDE POP UP DAY***

ANY GIRLS AGED 7-17 COME AND  
TRY GIRL GUIDES FOR A DAY

WE WILL BE LAUNCHING A NEW  
UNIT - YARRA RANGES ADVENTURE  
GUIDES - AGED 13-17  
COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY ON  
WHAT TO DO, SEE AND EXPLORE

**SUNDAY 10TH  
FEBRUARY 2019  
10AM - 2PM**

**YARRA JUNCTION  
SCOUT HALL,  
2411 WARBURTON HWY  
YARRA JUNCTION**

THIS IS A FREE EVENT, SEARCH  
"YARRA JUNCTION GIRL GUIDE  
POP UP" ON TRYBOOKING TO  
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

QUESTIONS AND QUERIES TO  
VICKY SINTON - 0423 316 037

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# SCHOOL TOURS

2019



You are invited to  
tour Billanook College  
and meet our staff  
and students

## School at Work Tours

Thursday 28 March, 9.30am  
Friday 17 May, 9.30am  
Wednesday 19 June, 9.30am  
Tuesday 30 July, 9.30am  
Thursday 24 October, 9.30am  
Friday 29 November, 9.30am

## Saturday Morning Tours

Saturday 23 February, 9.30am  
Saturday 4 May, 9.30am  
Saturday 31 August, 9.30am

## Early Years Walk

Thursday 14 March, 9.30am  
Wednesday 29 May, 9.30am

RSVP essential -  
[www.billanook.vic.edu.au](http://www.billanook.vic.edu.au)  
or Phone 9724 1179

## EARLY LEARNING TO YEAR 12

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Next Tour:  
Saturday, 23 February 2019

Saturday Morning Tour and  
Scholarship Testing, 9.30am



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