



Thursday Thoughts

Issue 2

Date: 4th February 2016

Important Dates:

FEBRUARY

- 9th - School Council (current) 7.00pm
- 11th - Parent Planners home
- 15th - Nominations for School Council
- 22nd - Closing Date for SC nominations
- 24th - List of SC candidates posted
- 26th - Send out SC ballot papers (if needed)
- 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

The Week in Review

Everyone has settled very quickly into the rhythm of school life. The ease to which all students have slipped into the 'routine of school' doesn't just happen. It is indicative of the time, effort and excellent preparation carried out by our teaching, education, administration and maintenance staff.

Credit must also go to the children who have settled quickly and industriously back into 'school mode'. We have been delighted by the many positive comments we have received about the school. We are also most appreciative of our supportive parents who have clearly prepared their children for a positive start to the school year.

Launch Into Learning

In every class and every learning space across our school, students and teachers are creating positive classrooms and building quality relationships through participation in our 'Launch into Learning' program.

The investment of time to build relationships and expectations pays off for the remainder of the year with students working effectively as part of a team.

Through the Launch into Learning activities grades have focused on:-

- * Students getting to know their new classes and the daily routines
- * Establishing positive, engaging learning environments where each child feels valued
- * Developing clear, shared expectations and processes for classrooms and learning teams
- * Encouraging a sense of responsibility and active involvement in decision making
- * An awareness of the behaviours that demonstrate our school values
- * Support for self - directed learning

The school values of respect, responsibility, resilience, collaboration and excellence have been discussed with a special emphasis on behaviours and actions and what this would look like, sound like and feel like.



We have also begun the year with a big focus on some of things that can make a big difference to the tone of a school – manners, consideration of others and the environment which we all work in.

**Student Absent
Hot Line Number
5964 7783**

Parent Information

One of the challenges and delights facing new members of a community or institution such as a school, is gaining an understanding of the processes and 'ways of doing things' ingrained into the daily life of that organisation. For a new family at a primary school, that can mean coming to appreciate a wide range of procedures and practices which are employed in



organizing the business of school. For community members who have been involved in the school for over a year or more, many of these processes are embedded into the daily life of running a household and organising their children.

There are many forms of communication used between school and home to ensure that parents are kept informed about what is happening both in the classroom and at a

whole school level. The newsletter is one of the main forms of communication and is produced every Thursday. The link to the electronic version of the newsletter is sent to parents and it is also available on the website. If the school does not have your email address, could you please forward your details to Audrey in the office. Hardcopies will be sent home when required.

Keep Us Informed - LPPS PARENT CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS POLICY (Full policy available on website)

ABOUT WHAT/ISSUE	WHO TO CONTACT	HOW
Classroom activities, class curriculum, Friendship issues	Your child's Class Teacher or Appropriate Specialist Teacher	Diary, Telephone, email Arrange an appointment
Complex student issues, Student Welfare, School Curriculum, Staff Members	Principal: Narelle Messerle Assistant Principal: Deb Hobbis	In writing by hand, email or mail. Telephone to arrange an appointment.
School Policy, School Management		
School Fees & payments General enquiries	Office Staff	Telephone, in person

Foundation Students

The Foundation/ Prep students have started their school life beautifully and this was particularly evident at Monday's assembly. They are fast becoming accustomed to the rules and routines of school. It is an exciting time for both students and their families. In order to make this move to school a successful one the Department of Education and Training (DET) has provided additional resources for interested families.

Parents of Foundation students can access the Department's site for tips, insights and news: Foundation/ Prep for Parents:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4p.aspx>



'Getting To Know Your Child' Parent/ Teacher Interviews Monday 15th February

Letters will go home tomorrow asking parents to nominate times for individual meetings with classroom teachers. These meetings will allow parents to share any information about their children which will assist the classroom teacher's work of ensuring a happy and productive time of learning at school. Teachers will also outline how the child has settled into the routines of the new school year. Please return the note setting out your preferred time for an interview by Wednesday 10th February. Your confirmed interview time will be forwarded to you on 12th February.

Please note: Parents of Foundation/ Prep students will have the opportunity for a 15 minute 'chat' directly following each child's School Entry Assessment.



Name		Award
Prep N	Miranda B	Sensational start to her school life. What a great listener!
Prep R	Lexi O	Completing a fantastic journal entry.
	Jordan T	Settling into school well and for being the first person to receive 10 stars.
1/2 A	Cooper M	Showing great kindness to his new classmates.
3/4 B	Remey B	Excellent start and settling in well to LPPS.
3/4 M	Nicola S	For displaying excellent work habits, manners and being an overall excellent student!
5/6 L	Sophie G	For displaying great leadership as school captain.
	Jay H	For displaying great leadership as school captain.



Canteen News : New Day and New Menu!

We are excited to welcome to our school community, The Old Butcher Shop Café, who will be making our homemade lunch orders this year. Canteen day will be Fridays but the orders for lunch will need to be in at school the day before, Thursday.

Correct money and the filled out order form can only be accepted on the Thursday. (Please remember to pack lunch on the Thursday as the actual freshly made lunches will be delivered to our school just prior to lunchtime on Friday).

Drinks can also be ordered on the form and the icy treats and gingerbread men are only over the counter sales. These items will be available for students to purchase on the Friday during recess and lunch playtime. **(Free fresh fruit will also still be available at recess from the canteen).**

REMEMBER: Thursday : Food / drink order and money handed in at school and bring your lunch.

Friday : Over the counter sales and ordered lunch day.

(NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY MORNING)

(Please note: order forms were sent out earlier this week and spare ones can be found on the school website or in the information stand in the school office foyer).

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out, your time would be most welcomed and appreciated.

Regards

Sonia.

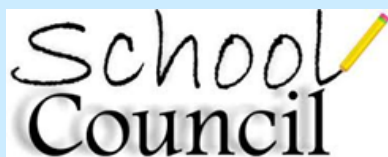
From The Classrooms

The Preps First Day Of School



We had fun!!!

School Council 2016



Launching Place Primary School Council Elections 2016

Our first School Council meeting for 2016 will be held next **Tuesday, February 9th**. This meeting will be the final meeting for the existing School Council and therefore the final meeting for some of our hard working School Council members. We are now looking at forming our new SC – at present we require 4 new parent members. Please take the time to look at the election procedures and timeline below. If you require more information, please speak to one of our school councillors or pop in to see us for a chat.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All Government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on School Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

THE TIMELINE FOR 2016 ELECTIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Notice of Election and call for nominations: Monday 15th February 2016.
2. Close of nominations: Monday 22nd February at 4 p.m.
3. List of Candidates Posted: Wednesday 24th February.
4. Ballot paper distributed if more nominations than vacancies are received in either or both categories: Friday 26th February.
5. Close of ballot: Monday 7th March at 4.00 p.m.
6. Counting of votes (March 10th) and declaration of the poll and announcement to the community: Friday 11th March.

If you have any questions please come and see me for a chat.

Nomination forms are available from the office.

Amanda Pitts School Council President



Safer Internet Day is a global event held annually to promote the safe and responsible use of digital technologies (including mobile phones), for children and young people.

Whilst Victorian schools work to make every-day a safer internet day, Australia is fortunate that this annual event coincides with our “Back to School” programs where the issue of ‘Cyber safety’ is discussed.

More information can be found by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Looking Good at Assembly

A big thank you to parents - we are very appreciative of your work around students having correct uniform. It really makes a difference to students, promoting a ‘sense of belonging’ to both the school and their friends. It was impressive at last Monday’s assembly to see a ‘sea of blue’. Well done to our School Captains, Sophie and Jay, and Bellbird House Captains, Luke and Madison for the great job that they did in running our first assembly for 2016.



Community Advertisements

Extend Before and After School Care at Launching Place Primary School



Have you heard the good news?

Extend is delighted to deliver a **Before School Care** and **After School Care** service to commencing Term 1, 2016. We are thrilled to begin a new partnership with the school community and look forward to delivering a quality service.

Enrol now for Before & After School Care

Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply enrol and set up your account online at extend.com.au. Please note – all children **must** be enrolled before attending.

Flyers will be distributed to each student shortly. These flyers include general information about our services, as well as information about your out of pocket expense. **Keep an eye out for flyers in your child's bag soon!**

Operating hours and fees:

Before School Care: 7.00am – 8.45am

\$16.00 permanent, \$20.00 casual

***YOU PAY BETWEEN: \$4.90 - \$8.00 for a permanent booking**

After School Care: 3.30pm – 6.00pm

\$19.50 permanent, \$23.50 casual

***YOU PAY BETWEEN: \$5.32 - \$9.75 for a permanent booking**

Emergency on-the-day bookings incur an additional \$5 fee, which is no more than \$2.50 after fee relief.

*Child Care Benefits and the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate of up to \$7500 apply for eligible families. Fees are per child per session.

Fee Relief – the facts

Fact 1: The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is NOT income tested! We encourage you to apply!

Fact 2: 50% is the minimum reduction you may receive in your fees. Further benefits may apply to you.

Read further information and estimate your out of pocket expense at extend.com.au.

QUESTIONS?

Check out the FAQs on our website which contains useful information for new parents.

PARENT PORTAL:
extend.com.au

Hats

Please remember to bring your hats to school. Hats are to be worn outside from the start of this term until half way through April.

Stay safe from the sun and be a Sun Smart Kid.



Community Advertisements

Woori Yallock Junior

Football Club

Registration Day Sunday the 14th February
11.00am- 2.00pm at Woori Yallock football
Ground

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netball ANZ Legacy Program

Yarra Valley Soccer Club Season Launch Registration Day Sunday 14th February 11am-2pm Wickhams Oval Launching Place

Soccer drills, games and activities will be happening on the Day from 11.30am

Sausage sizzle and soft drinks all proceeds go to club

New Players Welcome

Valley Soccer Kids

A program for ages 5 Years to 12 years, which helps develop a player's football skills and promote interest in soccer. A skills based program for all juniors held on Sunday mornings. Term by term program.

Juniors Teams Ages 8 to 16 years

Seniors Men and Women 16 years and over

Please remember Maximum 16 players per squad. Please register and make payment in full as soon as possible to secure your spot.



Enquiries
please contact Andrew Devisser on 0439 034 278
or Andrew Woolley on 0413 666 392

Expressions of Interest taken for experienced and suitable coaches and assistants to compliment existing dedicated team.

2016

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

School at Work Tour	Saturday Morning College Tours
Tuesday 9 February	Saturday 27 February (Tour & Scholarship Exam)
Thursday 17 March	Saturday 7 May
Friday 17 June	Saturday 3 September
Wednesday 3 August	
Tuesday 11 October	
Tuesday 22 November	

All Saturday Morning tours, 10.15am for a 10.30am start, RSVP Essential

School at Work Tours commence at 9.30am
RSVP essential

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