



# Thursday Thoughts

Issue 2

Date: 7th February 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



The children at Launching Place Primary School have plenty of choice when it comes to lunchtime activities. Our expansive grounds provide space for those interested in physical pursuits. The oval hosts cricket, football and soccer matches

and the hard courts are available for netball, basketball and down-ball. Some children choose to spend time on the playground equipment or play imaginative games in the sandpits and grassed areas. Lunchtime is also a chance to just sit and chat with friends.

Alternatively some students choose to go to clubs. Lunchtime clubs run every day of the week. This term, the clubs on offer, include Lego, drawing/ colouring, board games, construction, plasticine and origami. Lunchtime Clubs are a great opportunity for everyone to have some fun and interact with others, from all year levels. The activities provide plenty of scope for acquiring new skills, often from like-minded fellow club members. They also provide the opportunity for friendships to be made outside the usual circle. Through the Junior School Council, students also have a say as to what clubs they would like to see running.

The School Captains remind all students of the Clubs available each day in the morning announcements. Children do not need to sign up but simply come along on any one day!



## 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**

## Parent Information

### Safer Internet Day

This week, Safer Internet Day (SID) was celebrated around the world. SID is an annual, worldwide event held to help encourage a better internet. This year's theme is:



#### *"Together for a better internet"*

In Australia, we have extended the theme to include the 4Rs of online safety:

- ◆ Respect - I treat myself and others the way I like to be treated.
- ◆ Responsibility - I am accountable for my actions and I take a stand when I feel something is wrong.
- ◆ Reasoning - I question what is real.
- ◆ Resilience - I get back up from tough situations.



The issue of internet use is complex, so the more we discuss issues such as online safety the better. It is also important that schools and homes share the responsibility of keeping children informed of best practices.

The iParent site has some great resources for parents.

Here you can find guidance for using safety settings on your family's web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games and strategies for keeping young people safe online.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

### School Hats

School hats are an important part of the LPPS school uniform. During term one and until the end of April, hats must be worn at all times when outside. We have noticed that



there are still a number of hats looking 'tired'. For example, ripped and frayed brims, holes in the top and graffiti. This is unacceptable as a school hat. If your child's hat looks old and tired, a new one can be purchased from the office.

Thank you for your support in keeping our kids Sun Smart.



### Tips For Starting Primary School

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.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/tips-starting-school.aspx>





# Student Awards

Name		Award
1./2C	Jackson C Josh R	For showing joy in learning. For showing joy in learning.
3/4M	Cara S Jace S	For incredible spelling in her holiday recount. For offering lots of contributions in class discussions.
5/6H	Andrew B Maddison P	For being a helpful class mate. For being a bright and bubbly class mate.
5/6L	Lloyd B Emily B	For a great writer's notebook entry about a dog janitor. For an excellent start to 2019.
5/6R	Paige S Myles D Cooper M	For a focused start to grade 6. For a positive start to grade 5. For displaying excellent listening skills.



## 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.



### Parents and Friends News

Welcome back! We hope you all had a well deserved break and made some time for some fun. We had a fantastic year last year raising a total of \$15,013.08. For a small (but wonderful) school this is amazing. We are ready to go for another year to raise some more funds for our netball court roof.



Do you want to help but don't have a lot of time to give?

Is your family new to Launching Place Primary School?

If so, the Parents and Friends group would like to invite you to come along to our meetings. Our annual AGM is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am in the GP room. Everyone is welcome and our meetings are toddler friendly. Morning tea and coffee are provided. We hope to see you there.

Bianca Amore

PNF President



Breakfast Club is up and running for 2019.

Breakfast Club runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.15am - 8.45.

*Please ensure that*

*you accompany your children to the canteen so that they can be signed in.*

**fresh  
TASTES**

*healthy food at school*

### **CANTEEN**

Our first canteen for the year started today. Don't forget that lunch orders need to be handed in on Thursdays and lunch will also be supplied on Thursdays. Also, if you do not supply a paper bag, a surcharge of 10c will apply.

Zooper Dooper icy poles will be available every Thursday lunchtime, at a cost of 50c.



## LPPS - School Council Elections 2019

Our first School Council meeting for 2019 will be held next Monday 11th February. 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 parent members (either new or present members re-electing). 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 contact the office.

### ***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.

### **TIMELINE FOR OUR 2019 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:**

1. Notice of Election and call for nominations: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
2. Close of nominations: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 4 p.m.
3. List of Candidates Posted: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.
4. Ballot paper distributed if more nominations than vacancies are received in either or both categories: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.
5. Close of ballot: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00 p.m.
6. Counting of votes (March 8<sup>th</sup>), declaration of the poll and announcement to the community: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

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

***Nomination forms are available from the office.***



# Dads & kids BBQ

Come for a swim, stay for the food.

## Calling all Dads!

Bring along your kids for a swim, enjoy a **FREE** BBQ and chat with other dads.

Children's activities for 0 - 8 years old and 8 years and over supervised swim, choose to join in or just have a break.

Tuesday 12th February, 4.30pm - 6.30pm at  
The Yarra Centre, Yarra Junction

For further information or to RSVP contact Aladdin Jones via email at [aladdinjones@cire.org.au](mailto:aladdinjones@cire.org.au), call 1300 835 235 or Naomi, from Linking Families Service on 0467 814 223.





## **2019 Junior Program**

### **-Junior Summer Program- For all age groups**

Time- Every Wednesday, starting **Wednesday 6th Feb 5.00pm to 6.30pm (running until Wednesday 20th March)**

Location- Millgrove Recreation Reserve

Format- Skills and small sided games

Cost- \$20 per child for whole 7 week program.

Registration- Please complete the following link to register for program <https://yarravalley.typeform.com/to/IDXOTf>

### **-Regular Junior Season 2019**

Seeking boys and girls of all age groups to help fill Under 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's, 14's teams and build on strong season last year.

### **-Valley Kids Soccer Program**

-Generally for younger players not yet ready for competitive games

- skills training and small sided games every Wednesday 5pm- 6pm

You can register for Junior season and Valley kids via link [Junior Registration Form](#)

Junior Training and Valley Kids will commence **Wednesday 27th March at Millgrove Recreation Reserve** 5pm. Location will move to Wickhams Road, Launching Place after daylight savings is finished.

Please note any junior participants registering for both Summer program and regular junior season will only pay the normal junior registration fee of \$170, So summer program will be free.

## **Senior Men and Senior Women's Season 2019**

Registrations are now open for our senior teams, please complete the following link

[Senior Men and Women's Registration](#)

Training will commence **Wednesday 6th Feb at Millgrove Recreation Reserve at 7pm.**

Location will move to Wickhams Road, Launching Place after daylight savings is finished.



## Launching Place Primary School Menu 2019

- Please ensure their lunch orders are written on a paper bag with the exact money enclosed (if paying for multiple siblings then please indicate clearly)
- Please note: a charge of 10c will be added to your lunch order if no paper bag supplied
- Whilst every endeavour will be made to provide exactly what is ordered there maybe occasions where this is not possible- the closest possible alternative will be provided.
- We will make every effort to cater for dietary requirements. Please ring Leanne on 0403239941 or Brad 0414257524 if you have any questions.

### Sandwiches & Salads

Salad	\$2.50
Ham or chicken & Salad	\$3.00
Ham or Chicken & Cheese	\$2.60
Sweet Chilli Sub (w/lettuce, chicken tender)	\$2.50
Salad Tray (meat \$1 extra)	\$4.00
Fruit Salad (term 1 & 4)	\$3.00
Homemade Soup (term 2 & 3)	\$2.00
Extras:	
50c bread roll/wrap or extras: egg, avocado	
20c Toasted	

### Burgers

Cheeseburger	\$3.00
Chickenburger	\$4.00
Parma burger	\$5.00
Egg & Bacon	\$3.00

### Snacks

Crunch Pack (carrot, apple, cheese, Biscuits)	\$2.00
Dip pack (carrot, cucumber, dip, biscuits)	\$2.00
Popcorn	80c
Hot Jam Donut	\$1.30
Slices (M&Ms, Topdeck, Cookie/Cream, Grumchie)	\$2.00
Jelly Tub	\$1.00
Choc Balls (3)	\$1.00

### Hot Food (20c extra for sauce)

4in20 Pie	\$3.00
Chicken Snitzel Wrap	\$3.00
Party pies	\$1.00
Sausage Roll - Jumbo	\$3.00
- Regular	\$1.80
Ham & Pineapple pizza	\$2.20
Dim sim (Steamed)	\$1.00
Corn on the cob	\$1.00
Hot dog (cheese extra 20c)	\$2.50
Puppy dog (cheese extra 10c)	\$1.50
Garlic Bread (cheese extra 20c)	\$1.30
Nachos	\$3.00
Chicken nuggets (4)	\$2.00
Vegetarian spring roll	\$1.00
Bolognaise Pasta (w/cheese) small	\$3.00
Large	\$4.00

### Drinks

Bottled Water	\$1.00
100% Juice (Apple, Nectarine, Orange)	\$1.70
Oak Milk (Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry)	
Small	\$2.70
Large	\$3.70





## Thriving Families Workshop



This workshop is for **parents and carers** who are keen to hear practical strategies, ideas and encouragement on supporting your family to thrive.

For many families, home is far from a haven from the rush of life. Instead, it's a war zone where parents are stretched and often pushed to breaking point. This leaves many parenting to survive rather than parenting to make their household thrive. Join Paediatric Occupational Therapist, Hannah Gamble as we explore keys to establishing a positive family culture in your home. Thriving Families is for all and includes strategies to support siblings of children with additional needs.

This workshop will explore the ingredients of love, affirmation, and boundaries. You will learn how to parent from your value system, create a calm home environment, foster an attitude of gratitude in your kids, develop family rituals, nurture your own needs, integrate sensory support into each day and much more.

**Presenter:** Hannah Gamble, Paediatric Occupational Therapist  
Thrive Occupational Therapy for Kids

**Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Time:** 7pm – 9pm with doors open from 6:30pm

**Price:** \$15 including GST

**Location:** Healesville High School, 10 Camerons Road, Healesville 3777

To book your ticket: <https://www.eventorite.com/e/thriving-families-tickets-52377531807>

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