Launching Place Primary School

Thursday Thoughts

Issue 3

Date: 15th February 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

February

15th - 'Getting to Know You' parent/ teacher interviews

23rd - Prep/ Buddy/ New Families BBQ 5.30pm

March

9th - Whole school swimming carnival

12th - Labour Day holiday Pupil Free day

13th - Preps start full time

28th - Family Maths Night

29th - Last Day of term

2.30 finish

School Council

12th - Nominations for School Council

19th - Closing Date for SC nominations

21st - List of SC candidates posted

23rd - Send out SC ballot papers (if needed)

5th - Close of SC ballot

9th - Declare Poll SC

19th - School Council meeting

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School Review

Every four years, each school in Victoria undertakes a Self-Evaluation as part of the cycle of continuous improvement. School self-evaluation is about identifying where a school is placed on its improvement and development journey, and understanding the impact of its previous efforts. It provides schools with a process to collect data from diverse sources to inform action for improving student outcomes and staff professional learning for the next 4 years. School reflection and self-evaluation helps identify what is working well, what needs to continue and which areas may need to be improved or further developed. It informs decisions relating to priority-setting, initiatives, strategies and actions for improvement.

The Self-Evaluation leads on to the School Review, then to the writing of a new four year Strategic Plan.

Our aim in the self-evaluation is to engage the school community (students, parents and the School Council) in reflecting on our school's achievements and providing feedback that can be taken into consideration when planning for improvement over the next four years. As discussed at school council we intend to make available a feedback survey for all families to respond to.

As a school undertaking a review this year, we will be required to establish a Review Panel. The Review Panel generally consists of an external accredited Reviewer, the School Council President, two Challenge Partners who are external to the school but can contribute to the process utilizing their expertise, the school Principal and members of the School Improvement Team.

The role of our school council is to:

- review and contribute to the planning and timeline for the self-evaluation
- participate in focus groups
- support the development of the self-evaluation report
- endorse the self-evaluation report
- agree on how best to communicate the findings of the self-evaluation to the school community.

School self-evaluation is an important component of the review process, and will directly inform the review direction by initially highlighting the school's reflection on strengths, progress and areas for improvement.

We look forward to your contributions and being part of this important process.

ASSEMBLY

A Message from our School Captains

Prep: The Prep students have made an excellent start to the year and are settling in well. In CAFÉ reading we have learnt about the front and the back of the book and where to begin reading. We have completed our first Writer's Notebook entry and journal writing piece. In maths, we have learnt about the numbers to 3.

Year 1/2: We have made such a fantastic start to the new school year. We have been busy setting up all of our classroom expectations and practices. We will begin our integrated studies topic this week, which is 'Games Through the Ages'. This looks like it will be so much fun as we explore the forces of gravity. Our first few sustained reading sessions have also been very successful.

Year 3/4:We had a great week in 3/4 and are settling really well into our new class routines. In reading we've been exploring what good readers do and working to build our stamina in independent reading. We've been revising place value and have enjoyed playing some maths games like greedy pigs. It has been great getting to know our classmates and we enjoyed starting specialist classes. In integrated studies we discussed what the unit 'Multicultural Melbourne' will be about and explored Australia Day.

Year 5/6: The 5/6's have settled back into the routines of school. We have been getting to know each other and the best ways to learn. In maths we have started our focus on place value. In reading we are all enjoying our novel study on the book 'Holes'.

School Nursing Program

Sarah Torsello, the visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training, will be visiting LPPS in a couple of weeks, to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents' consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Please see us if you wish to discuss the School Nursing Program further.

STUDENT AWARDS

	Name	Award
00M	Erin T Celeste P	For participating in classroom discussions! For presenting her work to a high standard!
1R	Katie R Jackson C	For some excellent words during our spelling inquiry. For being such a kind and helpful member of 1R.
2M	Riley O Kaylee M	For excellent start to his writer's notebook-fantastic illustrations. For wonderful manners!
3B	Ella P	For always aiming high and staying on task.
3H	Riley A Zara C Mikayla D	For making an excellent start to grade 3. For outstanding writing she has already completed this term. For being a kind and respectful member of 3H.
4C	Justin T	For being super organised and working hard.
5/6L	Tess F Kieren T Ella T	For being organised and efficient and for being a wonderful class helper. For great work in writing and for always being happy to share his writing. For her excellent work habits and always having a positive attitude.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Name	Date
Rebeca Cross	16-02-18
Sally Barber	23-02-18
Ken Anderson	02-03-18
No Canteen Swimming	09-03-18
Help Needed	16-03-18
Help Needed	23-03-18

Extend Before and After School Care at Launching Place Primary School

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Extend Before and After School Care at
Launching Place Primary School

Our weekly recap
This week we have had a busy week making things and playing some new games.
On Monday we played outside and enjoyed some painting.
On Tuesday we tried to make our own bouncy balls, but it was a bit tricky. We are going to try and make them again soon.
On Wednesday we planted our new veggie garden and made some fruit and veggies out of our craft supplies to decorate the room.
On Thursday we completed some puzzles and played with the slime.
On Friday we tried out the new loom bands and made some amazing creations with the Lego.

Emma***, Service Coordinator***

Our Extend Superstar is Aden P
For being so creative with the Lego and making some amazing pieces.

What's on next week?

Monday 19th February: Four Corners, All about me, Paper Mache

Tuesday 20th February: Cubby house building, Ball drop, Paper Mache

Wednesday 21st February: Kickball, Chalk drawing, Basketball

Thursday 22nd February: Downball, Painting, Paper Mache

Friday 23rd February: Skipping, Lego, Mosaics

PARENT PORTAL: lookedafter.com

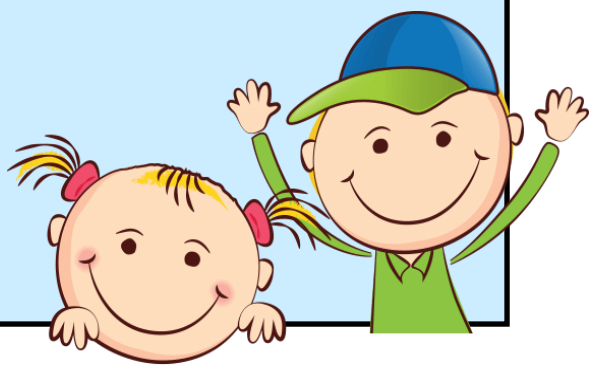
BOOKINGS FOR 2018

We have our new booking system up and running.
Don't forget to enrol and book in for Before and After School Care.

LookedAfter has replaced the parent portal, this reliable, flexible and user-friendly platform is now available for all Before and After School Care bookings.

All families requiring bookings for 2018 Before School Care and After School Care (existing and new families) must create a new account with **LookedAfter**.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au



Grade 1 and 2 –

"Toys through the ages…"

The Grade 1/2 students have made an exceptional start to 2018. We have been busy setting up our classrooms and getting stuck into some focused learning. Our Integrated Studies topic for Term 1 is 'Toys through the ages'. We will be exploring how gravity impacts the toys that we play with. What makes a toy car roll forward? Why does a boat float? What sinks/floats in water? What makes a hot air balloon rise?

What is your favourite toy?

"I love my drone" – Tristan, 2M

"My toy puppy named Elvis" – Shae, 2M

"Fidget spinner, Pokemon cards and my teddy" – Adam, 2M

"My lego is the best" – Charlie, 1R

"LOL's are dolls that you can dress up" – Faith, 1R

"My favourite toy is Charlie. He is a little teddy doll and he's cute" – Milla, 1R

"Bay blades. They are powerful spinning tops that have a launcher and a rip cord" – Luke, 1/2C

"My favourite toy is my Ninja Turtle" – Tiege, 1/2C

School Council

LPPS - School Council Elections 2018

Our first School Council meeting for 2018 will be held next Monday 12th 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 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 OUR 2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

1. Notice of Election and call for nominations: Monday 12th February 2018.
2. Close of nominations: Monday 19th February at 4 p.m.
3. List of Candidates Posted: Wednesday 21st February.
4. Ballot paper distributed if more nominations than vacancies are received in either or both categories: Friday 23rd Feb.
5. Close of ballot: Monday 5th March at 4.00 p.m.
6. Counting of votes (March 7th) and declaration of the poll and announcement to the community: Friday 9th March.

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

Nomination forms are available from the office.

Prep/Buddy and New Family BBQ

Preps, Buddies and new families to our school are invited to come along to our
Launching Place Primary School
Welcome BBQ.
Please join us for the chance to meet new families and staff members while enjoying a sausage sizzle, some games and fun on the jumping castle.

WHEN: FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
TIME: 5:00PM UNTIL 6:00PM - SAUSAGE SIZZLE
5:30PM - JUMPING CASTLE AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES
7:00PM - CONCLUSION

We look forward to seeing you there!

THE EAGLES

YARRA JUNCTION JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY. 4:30PM TO 6:30PM

YARRA JUNCTION RESERVE

AFL FOOTBALL CLINICS WITH

6 AFL CARLTON FOOTBALL PLAYERS

- SAUSAGE SIZZLE - YJFNC THEMED PHOTO BOOTH

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS

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- **Any enquiries please call: Kerry 0437 917 024 or Debra 0417 103 589**

River Valley Op Shop Millgrove

River Valley Church Op Shop operates Tuesday – Friday
Times 10am to 2pm
We only stock good quality children's and adults clothing
All clothing is washed and ironed before being offered for sale

We have a large range of children's ware and prices are low.
Come in grab a bargain, Thursday's is $10 a bag day
All proceeds go towards helping the community.

Tuition in Classical Ballet, Jazz Ballet, Tap Dancing, Hip Hop & Pilates

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Small friendly classes held at
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Carter St, Launching Place.

All meals made fresh to order and your taste.
CHOOSE YOUR FLAVOR: MILD, MEDIUM, HOT
Please advise us of any allergies or dietary limitations.

Take Away Packs:

Vegetarian Value Pack

Entrée:
4 pieces Pakora, 8 Piece Spring Roll
Main course:
Vegetable Korma, Aloo Matar Tomato, Matar paneer,
4 Naan, 2 Small Rice, Raita, 4 Pcs papadums, Mango chutney
mint chutney and tamarind chutney, mix pickle

$55.00 (value of $84.00)

*Any change to curry will be $3 extra
(Only Vegetarian)

Family Value Pack

Entrée:
4 pieces Pakora, 4 Kasoore Chicken Tikka
Main course:
Butter chicken, Lamb Veg Curry, Matar paneer,
4 Naan, 2 Small Rice, Raita, papadums, Mango chutney
mint chutney and tamarind chutney, mix pickle

$60.00 (value of $90.00)

TWO PEOPLE Value Pack

Entrée:
2 pieces Onion Bhaji, 2 pieces Lamb Seek Kebab
Main course:
Butter chicken, Lamb Vegetable Curry, Large Rice,
2 Naan, Raita, Mint Chutney, Mango chutney and
mix pickle. Indian Ice cream

$40.00 (value of $60.00)

*Any change to curry will be $3 extra (not including seafood)

More than 10 people booking
We are open for lunch any day of week.

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Yarra Ranges Parent and Caregiver Survey

Are you a parent or caregiver who has a child 0-8 years?

Yarra Ranges Council needs your help to better understand the services and supports families need in the municipality, identify key priorities and develop the 2018-21 Early Years Strategic Action Plan.

By completing the survey, you could win a Healesville Sanctuary family pass.

The survey runs from 5 February – 5 March 2018.

Visit www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay or complete and return your survey at any Council Community Link or your local Eastern Regional Library.

For more information contact Family and Children Services:
1300 368 333 or email: earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Yarra Ranges Council

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An Invitation to Early Years Services, Schools and Community Groups

Early Years Strategic Action Plan 2018-21 Consultation Sessions

Yarra Ranges Council is developing an Early Years Strategic Action Plan (2018-2021) to confirm and act on key priorities, and make informed decisions, that will improve services and facilities for families and children aged 0- 8 years old in the Yarra Ranges.

Schools and early years services providers are a key, and very important, stakeholder group we are seeking to engage with and we are extending an invitation to you to attend one of the following consultation sessions.

Thursday March 8th . 4.00– 5.30 pm
Monbulk Living and Learning Centre.
21 Main Rd, Monbulk

Wednesday March 14th 4.00—5.30 pm
Coldstream Primary School .
Kelso St, Coldstream

Afternoon Tea provided
To book - Click on Preferred Date. Register on Eventbrite.

Thursday March 8th
Wednesday March 14th

For more information contact :-
Anne Monichon. Coordinator. Early & Middle Years Partnerships.
Community Services. Tel: 9294 6243.
a.monichon@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!

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Activities are fun: from low ropes, initiative activities, wall climbing, games, drama and challenging interactive sessions.

Starting in Feb 2003, this camp has continued for one reason– because it works! It builds kids to be much more confident and increases their self esteem.

Google kids of gold to see who we are, what we do and to apply online or download a form for the May 18 camp. The form and website have more on how the camp started and where it is situated in the beautiful Yarra Valley. We have just held our Feb 18 camp on 9-11th Feb for Level 3 kids- this May camp is for what we call our Level 1s.

Fri 18th – Sun 20th May 2018
$65 Full Fee *
www.kidsofgold.org.au

Held at Lyrebird Park
Beenak Rd, Yellingbo
Melways 307 K10

*Cost of $65 is subsidised by sponsors such as Bendigo Bank, Bunnings and Yarra Ranges Council.

Contact Kids of Gold
0418 170 027 (Jenny) or 9737 9475 (Gary) to hold a place and/or find out more