

# LETHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## CALENDAR:

<b>March</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>Life Education Van</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>MARC Van Life Education Van Prep Rest Day Parent / Teacher Interviews</b>
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Book Club Orders Due</b>
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Labour Day Holiday</b>
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Year 4 – 6 Visit North Geelong SC</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Prep Rest Day</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>MVA Athletics at Goldsworthy Reserve 3-6</b>
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>School Council</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>MARC Van Prep Rest Day</b>
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>End of Term 1 – 2:20pm dismissal</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Good Friday Holiday</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>

**A Warm Welcome Back from the Office,**

***Congratulations to this amazing bunch of Students of the Week!***



## Reminders:

- Don't forget to download our school app, **tiqbiz!** See us if you need some assistance.
- Local Excursion forms need to be returned **asap**. Forms went home yesterday to families who have not yet returned this form. Please check your child's bag.
- The Department of Education requires every student to have a valid immunisation certificate provided to the school office. If you haven't given yours to us yet, please do so as soon as possible.

- The Bravehearts visit with Ditto has been rescheduled to Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April.
- Hot Cross Bun orders are due to the office with payment on **Monday**.

## Parent Teacher Interviews Times

Your allotted times have been sent home today. Please see Mrs Rieck if you haven't yet made an appointment and would like to, as a small number of times are still available.

## School Council Ballot

We are extremely fortunate to have an involved and proactive parent community and for this reason we have 5 parents who have nominated for only 4 positions. For this reason we are conducting a School Council Ballot which commences today. Please complete and return your Ballot Form (**being sent home today**) to the school in a sealed, named envelope by the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. Voters may only vote once, as per the instructions on the ballot form.

Our nominantions are:

- Teha Campbell
- Amanda Corbett
- Tracy Field
- Kylie Bubb
- Andrew Grigsby

Thank you to each of these parents for being willing to commit your time and energy to the betterment of our school.

The outcome of the Ballot will be published in the newsletter and on tizbiz on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March.

I would like to thank Mrs Rieck, Mrs McKenzie and Mr Beechey who have nominated for School Council as Staff Representatives. As there are 3 nominees and 3 positions, we will not be conducting a ballot.

### **Parent Helpers Program**

At Lethbridge Primary School we value the contribution of parents in many ways. We are partners in your child's education and we understand that together, we can make a greater difference. For this reason we are implementing a Parent Helpers Program at the school. The requirements for helping will include attending a 1 hour introduction to the PHP and having a current Working with Children Check. To find out how to apply google 'Working with children check' or visit: <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/lodging+your+application/>

I will publish a date for the Parent Helpers Program session in next week's newsletter.

Teachers will notify parents of the times and areas that they require assistance for. You can register your interest and you will be rostered on according to what works best for the students' needs. Some things teachers might request assistance for include:

- Listening to readers
- Supporting the environment program
- Reading aloud to children
- Publishing
- Assisting with investigations

We look forward to sharing the learning journey with you.

### **Life Education Van**

As part of our drug and health education this term we are having the Life Education mobile classroom visit our school from Tuesday to Thursday next week. Lessons are always age appropriate and the children will be covering a wide range of drug and health related topics, ranging from the human body and how it works, healthy eating and nutrition, medicines and drugs, bullying, resilience and social skills. Healthy Harold, the much loved Life Education giraffe mascot is always a much anticipated element of the Life Education visit. The sessions are always fun, interactive and really extend and develop the children's understanding of the topics covered. We will be further broadening these topics in class both prior to and after the Life Education visit with the student workbook.

**A Parent session – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am – is being held** for parents who would like to know more about the program. Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

### **Gonski funding – What is it?**

You will notice a page attached to this newsletter about Gonski funding. If you're like me, you've heard the term a million times. But many of us don't actually understand what the fuss is all about.

The way that schools are funded is very unclear, and research has shown that the funding doesn't necessarily go to the students/schools with the highest need.

Gonski is the name of a report which detailed how school funding models should be changed to ensure that the money we have is distributed in an equitable, transparent and effective manner.

Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level. Some ways schools can use the additional resources to better meet the individual needs of students include:

- Reducing class sizes
- Employing specialist teachers in areas such as literacy and numeracy
- Providing greater assistance and support for students with disabilities or behavioural problems
- Building on the skills and knowledge of teachers.

At Lethbridge Primary School we are using our funding this year to do all of the above.

If you would like to register your support, please see me, or go online.

[http://www.igiveagonski.com.au/whats\\_gonski](http://www.igiveagonski.com.au/whats_gonski)

### **Building Self-Confidence – Tip 2**

#### **Focus on effort & improvement**

Current thinking shows that people who believe that they can increase their intelligence through effort and challenge actually get smarter and do better over time in school, work, and life. One way to develop this 'growth mindset' is to focus your language on effort and improvement rather than on the results of what kids do. By linking success with effort you are teaching them success comes from something other than pure ability, talents or smarts. Examples include saying things like "I saw how hard you were concentrating on that, well done", or "You didn't give up when that became harder – well done!"

**Have a wonderful weekend,**

*Mrs Barnett*

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<b>Principal's Award</b>	<b>HEIDI B</b> For writing a fantastic story at home! Great effort!
<b>Prep C</b>	<b>EVIE</b> For always giving everything a go. It has been wonderful to see you using your sounds to write new words!
<b>Prep M</b>	<b>RYDER</b> For being a great listener when learning about the water cycle, and sharing his knew knowledge with his family.
<b>Grade 1 / 2B</b>	<b>RAF</b> For his outstanding writing during 'Big Write'.
<b>Grade 1 / 2S</b>	<b>WILLIAM S</b> For doing an amazing 'Big Write'!
<b>Grade 3 / 4</b>	<b>MASON C</b> For taking his time and doing his best in all areas. Well done!
<b>Grade 4 / 5</b>	<b>JIMMY</b> For always working hard in class and for being an absolute pleasure to teach!
<b>Grade 5 / 6</b>	<b>LUKE</b> For being considerate and inclusive in class.

**Book Club Orders Due by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Netball: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Lightning v Tigers at 4.10pm**

**All Stars Bye**

Miss Hines will be coaching and assisting at the game this week.

Fixtures, Ladders and results can be checked online at Sportfix YMCA Geelong. (Netball: Junior Green).



**GEELONG REGION**

*Would You like to play Soccer and have Fun with new Friends at a soccer club?*

**MINIROOS**

Register now at your nearest club...

**Club Name** – Golden Plains Soccer Club  
**Contact Name** – Anthony Vozjek  
**Contact Number** – 0429 811 855  
**Club Address** – www.goldenplainsoc.com.au  
**Email** – gpsc\_anthonyvozek@bigpond.com

Get involved and start playing MiniRoos today, visit [www.miniroos.com.au](http://www.miniroos.com.au) for more information.



**Are your children Eligible for Free Dental Treatment?**

- Bulk Billed FREE Dental Treatment
- \$1000.00 per eligible child over two years
- Services provided by Bannockburn Dental in a friendly private dental practice participating in the Child Dental Benefit Scheme

Many families are not aware that their children are eligible for dental treatment funded through Medicare. The scheme offers eligible families up to \$1000.00 for dental treatment over two years.

Got questions? The team at Bannockburn Dental are happy to help and will check eligibility for you. Have your medicare card on hand and call Bannockburn Dental on 5281 1899.

## Lethbridge Auskick



**Registrations are now open for 2016.**

Sessions will run each Sunday morning during term 2

Commencing Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, April at 10am.

Register and pay online at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)

Enquiries to Jen Mead on 0407 889 176



**Hookin2Hockey**

This is a free three week program aimed at introducing hockey to new players between the ages of 5-12 years.  
Come along and bring a friend!

**Dates:** Monday (6) 29<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March  
**Time:** 4.30 - 5.30pm  
**Location:** Victoria Park, Milton Street, Bannockburn.

**MISSING FROM THE LETHBRIDGE OVALS**

- 3 Rolls of cricket pitch covers used for Junior Football
- 2 Rolls of cricket pitch to be used on new practise pitch.

If anybody knows the whereabouts of these 2 items please contact Howard on 0499 232 394 or return them to where they were taken from.



***Do you want to improve your self confidence, physical fitness***

***and have some fun?***

***Then come along and try Kyokushin Karate!***

Our experienced instructors teach adults and children (aged 7 years +), karate and self defense in a welcoming environment.

Join us for a **free trial** session at one our dojo's (training halls) below:

Lethbridge Hall	
Mondays	6pm – 7pm
Wednesdays	6pm – 7pm

\*except school holidays

Lethbridge dojo contact **Sempai Nigel Lang - 0455 511 203**

Bannockburn Cultural Centre/Hall	
Wednesdays	6.30 – 7.30pm
Fridays	6.00 – 7.00pm

\*except school holidays

Bannockburn dojo contact **Sensei Jason Atkinson – 0407 323 670**

***'You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great' – Zig Ziglar***

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### Back to School 2016

In 2016, we're taking students on an outback adventure through the Canyon of Savings and have eight new reward items to choose from our **Outback Savers** range!



#### 2016 reward items:

- Flying Snake Tail (Released Term 1)
- Wildlife Writer Set (Released Term 1)
- Mud Splat Handball (Released Term 2)
- Outback Pat Bag Tag (Released Term 2)
- Backtrack Eraser Pen (Released Term 3)
- Jump and Skip Rope (Released Term 3)
- Bush Fly Fan (Released Term 4)
- Wriggly Glow Worm (Released Term 4)

#### Outback Savers can go wild at Australia Zoo

The School Banking program can help put young Australians on the path to good savings habits. And with this year's Grand Prize Competition it might even put them on a path to Australia Zoo, where they'll meet Bindi and Robert Irwin (not to mention koalas, wombats and wallabies) as part of the wildest family adventure you can imagine.

#### How to Enter

Every student who makes 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically go into the draw to win a family trip for two adults and three children to meet the Irwins at Australia Zoo.

#### The Grand Prize

Full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour at Australia Zoo, Qld where one lucky winner will:

- Travel around the zoo in style with their own personal zoo guide
- Get up close with the animals
- Meet Bindi and Robert Irwin on part of their tour
- Enjoy morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea while watching crocodiles and koalas in the open-air Feeding Frenzy Food Court
- Have their own personal photographer to capture every moment with Bindi, Robert and the animals.

Plus, the prize includes:

- Return domestic flights to Brisbane or Sunshine Coast, Qld (airport destination subject to flight availability)
- 4 nights' accommodation at the Oaks Oasis, Sunshine Coast in a two bedroom villa with breakfast included
- 5 days' car hire
- \$1,000 spending money

Full details of the competition and terms and conditions will be available at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) from Wednesday 27th January!

# PAINT THE SKATEPARK

## Lethbridge

### Street Art Workshop:


1 April 2.30pm – 4.00pm

16 and 17 April 10.00am – 3.00pm

Join renowned street artist Stuart Walsh to paint the Lethbridge skate park. Food, drinks and all safety equipment provided.

### Register at:

[www.goldenplainsdigital.com.au/youth-blog](http://www.goldenplainsdigital.com.au/youth-blog)

 /goldenplainsyouth

[youth@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@gplains.vic.gov.au)

5220 7111

## MAKE YOUR MARK



# LETHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## HOW GONSKI WILL HELP IN 2016

Lethbridge Primary School's mission is to develop and nurture a community of learners who confidently believe in their ability to be successful citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Gonski funding allows a school like ours to really expand the opportunities for our students to learn and to develop the skills and knowledge they will need to be a success in life.

## HOW STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM ADDITIONAL FUNDS

To improve student learning at our school we seek to provide additional assistance in literacy in the early years.

Extra resources will also allow us to provide some programs for students who require extension.

We have built some programs that we know are getting results, particularly our Whole School Literacy Program, and with more funding we can increase the results and opportunities for our students.

## HOW STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM GONSKI FUNDING IN THE YEARS AHEAD

What we do with our future Gonski funding will be shaped by the input of the school community – that's not just the teachers, but it's the School Council and parent groups.

Future Gonski funding means we can implement more programs and initiatives with confidence that they can go ahead.

## THERE IS JUST ONE PROBLEM WITH GONSKI FUNDING

The Federal government has only committed to part of the Gonski funding. 2016 is the first time we will have a small amount of funding. Potentially, Gonski funding will cease after 2017.

Our kids need a commitment from the Federal government to implement the final two years of the Gonski Needs Based Funding in 2018 and 2019.

Our school has come such a long way towards positive change over the last 3 years. This funding is vital to ensure our journey does not stop.

We would love all politicians to support in full this once in a generation investment. If you would like to find out more or register your support visit: [www.igiveagonski.com.au](http://www.igiveagonski.com.au)

### \*WHAT'S GONSKI?

The Gonski Review was the biggest review of school funding in Australia in over 30 years. Headed by respected business leader David Gonski, it found too many schools were under-resourced and children were missing out as a result. The review recommended a significant increase in funding and a change to the way it is distributed to ensure all schools are properly resourced to meet the needs of their students.



## GREAT FUN

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities



### Lethbridge PS | 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

#### This Week in OSHC...

...has been busy with children enjoying a variety of activities and experiences. The children are showing that they are feeling comfortable with our after school program, as they eagerly participate in activities that have been set up for them, but also have the option to ask for other activities to be set up depending on what they would like to do.

Our routine is decided upon early in the session and children know what we will be doing and when. This routine is displayed near the sign out sheet. At the end of the week I use these evaluate each day – what worked well and what didn't work so well. These are then attached to our Program and kept together in our Service Journal. You are welcome to read them through and leave a comment at any time.

My observations are about how children engage in our program, they are recorded with photos to show the learning that comes from children's play. They are linked to Learning Outcomes from the My Time, Our Place Framework for School Aged Care in Australia. The outcomes are:

- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are affective communicators

Our term 1 'Welcome' Project is going well with more and more added to our SEASONS themed OSHC wall. We now have our tree which will change to reflect our seasons, our birthdays and more recently the rules that the children decided on last week! Watch this space...

Our OSHC Award this week goes to Jazmin and Molly for leading the other children in deciding on our 2016 rules. They did an amazing job and thank you to all the children for their input.

Well done to all the children, we have had a great week! *Sharon*

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