

LETHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CALENDAR:

<i>March</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Labour Day Holiday</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Year 4 – 6 Visit North Geelong SC</i>
	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Prep Rest Day</i> <i>Prep Parent / Teacher Interviews</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>MVA Athletics at Goldsworthy Reserve 3-6</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>School Council</i> <i>Parent Helpers Program 9am – 10am</i>
	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>MARC Van</i> <i>Prep Rest Day</i> <i>Prep Parent / Teacher Interviews</i> <i>Pick Up Hot Cross Buns</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Cross Country at School</i> <i>Pick Up Hot Cross Buns</i> <i>End of Term 1 – 2:20pm dismissal</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Good Friday Holiday</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>First Day of Term 2</i> <i>LOTE</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>DITTO – Prep – 2</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Cross Country at Teesdale</i>

A Warm Welcome from the Office,

Congratulations to our wonderful 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. Don't forget to drop your School Ballot form into the box at the office. Voting closes at 4pm on Friday the 18th of March.

- Hot cross buns will go home in the last 2 days of term.

Thanks for the Sand!!

You will notice that the students are now enjoying a lovely full sandpit. We are very grateful to Chevlon Quarries in Maude for donating the sand. Thank you for supporting your local community – it is greatly appreciated. An enormous thanks to school parent, Simon Mead, who arranged the sand, picked it up and delivered it to us. We are very fortunate to have such generous and helpful community members!

Multi Age Rotations & Parent Teacher Interviews

On Wednesday parents met with teachers to discuss children's progress and goals for the year. From all accounts the interviews were very useful and informative. Thank you to the teachers and families who have all worked hard and continue to do so, for the betterment of our students.

During the interviews our year 6 leaders ran Multi Age Rotations. Students worked in their house groups and participated in 3 of 4 activities that were planned, organised and led by the year 6 House Captains and Leaders.

Rotation 1 was outdoor water games. Given the warm weather this created a lot of fun in a cooling atmosphere.



Rotation 2 included dance, ball and movement games in the multi purpose room. The music was pumping and the kids were grooving! It was great to watch.



Rotation 3 was the Mindfulness room in which the children performed 'Cosmic Yoga' to the story of Harry Potter, then enjoyed some mindful colouring with meditation music quietly playing in the background.



Rotation 4 included board games, twister and iPad games. The children who came from Mindfulness were very 'zen' and focused incredibly well on games like 'Boggle'.



The children all worked in groups of different ages, and they followed the instructions of their year 6 leaders. The staff were incredibly proud of the calm, organised and mature way in which the year 6 students were able to perform. They certainly showed that they are well and truly ready to step up.

Parent Helpers Program Tuesday 22nd March 9-10am

I have had such a positive response to our Parent Helpers Program, thank you!

Please let the office know if you would like to attend the Parent Helper Program on Tuesday the 22nd of March from 9am. (This will allow me to ensure I have enough copies of the materials ready).

To help out at school you will need to sign a Confidentiality Agreement and provide us with a current Working With Children Check. You can do the PHP course without the WWCC but will not be able to start assisting until it has arrived.

To find out how to apply google 'Working with children check' or visit: <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/lodging+your+application/>

We look forward to working even more closely together to provide the best outcomes for our students!

Life Education Van

The students had a wonderful time with Healthy Harold learning about a range of issues that may impact upon their health and well being. The 1/2 classes learned about Harold's Heroes, the people who help you in an emergency situation.

One thing that I would encourage all of you to do, following feedback from Harold, is to make sure your child/ren know your address and phone number. When calling 000, this could be the piece of knowledge that saves a life!



FOR A SAFER, SMARTER LIFE.

Cross Country Fever, by Michael (3/4H)

Lethbridge Primary School students have been training extra hard this year for the cross country. Me, myself, the honourable Michael J, author and co-publisher of the MJ Times, have been training very hard (I did six laps today). So come along, and watch us run! Go Lethbridge!

The Principal would like to add that the cross country will be on the last day of term and details will be in the newsletter soon. This piece was just too good not to share!

MVA Athletics

Our year 3-6 students are competing against our Moorabool Valley Association schools on Friday at Goldsworthy Reserve. They will compete in a range of sports and the results determine who moves on to the next level. Students must be at school by 8:15 to catch the bus. Full details are on [tiqbiz](#).

Congratulations Lani, what an achievement!

Recently our very own Lani C competed in the Young Guns 7-11 Years category at the Extreme Cowboy Race Association competition, the first in Australia. Lani had to ride around and compete in a course that consisted of 8 obstacles and she came first! Lani is now the first ever rider in her class in the sport to have won this competition. Congratulations Lani, we are proud of you!

Building Self-Confidence – Tip 3

Praise their strategies
While effort is key for achievement, it's not the be all and end all. Kids need a broad repertoire of approaches – not just sheer effort – to learn and improve. Focus your language on better and smarter ways of improving. Comments such as “*That was a smart idea to tackle the hardest task while you were fresh!*” and “*You recognised the first few steps were the most important but then after that you were right!*” are descriptive statements that have significant instructional value for kids.

Don't forget that Monday is the Labour Day Public Holiday! I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday instead!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Barnett

Netball: Monday 14th March – No games (Labour Day Holiday)

Monday 21st March

All Stars v Shelford at 5pm

Lightning Bye

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Principal's Award	NATHAN For wonderful reading of his story "I'm with a...."!
Prep C	RILEY W For his enthusiastic participation during our session with Harold in our Life Ed Visit.
Prep M	POPPIE For her great work in Investigations identifying beginning sounds.
Grade 1 / 2B	LACHLAN For demonstrating outstanding planning, construction and measurement skills, building a rocket during investigations.
Grade 1 / 2S	GEORGIA B For her excellent counting skills during Investigations.
Grade 3 / 4	MOLLY For giving her best in all learning areas and showing great persistence.
Grade 4 / 5	BRIANNA For working very hard in completing her Leaders Speech and typing it up.
Grade 5 / 6	CHLOE For being inclusive and considerate to all members in class.

LETHBRIDGE TENNIS CLUB

Congratulations to our junior teams for a fabulous season.

Our junior boys' team will be playing in a grand final on 19th March.

Unfortunately our junior girls' team missed out after a terrific season finishing second on the ladder but losing their finals match on Saturday. A great effort girls - well done!

If any children are interested in playing winter tennis, it starts on 30 April with a break for holidays on 4 July and the grand finals are on 27 August, can you please let Jo Marshall know as soon as possible. Teams need to be registered by 21 March.

Jo can be contacted on 0429685342.

Lethbridge Auskick



Registrations are now open for 2016.

Sessions will run each Sunday morning during term 2

Commencing Sunday 17th, April at 10am.

Register and pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au

Enquiries to Jen Mead on 0407 889 176

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- 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

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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.




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***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 **Sensel 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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Click on the Inbox icon.
This is where you will receive our instant messages,
newsletters, notices and calendar events.

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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

 /goldenplainsyouth

youth@gplains.vic.gov.au

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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 21st 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

*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.



2017 Year 7 Information Evening

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Hall, Main Campus, Myers Street, Geelong

Open Day

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 with tours at:
9:00 am – 10:30 am and 1:30pm – 3:00pm
meeting in the Multipurpose Room, Main Campus, Fenwick Street, Geelong

Accelerated Learning Program Information Evening

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 7:00 pm
Multi-Purpose Room, Main Campus,
Fenwick Street, Geelong

For further information, contact Stuart Myers
(ALP enquiries) or Robyn Myers (general enquiries)
on 4243 0500 or matthew.flinders.girls.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au



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CLOCARD

Clonard College *Geelong*

Open Day 18^{Friday} March

Info session
followed by tours
1:00pm & 4:30pm

Enrolments for Year 7 close on Friday 20 May

For a **prospectus** please call: 5278 2155
or **Email:** office@clonard.catholic.edu.au

www.clonard.catholic.edu.au



North Geelong Secondary College



Parent Information Night Wednesday 23rd March, 6pm

Preliminary applications for Scholarships due:
Friday 20th May

SEAL Information Evening:
Monday 2nd May

Preliminary applications for SEAL due:
Thursday 12th May

SEAL Program Entrance Exam:
Saturday 14th May



Features of our College

- Traditional classroom structure
- High expectations on academic endeavour and student behaviour
- Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL)
- Scholarship Program in the areas of: Leadership, Academic, Sport, Community and Art
- Cutting Edge iPad Program
- Significant Transition Program
- Diverse, engaging curriculum
- State of the art sporting facilities

For school tours please contact
Mr. Mark Zahra - Transitions Leader
130 Separation Street, North Geelong, 3215
Ph: (03) 5240 5800
north.geelong.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au



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**Western
Heights
College**

2017 Year 7 Information Sessions

Wednesday 16 March 5.30pm
Thursday 17 March 9.15am

For more information
please phone: 5277 1177

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www.whc.vic.edu.au

37 - 61 Vines Road
Hamlyn Heights 3215
Phone: 5277 1177



‘Take what you need. Leave what you don’t.’

Have you heard of the Food is Free Project?

It’s all about communities growing and sharing fresh produce.

How does it work?

We are starting a Food is Free sharing table on Wednesdays for families in the community to use. With the message:

‘Take what you need. Leave what you don’t.’

So if there is something you need on the table then take it. If there is something you grow and have excess of, then leave it on the table for others to enjoy.

You do not have to swap something and you do not have to leave something, the things are there for anyone to take home and enjoy. The table just provides the location for the food sharing to take place.

The Food is Free table will start next **Wednesday 16th March**

and will be located at the front of the school.

If you have something to share please bring it along on Wednesday.



GREAT FUN

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



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This Week in OSHC...

... you may have noticed a new face in a familiar blue Camp Australia uniform, we would like to welcome Kelsi who will be joining us on Tuesday evenings at After School Care. She has been very active in getting to know the children and we have enjoyed having her with us!

The children have engaged in lots of different activities, from board games to more physical games. I have noticed that the younger children really enjoy Monopoly, Connect Four and other games where they can use and practice their numeracy skills. They also rely on their knowledge of the game or ask a friend to help. From hearing their discussions they show a good understanding of the rules.

We have also put our creative flair out there and the end result has been some very colourful and individual artwork by the children, using all sorts of different techniques, from textured brushes to hands. A strong interest in music and movement at the moment has seen children become very enthusiastic and get involved in dancing and cart wheeling around the room.

Dramatic play really highlights the children's imagination, role-playing and scene setting, this week the room has been transformed into a fairy castle, hospital, shop and a school. Dress ups, play dough and other props are all used to build a sense of the drama. These games are popular and often revisited from week to week.

Next week is a short week due to the Labour Day Holiday on Monday the 14th of March, OSHC will be closed. Have a safe and happy long weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday!

Sharon

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