
LETHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CALENDAR:

<i>February</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>06</i>	<i>LOTE</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>07</i>	<i>Soccer Clinic – Years 1-6</i>
	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>08</i>	<i>School Council Nominations Close</i> <i>School Welcome Back Picnic – 5:30-7:30pm</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Hockey Clinic – Years 1-6</i>
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Art</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>MARC</i>
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>LOTE</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>School Council – 7pm</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Tear 6 Grip Leadership Conference in Melbourne</i>
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Art</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>02</i>	<i>Ditto – Years P-2</i> <i>MARC</i>
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>06</i>	<i>LOTE</i>
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Labour Day Holiday</i>

Kon'nichiwa from the Office,

Welcome Back!

I hope you have all enjoyed some lovely family time over the school holidays, is a time to hopefully down tools, and relax. I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming you all back at the gate, and seeing the huge smiles on our children's faces as they look forward to a new year! An especially warm welcome to all our new families.

2017 is off to a flying start with students already undertaking a range of assessments including Big Writes, spelling tests and Running Records to ensure that each student's program begins at their level and learning goals can be developed which challenge and stretch each student in Reading, Writing, Maths and Inquiry.

We are so delighted with the smooth and calm transition we have had into this new year. On the 30th the staff completed our First Aid updates and did a great deal of forward planning. We focussed on the key strategies in our Annual Improvement Plan and we are excited about the coming years' curriculum!

Each class has settled in beautifully, and our new Prep students are behaving as though they are very experienced school goers! It is wonderful to walk into their class multiple times each day and find them all working industriously and enjoying their time at school.

Congratulations to staff and families for supporting these children to make such a calm transition into this new phase of their lives.

Prep parents please remember that Prep students do not attend school on Wednesdays. This is a rest day. It's very hard working learning so much new information at once and they need down time on Wednesdays and Sundays in order to be ready and raring to go.

You should have already booked an assessment time with the Prep teacher for your child. If you haven't done so please speak with Ms Marriner.





Communication

Effective communication is important to ensure the best outcomes for each child. To facilitate this we use a school app, to send important notifications, reminders and messages. Existing families will need to open tiqbiz and follow the prompts to change the classes you receive messages from to your 2017 classes. A hard copy note has been sent home today to show new and existing families how to download the app.

The newsletter is a crucial piece of our communication puzzle and I highly recommend you read it every week, and put the calendar on your fridge or in your phone to stay on top of what is coming up. The newsletter is uploaded onto our website, sent out via tiqbiz and by email if you give the form provided in this week's newsletter to the office. We are able to send home hard copies however as a sustainable school we prefer digital as it significantly reduces our carbon footprint.

The students have diaries and we encourage you to use them to let us know of any concerns, and to write notes for student absences. You can also send us an absence message on tiqbiz. In the mornings teachers are very busy and lots of children are around so only quick messages can effectively be communicated at the door to the classroom. Each afternoon teachers come to the front gate to ensure that parents are able to have a chat. We are there for you so please make sure you say hello! If you need to have a confidential or in depth conversation with a teacher please book a time with them so that your concerns can be given adequate attention. Our whole school assembly is conducted by our Student Leaders every Friday afternoon at 3pm in the Learning Street. Please come along so that you can hear about what is happening in the school, and what the students are learning about.

Student of the Week

Student of the week awards are presented to students at the school assembly in the week following publication in the newsletter. This is to allow for parents, carers, grandparents and the like, to come and see the child receive their award.

Awards are given to students who have shown a special effort at their level, or have exemplified our school values.

The school values:

*Caring for self, others and the environment
Respecting, valuing and embracing difference*

*Community collaboration and lifelong cooperative learning
Perseverance and resilience*

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2017

School Council provides an essential role in decision making regarding school policies, which helps to set the direction of the school. Parent input at school council meetings is ensures that we make decisions that represent the voice of our community. The council meets twice per term. This year we have **4 Parent Vacancies**, each for 2 years. Nomination forms can be obtained from the office and must be returned to the office, completed. Nominations close on **Wednesday the 8th of February at 4pm**. If you have any questions about nominations or Council, please don't hesitate to speak with our School Council President, Sharlene Jury, or myself.

I would like to thank those members who have completed their current term and would encourage each to consider re-nominating as all have been exceptional contributors to our Council.

Thank you Danielle Barber, Andrew Fielden, Sharlene Jury, Bronwyn Warfe and Teha Campbell for the excellent contributions you have made to our School Council this year.

We have 1 **Staff Vacancy** for 2 years. Thank you to Mr Beechey for your hard work during the current term.

For more information on parent involvement in schools, visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/involve/Pages/parent.aspx>

WELCOME BACK FAMILY PICNIC

Each year we enjoy a picnic at school to welcome families into our school community. Please bring along your own food, drinks, picnic rugs/chairs, and help us to enjoy a relaxed evening together. We will have some games set up to play too, which is always fun. Please remember that this is a family event so students must be here with a parent or carer. This is a great opportunity to get involved for parents who find it difficult to come and meet us during school hours.

The picnic is next Wednesday from 5:30-7:30pm and we would love to see you all there.

(Pro tip: If you're planning on buying fish and chips, pre-order at the milk bar so that they have enough time to be fully prepared, it's often a busy night for them!)

Alcohol is not permitted as this is a school and child-friendly activity.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE, AMBULANCE COVER AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Please be aware that the Department of Education and Training does not provide

personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of medical treatment for injured students. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial providers.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and DET does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to such property. For this reason, please discourage your child from bringing unnecessary or valuable items to school (mobile phones, toys, jewellery etc).

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLINICS

On Tuesday year 1-6 students will participate in a soccer clinic at school conducted by Football Federation Victoria. On Friday they will take part in a hockey clinic coordinated by the Golden Plains Hockey Club. These are opportunities for students to try new sports in a safe environment. Please ensure they have appropriate running shoes on for these dates. There is no cost for either of these activities.



Cyber Safety Tip – Keep everything updated

Any idea what causes the most security breaches on the internet? Software that isn't up-to-date. Seems crazy simple, but its true! Be vigilant about updating software, including apps, anti-virus and even the humble browser.



School is Tiring

We sometimes forget that starting school can feel like being dropped in a foreign country with no knowledge of the language and culture. There is so much to learn and while it is exciting, it can also be exhausting. Younger students, not just preps, require time and space to recharge their batteries. Sundays are a great time to relax, rest, and prepare for the week ahead. Sunday night is a school night and when the bedtime ritual is the same as a week night, for example, reading a book and being in bed by 7:30pm, the students benefit enormously.

QUICK NOTES:

- Please send along a box of tissues for your child's class, and a named container of hand sanitizer for use by your child. These steps help us to reduce the spread of illness.
- Any student with a medical condition requiring possible treatment at school (such as asthma or anaphylaxis) must provide us with a Health Plan from your child's doctor.
- Damon Guy is a 4th year Deakin Education student who will be completing rounds in

the 1/2 area, supervised by Mrs McKenzie, throughout this year.

- Please make sure when picking up and dropping off you do not use the staff carpark as this is very dangerous. All people entering and exiting the school must come through the front gate to ensure the safety of our children.

Have a restful weekend,

Mrs Barnett

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep M	LOWLA For being a great classroom helper. Great Work!
Grade 1 / 2C	TOM For being caring and supporting other students in the class.
Grade 1 / 2M	WILL For working really hard and staying focussed.
Grade 1 / 2S	COOPER For being a great helper. Well done Cooper!
Grade 3 / 4H	MASON For being a spectacular role model for other students.
Grade 4 / 5C	HEIDI B For settling into year 4 nice and smoothly. Keep up the positive attitude.
Grade 5 / 6B	LEVI For demonstrating outstanding leadership and determination towards his learning.
Principal's Award	LILY G, JACK & AFNAN For settling into Lethbridge PS with confidence. Welcome!

Netball for 2017

Years 4-6

Competition is on Monday nights at the YMCA Stadium Bannockburn, starting the 13th February. There are costs involved to join.

Years 2-3 Netta

One night straight after school 3:30-4pm. I need 14 players for this activity to run effectively.



The Lethbridge Junior Football Club are seeking any interested players for U10's and U12's for the 2017 season.
(Any players born 2010 or later are ineligible to play - AFL Victoria Rule)

There will be an AGM at the
Lethbridge Recreation Reserve (8 Stephenson St)
on Sunday 12th February 2017 at 3pm if you are interested.

For further information please contact
Amanda Haby on 0417 817 190 or
Sharon Boyd on 0421 609 246

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FRIDAY'S 9am-11am
(Starts 3rd February and runs with the school terms)
We meet at the Playgroup Rooms, (old cricket pavilion)
Stephenson Street, Lethbridge.

- A safe place for your children (0-5 years) to play and have fun and parents to meet new friends -

Lethbridge Playgroup is an informal not for profit group that counts on it's members to survive.

- Lots of fun with plenty of activities for the children. Both indoor and outdoor play facilities.

Bring along a snack for your child, due to possible allergies we don't share food.

- ALL WELCOME -

Playgroup is not just for your children, it is also a great opportunity for you to network, meet new friends and share your parenting joys and frustrations. We all have them.

Cost:

Casual fee \$3 per session (paid on arrival)
Term fee \$20 (paid at the start of each term)
Yearly Fee \$60 (paid by the end of fine term)

Playgroup Victoria Membership
(required for insurance purposes and covers you for ALL playgroups in Victoria)

\$40 Annual Fee
\$30 Concession Annual Fee

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