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# LETHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## CALENDAR:

<i>February</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>Year 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>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>MARC</i> <i>Premier’s Reading Challenge</i>
	<i>Friday</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Ride to School Day</i> <i>Visiting Artist: Great Galaxies</i>
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>LOTE</i>
	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>School Council – 7pm</i>
	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>MVA Athletics Goldsworthy Reserve (3-6)</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>MARC</i>

**Kon’nichiwa from the Office,**

### 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.

### THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I have been away this week unexpectedly, meaning I had a number of appointments and priorities this week that I was unable to attend to due to an injury. In my absence, Mrs Rieck, Mrs McKenzie and the staff have all worked incredibly hard to fill my role as well as their own. I am always grateful for the team that we have here at Lethbridge Primary School, for the way we work together and make such a strong community. Families have been very understanding when told that I am unavailable, and have been happy to move appointment times; thank you very much for your understanding.

### COMMUNICATION

Please remember to download and update your tiqbiz app. See us in the office if you need a hand. The slip for getting the newsletter emailed to you was sent out last week. You can let the office know at any time through the year if you would prefer that option.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2017

We have received 4 nomination forms, to fill 4 parent vacancies, therefore we will not be going into a ballot. Thank you and congratulations to Danielle Barber, Sharlene Jury, Andrew Fielden and Teha Campbell who will be undertaking a further 2 year role as members of the School Council.

An enormous thanks to Bronwyn Warfe who has been on School Council for 4 years, and has always supported the school in a number of different ways as well. Your input and contributions have been greatly valued.

Miss Hines has nominated as the Staff Representative on School Council and we welcome her for a 2 year term. I would like to thank Mr Beechey who stepped up to fill a 12 month vacancy as a staff representative for 2016, and did a commendable job assisting and supporting the Council.

School Council will meet on 21/02/17 at 7pm in the Learning Street.

I am very much looking forward to working with such an interested and caring Council.

### **WELCOME BACK FAMILY PICNIC**

We had a wonderful turnout at the Picnic on Wednesday night, with lots of games, fun and laughter. Thank you for coming along.



### **CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

To be eligible for the fund you must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Hold a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC), Pensioner Concession Card (PCC), OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

**HOW TO APPLY** Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



### **PARENT HELPER PROGRAM**

School Helpers contribute an enormous amount to the culture and functioning of the school, in addition to the well-being of the students. It's an important and valued volunteer role and a great way to be involved in your child's education and the school in general.

Each year I conduct a Parent Helper Program for those parents, guardians or close family members (such as adult siblings and grandparents) to support you to assist in the classroom. There will be programs booked in for later this term. Due to Privacy matters, you are unable to be a school helper unless you have completed this 1 hour program (there are no tests!) and provided the office with a current and valid Working With Children Check. If you don't have one, apply online now so that you are ready when the time comes.

Further information will be forthcoming.

### **Conveyance Allowance**

Any new students travelling to our school may be entitled to a Travel Allowance, if you live in excess of 4.8km from the school and this is your closest school. Please see Mrs Rieck in the



office for details. Applications should be lodged by the **29<sup>th</sup> of February.**

*Have a restful weekend,*

**Mrs Barnett**

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

<b>Prep M</b>	<b>JAYDAN</b> For fantastic work in maths making patterns and counting.
<b>Grade 1 / 2C</b>	<b>CHELSEA L</b> For her positive approach to all learning tasks. Keep up the great work!
<b>Grade 1 / 2M</b>	<b>HANNAH</b> For her very detailed recount on our 'Minibeast' Adventure.
<b>Grade 1 / 2S</b>	<b>KOBE &amp; LIV</b> For working together to create a checklist in numeracy. Well done!
<b>Grade 3 / 4H</b>	<b>ARCHIE</b> For all his preparation for his 'Big Write' on Hyenas and his enthusiasm to achieve his writing goal!
<b>Grade 4 / 5C</b>	<b>ELIZA</b> For demonstrating resilience this week during Book Club. You are a star!
<b>Grade 5 / 6B</b>	<b>AVA</b> For her determination with her nightly reading.



### Hockey Clinic



### Soccer Clinic



### Minibeast Adventure

Students in Grade 1/2 spent Wednesday morning exploring the school yard with a 'Pooter' trying to catch some minibeasts. As part of their Inquiry learning, students worked in small groups exploring different minibeast habitats. There were lots of success, with many minibeasts being found in the school yard; placed (sucked up) in the 'Pooter' and then looked at with a magnifying glass. Students followed up this adventure with a recount for their 'Big Write' this week.



### Netball for 2017

Years 4-6

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

- **\$51.00 VNA** – This is to be paid online at NV website, details will be available from YMCA Bannockburn.
- **\$8.00** per game to be paid before match.

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Lethy Nuggets v Kung Fu Koalas at 4.10pm  
Grace, Lily C, Miranda, Eliza, Heidi, Kendra, Ava, Molly, Jess M, Shae.

Years 2-3 Netta

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

Names already submitted:

Mia, Milly, Isabelle, Georgia





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 12<sup>th</sup> 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



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)  
OR  
Term fee \$20 (paid at the start of each term)  
OR  
Yearly Fee \$60 (paid by the end of fine term)

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Playgroup Victoria Membership  
(required for insurance purposes and covers you for ALL playgroups in Victoria)  
\$40 Annual Fee  
\$30 Concession Annual Fee

**St. Joseph's Catholic Parish R. E. Enrolment.**

Children wishing to make the sacraments of Confirmation First Communion and First Reconciliation this year are invited along with their parents to the Enrolment afternoon on Wednesday February 15th at 5pm at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre. Activities and Enrolment will be followed by a bbq tea. Enquiries 52861230.

**Bannockburn Football & Netball Assoc**

Junior netball training for season 2017 commences at the Bannockburn Netball Courts (next to the football ground) on Thurs 2nd of Feb.

Under 11's will train from 4pm til 5pm. (For girls who turn 10 or 11 in 2017)  
Under 13's will train from 5pm til 6pm. (For girls who turn 12 or 13 in 2017)

**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 Vanyek  
**Contact Number** - 0419 811 858  
**Club Address** - www.goldenplainscc.com.au  
**Email** - gpcc\_anthonvanyek@bigpond.com

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

## ALL ABOUT KIDS!



### LET'S GO LEGO CLUB

Make new friends and explore your creativity with LEGO. This program aims to meet the diverse needs of children and can be an effective way to engage children with autism. Parents and carers are required for supervision and assistance. Ages 5 -11. Bookings are available by phoning Bannockburn Library on 5281 2367. In partnership with Golden Plains Shire.

**Wednesdays**  
**8 February - 29 March**  
**2017**  
**No program 8 March**  
**Bannockburn**  
**4.00 - 5.00pm**  
**BOOK NOW!**

[www.gric.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.gric.vic.gov.au/events)

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## GEELONG CATS FAMILY DAY

WITH OPEN TRAINING

**SAT 11 FEB • 11AM - 3PM**

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY, WAURN PONDS

PLAYER  
AUTOGRAPHS  
FROM 1.30PM\*

OPEN TRAINING  
11AM-1PM\*

FOOD TRUCKS

MIK MAK+  
ENTERTAINMENT

OFFICIAL  
MERCHANDISE

FACE PAINTING

AUSKICK  
ACTIVITIES

AMUSEMENT  
RIDES

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

\*This is subject to change without notice.

# 2017 NOMINATIONS OPEN

THE WHITTEN PROJECT IS A DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DELIVERED BY THE WESTERN BULLDOGS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL PARTNERS.

The 6-month program provides local young people with hands on opportunities to learn from respected industry leaders and build capacities in leadership, teamwork, communication, goal setting and resilience.

If you are in year 9 or 10, live or attend school in Victoria's west and want to broaden your skills, make new friendships, build confidence and connect and contribute to your local community nominations for the 2017 program close Friday 3 March 2017.

For more information please visit [westernbulldogs.com.au/leadership](http://westernbulldogs.com.au/leadership)

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2017  
**WALK FOR**  
*Johnno* 



Community  
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## WHO ARE YOU WALKING FOR?

Saturday 25th March 2017



### BELLARINE RAIL TRAIL

Join us for a walk to support and celebrate those whose lives have been touched by heart disease and to remember loved ones lost.

Help make a difference by walking with your family, friends or colleagues. All funds raised will go to the Heart Foundation.

To register and fundraise:

visit <http://doitforheart.org.au/event/walkforjohnno>

Or contact Bek on:

[walkforjohnnoheart@gmail.com](mailto:walkforjohnnoheart@gmail.com)



## GREAT FUN

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



### Lethbridge PS | 10th February, 2017

#### Welcome back to OSHC...

...for the start of term 1 and a new year! I hope that everyone enjoyed the break and is happy to be back at school again. Certainly the children I have spoken to are glad to be back, excited for the new year to start and to be back with their friends. For me, I am happy to welcome back a lot of familiar faces and also some new ones.

#### New staff members

I am happy to also say welcome to two new educators. Teresa has joined us on Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday. She has settled in so well, that the children and I feel as though she has been here forever. Teresa plays football for the Geelong Cats and has been travelling around Australia for the last 6 years.

Our other staff member is Carly who had her first night with us on Monday and immediately began to get to know the children in care.

We are all looking forward to getting to know more about Teresa and Carly. Welcome to you both.

#### Group talk times

It has always been important to me that our program is child based and to facilitate this, the children come together at the beginning of the session to give input into what they would like to do during the night. We use the Buddy Bear as a 'talking stick' with only two rules; 1. If you have the bear, you can speak and 2. If you don't have the bear, you can listen. I have started to include myself in the rules and I have to admit how easy it is to forget the rules and how hard it is to stay quiet!

Our aim is to get better at both, knowing when to talk and when to listen, as the year progresses.

#### 2017 Enrolments

Thank you to families for taking the extra time when picking up your children to complete the enrolment forms. I have been asked to ensure that they are complete ASAP. I will be contacting families, if extra information is needed.

#### Our Star of the week

This week's Star of the week goes to Holly who had no hesitation in including another child in her activity. Always nice to see how generous the children can be.

Sharon, Teresa and Carly

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