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# LETHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Respect Care Collaboration Resilience*

*Lethbridge Primary School acknowledge the traditional custodians of our school lands, the Wadawurrung people, and pay our respects to Elder's past, present and future.*

## CALENDAR:

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>PREPS' REST DAY</b>
	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>MARC VAN</b>
	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3-6 ICT SAFETY SESSION WELCOME BACK PICNIC – 5:30PM</b>
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>PREPS' REST DAY</b>
	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>ART</b>
	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>GEELONG CATS VISIT</b>
	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>PARENT / GUARDING / TEACHER CONVERSATIONS</b>
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>PREPS' REST DAY</b>
	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>MARC VAN</b>
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>PREPS' REST DAY</b>
	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>ART WHOLE SCHOOL GYMNASTICS</b>

### Welcome

What a wonderful start to the school year we have had. While it's been a very hot one, our students have been doing some very cool things! A very special welcome to our new Prep students who are starting on their formal education – we are so pleased to have you in our learning community and we will endeavour to ensure you have the most exceptional education with us.

Thank you to all of the families who have taken the time to welcome me back into the community. It is such a pleasure to be here with you all, and to see how much our children have grown and matured in the last two years. It was wonderful to have so many families join me in the MPR Thursday morning for an impromptu chat and cuppa.

For those who have not met me before, please take the time to say hello and introduce yourself. You will see me at the gate most mornings and afternoons.

As always, if you would like to speak with me about anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Communication

Having clear and effective communication processes between the school and the home is incredibly important. We are partners in your

child's education so it is essential for you to be checking our communication channels, so that you know what's happening on a day to day basis.

Please ensure you are signed up for **Flexibuzz**, which we use to send out the majority of our communications (both administrative and classroom based). A flyer is included in the newsletter. If you are unsure how to use this program please don't hesitate to pop in and ask for some help.

### OSHC Update

I recognise that Out of School Hours Care is a very high need for our families. Please rest assured that I am working hard on this and have a range of meetings set up to explore some viable, and sustainable options. We have already made some positive progress.

In the meantime, I spoke with some families this week about putting some informal arrangements in place to support each other until we have a formal service. A number of parents are offering to help parents in need. These sort of informal connections may take the pressure off in the short term. These connections make our small school community so very special.

If you are able to provide support to another family, by looking after their children before or

after school, please leave your details with Mrs Rieck. We can then start to connect families in need with families who are willing to help. We already have a couple of volunteers able to help so give us a call. I will keep you posted on our progress in securing OSHC.

### Coronavirus

As you would be aware there has been cases of Coronavirus identified in Victoria. The Department of Education has issued some important advice. Please carefully read the attached Fact Sheet.

*Thank you once again for your warm welcome back into the community,*

*Tina Barnett  
Principal*

### Netball for 2020

Students in 3-6 wishing to play netball this season, please see Mrs Rieck by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.



BANNOCKBURN & DISTRICT  
CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

# KFDance

## DANCE CLASSES

in Bannockburn

Celebrating 15 years in 2020!

Bannockburn Cultural Centre  
25 High Street, Bannockburn

Toddlers 1 / Fridays: 9:30am - 10am 2 - 3 yrs  
 Toddlers 2 / Fridays: 10:15am - 10:45am 3 - 5 yrs  
 Toddlers 1 / Saturdays: 9:15am - 9:45am 2 - 3 yrs  
 Toddlers 2 / Saturdays: 10am - 10:30am 3 - 4 yrs  
 Tinies / Saturday: 10:30am - 11:15pm 5 - 6 yrs  
 Juniors / Saturday: 11:15pm - 12noon 7 - 8 yrs  
 Inters / Saturday: 12noon - 12:45pm 9 - 11 yrs  
 Seniors / Mondays: 5pm - 5:45pm 12 - 14 yrs  
 Adv Seniors / Mondays: 5:45pm - 6:45pm 15 yrs+ \*\$12  
 ACRO / Saturdays: 1:15pm - 2:15pm 5 - 7 years  
 ACRO / Saturdays: 2:15pm - 3:15pm 8 - 12 years

ALL CLASSES  
\$10  
(pay per week)

NOW ACCEPTING 2020 ENROLMENTS  
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**STEP 03** Select your communication groups

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**STEP 04** Get started

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# OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

**We are looking for an energetic, dedicated educator to become our Before and After School Care co-ordinator in 2020 – Family Day Care Option also available.**

**Work hours:** Before school care: 7.00am - 9.00am (*time varies depending on bookings*).  
After school care: 3.00pm - 6.00pm (*time varies depending on bookings*).

**Days of work:** Monday - Friday during school terms and school holidays (*may vary depending on bookings*).

**Description of position:** The Out of School Hours Care Educator will plan, implement and evaluate educational programs for school aged children. Caring, supervising and engaging with a maximum of seven school aged children, the Educator is expected to operate under both the Being, Becoming, Belonging and the My Time, Our Place, National Quality Frameworks as well as National Regulations. Running an educational program from the Lethbridge Primary School, the Educator will liaise with the school but will be contracted to Golden Plains Shire's Family Day Care unit. As a contractor of Golden Plains Shire, the Educator will maintain all required record keeping and be competent in information technology. The appropriate Educator will have, or be actively working towards a minimum qualification of Certificate 3 in Early Childhood Education and Care.

**Applications to:** [suzanne.blair@gplains.vic.gov.au](mailto:suzanne.blair@gplains.vic.gov.au) or if you would like to discuss the position please call the family day care office on 5220 7230.

Please also feel welcome to contact the school Principal Tina Barnett, on 5281 7214 with any queries you may have.



# Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

## Factsheet for school students and children

### Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

### What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

### What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

### What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days.

### What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

### How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

### Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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