
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.

Principal Pondering

Social distancing is a bit misleading in some ways. I wish we called the protocol for limiting our exposure to each other physical distancing, because we can still socialise – and we need to socialise!

Connection is incredibly important for our mental health, and I know some students are missing their friends deeply. I encourage you to look for new ways to engage socially with family and friends, and to do the same for your children. Here are some ideas:

- Set up Facetime/video chats while children draw or play a game with each other.
- Host a remote family dinner, with the laptop at the table so you can all “see” each other and have a chat while you eat.
- Host a virtual game night with your friends (games like Monopoly are available in the app store). Search for multiplayer games to find something that interests your group. This can be a great social activity for children as well.
- Have a movie night on a weeknight, with popcorn, snuggly blankets, the whole works!
- Host a ‘Zoom Party’
- Share your ideas with each other on how to connect socially, while not connecting in person.

Enrolments for 2021 – Virtual Tours Available

Enrolments for 2021 are now open. If you have a child starting school next year please contact the office for an Enrolment form. We can send one out to you or you can collect one from the office, using our physical distancing protocols.

You will find the current enrolment form and 2021 Information Book on our website.

Please encourage local families with children ready to start 2021 to make an appointment to have a Video Chat with me. I will be doing virtual tours and meetings while we are in Remote Learning mode to ensure that families are still able to engage with the school on a personal level.

School Council

We have had our first online school council meeting, which went very well, despite a few connection issues!

School Council is an avenue through which parents can be more involved and have a deeper understanding of how the school works and what is happening.

School Council has three main responsibilities:

- Finance: overseeing the development of the school’s annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school’s financial operation
- Strategic planning: participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- Policy development and review: developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school’s values and support the school’s broad direction outlined in its strategic plan. This does not include school policies unrelated to this statement.

I would like to welcome these councillors to their elected positions for 2020:

President – Seetal Dodd

Vice President - Alex James

Treasurer - Janelle McKenzie

Secretary - Julie Rieck

I’d like to thank these members for taking on these additional roles and I look forward to working closely with our school council to maintain and grow our excellent school.

Communication is more important than ever

Check Flexibuzz and the school website for most current information from the office.

www.lethbridgeps.vic.edu.au

Call us on on **52817214** for advice and support.

Email the school on:

lethbridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

P-2 Message teachers through Class Dojo.

3-6 Email the teacher directly.

On-Site Attendance

If a student can learn at home, they must learn at home. On-site school attendance is considered a last resort.

If you require school attendance you must complete the 'On Site Attendance Declaration' form each **Thursday by 3pm**, for the following week. The form is available from our website.

We are now getting full and late applications may not be able to be accommodated.

Coronavirus Updates

Please refer to the Department's [coronavirus web page](#) for the latest advice and information.

I encourage you this weekend to find a new way to connect with someone you care about.

Warmest wishes,
Tina

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep / 1M	<p>Hudson For his improved creativity and willingness to have a go at drawing. You made a fantastic mini diorama for your rain cloud. Well done Hudson!</p> <p>Amelia S For your excellent reasons to support your argument about 'Pineapple is the best fruit'. Congratulation Amelia on your great work!</p>
Prep / 1B	<p>Duke For great writing during his Big Write, perservering to use the lines correctly.</p>

Grade 2	<p>Heidi For her perseverance during online learning and extending her learning by asking to do extra Split Strategy addition questions!</p> <p>Beau For consistently going above and beyond in ALL his learning tasks every week. Well done!</p>
Grade 3 / 4B	<p>Henry For persisting and seeking support when learning a new maths strategy!</p>
Grade 4 / 5M	<p>Afnan For creating and sharing instructions to log into Webex. Thanks for the tech support Afnan!</p>
Grade 5 / 6M	<p>Ruby & Josh D For using feedback to improve their learning outcomes. Excellent work!</p>
Principal's Award	<p>Lottie For demonstrating her understanding of weather by creating outfits from her how wardrobe for each season!</p> <p>Ruby St (Yr6) For consistently outstanding work in Inquiry!</p>

Protect yourself and your family

Cover your cough and sneeze



1 **COVER** your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Put your used tissue in the rubbish **BIN**.



3 If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, **NOT YOUR HANDS**.

WASH your hands with soap and running water. Dry your hands thoroughly with a disposable paper towel or hand dryer.



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Protect yourself and your family

Wash your hands regularly



1 Wet your hands.

Put soap on your hands.



3 Rub the soap over all parts of your hands for at least 20 seconds.

Rinse your hands under running water.



5 Dry your hands thoroughly with disposable paper towel or hand dryer.

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