
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:

FEBRUARY	TUESDAY	11	3-6 ICT SAFETY SESSION WELCOME BACK PICNIC – 5:30PM
	WEDNESDAY	12	PREP REST DAY PARENT/TEACHER CONVERSATION NOTES DUE BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE
	THURSDAY	13	MARC VAN
	FRIDAY	14	GEELONG CATS VISIT ASSEMBLY
	TUESDAY	18	PARENT / GUARDIAN / TEACHER CONVERSATIONS
	WEDNESDAY	19	PREP REST DAY
	THURSDAY	20	ART
	FRIDAY	21	ASSEMBLY
	WEDNESDAY	26	PREP REST DAY
	THURSDAY	27	MARC VAN WHOLE SCHOOL GYMNASTICS
	FRIDAY	28	ASSEMBLY
	MONDAY	09	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Welcome Back Picnic

I would like to officially invite all families to the annual Welcome Back Picnic being held on the school grounds at 5:30pm next Tuesday, the 11th of February.

Bring along a rug or chair, some delicious food, perhaps some games to play, and relax with our school community. This event is a very informal opportunity for staff and families to mix and get to know each other well. Our home-school partnership is strengthened by these community events and our students are the direct beneficiaries of these connections. We hope to see every family there!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Notes have been sent home for appointment times for you to complete and send back to school. Mrs Rieck will collate the appointments and then send home a slip confirming the booking time allocated to you.

This conversation is an opportunity to formally discuss your child's academic, social, emotional and physical needs, in order to help set them up

for a successful year of school. I encourage you to make an appointment.

As always, if you need to discuss your child's progress or needs with the class teacher, you do not need to wait for a formal event such as this one. Make an appointment to see the teacher at any time through the year.

In term 3, following the publication of reports, we host another conference to discuss your child's learning. At this one, the student is a part of the conversation, and takes responsibility for sharing their learning and their goals with you.

Formal reports are published at the end of term 2 and term 4.

Classroom Hygiene Supplies

Please send along a box of tissues for your child's class to share, and a bottle of individually named hand sanitiser for your child's use. This helps us to minimise illnesses throughout the school. We are not directly funded for these items however we find they make an enormous difference to school health and attendance when

everyone assists. Thank you in advance for your support.

OSHC Update

I have met with a provider and received a revised proposal, and have further meetings with alternative providers pending.

We are also in the process of recruiting for In Venue care, which would work for our smaller numbers until a provider is appointed, or our numbers outgrow that service.

Please be aware that there is a minimum 42 day delay in starting with a new provider (including In Venue Care, while the organisation applies for a licence to run the service. Rest assured, we will have something in place for you as soon as possible.

Informal Arrangements

We have already been able to connect some families with each other to provide informal assistance. We have additional names of parents at the office who are able to help so if you are looking for someone please get in touch with us.

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.

Heated Lunches

Warming lunches takes up a lot of staff time and we do discourage it as it is quite disruptive, and carries genuine risk for students. We understand however that there is the odd instance where this may be very helpful so we do try to accommodate.

I have put in place some changes around heated lunches to ensure the safety of our students, as boiling water in noodles, for example, can and does cause horrific burns when it spills onto a child's skin.

- Food will only be served at a tepid temperature.
- Students will not be allowed to walk with the warmed food.
- Students will be seated at the white table to consume the meal.

Please DO NOT send along any food that may not be safely consumed at a lower temperature as this could cause illness.

We appreciate your support in this adjustment and hope you understand that it is in the best interests of our children.

School Council

The first School Council meeting of the year will be held at 6:30pm at the white table. This is for the existing school council members. The new school council will meet for the first time on the 17th of March. This is a fantastic opportunity to understand the school environment and support

us in providing the best possible setting for your child so I encourage you to nominate.

Parent positions expiring March 2020 are Rachel, Tracy, Alex, Patricia. Please watch Flexibuzz for details on this process.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Tina Barnett
Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep / 1M	Brooklyn For showing all of our school values and assisting our new preps in the classroom. Well done Brooklyn!
Prep / 1B	Harriet For attempting to use her sound knowledge to write some words.
Grade 2	Beau For showing a growth mindset and using his initiative to problem solve. Great effort Beau!
Grade 3 / 4B	Annabel For persisting in her learning, in particular continuing her learning at home. Well done!
Grade 4 / 5M	Zachary For always maintaining focus and displaying the school values of care, collaboration, respect and resilience.
Grade 5 / 6M	Milly B For her quiet, consistent demonstration of care in all areas of her day.
Principal's Award	Mick A For doing some excellent writing on the school holidays. What a lifelong learner! Sensational!



**M.A.R.C LITERACY PROGRAM WITH MRS. SHERIDAN LANG
TERM 1, 2020**

Welcome back to the MARC literacy and library program for Term 1! It is wonderful to see such excitement, enthusiasm and wonder from the children as they share their current individual and shared reading interests and preferences with one another.

This term in M.A.R.C literacy we will be exploring the overarching theme of 'Habitat' as home, country, natural environment, belonging, community and identity. We will examine the environmental conditions of natural habitats as a 'home' for a range of plant and animal life. We will touch upon the deeper impact of extreme weather conditions such as bushfires on habitat and the importance of habitat restoration and protection for plant and animal life. We will also explore personal experiences and associations of 'home' as cultural identity and country, as situated in unique socio-cultural communities. The wonder and complexity of these issues are encapsulated in a select range of fiction and non-fiction texts such as 'Fire', 'Flood' and 'Drought' by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley, 'The Last Dance' by Sally Morgan, 'Coming Home to Country' by Bronwyn Bancroft, 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan, 'The Rabbits' by Shaun Tan, 'Mr Chicken All Over Australia' by Leigh Hobbs, 'Plastic' by Eun-Ju Kim and 'Home' by Charles Hope.

There are a range of new books coming to the MARC Van for borrowing ranging from Children's Picture Story Books, Non-Fiction and Fiction books for Children F-6. There will also be a new range of International Children's Fiction coming soon. Please ensure that you are familiar with the MARC Van sticker and Barcode on the MARC library books that your children borrow. Please look after these books and safely return to school each fortnight on your school's MARC borrowing and literacy day. Happy Reading together!

Mrs. Sheridan Lang

Netball for 2020

Competitions start on Monday 10th February.

Students that have expressed their interest in playing this year are –

Josie, Matthew, Mia M-H, Millie, Kate, Lowla, Isobel, Georgia B, Heidi K, Brooke, Kate.

Monday 10th February

Pumas v Rockets at 4:55pm

Please meet at the Stadium at 4.45pm.

Monday 17th February

Pumas v Thunder at 4.10pm

Book Club Orders are due back to the office by Wednesday 12th February

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