

LETHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Care Respect 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.

Feb	Tuesday	21	Family Fun; 4.30-5.30pm Meet our staff and other families!
	Tuesday	21	School Council meeting – 6.30pm (existing members)
	Wed - Fri	22 - 24	Year 5 Camp
	Wednesday	22	Prep/Foundation – Rest/Assessment Day
	Thursday	23	MARC Van
	Friday	24	Prep Photo – Geelong Advertiser & Golden Plains Times
	Friday	24	School Council nominations close – 3.30pm
	Monday	27	Prep/Foundation students begin full time
March	Wednesday	1	Parent Teacher Interviews 2.30-6.30pm Bookings available on Sentral soon!
	Monday	6	School Athletics Day
	Thursday	9	MARC Van
	Friday	10	Visiting Artist: STOMP!
	Monday	13	Public Holiday – Labour Day
	Mon-Wed	20 - 22	Year 6 Camp
	Thursday	30	School Cross Country

Quick Notes:

- Please send along a box of tissues for your child's class.
- It is Department of Education policy for families to notify the school of any absences. If we do not receive communication, we are then expected to contact you. You can advise us of absences in a number of ways, directly to the office, via telephone or on Sentral.
- All of our classrooms have a supply of sunscreen for student use. Students are encouraged by their teacher to apply sunscreen before leaving the room for a break or outdoor session, however we cannot apply the sunscreen on the children. If your child requires a specialised form/brand of sunscreen, please send some to the school for their use.

Information sent home this week:

Parent Information and student permission forms:

- Prep: Geelong Advertiser & Golden Plains Times photo publishing
- Year 6 T-shirt orders
- NAPLAN information for Year 3 and 5 students

HATS!

A reminder that all students are expected to wear a school hat when outside. This includes break times and during P.E. sessions. Students not wearing a school hat will be asked to stay in areas under cover by teachers on yard duty.



STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2023

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 students have been working hard to apply for our Student Leadership positions. During break times, students have used their initiative to ask clarifying questions and gain feedback from Miss Rowe and Miss Marks when editing their written application letters and developing their speech.

Earlier this week, the applicants addressed our students in a special assembly. This was an opportunity for our students to hear from each applicant, ask questions and vote for who they believe will be our most effective student leaders.

During their speeches, I reflected on their impressive persuasive language and suggested improvements to our school. I have included some reflections of their speeches below.

- Rocco spoke about kindness being essential, and education being about collaboration and fun.
- James shared his ambitions to be Speaker of the House and the need to collaborate with our SRC to ensure student voice is heard across the school.
- George shared ideas for further fundraisers and described plans to develop a new gardening club.
- Lowla spoke about the need to actively listen to others and ensure our whole community is aligned with our school values.
- Jewel's pride in our school was clear as she spoke about the opportunity as a student leader to ensure our school feels like a second and safe home for everyone.

- Trinity spoke about her passion for being active and involving others in a new gardening club.
- Lucas shared his personal traits of being approachable and a role model of our school values and expected behaviours.
- Oliver spoke about his motivation to try his best and actively listen to others.
- Jaydan shared his passion for sport and his motivation to ensure all students feel happy and safe at school.
- Harry used audience interaction to capture student attention and shared his experiences in helping others at school.
- Toby shared his motivations to engage our community to support students in being happy and creative thinkers. Toby shared his ideas to improve our school environment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 STUDENT LEADERS

School Captains: Lowla and Toby

School Vice-Captains: James, Jewel and Rocco

Blue House Captain: Trinity

Red House Captain: Jaydan

Gold House Captain: Harry

Green House Captain: George

Specialist Captains: Lucas and Oliver



WHAT ARE OUR STUDENT LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR?

School Captains and Vice Captains

As the most significant student leaders in the school, School Captains are expected to be ambassadors who embody the school values of Care, Respect, Collaboration, and Resilience. They must be approachable, reliable, and trustworthy with high expectations of themselves and others. The School Captains are to take an active role in all aspects of the school community and work with others to achieve the best possible outcomes.

House Captains

House Captains are expected to encourage and support all students to participate in house activities and events. They are to set a good example of sportsmanship and house pride. House Captains must always be approachable, reliable and embody the school's values.

Specialist Captains

The Specialist Captain is expected to support the teachers of specialist subjects at our school including STEM, Italian, P.E. and Art. They must be reliable and prepared to award certificates at assembly, and support teachers in coordinating lunch time activities.

SPORT CLINICS

Our initial weeks at school have been action-packed! We have recently been visited by Football Victoria and Hockey Victoria. Football Victoria led a soccer clinic where students increased their dribbling and passing skills. During the hockey clinic this week, students learnt to control the ball and safely use a hockey stick.

We are incredibly grateful for experiences like these for our students!

FAMILY FUN!

We are looking forward to welcoming all families to our Family Fun session on Tuesday February 21; 4.30-5.30pm. There has

been a lot of curiosity about our House Games and Gaga Pit, so don't forget your sneakers, hat and water bottle! The Family Fun session is a great opportunity to meet our staff and other families.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the beginning of each school year, schools lead the School Council election process. School Council members add value and bring their expertise and skills to help with the governance of the school.

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 ensure that we make decisions that represent the voice of our community. This year we have 5 Parent Vacancies (for 2-year term of office), 2 Parent Vacancies (for 1 year term of office). We also have 1 staff vacancy for two years.

Information was sent to parents via email. Nomination forms are available at the office. The Nominations will close at 3.30pm on Friday February 24, 2023.

In an event that we receive more nominations than the vacancies allow, a ballot will be required. If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be communicated with our school community.

YEAR 4 CAMP REFLECTIONS

During the first week of term, our Year 4 students enjoyed their return to school at camp! The students travelled to Coastal Forest Lodge in Anglesea for a fun-filled camp by the coast. During the camp, I was lucky enough to visit the students at Torquay beach during their surfing workshop and beach adventure session. During my visit I was witness to the resilience of our students. I was impressed with their persistence when balancing and standing on their surfboard and their deep questioning when exploring some of the smallest wildlife along the beach. Their curiosity was sparked as we found new and interesting features on the beach. As the rain plummeted down, the surfing and exploration continued. I have also heard about their experiences at the bush dance, and it sounds like the food was very impressive! I would like to thank Mrs Matthews for supporting the students at camp. You can read about the student reflections later in this newsletter.

ANNUAL PERMISSIONS

Earlier this term, we distributed parent communication regarding permissions for:

- Publishing of student photos
- House Rewards
- Local excursions
- Breakfast Club
- Parent Helpers

Please ensure all notes are returned to school as soon as possible. Additional copies are available at the office.

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT SCHOOL

We often have students bring toys, games and equipment to school for use during break times. Students are encouraged to store these in their bags during learning time. We have spent time reminding students of the need to be responsible for these belongings, particularly when they are taken outside during break times.

Recently, there has been a lot of interest in Pokemon Cards, and students have been encouraged to reflect on the trading of cards. We have asked students to reserve the trading of cards for outside school to be supervised by parents.

PARENT PAYMENTS

Thank you to all of the families who have already contributed to essential learning materials and voluntary payments. We are very appreciative of these payments. These contributions support us to provide effective programs for our students. Parents wishing to make contributions towards the Parent Payment Arrangements for 2023 are welcome to contact the office by phone or visit us in person.

SCHOOL SPORTING EVENTS – TERM 1

Mrs Palmer has been busily preparing for our whole school sport events.

We have a very busy term ahead of us in the sport area and the students have already begun practising for the Lethbridge Primary School Athletics Carnival and Cross Country events during our P.E. lessons. Some students have also used their lunchtime to improve their fitness by running a few laps of the oval.

This year The Lethbridge Athletics Carnival will take place at the school on Monday March 6. We would love for you to attend and support the students participating in each of the events.

The Prep-Year 2 students will participate in a junior version of athletics, where we will focus on having fun, building skills and participation.

This will take place between 9am and 11am.

The Year 3-6 students will participate on the same day, from 11:30 am onwards in more traditional athletic events and we will be looking for students to represent the school at the District Athletic Sports later in the term.

The Lethbridge Cross Country event will take place on Thursday March 30 from 9am, finishing at approximately 11am. The students will run an age-appropriate course around the Lethbridge Lake Reserve. Once again, we would love to have parents and families come to support the students in this event.

If you are interested in helping in either of these events, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office or send a note with your child to let us know.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **Lethbridge Athletics Carnival**

When: Monday March 6, 2023

Where: Lethbridge Primary School

Time:

P-2: 9:00am - 11:00am

Years 3-6: 11:30am - 3pm

- **Lethbridge Cross Country**

When: Thursday March 30, 2023

Where: Lethbridge Lake Reserve

Time: 9am - 11:00am

Please contact us at the office if you can help us at these events.



AT-SCHOOL MUSIC

Learn at school, during school & without leaving school

AT-SCHOOL MUSIC

Instrumental music sessions will continue at Lethbridge Primary School in 2023!

Pat Wheeler is at Lethbridge Primary School on Fridays to conduct instrumental music sessions with individual students.

Key information:

- Piano, drums and beginner guitar are available.

To register and make a booking:

- Bookings and payments are managed directly by At School Music.

- Go to atschoolmusic.au and complete the enquiry form at the bottom of the page.

- Staff at At-School Music will contact families directly using information provided by parents in the website enquiry submitted.

LATE ARRIVALS and EARLY DEPARTURES

Supervision of students is available from 8.50am. The Community OSH program is available for students who are attending school prior to 8.50am.

Our first bell at 9am indicates the beginning of learning time. It is important that students arrive to school on time to avoid significant teacher instruction time from 9am.

Students who arrive late, need to be signed in at the office by a parent or carer.

If you need to collect your child or children early from school, please notify us by contacting your child's teacher or phoning the office. This is particularly helpful if you are collecting your child during a break time or special event.

Students are dismissed at 3.20pm. Teachers will attend the front gate to speak with parents until 3.30pm to share successes and discuss any concerns. This is a wonderful opportunity to make contact with your child's teacher on a regular basis.

NAPLAN

Lethbridge Primary School will again conduct NAPLAN assessments online this year. NAPLAN is scheduled for March. Students in Years 3 and 5 will require their own set of *corded* headphones for the assessment. Information has been sent home to relevant families. Please contact Miss Marks or Mr Bartlett if you have any questions regarding NAPLAN.

Enjoy your weekend,
Chelsey

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance (\$125 for Primary school students) is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

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.

If you applied for CSEF at Lethbridge Primary School last year, you do not need to complete an application for this year, unless there has been a change of family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following has occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started at Lethbridge Primary School in 2023.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year (eg prep students)

Please contact the office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

The conveyance allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

Eligibility

An application on behalf of a student may be submitted if the student is:

- a Victorian resident;
- school aged and enrolled (3) three or more days per week at a school; and
- attending a school/campus located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary

A student who meets the above requirements may be eligible if they:

- attend their nearest or designated neighbourhood government school/campus appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, and
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from the campus attended

For further information regarding the Conveyance Allowance Program see:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/conveyance-allowance/policy?Redirect=1>

If you think you may be eligible for Conveyance Allowance, please see Meagan in the office.

YEAR 4 CAMP

On camp we went yabbing. Me and Emily caught 17 yabbies. Also so much more like feeding horses and a donkey. I played basketball and soccer and I did hut building and the food was bad. I couldn't sleep well because of weird noises and the door kept opening in the middle of the night. On the last day I got to play foosball and we got on the bus. The bus was on 14 percent so we had to stop at a petrol station then we went to our parents and went home.

By James

The grade 4 had only cabins. We stayed there 3 nights and we had 5 people in the cabin. We had food there and we had a hot chocolate there too. We fed the animals and we went surfing.

By Blake

On Wednesday 1st of February the Grade 4's went to school camp at Coastal Forest Lodge in Anglesea. We met at Victoria Park in Bannockburn at 9 in the morning, and the bus left at 9:30.

We got on the bus and went to the beach where a lady told us about Aboriginals and how they lived, we even got to try some of the food that they ate. We sat at a lookout and ate some food from our lunchboxes. We took the bus to camp and finally we got there.

We were shown our cabins and our activity groups. I was in Group 3. After we got ready activity group 3 and 4 went yabbing, I was with James and we caught 17 yabbies. Yabbing was really fun apart from when my hat flew into the middle of the dam and sank. When we finished we climbed onto the ram bales and took a photo on them, then we went to hut building.

We came back and had some afternoon tea. I can't remember what we had but it was yummy.

By Emily



YEAR 4 CAMP



WRITING IN GRADE 2/3M

Students in grade 2/3 have been learning to write exposition texts, also known as a persuasive text. They have been writing about different topics, expressing their opinion and sharing their reasons. Students have been encouraged to vary their openers and experiment with different connectives.

TOYS SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED AT SCHOOL

Some people think that toys should be at school, but I disagree with this. Toys shouldn't be allowed at school.

My first reason is that they will get lost. This shows that the owner will be sad and saying "Can someone help me find my toy, PLEASE!" and no one will help.

My next reason is when people bring toys to school, they will disrupt them from working. This means students will not get smarter.

My last reason for not bringing toys to school is when students bring toys to school they will either;

- 1. Be fought over
- 2. Or get broken

Therefore if the toy gets broken the owner will be angry.

So after all I've explained, I hope you agree with me THAT TOYS SHOULD NOT BE AT SCHOOL!

Levi P

What is better? Technology or Outdoor activities.

Why do people say technology is better than outdoor activities? I don't think we need technology at school.

My first reason is if we stay inside and play on technology we can't get outside and exercise, therefore if we don't get our exercise we may get fat.

Secondly, if we watch and play on technology too much it could damage your eyes and mind. As a result of this you might not be able to think properly.

Finally we need fresh air so if you have technology inside you won't be able to get fresh air. Fresh air is good for you. That is why you need to get fresh air.

After all of this, you need to agree with me but if you don't agree with me that is fine.

Jarvis D



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 1, Week 2

Prep B	Aria For your increasing resilience when coming to school and the enthusiasm you display with your learning. Keep up the great work Aria!
Grade 1/2 F	Jesse For your fantastic effort and attitude towards all of your work. You have had a wonderful start to the year. Amazing job Jesse!
Grade 2 / 3 M	Ben For your fantastic and uplevelled persuasive text about 'Recess and Lunch should only be 10 Minutes'. Congratulations Ben!
Grade 4 / 5M	Beau For being a role model by actively listening and showing care to others. Keep it up Beau.
Grade 5 / 6R	Rocco For showing a keen interest in your learning and willingly contributing to class discussions. Well done, Rocco!
Principal's Award	Fraser For his effective and collaborative work ethic in the classroom.

Term 1, Week 3

Prep B	Willow For the resilience you showed during writing and your assistance to another classmate to write your name. Keep up the great work Willow!
Grade 1/2 F	Gracie For you amazing work during writing creating some fantastic recounts. Awesome work Gracie!
Grade 2 / 3 M	Amelia For showing care in our classroom an assisting those who need extra support. Keep it up Amelia!
Grade 4 / 5M	James for beginning all learning tasks independently and seeking feedback on how to improve. Amazing James!
Grade 5 / 6R	Jackson For showing resilience in your learning and giving all tasks a go. I am very proud of you, Jackson!
Italian Award	Maverick For practicing the Italian greetings he learnt in class in the school yard without being prompted. Bravo Maverick!
P.E. Award	Brooklyn For her enthusiasm to improve her running skills by practicing at lunchtime. Fantastic Brooklyn, keep up the amazing work!
STEM Award	Rocco For his curiosity when learning about how the solar system was created. Brilliant Rocco!
Principal's Award	Jenna For her collaborative work with others and positive work habits in the classroom.

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS



2023 OPEN DAYS

**Wednesday 15, Friday 17
and Friday 24 March 2023**

Multiple Information and Tour Sessions

Bookings are essential and can be made
online from Wednesday 1 February 2023

clonard.vic.edu.au

Tours can be scheduled outside of Open Days
by contacting Clonard College on 5278 2155
and making a booking with the Registrar.

Clonard College is a Kilsare
Education Ministries
Catholic School in the
Bespoke location



Open Night

Wednesday 8th March 2023

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm



**Matthew Flinders
Girls Secondary
College**

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Guided Tours 2023

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**COLLEGE
TOURS**

AM Tours - 9.00am start:

Tuesday 14 March
Thursday 16 March
Tuesday 28 March
Friday 31 March
Monday 3 April
Thursday 27 April

PM Tours - 4.00pm start:

Tuesday 28 March
Monday 3 April

St Joseph's Geelong would like to invite you to join
our College tours this semester!

We are proud to continue offering an innovative
education, and we welcome all senior primary school
boys and their families to come and visit us.

Year 7 applications for 2024 are now open.
Apply via the College website.

TOUR REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL
REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE

WWW.SJC.VIC.EDU.AU

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GOLDEN PLAINS - ALL GIRLS BLAST



REGISTER AND RECEIVE
A BAG, BOTTLE AND BALL



VENUE: Bannockburn Victoria Park Recreation Reserve
ADDRESS: 3 Moore St, Bannockburn VIC 3331
DATES: 20th Feb, 27th Feb, 6th March & 13th March (All Mondays) TIME: 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Please use discount code A3F94FE9 for \$20 off when you register.

SHELFORD DUCK RACE WE'RE BACK!

Recreation Reserve, Shelford
Free Entry

Sunday
26th Feb
11am - 4pm

Race starts at
3pm!

RACE TICKETS \$10
Available via Facebook
or on the day



Join us for a day of
fun with:

Lash78 live on stage
Show-n-Shine
Miniature Railway
A licenced bar
Food and drink stalls
Craft and Market stalls
Kids Rides
Fun Competitions
Petting Zoo

AND...

The Duck Race!



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Phone: (03) 5281 7428

Lethbridge Primary School Lunch Order Menu – 2023

Hand your order into school or the shop ,along with payment ,by Thursdays morning approx. 11am to ensure your lunch order on Fridays. Any order cancellation must report at shop before 10am on Friday.

SANDWICHES

Salad	\$4.50
Salad & Meat (Chicken, Ham)	\$5.00
Cheese/Tomato	\$4.00
Ham cheese tomato	\$4.50
Chicken cheese mayo	\$5.00

HOT FOODS

Party pies/sausage roll	\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00
Plain pie	\$5.50
Sausage roll	\$4.50
Meat and Veggie Pastie	\$5.50
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Sauce Sachet	0.20c

DRINKS

Pop Tops {Apple,Blackcurrant}	\$2.50
Big M 300ml {Strawb,choc}	\$3.50
Water Bottle 600ml	\$3.00
Big M 600ML {Chocolate}	\$4.90
Lipton tea {peach,lemon}	\$4.50

Sweets

Any Donuts {straw,choc,pineapple}	\$4.00
Scroll {apple,coffee}	\$4.00
Slices {jelly,apple,lemon,vanilla}	\$4.50
Yo Yo	\$3.50
Smarties Cookies	\$4.00
Muffins {Banana,blueberry,choc chip}	\$4.50