

# 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.*

March	Monday	6	School Athletics Day – Wear your House colours!
	Thursday	9	MARC Van
	Friday	10	Visiting Artist: STOMP!
	Monday	13	Public Holiday – Labour Day
	Tuesday	14	Year 4-6 Ecolinc incursion
	Wednesday	15	P-3 Ecolinc incursion
	Wednesday	15	NAPLAN begins for Year 3 and 5 students
	Mon-Wed	20 - 22	Year 6 Camp
	Tuesday	21	School Council – 6.30pm
	Thursday	23	MARC Van
	Thursday	30	School Cross Country
April	Thursday	6	Final Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal

### FAMILY FUN!

On Tuesday February 21, we hosted our first Family Fun event. The sun was shining, and our Student Leaders led games throughout the yard. The Gaga Pit was certainly a highlight, and it was great to see parents enjoying the game too!

It was wonderful to see so many families attend. We predict approximately 50 families attended the event and it was a wonderful opportunity for our new families to meet others and our staff.

Thank you to our Student Leaders for organising and leading the various events. Thank you also to the LPS staff and families for supporting the community event.

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This week, parents have met with classroom teachers to discuss goals for 2023. I would like to thank our staff for the effort they have put in to organise the information for each interview and many thanks to the parents for working in partnership with us.

### YEAR 5 CAMP

Last week, the Year 5 students travelled to Beauford to attend their three-day camp at Cave Hill Creek. The students enjoyed activities such as abseiling, archery and bush cooking. Mr Bartlett was impressed with their resilience, willingness to try new activities and build relationships with students from other schools.

You can read more about their experiences in this newsletter. I would like to thank Mr Bartlett for supporting the students at camp.

### PARENT HELPERS

We have had 27 parents express an interest in helping at our school. This is an incredible offer of support, and I am so grateful. Over the course of this week, Parent Helpers have

attended an induction session to discuss classroom support, volunteer expectations and OHS.

Many parents are ready to start helping in our classrooms, at fundraising events and at Breakfast Club. We are looking forward to working with you!

As parent helpers are returning their forms, teachers will contact you regarding a schedule. If you have indicated your interest in supporting events such as our fundraisers, we will be in contact with you as the need arises.

### STUDENT SAFETY

#### Gates

As part of student safety, the gates at the turning circle will now only be opened for specific purposes. Students can use the centre gate or tennis court gate to enter and exit the school grounds.

#### Pets

Please note that pets are not permitted inside school grounds without prior approval. This includes dogs on leads.

#### Bikes and Scooters

Children riding bikes and scooters need to be wearing a helmet. It is expected that bikes and scooters are walked when inside school grounds and directly in front of the school along Stephenson Street.

#### Car Park

Walking through the car park is a safety risk. Please encourage your children to enter and exit the school grounds through a gate.

#### Parking

Parking is not permitted on the fenced/far side of Stephenson Street as this poses a risk to families. Additional parking is available behind the tennis club. Please be mindful of other families and safely.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

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.

Thank you to all of the parents who submitted a nomination. The new School Council will meet on Tuesday March 21 at 6.30pm.

### 2023 School Council - Parent Members

Mistral Foster-Owens

Tom Hellowell

Mandy Humpage

Alex James

Tony Last

Chloe Pettigrew

Emily Ptacek

Ebony Siemienowicz

Caitlin Warnock

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Our plans for the Mother's Day Stall are underway. If you have any items you wish to donate to the Stall, please deliver these to the office by the end of this term.

## SCHOOL SPORTING EVENTS – TERM 1

Mrs Palmer has been busily preparing for our whole school sport events. Parents and families are encouraged to attend. Students are encouraged to wear their House Colours!

### 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 (TBC)

**Time:** 9am - 11:00am

## NAPLAN

Lethbridge Primary School will again conduct NAPLAN assessments online this year. Students in Years 3 and 5 will require their own set of *corded* headphones for the assessment. Please contact Miss Marks or Mr Bartlett if you have any questions regarding NAPLAN.

## COMMUNITY OSH – TRIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A holiday program is being offered at Teesdale Primary School during the upcoming school holidays. The trial program is being offered due to the expression of interest of parents at Lethbridge PS and Teesdale PS. The program is for April 17 to 21. Bookings are open online.



# 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](https://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 contact your child's teacher on a regular basis.

Enjoy your weekend,  
Chelsey



## BRICKS

We have a collection of bricks at school that are not required. Families are welcome to collect some if they are of use to you. The bricks are located near the turning circle and water tank.

Please ensure you wear protective clothing such as gloves when collecting these.



## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

### UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you have any uniform items that no longer fit your child/ren, we would gratefully accept any donations for the sick bay. We are particularly after tracksuit pants and shorts.



### 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](http://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 5 CAMP – by Jaxen C**

### **Day 1**

We hopped on the bus to go to Cave Hill Creek. It was about a 2-hour trip, then we arrived at Cave Hill Creek. We exited the bus and got told what tent we were in. We were told to put our bags in front of the tent and then we went down to the lake. Then we got told what the rules were. There was a leaf competition for the biggest leaf then we rushed to get set up at our tents. Next we did activities, then we ate dinner and went on a walk. Before we went to bed we roasted marshmallows.

### **Day 2**

We woke up, ate breakfast and did 2 more activities. We ate lunch at 12 O'clock and then we did two more activities, we had a delicious dinner. Next we watched a movie called "Oddball" then we went off to bed.

### **Day 3**

We woke up on the final day at Cave Hill Creek. We ate breakfast for the final time and did the very last 2 activities. After we ate lunch and said goodbye, but before we hopped on the bus we were going to see who won the competition and then we hopped on the bus and went home.

## **YEAR 5 CAMP – by Kassidy and Saige**

Firstly, we arrived at camp and the staff showed us our cabins and told us what cabin groups we were in. A staff member at Cave Hill Creek named Britney warned us about the danger noodles (snakes). Secondly, we ate lunch in the cafeteria. Then we found out our activity groups. First, Saige and I went canoeing. We learnt skills and simply how to canoe. Luckily, no one capsized the boat. Then we did an activity called I Spy. We had some downtime before dinner. After downtime they called us down for dinner. We had lasagne and some veggies for dinner. After dinner we went on a bushwalk and it was 3k long. Everyone's feet were so tired! We cooked marshmallows then went to bed. Everyone woke up well rested and we all got called down for breakfast. It was just a few options of cereal and toast. We started with Bouldering then we moved onto Abseiling. It was so much fun, but it was a big walk up. We ate morning tea then went to hut building and finally archery. Then it was lunch time, and we had these beautiful burgers. They were so delicious. We had downtime and showers then it was dinner. We had chicken bites and more vegetables. Then, we watched a movie called "Oddball". Then it was bedtime. We woke up the next morning, packed, then we did map reading, low ropes, ate lunch and went home.





## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Term 1, Week 4

<b>Prep B</b>	<b>Lucas</b> For using your number knowledge to quickly subitise dots on cards and repeat the pattern. Excellent effort Lucas!
<b>Grade 1/2 F</b>	<b>Ryder M</b> For your brilliant efforts in Writing using your sound knowledge to spell words. Well done, Ryder!
<b>Grade 2 / 3 M</b>	<b>Jarvis and Levi</b> For taking on feedback and experimenting with different openers and connectives during persuasive writing. Congratulations!
<b>Grade 4 / 5M</b>	<b>Heidi</b> For always being ready to learn! You have your materials ready at the start of every lesson and listen attentively. Well done Heidi!
<b>Grade 5 / 6R</b>	<b>Trinity</b> For showing great engagement in your learning and being willing to accept help. Awesome work Trinity!
<b>Art Award</b>	<b>Milla</b> For creating a wonderful flower collage in Art.
<b>Italian Award</b>	<b>Ben</b> For practicing the Italian words in other areas of his learning. Bravo Ben!
<b>STEM Award</b>	<b>Ryder M</b> For his manners and contributions when learning about water. Fantastic Ryder!
<b>P.E. Award</b>	<b>Trinity</b> For her enthusiasm and determination when practicing triple jump and long jump. You should be very proud of yourself Trinity! Keep it up!
<b>Principal's Award</b>	<b>Ryder M</b> For his perseverance and efforts in Writing.

### Term 1, Week 5

<b>Prep B</b>	<b>Milla</b> For your increased resilience when coming to school, exploring the playground and your enthusiasm in your learning. Keep up the great work!
<b>Grade 1/2 F</b>	<b>Aria</b> For her fantastic work during Maths to identify the amount of cookies to be shared. Great work Aria!
<b>Grade 2 / 3 M</b>	<b>Oliver</b> For displaying interest in our Inquiry topic and sharing newly acquired information with his classmates.
<b>Grade 4 / 5M</b>	<b>Grace</b> For writing a persuasive text about saving tigers from extinction and going further by donating your own money to the cause. What an excellent example of Care!
<b>Grade 5 / 6R</b>	<b>Finn</b> For being a reliable, honest, and caring friend to your classmates. Thank you for contributing to our positive classroom environment each day. Well done, Finn!

<b>Art Award</b>	<b>Billy</b> For staying on task and completing a great colour wheel turtle.
<b>P.E. Award</b>	<b>Matilda</b> For her 'can do' attitude and for helping Mrs Palmer with demonstrating throwing and catching.
<b>STEM Award</b>	<b>Ruby-Rae</b> For following Mrs Palmer's instructions and doing your personal best in our STEM lesson. Fantastic Ruby-Rae!
<b>Principal's Award</b>	<b>Meadow</b> For her problem-solving skills in Maths when using vertical addition.

**Teesdale Primary**  
**Autumn Holiday Program**  
**17TH-21ST APRIL 2023**






Families can claim Child Care Subsidy if you are registered with MYGOV and the Family Assistance Office.

**7.00am – 6.00pm**    **Main Road Teesdale VIC 3328**    **Ph: 0448 674 516**    **www.commosh.edu.au**

**Monday 17th Little Athletics**  
 Make sure you have a big breakfast as we will be running, swinging and throwing all morning. We will be learning the fundamentals of soccer, basketball, athletics, AFL and tee-ball to develop essential motor skills in a fun and non-competitive environment. Incursion Fee: \$15.00



**Tuesday 18th Autumn Carnival**  
 The holidays have just begun and there is a lot of fun to be had at our Commosh Carnival. Have your face painted as your favourite animal or character. Guess the jelly beans in the jar to win. Play Knock Em Down Ring Toss, , Balloon Pop. Decorate your own Clown Cakes to enjoy for afternoon tea.



**Wednesday 19th Inflatable World Excursion**  
 Join us for an action packed day! Enjoy the Inflatable Obstacle Course and Interactive sports zone at Inflatable World South Geelong. All children must wear socks to participate so be sure to wear or pack a pair today. Please arrive by 8.30am Excursion Fee: \$28.00



**Thursday 20th Kung Fu Panda**  
 Are you like Poh and love Kung-Fu? Luckily we are not lazy like Poh because karate is a highly aerobic exercise that will get your heart pumping. However, you'll be having so much fun that you won't realise what a great workout you are getting. In the afternoon make a colourful sand art design. Incursion Fee: \$15.00



**Friday 27th Wheelie Good Fun**  
 Bring along your bike or scooter today and test out your riding skills on our obstacle course. Use your imagination and choose items from our mega craft box to dress your wheels up for the end of day ride parade. Helmets and safety gear must be worn at all times.



Children need to pack morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.  
Please ensure children are wearing closed in shoes, weather appropriate clothing, hat and bring a refillable drink bottle.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL EVENTS



### 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](http://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  
Bigstone location



### Open Night

**Wednesday 8th March 2023**

**6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

**MFG** Matthew Flinders  
Girls Secondary  
College



### Guided Tours 2023

[www.ignatius.vic.edu.au](http://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au)



**ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG**  
**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**

# 00LETHBRIDGE GENERAL STORE

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.

<b><u>SANDWICHES</u></b>	
Salad	\$4.50
Salad & Meat (Chicken, Ham)	\$5.00
Cheese/Tomato	\$4.00
Ham cheese tomato	\$4.50
Chicken cheese mayo	\$5.00
<b><u>HOT FOODS</u></b>	
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

<b><u>DRINKS</u></b>	
Pop Tops {Apple,Blackcurrant}	\$2.50
Big M 300ml {Strawb,choc}	\$3.50
Water Bottle 600ml	\$3.00
Big M 600ML {Choclote}	\$4.90
Lipton tea {peach,lemon}	\$4.50
<b><u>Sweets</u></b>	
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