Mission Statement

Lysterfield Primary School will provide a positive and safe learning environment that caters for a variety of learning styles. Our objective is to develop confident, well adjusted, resilient, life long learners capable of being responsible for their own opinions and actions, whilst being positive contributors to the global society and a sustainable environment.

Foundation Excursion – Melbourne Zoo

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**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Year 7 Transition Night**

On Monday night Lysterfield Senior School students and staff hosted past Year 6 students for our annual Transition and Pizza Night. Whilst the pizza and drinks were a great selling point, the real joy of the night was catching up with past students and hearing their honest accounts of their Year 7 experiences so far – everything from catching the bus and apps for iPads to the different uniforms for each school and what it’s like in the first weeks of school. We are extremely lucky to have past students and parents who are prepared to give up their time to support our current Year 6 students along with a fantastic Senior School staff who organise, cater and support this important transition program. A huge thankyou to all our students, parents and teachers.

**LPS Cross Country & District Athletics**

After weeks of training during PE and Huff & Puff sessions, last Friday saw our Middle and Senior School students participate in the Cross Country trials for 2016. Amazingly, the event was able to take place despite significant rain storms prior to and immediately after the event. Congratulations to all those students who ran, jogged and walked the course, to the age-group winners and the winning house team – Cook. We would especially like to thank the many parent helpers who braved the weather, cheered on the participants and offered their time as Marshalls and aides for the event.

Keeping with the sporting theme – over the past few weeks, Mr Vague and Mrs Tolley have been helping our athletes practise for their selected event at the District Athletics. We would like to wish our District Athletics team the best of luck when they compete this Friday at the District Athletics Carnival at Knox Athletics Track in Knoxfield. We look forward to hearing their results.

**NAPLAN for 2016**

This time next week, our Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the 2016 NAPLAN testing in the areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy. For those children and parents involved, we encourage you to read the Information Sheet handed out this week which outlines the structure and timeline for the week. For those parents, carers and students who have any questions about the NAPLAN week, please don’t hesitate in contacting your child’s teacher.
**Mother’s Day Stall**

Throughout the day on Wednesday, the library was filled with eager buyers as they haggled and bought at this year’s Mother’s Day Stall. The purchasing was followed by, possibly, the most important part of the day - brothers and sisters visiting classrooms to confirm that no gift had been duplicated. For those who ‘lay-buyed’ their gifts, payments and collections can be made on Thursday and Friday.

On behalf of the students and staff, we would like to thank the many parents for their support at the Mother’s Day Stall and especially to Andrea Fillingham and Kylie Wyborn for their organisation and coordination of this year’s event.

**Staff Carpark**

Just a friendly reminder that the staff carpark is not to be used as a ‘drop off’ or ‘pick up’ venue for parents and children choosing to drop their children at school. Whilst we acknowledge that there are times when the drop off points at the front of the school can be quite congested, it is the safest and preferred place to do so. We would also like to remind parents and students to enter the school via the gate and walkway rather than through the carpark gate/driveway when entering the school. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Enjoy your week.

*Geoff Issell*

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**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**

A second hand uniform sale will take place on:

- **DATE:** Wednesday 18 May
- **TIME:** 8.45am – 9.30am
- **PLACE:** Library.

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**LIBRARY**

A huge **THANKYOU** to all the volunteer mums who have been madly covering library books, Guided Reading, Literacy Circles and Teacher Reference materials. It’s only week 4 of Term 2 and you have already covered 699 books. WELL DONE!

*Sandra Irvine*

*Library*
**Cross Country Result**

On a day when it seemed unlikely we would be able to run due to the early morning rain, a window of opportunity arose for long enough to brave the elements, open the umbrellas and run like the wind before the rain returned. Thanks to the courage of our 20 volunteer parents and our very efficient staff at the finish line, we finished all events in just on one hour. Well done to all our students who tried so hard on the day and congratulations to the 54 students who will represent us in the District Cross Country on Friday 20 May. Their names are on the window of the canteen entrance and permission forms for this will be sent home no later than next Tuesday. Special congratulations to the winners of all the age groups:

- **12/13 year old boys:** Callan J
- **12/13 year old girls:** Sarah S
- **11 year old boys:** Caleb W
- **11 year old girls:** Emma D
- **10 year old boys:** Sebastian F
- **10 year old girls:** Abbey M
- **9 year old boys:** Blake C
- **9 year old girls:** Bree H

Well done especially to Seb F, who despite only being 9, won the boys 10 year old event. Top effort Seb. Please note that there is no 9 year old event in the District Cross Country.

**District Athletics Sports**

We wish our Athletics team all the very best for tomorrow. 68 students will represent us on the day and we know that they will give their very best in all events.

**Randall Vague**

**Sports Co-Ordinator**

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**HOUSE AWARDS**

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LIBRARY

May is National Family Reading Month and Scholastic have great prizes available to the top 20 readers for the month in each state and territory across Australia.

Complete the attached log after reading a minimum of 10 minutes per day.

Between June 1-15 ask a parent to go online at scholastic.com.au/nfrm and enter the competition.

Ask a parent to sign your log, keep it handy-if you’re a winner you will need to send it into Scholastic.

If you are already participating in the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge use your reading time during May to enter this challenge.

Happy reading and good luck.

Sandra Irvine
SUSTAINABILITY

Garden News

After a Facilities and Resources Committee meeting it was decided that we needed to mulch and plant the area outside the foundation classrooms.

Last Wednesday SH children helped with mulching the ground behind the wood. This has been recognised as an area that needed building up so that it removed a potential tripping hazard. Thank you SH for your help.

On Wednesday in Garden Club the Year 4 children were helping by planting Australian Native bushes in the mulched area. We all got a bit muddy digging in the wet ground after the rain. Thank you to Terri, a parent from Year 4, who helped with the digging and planting.

Deirdre Loveless
SUSTAINABILITY

Foundation Mobile Recycling Term 2

The children in Foundation are learning about animals that live in the zoo and live in the wild and how they are different. They are collecting mobile phones to help save the gorillas’ habitat and to support gorilla doctors in Africa who are working to protect gorillas. You can help by sending your old phones and phone accessories (eg chargers) to school. There is a special box in Mrs Sayers Room 8 (FS) for you to put them in. Look in your draws and ask friends to recycle their phones. We will send the phones to the Zoo at the end of term 2.

Thank you

*Foundation Teachers and Children*
Happy Mother’s Day to all of our OSHC mums. This week the children will be making Mother’s Day cards and gifts of their choosing.

Non Arrival of Children
We have seen an increase lately of children not arriving at the service when they are booked in. We have a process when this occurs which includes checking if the child was at school, checking the grounds, contacting all emergency contacts and if the child is not with them or the parent is not contactable we will ring the police. This is a lengthy process which takes a staff member away from those children who are attending. Generally the child has been picked up from class by one of their parents.

Please let us know if you picked up your child directly from class etc. by either popping in to let us know or sending us a text message. This will save much stress and embarrassment and avoid a police officer knocking on your door looking for your child when they are safely with you and you have neglected to inform us.

Thank you to those parents that give us this courtesy.

Award Winners: Todd F & Mariela

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CANTEEN
Canteen Helpers

If you are able to spare 2 hours on a Friday or assist with our Special Lunch Days, please leave your details at the office, complete the form below or just pop into the canteen on a Wednesday or Friday and say hello. We would love to hear from you.

Thank you and enjoy your lunch

Carolyn and Gayle

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER

Yes, I am able to volunteer to help in the Canteen. Please circle day/s

Friday 6 May  Friday 13 May  Friday 20 May  Friday 27 May
Friday 3 June  Friday 10 June  Friday 17 June

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