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.
Principal’s Report

Hamer Hall Choir

Melinda and the Primary School Choir were sensational on Wednesday night! Most of the performances from other schools were instrumental with only one other Secondary Choir who sang a contemporary number.

Our kids sang and danced to a medley of Disney Movie Sound Tracks including, Let’s Go Fly a Kite, Bare Necessities and When You Wish Upon a Star. The kids came from a range of local primary schools with Melinda choreographing and conducting the combined choir. She is awesome!

We had many compliments over the evening and the following few days. I have received many emails and phone calls from Principals, Teachers and Parents expressing their delight at the performance from this Choir.

I would like to personally thank Melinda for being able to put this together so magnificently and give these kids a chance to sparkle in such a fabulous setting as Hamer Hall.

All those parents who are able to come to assembly on Monday mornings will have the opportunity of seeing the performance both on the big screen as well as the Lysterfield contingency performing live! Screening date to be advised.

Dance Fair Victoria - Six Years Consecutively

It was a huge week last week with the Night of Notables on Monday night, Hamer Hall on Wednesday night and Dance Fair on Friday night!

Our performers were once again triumphant by being overall winners Six years in a row! The Lysterfield name is synonymous with success in the dance world! Along with the year six students a month ago, the year five students entertained the audience and judges with their ‘moves’ and ability to ‘shine’ on stage.

Congratulations to all our dancers and a special mention to Ellie for her solo performance that I thought was awesome and to Ethan and Sean for combining so brilliantly as a team.

The placements were:

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I would like to acknowledge all the support and wonderful advice provided to our dancers by Julie Meier and Sophie Meehan. These two teachers gave up many lunch times and after hours to ensure all these children had the chance to perform. Thank you.

Foundation Zoo Excursion

Finally we made it to the zoo! We were obliged to cancel the previous date due to the prediction of hail, thunder and lightning. Monday weather was a little bit of a concern early on however, only a sprinkling of a shower just prior to lunch was the only blemish!
The students had a great time visiting the exhibits and attending the education centre to have a more ‘hands on’ experience. The zoo is always a highlight of the Foundation year and is the perfect motivator for children to improve their skills with reading and writing because they have experienced the animals first hand. Students are now able to discuss with much more depth, understanding and clarity the smells, the sounds, the sights and how they felt.

Experiences such as these are the perfect precursor to improve student abilities to discuss, read and write from a personal perspective about the world around them.

**Curriculum Day**

Last Friday, classroom teachers spent the day discussing, planning and further developing our skills when implementing a creative and inspiring Inquiry Learning Approach. Tracy Wright and Randall Vague presented these sessions and provided thought provoking and practical strategies so that all teachers can see where the next level of work will be.

We have been implementing an Inquiry approach for a few years now and to ensure we have a collective understanding and remain committed to improved student learning outcomes, we evaluated our current progress, examined contemporary research and formulated improved learning opportunities for our kids. As of this week, teachers have already commenced adapting their programs to incorporate the new learning that happened on Friday.

A huge thank you to Tracy and Randall for their professionalism and expertise on Friday and for their ongoing and continued support to school improvement.

**Foundation Feedback Session**

On Tuesday morning we held a Foundation Feedback session in the staffroom. We spent the morning discussing how and why we run particular programs in our classrooms as well as responding to questions and feedback from parents. It was a very positive and useful session and we are currently adapting and altering some of our processes to include suggestions from our Foundation parents.

We hope parents feel better informed after this session and invite anyone to pop in for a chat that were unable to attend but have questions or queries.

Once again I would like to thank Carolyn Johnston, Michelle Sayers and Tracy Wright for presenting and sharing so eloquently how Foundation operates.

**Welcome Back Shae Sloane**

Shae returned from China on the weekend after playing Volley Ball for Australia. The team only lost two games and came 9th overall. The team had a very successful trip with China being the ultimate champions. We consider Shae to be reasonably tall although according to her the Chinese team were much taller than our girls – probably explains why they were the winners!

Congratulations Shae and welcome back…we missed you!

**Working Bee on Sunday**

We had a wonderfully committed and determined parent group arrive on Sunday in the freezing cold and wet conditions to help with the retaining wall around the Senior School playground and to stop the mud sliding down the bank outside the Foundation/Junior School area.

Parents arrived at 9:00 ish and most stayed until 3:00-3:30! Cherie Elsum cooked the BBQ and Deirdre Loveless helped with clearing up around the Kitchen Garden area.

The number of parents who came along to help was very small considering the size of our school and we are as always most grateful that this group of parents offered their time and energy to ensure the school is safe and looks beautiful.

I would like to personally thank Shane Kelly our School Council President for once again organising this Working Bee and for rallying the troupes to attend. To the following families I say a massive and heartfelt thank you from all of us: James Glover, Amram Williams, Neil and Lah Sargent, Clee and Kirsty Rickard, Craig Allen, Rod Steele and Shane Kelly.

Thank you also to the students who came along to help: Miranda FS, Ethan 4M, Lara 2H, Ben 3S, Jemma SH, Holly FS, Jasmine 1M, Scarlett 1M, Ashleigh 3H, Cameron SA, Jessica SN, Tayla 4T and Samantha 4T.

*Tina Clydesdale*
1 June 2015.

Dear Parents,

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)
for Eligible Concession Card Families

The Victorian Government has provided the opportunity for * eligible families to apply for the CSEF through the school. Please read the attached information from the Department of Education and Training.

*Eligible families: If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

The annual amount per student is $125 for primary school students. The funds will be paid to the school to cover school organised activities such as:

- School camps/trips
- Swimming and other school organised sporting programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions/Incursions

Payments **cannot be used** towards voluntary school charges, books or stationery etc.

At this point in time, refunds to parents are not able to be made for camps/sports etc. that have already taken place. This may alter in the future, however schools are currently awaiting on advice from the Minister. We will keep families informed of the outcome.

If you believe you are eligible for this payment please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download a form from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

**Please note Application forms along with a copy of relevant Concession card must be lodged at the school office no later than by 3.30pm 25 June, 2015.**

Helen Boucher
Business Manager
REMINDER - EARLY OFFICE CLOSURE

On **Tuesday 9 June** all staff will be participating in a Professional Development session and for this reason the office will be closed from **3.40pm sharp**.

We apologise for any inconvenience.
School Holidays commence on Monday 29 June. If you require care via our holiday clubs please contact camp Australia for program details and locations.

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CANTEEN

DESPERATELY SEEKING PARENT HELP

We currently have no helpers on our roster for Friday 5 June or for any future Friday’s. We desperately need parent helpers to ensure that the children’s lunches get to them on time and HOT!

If anyone can help this Friday 5 June, please call or email the school.

Just two hours is all we ask between 11.15am and 1.15pm only on Fridays!

Cheeseburger Special Lunch Day

Monday 22 June

If anyone is able to help us on the Special Lunch Day from about 10.30am until 1.00pm please leave your name at the office, drop into the canteen or fill in the form below and return to the office.

Enjoy your lunch.

Gayle and Carolyn

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**CANTEEN HELPER**

Yes, I am able to help in the canteen on the following days:

- Friday 5 June
- Friday 12 June
- Friday 19 June
- Friday 26 June (No canteen, last day of term)
- Special Lunch Day Monday 22 June

Name ___________________________________________________________ Phone ____________________________

Oldest Child _____________________________________________________ Grade ____________________________
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
The construction of two retaining walls, one around the senior school playground and the other near the foundation area were completed Sunday in challenging conditions, to say the least. The retaining wall around the senior school playground will now stop the mulch from spreading. True to form the earth we were digging was a mix of granite, rock, rubble and clay. This meant that the crow bar got some heavy and frequent use.

Most of those who attended turned up at 9am and we finished close to 3pm, it was a big day. What made it challenging was that there was only up to six of us working on the project.

The parent stars of the this project were
James Glover and daughter Miranda in FS
Amram Williams and daughter Lara and son Ethan
Neil and Lah Sargent as well as son Ben and daughter Jemma
Cree and Kirsty Rickard and daughter Holly in FS
Craig Allen with Jasmine, Scarlett, Ashleigh and Cameron
Rod Steel with Jackson and Taylah

A big thank you to our LPS teachers - Deirdre Loveless and Cherie Elsum who helped with the BBQ and assisting with the kids. Also to the mums, not all the names I have remembered here, apologies, helped out cleaning around the school and supporting and helping wherever they could which was fantastic.

There is still more work to go, but the bulk has been completed.

Craig Allen, you’re amazing, without your guidance and expertise the chances of getting the work done were slim, at best. Once again a magnificent effort demonstrated by a select few. On behalf of the children who attend the school, thank you all.

Shane Kelly

SUSTAINABILITY

Give parents a voice

Parental concerns regarding road safety are regularly cited as a major barrier to active travel and active play, children playing out on the street are few and far between.
Here at Ride2School we encourage and support more students to ride and walk to school and we want to hear parents thoughts on the ways in which we can campaign for more child-friendly environments.

Please help us support more happier and healthier communities. Parents check out this link and let Ride2School know what you think https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GGZSGWR
SPORT

Senior Winter Sport Venues

Local Council has now approved the venues for our winter sport days on Friday 12 June and Monday 22 June. So now we can give final confirmation of venues for each sport are:

Australian Rules Football  Kings Park
Tee Ball  Kings Park
Netball  Kent Park Primary School
Volleyball  St Jude’s Primary School
Soccer  Benedict Reserve

Games start at 9.50 am and the last game should be completed by 2.15 pm. Permission forms have been already distributed for both days and are due back by Wednesday 10 June.

Randall Vague

District Cross Country

On Friday 22 May a team of just under 60 students departed for Knox Athletics track to compete in the District Cross Country. Although the ground was damp, the rain held off and students were able to run in perfect conditions. All students who competed on the day should be really proud of the way in which they ran and represented their school. Lysterfield Primary School came 4th out of the 16 schools who competed on the day. Special mention to Caleb W, Ben L, Cam F, Paityn H, Emma D, Callan J, Kai W, Sarah S, Natasha L, Kieren O and Hannah H who all made it through to the Division Cross Country which will be held on Friday 5 June.

Well done!

Mr Fullard