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.
Assistant Principal’s Report

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had an enjoyable break and the chance to 'recharge the batteries'.

**Year 5/Foundation Buddies**

Last Friday our Year 5 students had the opportunity to meet their 2015 Foundation Buddies for the first time. After the introductions, the pairs and groups participated in a number of classroom 'Getting to Know You' activities including a 'tour' of the school-grounds. If smiling and happy Year 5 and Foundation students is anything to go by, then the first of many Buddy sessions was a huge success. A big thank you to the Senior and Foundation staff for their organisation and preparation of the day.

**District Swimming**

After competing in the LPS swimming trials late in 2014, 34 students were selected to represent Lysterfield in tomorrow's District Swimming sports at Knox Leisureworks. We would like to wish all team members, Mr. Vague and Mr. Hicks all the best for the day and look forward to hearing about the results.

**3 Way Conferences**

Just a reminder that our 3 Way Conferences will be taking place on Monday and Tuesday of next week (16th/17th February). Confirmation of your child's day and time will be sent home by the end of this week. If you have not yet indicated a time and day, could you please forward it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

**The Importance of Consistency**

Consistency is both an essential element in our relationships and the key to effective discipline and positive classroom atmosphere with our children and students. One of the simplest ways to improve a child's behaviour is to be more consistent.

Children and students love their parents and teachers to be consistent as they are able to predict how they will act and as teachers, we acknowledge that consistency helps prevent misbehaviour from escalating. As we begin the process in our classes of getting to know the students and families, we aim to help students develop self-discipline and enjoy the experiences of being in their new classes.

Enjoy the week.

*Geoff Issell*
Sick Bay Washing Roster

If there are any parents willing to go on the roster once or twice a term to wash linen/ice pack covers, we would be very appreciative of your assistance. Please complete the form below and return to school as soon as possible.

With thanks

Kris and Nonie

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Sick Bay Washing Roster

Yes I am able to assist with the washing of the Sick Bay Linen.

Name...........................................................................................................................................................................

Phone Number..............................................................................................................................................................

Eldest Child’s Name....................................................................................................................................................... Grade.............................................................................

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has commenced for 2015 and operates each week during the school term. Please ensure all bank books are at school on Monday morning for processing.

Thank you

Banking Team

PARENT HELPER WORKSHOP

Yes I would like to participate in the Parent Helper Workshop with Tracy Wright on:

Monday 16 February after assembly in the library

Name...........................................................................................................................................................................

Phone.................................................................................................................................................................

Eldest Child’s Name....................................................................................................................................................... Grade.............................................................................
School Council Election 2015 - Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- An optional Community member category - members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term I each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council

- encouraging another person to stand for election.
Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

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KEYBOARD LESSONS

At

Lysterfield Primary School

Private lessons or 2 to a lesson

NO GROUPS

Please call Rebecca Hart
Mob - 0405184587
Email - rebeccahhart@gmail.com
Canteen News

Canteen menu and pricelist have been distributed to students and is also available on the school’s website.

Enjoy your Lunch!
Carolyn and Gayle

Canteen Helper

Yes I am able to help in the canteen on the following date/s.

Friday.................................................................................................................................
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Name.................................................................................................................................Phone No...........................................................
Child’s Name................................................................................................................Grade...............................................................
Parking at your school

* Park the car in a legal parking area (in all weather conditions) and walk your child or meet them at the school gate.

* Avoid parking on or calling to children from the opposite side of the road. (Excited children often dash out onto the road and forget to look for traffic).

* You are not to park within 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres of the departure side of a children crossing.

* Never park or drop-off children on the school crossing, no matter how brief it seems.

* Never double park.

* Avoid letting children walk through car parks. Teach them the dangers of reversing vehicles, cars on the move, etc.

* Insist your children get in and out of the car using the safety doors (the kerbside doors). This will keep them out of the flow of traffic.
2015 Oppy Bike Ride
Part of the Knox Festival

SIGN UP NOW!

Win prizes just by registering!*

Sunday 1 March 2015
10am–3pm

The Oppy Bike Ride is a family friendly task based ride for cyclists of all levels. With 3 routes exploring Knox’s great bike paths and major prizes to be won (group & individual), register now!

Proudly sponsored by

knox.vic.gov.au/oppy #oppybikeride #KnoxFest facebook.com/knoxcouncil

Knox Festival 2015

Pitch a tent, roll out a swag or flatten out some cardboard and join in the inaugural Big Sleepover after the ‘Twilight Cinema at Knox Festival.

Have a sleepover in Wally Tew Reserve, Ferntree Gully and support Uniting Care Harmsworth work with people experiencing homelessness.

Then wake up to a FREE breakfast FREE fairground and FREE entry to Knox Festival!

REGISTER AT:
www.knoxcouncil.gov.au/bigsleepover

28 February – 1 March
Wally Tew Reserve, Ferntree Gully
knoxcouncil.gov.au/knoxfestival

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The BIG Sleepover
SATURDAY 28 FEB 2015