

# Lysterfield Primary School

## Whole School News



LPS develops students that are **curious** about the world around them and **confident** in their **knowledge** and **skills** to be **successful** in the future.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Parents and Friends,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! What a wonderful night we had on Tuesday night with our whole school Christmas concert. The school was a sea of red, green and silver as children dressed in Christmas colours and accessories to sing and dance their way through some favourite Christmas carols. The weather was perfect and we were all able to sit outside and enjoy the evening. Well done to all our performers and to Mrs Higgins for organising such a joyous event!



Over the past 2 weeks students have been spending time in their 2019 year level for a short visit and experiencing some work at that level. Next week, students will meet all the teachers that will be working in the level for 2019, along with finding out their teacher and classmates. We hope everyone is excited for the changes and the move up the school—everyone is starting to look too tall or too mature for the level they are currently in!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

2019 Prep Orientation Day  
& Meet your Teacher  
11<sup>th</sup> December

Crazy Hair Day  
10th December

Helpers' Morning Tea  
12th December

Reports Available on  
Sentral  
18th December

Grade 6 Graduation  
19th December

End of Term  
Friday 21st December

Assembly: 12:30pm

Dismissal 1:30pm

*Curious*

*Confident*

*Successful*

## PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Parents are reminded that school activities **MUST** be paid for by the due date, and any required signed permission forms must be returned to school, or approved via Qkr.

In the past, we have often been able to extend the deadline of payments, but nowadays with our

school procedures for registering students on school excursions, including online risk management forms, as well as our payment processes, it is almost impossible to manage late payments and accept additional students.

Costing, buses and venue locations and restrictions are also worked out on the number of students and if this changes it has a knock on affect.

Please ensure you keep up to date with your child's activities at school through notices and newsletters, as well as Sentral updates. Activities are also always discussed at school so your child should be able to tell you about it.

*If you are having difficulty paying the amount due, please always contact the office as alternative options can be discussed.*

## STUDENT AWARDS

The past week has been very exciting as several of our students have received awards from various organisations for a variety of reasons. Firstly, last week we were very excited as 2 sisters, independent of each other or their teachers realising, were awarded 2 different awards:

Taylah H (Year 5) received a Bendigo Bank scholarship for year 6, in recognition of her charity work (knitting beanies for newborn babies and growing her hair for Hair with Heart) as well as her leadership and excellence at school.



Lexie H (Year 3) received the Knox Council Dobson Ward award in recognition of her hard-working, conscientious approach to school and the community, particularly her the community mindedness in maintaining our school gardens and keeping our yard clean and tidy. Here are the girls with Knox Mayor Jake Keogh and Bendigo Bank manager Abigail Jamieson, along with their proud parents!



I was proud to attend at Rowville SC on Monday night to see Bethany S (Year 6) receive a Year 7 Barry Plant Scholarship. Congratulations to Bethany who applied and had to undergo an interview to be the successful recipient. I understand from the College that there was an incredibly high level of applicants for this scholarship and that Bethany should be very proud of all her hard work, as both her application and interview were very impressive. Bethany is a hard working student who cares for others. Bethany about how she has grown as a leader through working as a circles leader and with her junior buddy. Well done Bethany!

## CURIOSITY CELEBRATION

What a wonderful end to a great term of learning to be curious! This term, students from across the school let their curiosity guide them into researching a wide variety of topics—from underwater creatures to poverty and domestic violence. Our work on curiosity and powerful learning is really beginning to show benefits, as our students start to become more independent in their learning and asking questions, rather than waiting for answers. Curiosity, coupled with a growth mindset, will hold students in great stead for their futures.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who came along to our celebration morning.



Have a great week!

*Kendra*

Kendra Parker—PRINCIPAL



## UNIFORM UPDATE

Many parents have been inquiring about the availability of the new school uniform. As stated previously, the new uniform will be phased in over several years. The new uniform will be available in full for our 2019 preps, but other sizes will be phased in over the coming years.

As many parents are keen to see their children in the new summer dress, we have worked with Klad Sport to have this available for families that wish to change over now. The new dress will be available from 14th January at Klad Sport in all sizes.

Please note that the current dress is still acceptable and can continue to be worn.

For those that missed it, here is Vanessa modelling our new summer dress!



## LIBRARY

### TERM 1 2019 EVENTS

Lamont Book Fair

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge-registration

### LIBRARY CLOSURE

The library is now closed so to allow us to return, sort and shelve all books and clean the library in preparation for 2019, it would be greatly appreciated if all books at home be returned as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your support.

*Sandra Irvine*

## Obituary for Barry and Fatso

During the latter part of the year, our Frog program sadly came to an end with the passing of Barry and Fatso. Barry was one of our White Lip Green Tree Frogs and Fatso was one of the regular green tree frogs many of you may have seen on a trip up north. Fatso, along with his two siblings, was donated to us. By all estimates Barry would have reached around 12-13 years of age and was one of the many tadpoles spawned here at Lysterfield.

Our frog program began with 6 White Lips donated by Sassafra PS who were overly enjoying the benefits of their very healthy frog program. So, late in 2006, I jumped into the frog pond/Learning Pit and took on the care and maintenance of them. Late in January after some frog perfect, lovely rainy, warm nights, I noticed some white stuff with black dots. At first, I thought this was perhaps mosquito larvae but soon there were little black creatures dancing around in the water. It then occurred to me that LPS was the very proud parents of tadpoles! Thus began the cycle of preparing special receptacles to care for the tadpoles and ensuring that when they morphed they could get out of the water. The next step was to find food small enough for little froglets, as they now had grown lungs.

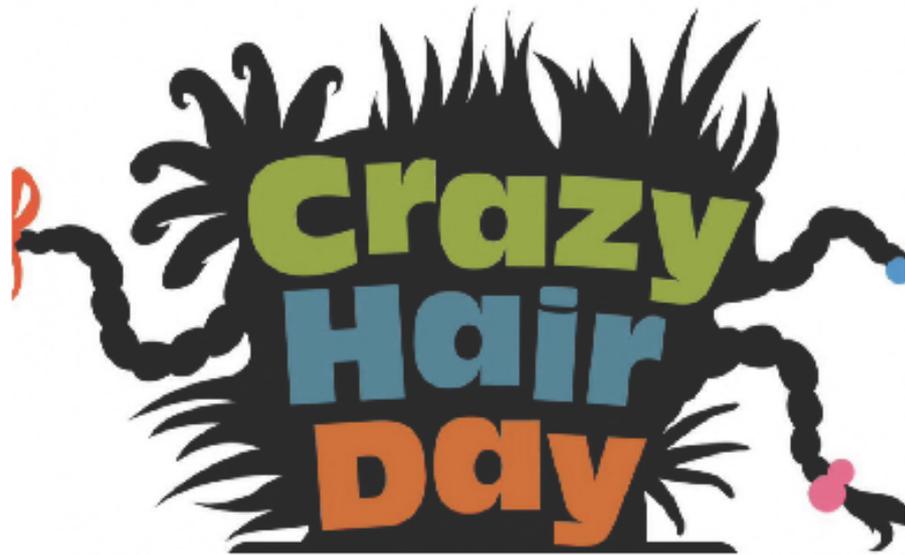
The frog program provided many opportunities for student learning from life cycles, sustainability and Student Leadership programs. I could not have kept the program going if it wasn't for the many staff (past and present) who supported me, Meaghan at Mad About Pets (answering my many phone calls) and the diligent and caring Student Leaders.

Lastly, thank you to the frogs who taught me that frogs are a very good barometer of a sustainable environment since they breathe through their skins. They also made me wonder about life and its changes. So if you are fortunate enough to hear their joyous croaking during soggy, humid nights, you know that your surrounds are pretty healthy and be happy.

Christine (Walker)



## STUDENT VOICE COUNCIL



Let's support Taylah with a  
GOLD COIN DONATION  
and by participating in  
Lysterfield Primary School's Crazy Hair Day.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

We will be eating snack together as a school and watching  
Taylah's hair being cut off!!

Taylah's hair and all the money raised will be donated to



**Hair with Heart**

# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



## What we have been doing in Outside School Hours Care

Term 4 is almost finished, and we thought it would be the perfect time to share what we have been doing at **Before and After School care**.

We have had heaps of fun this term including activities like making poppies for Remembrance day, designing Jockey silks for Melbourne Cup day, Hama Art decorations and Christmas gifts for our parents. We will continue with our Christmas activities by working on our display board and making decorations.

But as always there was also plenty of quiet time for homework, relaxation and reading.

### Meet the Team

We're here to make OSHC the best experience possible for your children. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens first hand.

To find out more about our program, view our fees and to register, visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) and search for your school. It's free to register!

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon,

From the Team at Camp Australia

Safety • Meaningful • Innovative • Leadership • Education  
*we make kids smile*

## MUSIC TUITION

The advertisement features a black and white photograph of a young man with glasses playing a drum set. Overlaid on the image is the text 'LEARN TO PLAY DRUMS!' in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says 'ENROLL NOW!' and 'TEACHME@DRLESSONS.COM.AU'. On the right side, there is a circular logo with the text 'DR LESSONS • DRUM TUITION' around the perimeter and 'EST. 2011' at the bottom. The logo also contains a graphic of two crossed drumsticks.