

# 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.

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends

Over the previous fortnight nominations for school council were called for and we had 3 nominations for 3 vacancies. This means a ballot is not necessary. Congratulations to Nick Hubert, and Jodie Allen who continue on School Council. Congratulations and welcome to Joel Read who joins school council for the first time.

School Council has a very important function in overseeing and governing our school. Councillors volunteer their time to be part of the decision-making process that sets the broad direction and vision for our school as well as enhance the educational opportunities for our students. Of course, they also oversee our buildings and grounds, finances and legal issues as well. Thank you to our school councillors for your commitment to making our school a better place for your students.

**Meet your School Councillors on pages 4 & 5 of the newsletter.**

Over the past few weeks we have been proud to announce all of our school leadership positions. Congratulations to the following students on their election:

<b>SVC Leaders:</b>	Taylah H, Zac M
<b>Sustainability Leaders:</b>	Riona W, Rees H
<b>Stem Leaders:</b>	Charlie B, Isabelle J
<b>Cook House Captains:</b>	Callum B, Amelia G
<b>Flinders House Captains:</b>	Ben C, Leah B
<b>Mitchell House Captain:</b>	Ben W, Macy W
<b>Sturt House Captain:</b>	Jagger M, Eloise P

I look forward to working with all of our leaders over the year.

We also congratulate our 2019 **Marine Ambassadors:**

Ty S, Riley W, Rikki B, Tara G

### DATES TO REMEMBER IMPORTANT DATES 2019

#### Term Dates:

Term 1

Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jul - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Term 4

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Curriculum Days:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

#### School Camps:

Senior School—Rumbug

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March

Middle School- Waratah Bay

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Oct

(2 groups)

#### Upcoming Events:

##### School Photos

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

##### School Cross Country

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

##### Book Fair

5<sup>th</sup>—7<sup>th</sup> March

**Curious**

**Confident**

**Successful**

Thanks to the Dandenong Ranges Community Bank Group, Upwey Branch, our school now has a defibrillator. This life-saving piece of equipment has attributed to "Victoria being one of the safest places in the world to have a cardiac arrest according to the internationally recognised Utstein measure, with a 37 per cent survival rate for Victoria and 41 per cent for Greater Melbourne compared to 32 per cent for London during the same period." (<https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/defibrillator-saves-a-hat-trick-of-lives-in-record-year-for-bystanders/> )

Thank you to Helen Boucher, our Business Manager, for pursuing this grant and to Nick Hubert, School Council President who joined us at the presentation to accept the defibrillator.

Although we are pleased to have this available, we certainly hope we never have to use it!

Have a great week everyone!

*Kendra*



## LIBRARY

### ***You're Invited***

Our first book fair for 2019 is on its way!

For every dollar spent Lysterfield PS receives between 20-30% commission depending on the volume of sales. This money is used to purchase resources for use across all levels of the school as well as adding to the library.

For every book purchased a raffle ticket is issued and your child goes into the running for a prize. There are 6 prizes in all – Prep, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4 and the Senior School. Prizes are announced at a whole school assembly.

We look forward to your support and hope you find something of interest. As always there will be a bargain trolley with books at \$5.00 and under.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

**AN INVITATION TO OUR BOOK FAIR!**

**Where:** LYSTERFIELD PS  
COMMUNITY ROOM

**Date:** Tues 5, Wed 6, Thur 7 MARCH

**Time:** 3.30 - 4.30 pm

**Don't miss out!**  
Every purchase supports our school!

**LAMONT BOOK FAIRS**

[www.lamontbooks.com.au](http://www.lamontbooks.com.au)

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## Toilet behaviour and being a community member

Our school community is made up of parents, teachers, students and other stakeholders such as community groups. Of all these stakeholders, our students are the ones with the most still to learn. This means that at times they make mistakes and don't do the things we would expect of a member of our community.

Recently we have had to manage a number of inappropriate incidents in our toilets. These incidents have seen students damage property and make a mess that has required us to call our cleaners in for an emergency clean. Whilst we accept that students are still learning about what is appropriate, both in our school grounds and as a member of the community, it is reasonable to expect that students would do the same thing at our school as they would do at home. I'm sure that if a student was to have an accident in their own toilet at home that they would notify someone so that it could be fixed. I'm also sure that they would not throw toilet paper and splash water throughout the space. Apart from the inappropriateness of this behaviour, it is also extremely unhygienic to be playing in the school toilets.

We would respectfully ask that all parents and guardians have a conversation with their children about appropriate behaviour in the school toilets. Remind them that they are not the only ones that use the toilets and that when they are making a mess it's causing disruption for their friends and all those that use them.

## Bullying Posters



At Lysterfield Primary School we take student well-being very seriously and are continuing to implement new programs and strategies to ensure a safe and secure environment in which our students can learn. We are very pleased to add another dimension this year with our school anti-bullying posters and messages. These were developed last year by the Wellbeing team, with a purpose of helping students to understand what bullying is and is not, and what to do to help if you hear about bullying or know someone being bullied. Whilst we don't believe there is a bullying problem at Lysterfield Primary School, it is important to make sure that our students are educated and prepared for when they may encounter this in the future, either at school or outside school.

Teachers are using these as teaching tools in the classroom to educate our children. You can see them on display around the school and in the school foyer.

## Momo

Recently there has been a large amount of media publicity regarding an online hoax called Momo. Many of the media reports are grossly exaggerated and have created hysteria amongst the general public. As a school, we continue to educate students about the importance of being safe online and in reporting anything that makes them feel uncomfortable, to a teacher or parent.

It is worth mentioning that the Department of Education has some very comprehensive filters in place to ensure that inappropriate content does not appear on school devices. While students may at times use online services such as YouTube, The Department of Education filters ensure that inappropriate videos are not able to be viewed by students. We are not naive enough to believe that this makes our systems foolproof and as such, teachers continue to educate students about what to do should things not go the way we have planned.

Below is a link to an article that addresses some of the reports about the hoax.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/how-momo-global-social-media-hoax-about-paranormal-threat-kids-n977961>

*Adam*

# MEET YOUR SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

## JODIE ALLEN

Hi, I am Jodie Allen mother to three daughters. Tegan in SK, Imogen in 2F and Paige in PGH. I am married to Peter and we are both secondary school teachers. I teach Year 12 Psychology. I joined school council so that I could be actively involved in an area of the school. I really enjoy playing a supportive role in the school's strategic plan and engaging in conversations regarding key issues that concern the educational needs of the students at Lysterfield Primary. School council has given me the opportunity to interact with staff and parents and feel connected to my children's learning. Lysterfield has been moving in a positive direction and I look forward to seeing further growth. I am particularly excited about a whole school approach to the Inquiry learning and enjoy being a part of the open mornings viewing the work my children have completed each term.



## LEA THORN



**Name:** Lea Thorn

**Kids Names:** Lara Thorn (2F) & Quinn Thorn (2B)

**Bio:** Loving wife & Mum of 3 girls (also have Sammy 2.5yo), work part-time as an environmental project manager, chauffeur for all the kids sports (karate, gymnastics and swimming)! We are an active family who love motor racing, the outdoors & our 2 dogs, cat and blue tongue lizard!

**Why I Joined the SC:** Love getting involved with LPS as much as I can & brain-storming ideas with other parents and staff be it in decision making for school grounds improvements, healthy eating choices with the canteen or as an active member of the PFA organizing events to fund raise money for the school.

These improvements moving forward ultimately benefit my girls and everyone in the school community. I believe we are beginning to create a real sense of pride & belonging here at LPS with the support of all the families & teachers.

## JOEL READ

I am the father of two beautiful girls: Matilda Read, Grade 2 and Azalea Read, Prep

We are new to the school and both my girls are loving every experience LPS is providing. They talk to family and friends with pride about their school days.

As a family, you'll see us most weekends either bike riding, bush walking or driving somewhere with the camper trailer. We love the great outdoors and engaging with people we meet along the way.

Personally I enjoy, what I call, 'technical endurance' sports, mountain bike riding, trail running and off-road motorcycle riding. Last year I set myself a challenge and ran 11 marathons, 5 of which were ultra-marathons all in the bush / alpine areas. I can't remember how many toe nails I've lost! My wife Sarah always laughs when I can't walk for a couple of days afterwards.

Professionally I'm a mechanical engineer and work for the CFA. Basically I design new fire trucks to aid volunteer and professional firefighters in emergency response. I'm currently working on a number of specialised vehicle projects that keeps my interest. Given the chance, I can talk trucks underwater. It's a great job!

I'm joining school council for a number of reasons, like I've previously done in the Kindergarten committees I have been on. With my wife's support, as parents, we believe if our kids see us being engaged in a community and volunteering our time and efforts, this will provide value in their upbringing. I've also been involved in sport committees and get a lot of enjoyment from helping out. I hope with my different life experiences (professionally and socially), I can provide value to ensure LPS provides the best education platform for our kids.

## HOWARD FISHER

My name is Howard Fisher and I have been a member of school council for 4 years. I wish I could say I was a fighter pilot—but sadly I'm not!

I have 2 daughters at the school—Bridie in Year 5 and Lainie in Year 2. My eldest son Cooper finished in year 6 last year.

I really enjoy being part of the school and getting involved in making it a better place for our kids.



## NICK HUBERT

I am the father of John in grade 5 and Veronica in grade 2.

The kids and I enjoy Kung Fu and I assist in instructing the kids class on the weekend.

My background is in providing IT in educational environments. I have previously worked with the Department of Education and wanted to use my knowledge to support the school.

I joined school council because I want to be part of creating a happy and safe environment for our kids.



## JAMES MEARS

Hi I'm James Mears and am currently one of your school council members. I have two children at Lysterfield Primary, Alara in grade 4 and Kye in grade 2. Being part of the school council has allowed me to see how much goes on behind the classroom doors and contribute back to the school.

I have lived in Lysterfield with my wife Jodie for the last 16 years. We enjoy watching our children play sport on the weekends with the Lysterfield Football and Netball clubs. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I work in Dandenong as a Leading Firefighter with the Country Fire Authority. Other than being a Collingwood supporter that just about sums me up.

## NITTY BROWN

I am Nitty Brown and my children are Luca in Grade 4 and Ariana in Grade 3

I currently work for a not for profit organisation and run a business which keeps me busy but love it.

I have been part of the Murrindal Playgroup and Kinder Committee so know quite a few families who are part of our school and we certainly are lucky to have such a close knit school community.

We live in the estate of the school which is lovely as we can walk/ride to school. It is nice to see so many families from school live in the estate (but I guess we won't be saying that when they turn 16).

I joined the school council because I saw an opportunity to be part of the future of Lysterfield and knew that as a parent there is a lot I can contribute towards this.

We have a great leadership team who keep wanting to build our school above standard and are working hard towards it by offering so many programs.

I am looking forward to seeing the international exchange program and working with our sister school in China. I believe this opportunity opens up futuristic ways of education and puts Lysterfield in that higher standard of education.



## STUART WHETSTONE



My name is Stuart Whetstone. My wife Kylie and I have three daughters at Lysterfield Primary School. Macy (SH), Jenna (4W) and Livy (2B). I work as Cyber Security Consultant and in my spare time I enjoy socialising with friends, and camping/holidaying whenever possible. I enjoy being part of the school council as it provides me the opportunity to be more involved in my community and to actively participate in the education offered to my children. This year will be my 4th year as a member of the LPS Council and I am looking forward to another exciting year for the school.

## NICOLE MILLS

My name is Nicole Mills, my son Thomas started at Lysterfield Primary School in 2016. I have been a member of School Council from that initial year of joining the Lysterfield Primary School Community.

I am a Registered Nurse – Clinical Nurse Specialist, previously working at the Angliss Hospital and specialise in the area of Paediatrics and Neonates. I am currently taking a break from shift-work and working in another area that I am passionate about, Sports and education, working at Rowville Secondary College in the Sports Academy.

I believe that it is important to be an active member of your community; successful programs need active members.



# CHINESE GARDEN

Have you noticed the new addition to the Chinese Garden?

No—it is not a Bonsai, it is a Penjing! A bonsai is the Japanese art and science of growing miniature trees and shrubs, but Penjing is the Chinese art and science of growing miniature landscapes.

A big thank you to Ali, our school captain Cuynet's grandfather, for donating the penjing for our Chinese garden. Ali is part of the Waverley Bonsai Group.



For more information on bonsai and penjing, you can call them on 9802 8529 or <http://www.waverleybonsaigroup.org/>

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



**CAMP AUSTRALIA**

- Life Skills
- Creative Time
- New Experiences
- Construction & Manipulative Play
- Outdoor Play Time
- Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:  
[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)  
or call 1300 105 343

**Join in the fun at our OSHC program, your first session is FREE!\***

We are excited to announce that your child can now come and try their first day of Outside School Hours Care for FREE! This is a great chance for families and children to see what our Camp Australia program is like.

First Day Free is available to all new parents who register an account with us from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February until the end of Term 1, 2019. Don't forget to use your session as First Day Free is only valid in Term 1, 2019.

Note it's also free to register. Once registered, you can activate your session whenever you like. We encourage you to register now and to always book in advance. You can register at [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree).

### Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au). If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!  
From the Team at Camp Australia

\*Applies to first booking per child only. Valid for Before or After School Care for parents who register from the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. Offer ends conclusion of Term 1 2019.

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we make kids smile

# A NOTE FROM THE SICKBAY

All schools have recurring outbreaks with head lice, ours is not immune. Keeping hair tied back will help reduce a lice outbreak. Regular home checks will reduce this occurrence. We rely on parents to notify the school of occurrences involving their child to help reduce further cases.

Kate & Nonie  
First Aid

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

### ***Lysterfield Auskick***

**Start Date:** 27th April, 2019  
**Time:** 9:30am to 11:00am  
**Where:** Lakesfield Reserve, Lakesfield Drive, Lysterfield  
**How to register:** Go to [www.aflauskick.com.au/register](http://www.aflauskick.com.au/register) and select Lysterfield as your Auskick Centre.  
Please note that all registrations have to be completed and paid online.  
Your Auskick pack will be delivered to your home address.  
**Enquiries:** Brad McNay on 0409 149 868

### **KARATE FOR CHILDREN**

- \*\*\* Classes in our school gym every Wednesday night.
- \*\*\* Affordable fees. Non commercialised.
- \*\*\* Teachers Discipline / Coordination / Build.
- \*\*\* Confidence & Positive Attitude / Self Defence.
- \*\*\* We have been established since 1981 in Knox region.

**Contact: Grand Master Terry Lim (0418 809 808).**

**Website: [www.lfp.com.au](http://www.lfp.com.au)**

**Phone now to enrol (Beginners from 5 years of age)**



## Vacancies for Girls

Do you enjoy hanging out with friends, Caring for the environment, exploring the outdoors or just want to challenge yourself further....

### Get Into Girl Guides!

We have vacancies for girls aged 5 -18 years.

Come along and try us out,

The first 3 weeks are free.



For further information:

[knox@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:knox@guidesvic.org.au)

**FUN...FRIENDS...FITNESS**



**South Belgrave Lysterfield  
Girls Football**

**Positions still  
open for 2019**

**Girls born:**

- 2009 – U/10
- 2007 – U/12 (3 spots remaining)
- 2005/2006 – U/14
- 2002 and earlier – Senior Women

For further details, please contact:  
Simon 0428 866 681

**With over 100 girls**

.....not a football club.....**a football family!**



# JOIN US IN 2019

**NEW PLAYERS & COACHES WELCOME**  
**PLAYERS WANTED (BOYS & GIRLS) FOR 2019 SEASON ACROSS AGES 4-18**

KNOX UNITED SC IS A NOT FOR PROFIT, FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB  
ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE FOOTBALL FOR ALL AGES - BOYS & GIRLS

**For more info, email us at [mail@knoxunited.com](mailto:mail@knoxunited.com)  
or visit us at [www.knoxunited.com](http://www.knoxunited.com)**

## HOKKIN2 HOCKEY

Hookin2Hockey is the introductory program for new participants, giving them a fun and safe environment to develop and learn the fundamentals of hockey.

**CENTRE:** Knox Hockey Club

**CONTACT NAME:** Greg Wright      **CONTACT NUMBER:** 0418 170 941

**EMAIL:** [hookin2hockey@knoxhockeyclub.com.au](mailto:hookin2hockey@knoxhockeyclub.com.au)

**LOCATION:** The Knox School 220 Burwood Hwy Wantina

**START DATE:** Wednesday 27th February      **TIME:** 6pm

**WEB:** [www.knoxhockeyclub.com.au](http://www.knoxhockeyclub.com.au)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** Knox Hockey Club is a fun family club. Come down and give this great game a go. Bring a friend along to join in the fun.

  For more information visit: [WWW.HOKKIN2HOCKEY.COM.AU](http://WWW.HOKKIN2HOCKEY.COM.AU)

# knox your city expo schools



Calling all  
Knox parents  
- thinking  
about  
Secondary  
School?

<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday 21 March 2019</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Knox Civic Centre 511 Burwood Highway Wantirna South</b>
<b>Sessions</b>	<b>School and Agency Stalls Rooms 1-3 5.15pm - 8.45pm Guest Speakers Room 4 Session 1: 5.45pm - 6.45pm Session 2: 7.15pm - 8.15pm</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Free!</b>

For more information call  
Angela Thurbon 9298 8000 or  
visit [knox.vic.gov.au/schoolexpo](http://knox.vic.gov.au/schoolexpo)

