

# Lysterfield Primary School

## Senior 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.

## Our Learning

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This term in senior school, we are learning:

### English:

This term in Reading, we have revised the structure and expectations of the Reader's Workshop. We recognised how important it was to monitor our comprehension as reading is more than reading a book accurately. We placed emphasis on listening to our inner conversation and when we noticed our comprehension was breaking down, deciding on what strategy will help us regain understanding. Following this, we focused on activating our prior knowledge and making connections to texts. We made connections to ourselves by relating character experiences to our own and made connections between the text we read and texts we have previously read or viewed. Text-to-World connections were made by linking our knowledge of global news to the characters and events within a range of texts.

In Writing we spent a significant amount of time setting up our new Writing Workshops. There has been a heavy focus on developing our own ideas by brainstorming 'seeds' or stimuli in our Writer's Notebook. We have also been developing new routines, ensuring we pay attention to the mini lesson, try the strategy that has been shown and then independently go off to free write. This term, our mini lessons were based around strategies to support our procedure and persuasive writing.

### Mathematics:

This term in mathematics students consolidated their knowledge of the place value base 10 system, including numbers in the millions and decimal numbers to 3 places. They revised addition and subtraction facts, using a range of mental computation strategies to solve equations. Students calculated lengths of objects of a range of sizes, selecting the appropriate unit of measurement and converting (mm to cm, cm to metres etc.). Students looked at a range of problem solving strategies including guess and check, finding a pattern and working backwards.

### Inquiry:

Inquiry morning was a huge success on Friday morning. The senior students were proud and excited to show their templates they had been working on together. The global issues that the students researched were interesting and done particularly well. A big effort was made on collaboration for this term's inquiry and to the senior school students' credit they worked well together and held each other accountable. A big thank you to all the parents and other family members that took the time out of the day to come and have a browse. We hope you enjoyed it!

### RRRR program:

This term marked the end of the topic Help Seeking. We feel confident that the students have identified how and when they might need to seek assistance from another person, be it friend, teacher, parent or other trusted adult.

May the break be a time to relax and socialise, but also to practice those things that we want to feel more confident about.

### 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> July- 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

#### Upcoming Events:

**Distract Cross Country:**

**Friday 3rd May**

**Pizza Night:**

**Wednesday 8th May**

**Due to the short 1st week in Term 2, there will be no newsletter that week and no assembly on the Friday.**

*Curious*

*Confident*

*Successful*

## DANCE

What an exciting initiation to the DanceStars competition we had last Friday night! It was our first time participating in this competition which was held in the Monbulk College theatre. The Lysterfield Grade 6 performers blitzed it! Everyone danced beautifully and also achieved fantastic results. Congratulations girls, all those hours of choreographing and practicing paid off!

### Solos

1<sup>st</sup> Mikayla L

2<sup>nd</sup> Amelie W

3<sup>rd</sup> Macy W

### Duos

1<sup>st</sup> Lara W & Amelie W

2<sup>nd</sup> Elise D & Indy A

3<sup>rd</sup> Darci T & Macy W

### Team

1<sup>st</sup> Mikayla L, Elise D, Amelia G & Emma E

3<sup>rd</sup> Eloise P, Indy A & Isabella V

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place getters will go on to perform in the Grand Final on Saturday 15 June. *So keep practicing!*

The Grade 5s are madly practicing and will continue to do so over the holiday break, as their competition will be on Friday 3 May. We wish them all the best.



## WINTER SPORT

Winter Round robin is fast approaching and the teams will be back into preparing themselves through training this week after quite a few Friday interruptions we have encountered this term. A quick reminder that the sports being played at Winter round robin are Footy (boys), soccer, teeball, volleyball and netball. The girls football day will be separate from the winter round robin and held toward the end of term 2. Training for the girls participating will be held from around week 3 in term 2.



## PIZZA NIGHT

Pizza night in the senior school is happening on the 8th May at 5.30pm. Invites have been emailed to last years grade 6 cohort and permission forms have been handed to the current grade 6 group. It is a great opportunity to mingle, chat and discuss any questions and thoughts of transition.

# HAPPY HAT PARADE

On Thursday the 4th we had our Happy Hat Parade on the soccer pitch. The students all looked amazing in their hats as they sang "Celebrate" by Kool and the Gang in front of the whole school. We would like to congratulate any student who won an award for their hat. Some of the hat awards included tallest, most creative, most sporty, most environmental, healthiest and Easter hat.

Massive thank you to Mrs. Higgins for her amazing organisation of the morning.

