Lardner and District Primary School

Term 4, Week 7

Dear Parents & Friends,

Well it has been another fun packed fortnight with many new and exciting things for the children to experience and learn. With only 5 weeks to go until the end of term, there is still lots to do. Thursday 10th November we had our first Prep Transition day, with 6 of our 7 new preps for 2017. The children were able to meet some of our great staff here at LDPS and had a tour of the school. The children also engaged in some story-telling and had their first taste of what school will be like next year.

Remembrance Day

Last Friday, 11th November at 11am, the children participated in a short memorial service for Remembrance Day. Shenay & Ben, our school captains, represented our school at the Memorial Service in Warragul, where they laid a beautiful yellow wreath and paid their respects to the many people who have died in the wars. They did a wonderful job and I was very proud to be there with them.

Quilt Presentation

On Tuesday 15th November, the children and staff presented a special quilt that one of our parents Emily knitted for Sam Gardiner. Sam is a valuable member of our team here at Lardner & District Primary School and we appreciate all the hard work she does for us and the children. The quilt consisted of a white ribbon with every child’s name on it and a pompom made by each of them. Sam was very touched and grateful for her beautiful quilt.

Chinese Cultural Day

Thursday 17th of November was Chinese cultural day. It was a fantastic day for the children to learn more about the Chinese culture. The children created Chinese dragons made out of the many egg cartons collected, Chinese paper cutting, book marks, painting, Chinese calligraphy and creating some beautiful lucky fish. It was wonderful to see many of our students and staff wearing red, a traditional Chinese colour. Thank you to Jason, Alice & Shane for organising & running these activities.

Special Thanks

This fortnight I would like to extend a special thank you to the Hardy Family who provided access so we could have a water truck deliver some much needed water to our tanks. Fortunately this water, combined with the rain we have had this week, has resolved our water supply issues.

2017 Staffing

We have some changes to our staffing for 2017. Belinda Hyde who has been a teacher at LDPS for the last few years and is currently on Long Service Leave will not be returning next year. I would like to thank Belinda for her contributions to the school and we wish her well on her journey. We are currently advertising for a high quality teacher to replace Belinda.

School Photos

The School photos were taken on Tuesday 25th October. These photos were sent home with the children, last week. If you would like to order a whole school photo this needs to be done by Monday 28th November. The whole school photo will be $10 and can be viewed in the office. Continued on page 2

OUR VISION: To empower students to develop the knowledge, skills and values that will support them to become life-long learners and active, engaged and responsible citizens in the local and global communities.
Absences
Last week, we introduced a new absence slip to be sent home with children if they have been absent and have not provided us with a note. It is important that parents complete the slip and return it with students the next day so we are aware of the reason for their absence. (Please see example on the right hand side)
The slip highlights the most common absences as medical/specialist appointments, the child is unwell or a bereavement. Whilst it is important for students to attend school each day, we do understand that there are circumstances where their absence cannot be avoided.
This week we have also introduced a sign in/out book located at the office. This book is for parents/guardians to sign their children in if they are late to school or sign them out if they are leaving early. It is a department requirement in case of an emergency that we know who has arrived on our school grounds and or who has left the school grounds. Please remember to visit the office first if your children are late.

Remember, everyday counts!

Grade 6 Graduation
Grade 6 Graduation will be taking place on the 14th December. The year 6 students are very excited about this and are doing a great job at getting it all organised. Today grade 6 students received a letter outlining details of graduation plus a slip to be returned.

P/1/2 Sleepover
It is an exciting time for the P/1/2’s as there will be a Sleepover on Friday 2nd December, 2016. We are encouraging all children in these grades to attend as it will develop and teach skills that will enable them to successfully participate in the Camp Program which commences in Grade 3.

Details:
- When: Friday 2nd December, 2016 - Arrive back at school at 5:30pm
- Pick-up: Saturday 3rd Dec 8:30am

What to bring:
- Camp bed/stretchers/lilo
- Pillow and sleeping bag
- Plate/bowl/cup, and knife/fork/spoon, tea towel in a suitable bag.
- A change of clothes and a warm jacket for the night walk
- Torch
- PJ’s
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/hairstyle/ hand towel.

Students will be provided with dinner and supper on Friday night and breakfast on Saturday morning. Staff attending the sleepover will be: Erin, Corey, Michelle, Susan, Rhonda and Sam is hoping to come. Please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs. Nicholls if you have any questions.

Swimming
Swimming commences on Monday 5th December. Students need to remember to bring everything they need, waterers to change into and don’t forget the towel.
On swimming days the students will have an earlier lunch time and also have some time when they return to eat. The bus will collect the students at 12:30 and will return at 3:00pm.

Payment must be paid in full by Friday 25th November, so if you are making payments the final one must be made by Friday 25th November.

2017 Booklists
Today we sent home your child’s 2017 book list. Please make sure you read the front page of the booklist so that you understand the payment and delivery/pick-up process. Your booklist must be returned by Friday 2nd December.

Thank you
Corey Fleming
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| P-2   | JAI     | P-2  
ZEPH  
for working independently and having a go at all the tasks set for you! Your positive attitude and joyful energy in class is a wonderful gift to us all. Thank you Zeph! |
| 2-4   | FLYNN   | ART  
MIA  
for managing her time wisely to get several beautiful artworks complete in one lesson and ready |
| 4-6   | JORDYN  | 4-6  
SHANAY |
| 4-6   | TARILYN | 4-6  
ZALI  |
| 4-6   | MILLY   | 4-6  
JOSH  |
Chinese Cultural Day
Remembrance Day

(A visit from the Shrine and Commemorations)

On the 10th of November we were lucky enough to have Carolyn, a member of the Shrine of Remembrance education team, come and show us some replica items that were used by our soldiers throughout the Wars. It was interesting to look at these items from a practical and technological perspective. We were all amazed at how heavy everything was and how cleverly things were created for multiple uses. Our people were amazing recyclers and reusers long before this was cool! It was shocking though, to realise that the boys in our class were not much younger than some who enlisted to fight.

The following day, Remembrance Day, Ben and Shenay went with Mr Fleming to the Remembrance Day Service in Warragul where they laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of our school. From all accounts they did a wonderful job and represented our school proudly. Thank you Ben and Shenay!

I liked the costumes because they felt heavy and they felt like the real thing.
Lachlan

I liked the costumes and hoped that they could have brought a real gun.
Connor

I was interested in the army clothes that they wore during the battles.
Sabine

It was fun feeling like what it would've been like for the soldiers. Tarilyn

It was very interesting when Carolyn spoke to us about Remembrance Day. I thought it was weird that soldiers peed on their clothing to use as a gas mask!
Kyle

Ben looked exactly like James Martin who was 14 when he went to War.
Ms Rollinson
Lardner School - Connecting Parents and Friends Group

Time       : Every Thursday 9am to 10:30am - drop in ..10min or 1/2hr
Location   : Art room, easy to access and warm in winter
Purpose    : Coffee and chat, and pre-school children activities

Contact persons:  Sue ph 5626 1319 or
       Leanne  ph 5626 1170

Everyone welcome – we look forward to seeing you there

School Swap Rack – near the kitchen
Yes this rack is to place all those uniforms that your children have
grown out of and no longer needed by your family members

New Preps will have transition days soon.  Have a look through your
cupboards, as I’m sure these items will be appreciated

It’s a great way of exchanging for larger sizes particularly when children
just seem to grow & grow .......

Tetoora Road Hall – monthly event
"Connecting kids in the Community"

Dates      : Saturday 26th November .... Last one for the year
Time       : 4:30pm to 6:00pm  ...... to recommence Feb/March 2017
Venue      : 2575 Korumburra – Warragul Road, Tetoora Road (name of area)
Cost       : No cost involved, tidy up areas that we use & remove own rubbish
What to bring  : BYO games .. to share  non-electronic, and easy to set up
                   BYO refreshment drinks for kids and adults and food if need be
Focus on kids : Ages 4-12 naturally younger and older kids can partake/helpers
Games could range from : cards, twister, pickup sticks, jumping frogs etc.... not monopoly –too long!
Enquiries  : Facilitator - Margaret Mc Donald  5626 1389 or camarg@mcdonaldfarm.com.au
              Friendly and warm environment connecting our local kids together in fun

Lost Property  ...... school uniforms ......!!!  There are lots

Please all parents and children have a look ...... Are any yours?

Basket outside the Admin Office, have a look through ...... the number
of items are just growing ......  Thank you
Hallora

Your invited to the Hallora Christmas Party on
Friday Dec 2nd at 7:00pm
for a 7:30 start
at the Hallora Hall

If you have any queries
Call Linet McNamara
Ph 0403 218 935

Come along and end the year with a social chat while the kids enjoy a visit from Santa. You may even win the door prize.

Roast beef/ pork and potatoes provided.
Please bring a salad/dessert to share.
BYO drinks, glasses, crockery and cutlery.
Tea, coffee and cordial provided.
$5 per adult and $2 per child for school age children