

Lardner & District Primary School

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OUR VISION: Building a community of active learners through Empowerment, Engagement, Deeper Thinking and Resilience.

Principal Update

Welcome back!

2024 is up and running and I am excited to say how proud I am with how students have settled back into school. Our school values of:

- **Inclusion:** We promote an inclusive culture of kindness, care and respect of our people and place
- **Environment and Sustainability:** We work with the environment to create learning opportunities, while respecting the traditional land
- **A culture of High Expectations:** We have high expectations of ourselves and others and celebrate the personal journey of growth for all.
- **Community Engagement:** We build student, teacher, parent and community Partnership to enrich learning.

have been on display each day this fortnight and I am pleased to say that we have formalised explicit teaching of our Values and our Active Learning Framework this year. Wellbeing Lessons occur each Monday morning from 9:00 – 10:00am and remain the focus for the week. Parents are now being provided communication weekly about the wellbeing focus and the classroom learning topics each Friday for the week ahead, via SENTRAL.

Whilst this term may only be 9 weeks, there is plenty happening. Please be sure to check dates displayed in the newsletter. You may also like to keep track and stay organised using the school calendar on SENTRAL and our school's website <https://www.lardnerdps.vic.edu.au/>.

STUDENT FREE DAYS:

I understand that these are not convenient for families. At LDPS we try to use the four curriculum days (allocated by the Department of Education) as best we can to avoid disruption to student learning; we also need to work around professional learning availability. This year we have two terrific opportunities for whole school professional learning in the Science or Teaching and Learning and Mathematics. Our School Council has approved the following student free days for 2024 (noting Day One has already occurred):

Day One – Monday 28th January (completed)

Day Two: Tuesday 13th February with Nathaniel Swain (Science of Teaching and Learning)

Day Three: Monday 15th April (first day of Term 2) with Peter Sullivan – Challenging Maths Tasks

Day Four: TBC



Newsletter Date
TERM 1 WEEK 2
9th Feb 2024



"We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respect to all the elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of indigenous Australia".



Term 1 dates:

- **School Council Meeting**
Monday 12th February
- **RED Energy Trailer Incursion**
Monday 12th February
- **Student free Curriculum Day**
Tuesday 13th February
- **School Photo Day**
Monday 19th February
- **Sports Day**
Thursday 29th February
- **Labour Day Holiday**
Monday 11th March
- **Dental Health Van Visit**
Monday 11th -Friday 15th March
- **Naplan– Students Gr 3 & 5**
Tues 13th—Fri 22nd March
- **Farm World**
Fri 22nd—Sun 24th March
- **Last Day of Term 1 & Gold coin BBQ lunch**
Thurs 28th March
Early Dismissal at 2.30pm

POSITIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As a staff we are so fortunate to hear and see students doing such thoughtful things for others here at school. We see our students showing the schools values and engaging in the Active Learning Framework and we want to acknowledge this so families know too. Students often demonstrate the school values without anyone seeing, which is how it should be, a genuine interaction. Sometimes however, we see students going above and beyond or showing growth in their own resilience or personal goals. Throughout this year, look out for positive acknowledgements for your child/ren. These will be 'push notification' from SENTRAL. There is nothing you need to do, it is just an opportunity for you to know how special we think your child/ren is.

SCHOOL INCIDENTS:

SENTRAL will also alert you to incidents where student behaviour choices have been outside of the school values. These notifications may need additional follow up. Please contact myself with questions around these. I can then direct you to the best person for further discussion. The purpose of these notifications is to work together to move forward. To support both the student and parents in clear communication.

SCHOOL POLICIES:

Our school policies are available on the school website. These policies are regularly updated. All families are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the school policies.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing has been moved to term 1 and will be happening between March 13th and March 22nd. If your child is in grade 3 or grade 5 and you have questions, queries or concerns about NAPLAN testing please speak with your child's classroom teacher or myself.

School Council:

Nominations for School Council are now open. We have **1 parent positions vacant, 2 DET Staff position vacant and 1 Community member position vacant** ready to be filled. If you are interested in renominating or nominating yourself please collect a nomination form at the office. Closing date for nominations is Friday 1st March at 3.30pm. Meetings are held twice a term on Mondays starting at 6.30pm.

Lunch Time Clubs

Lunch time clubs are starting next week!. These are:

Mondays- Drawing and Comic creation

Tuesdays - Crocheting

Wednesdays - Tadpole catching and releasing

Thursdays - Variety of Sports

Fridays– Lardner sounds and Banana Stage Fighters singing movement group

Activities will be ran by our Year 6 students and supported by staff. Students will be provided with more information about these activities by our student school leaders. At this stage, students can be involved with as many activities as they like. These lunch time activities will run for all of Term 1. All students will be involved in the selection of Term 2 Lunch Time Clubs.

Have a terrific fortnight,

Jane King

Our Values:

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NUT ALERT SCHOOL

**All children have the right to feel safe and protected.
We are a child safe school!**

What's happening at Lardner

RED Energy Trailer Incursion

The Renewable Energy Demonstration (RED) Trailer is coming to visit our school on Monday 12th February. The (RED) Trailer is a hands-on energy efficiency tool that demonstrates an off-grid electricity energy system. The Trailer is owned by Gippsland Climate Change Network and comes with experienced Science educators and energy experts. Please give your permission for students to participate via SENTRAL.

Prep Students

During February, Prep students come to school from 9.00-3.25 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. **There is no school for Preps on Wednesdays on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of February.** Preps will start full-time from Monday 4th of March.

To ensure your child is safe on the road, please pick them up at the end of the day from the front gate. Students are not permitted to leave the school yard without their parents. Carline is another great way off dropping off and picking up students.

Sun-smart - School hats/ insect repellent/ Drink Bottles

Students are required to wear school hats up until the end of April and then from the start of September. This means hats are required for all of Terms 1 and 4 as well as part of Term 2 and part of Term 3. This is due to frequent high levels of UV from September through to April. If children do not have a hat they will be required to play in the undercover area on the deck. Please apply sun screen to your child in the mornings prior to drop off. Sun screen will be available at school for students to re apply throughout the day.

Unfortunately, mosquitos are often around throughout the day and can be a problem. Please feel free to apply repellent to your children before school.

Please send your children to school with a clearly labelled refillable drink bottle each day.

Camps Sports Excursion Fund Allowance

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

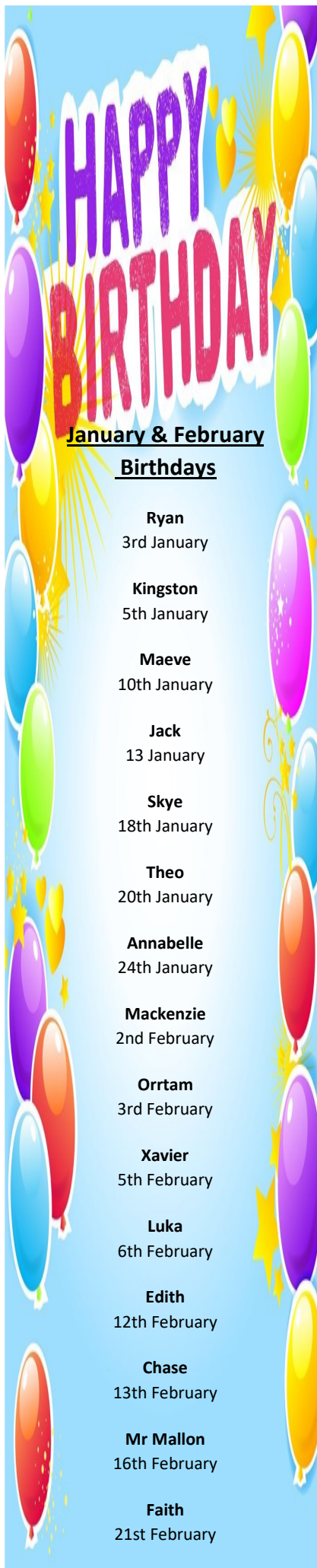
If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on [03 5626 1303 and ask for an application form.

School Communication Portal—Sentral Parent Portal

Please download our school communication portal to keep up to date with important events happening in and around the school. Our newsletter will also be uploaded to the portal each fortnight. Our portal is a closed secure platform for parents/guardians of students at the school only. When you download the portal and go through the sign up process it will ask you for your access code (provided via the office) to gain entry. If you need help with this please see Heather in the office.

Absences from school

It is important that all students attend school every day to ensure maximum opportunities for learning. It is a department requirement that all absences are recorded at school on the morning of the absence and with the reason for their absence. Staff are required to follow up on all unreported absences. Please help staff by calling the school and advising if your child will not be attending school and the reason for their absence or by entering it via our Sentral parent portal under absences.



Fees for 2024

This year each family is asked to supply their students with their stationery/pencil case items. The list of items they require is attached to the booklists that were sent out last year and that is on our school portal. The school will supply all exercise books for students. There is also a list of contributions that families are asked to contribute to if possible. These contributions are laid out in a table that explains each area and the amount families are asked to contribute towards. These contributions help to run important programs within our school, help with the cost of school grounds maintenance and improvements, new outdoor classroom spaces, library books etc. camps, Excursions and Incursions will be charged per student at the time of the event.

Emergency Management drills & procedures

Each term we practise our Emergency management drills and procedures. These will take place throughout the year to ensure teachers, students, visitors and staff know what to do in a real emergency.

2024 Staffing and emails

School Office

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SPECIALISTS

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	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	Students start Tuesday 30 January	Thursday 28 March
Term 2	Monday 15 April	Friday 28 June
Term 3	Monday 15 July	Friday 20 September
Term 4	Monday 7 October	Friday 20 December



Have your asthma action plan ready!

With a new school year here, it is important to ensure your child/children's **ASTHMA ACTION PLAN** is up to date. Call your Local GP today!

Student Medication

Just a reminder that all student medication need to be brought into the school office in its original container. Any student that requires any medication needs to have a medication administration form filled out and signed by their parent.

Please make sure that all your Asthma, Allergies and Anaphylaxis forms are renewed and up to date.

School Dental Van Visit - week 7 (Tuesday 12th March—Friday 15th March)

School dental health van will be visiting during week 7. Forms will be sent home with students when we get them. Please make sure when you receive these that they are returned as soon as possible. If you do not wish for your child to take part please make a note on the front of the form and return it to the office.

Sports Day

Our West Gippsland Rural Small Schools Athletics day has been booked for Thursday 29th February and will be held at the Geoff Watt Athletics Track, Burke Street, Warragul. Please mark this on your calendar or in your diary. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

School Photo Day

Our school photo day is being held on Monday 19th February. School photos will be taken on the day by Blue Wolf Photography and parents will be emailed a link to view the photos prior to ordering.

Farm World

We will once again be helping with the rubbish collection this year at Farm World. Farm World is running from March 22-24 this year. Please keep an eye out for information and requests for volunteers that will be coming out soon.

Many hands make light work!

Book-club

Book-club catalogues were sent home with students.

Orders are due to be submitted online by Friday 16th February scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Every dollar you spend our school gets 10c in rewards to be spent on books for the school.

School Times and Speed Zone

Just a reminder that during school times our road becomes 40kph. Please ensure you slow down for the safety of our students and school community.

MARC

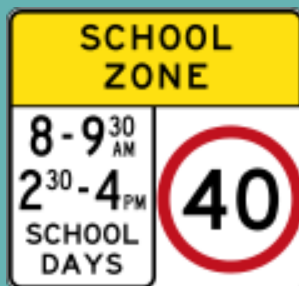
Most Fridays at Lardner children get the opportunity to borrow (& then return) books from our mobile library service. Purple and Red borrow between 2pm and 2:30pm and Blue and Yellow borrow between 2:30pm and 3pm. Books can be borrowed for up to two weeks and they can be reborrowed if they want them for longer or returned earlier if they've had enough of them! Whilst it is not compulsory, I would kindly ask that students bring a bag (of their own choosing) to put their books in. This helps us to look after them and hopefully makes them harder to lose!

If ever there are any problems/questions/issues/accidents with the library books please feel free to contact me at the school. Mr Child.

Classroom Newsletter Contributions -Term 1

In 2024 all families will receive a weekly newsfeed post through Sentral from their classroom teacher highlighting the learning for the week ahead and any reminders relevant to that class. With this in mind newsletter contributions from each class will rotate through the newsletter as shown in the table below.

Publication date	Class responsible for contribution	
9 th February	Yellow	Red Hub
23 rd February	Blue	Purple
8 th March	Yellow	Red Hub
22 nd March	Blue	Purple



Yellow Room

In yellow room this fortnight we have been settling into being at school fulltime again. Students have been discovering how super learners sit in the classroom and have also been looking at what will make this classroom work the best. We have decided as a class that our rules of the classroom are

1. Always be safe in the classroom.
2. Listen to the Teacher
3. Put your hand up when you want to talk
4. Be kind to your friends
5. Keep your hands to yourself
6. Treat things with respect
7. Do your best work
8. Walk when in the line
9. HAVE FUN!

Students have started being tested on their knowledge in lots of different areas. We have just looked at the names and sounds of all of the letters of the alphabet. See if your kids know all of their letters and sounds. I'm sure you will be impressed!



Red Room

Wow! Just like that the holidays are over and we're back into the full swing of learning in Red Room.

A big welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to Hagen and Rowan who have joined us this year.

Our leaders have hit the ground running, very capably organising assembly after just 3 days, and are now working with Porshia to finalise lunchtime activity arrangements. These should be up and running next week.

Learning wise we have been reviewing our routines and fine tuning them for a larger class, introducing morning discussion and daily number talks each day. In literacy we have begun building knowledge of creatures that use camouflage and mimicry to protect themselves and connected the colour change of chameleons with the colour change of texta ink as it bleeds through paper towel during Science.



Maths has been based around assessing our start point and brushing up on our understanding of place value. Honing our teamwork skills with a few games has been a fun way to switch back into learning mode. If you have a deck of cards you could ask your child to teach you some.



For Safer Internet Day we spent a session with Purple Room learning about and discussing how we can be safe and respectful when gaming online. Due to technical difficulties, we didn't get to join the webinar that was planned. We still had plenty of information, scenarios and questions to make sure we got the most out of the time.

With such a frenetic pace as we start the year I think everyone will be looking forward to a quick breather on our Curriculum Day this Tuesday.

Have a Great Weekend!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 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 primary 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 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 school 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 coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have Nominee members.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

A mandated elected student member category, with two positions.

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 and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. 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.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

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

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

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 one 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.

Department 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.



Hallora Junior Footy Family Fun night Friday 9th February 6pm

We welcome you to a night of fun.

Come and check out our beautiful grounds, upgraded facilities, exciting new additions for 2024 and meet our official volunteers.

FREE
BBQ and
drinks

AFL Inflatables;
Mark n Goal
Agility Run

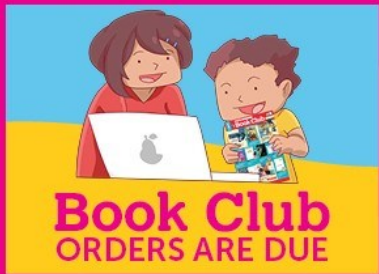


STAFFED OFFICE HOURS

Our school Office will be staffed on Monday's, Tuesday's, Wednesday's & Friday's.

If you need to drop anything off at the office at other times please post it in the mailbox at reception.

DON'T FORGET!



Book Club
ORDERS ARE DUE

SCHOLASTIC

Book-club

Book Club orders are due back by:
Monday 16th February

You can place your child's order online at
scholastic.com.au/LOOP

IS IT BULLYING?

NOT NICE

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they only do it once...

That is **Not Nice**

MEAN

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once...

That is **Mean**

BULLYING

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it, over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset...

That is **Bullying**



BLUE WOLF PHOTOGRAPHY

We are at..

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**Monday 19th
February 2024**

You will be notified when the photos are ready to view and purchase via our private online galleries!

