

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

With the weather warming up, students have been enjoying cool classrooms and the abundance of shade our school provides. A reminder that students without a SunSmart hat are required to remain on the undercover deck area (between Red, Purple and Green Rooms) during break times.

Easter Raffle with a TWIST

I have been asked about running an Easter raffle and with Easter being quite early this year, we have decided to run an Easter Raffle with a twist. No selling of raffle tickets required.

If each family sends their child/ren to school with a 'little Easter gift', this could be an Easter egg, small soft toy, colouring pad, home baked goods (with ingredients and date baked) etc. Please do not feel you need to go big, just something small is fine.

The items donated will be collated into hampers that we will raffle off at no charge. Families will have their names placed into the raffle that will then be drawn out on the last day at assembly. The lucky families will be surprised with a collection of Easter goodies.

To participate, please send a 'little Easter gift' to school by Tuesday 26th March. These can be given to the classroom teacher or directly to Miss Heather in the office.

Advance Notice - End of Term

As always, the end of term will include a gold coin donation BBQ family lunch and free dress for students. Something a little different is our **end of term Open Classrooms**. We would like to invite families into classrooms from 1:00-1:20pm. This will be an opportunity to celebrate learning with your child. All students will have a special piece of learning on display to talk about. If you are unable to attend, we have arranged for staff to also be available, and siblings are welcome to visit each other's rooms too. Sausages in bread will be ready at lunch time 1:20 – 2:10pm followed by a short assembly 2:10 – 2:25pm. Students will then return to classrooms to collect their school bags and be dismissed for the holidays.



Newsletter Date
TERM 1 WEEK 6
8th March 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:

- **Labour Day Holiday**
Monday 11th March
- Dental Health Van Visit
Tuesday 12th -Friday 15th March
- Primary Dream & Lead Conference for School Captains
Tuesday 12th March
- Naplan– Students Gr 3 & 5
Tues 12th—Fri 22nd March
- Farm World Weekend & Excursion on Friday 22nd March
Fri 22nd—Sun 24th March
- Last Day of Term 1
Gold coin BBQ lunch, Free Dress & Early Dismissal at 2.30pm
Thurs 28th March
- Term 2 Commences for students at LDPS
Tuesday 16th April

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.



Please note that I am taking pre-planned leave in the last week of the term. I am confident that the pre-planning and organisation of the last week will be well supported by our community. Ms Kristy Rollinson will be in the roll of Acting Principal during my absence.

Essential Assessment parent Access.

In the last newsletter, I wrote on the topic of parents being notified and having access to completed assessments in Mathematics for students in Years 2-6, well we have **extended** this to include **P-6**. Generating the extra parent logins has delayed the process slightly but not to worry, families will be provided their personal access codes on Wednesday 13th March. To further support this, I will be holding a Parent Information session on Monday 18th from 5 – 5:30pm should any families like further support to understand how to access, view and understand the assessments and results.

NAPLAN YEARS 3 & 5

NAPLAN kicks off for students in Years 3 and 5 from Wednesday 13th March. Our NAPLAN timetable is:

Wednesday 13th WRITING

Thursday 14th READING

Monday 18th CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE

Tuesday 19th NUMERACY

Please support NAPLAN by having participating children well rested, a good breakfast and arriving on time each day. We understand that an absence on a scheduled NAPLAN day may occur unexpectedly so 'catchup' sessions have also been built in these weeks. NAPLAN results will be sent home with students when published.

WELCOME NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMEBERS

School councils play an important role in Victorian government schools. I would like to welcome the 2024 Lardner and District Primary School council consisting of: School Council President Ms Jaime Awty, Staff Representative Ms Kristy Rollinson, DET/parent representative Ms Samantha Richards, Parent Representatives Holly Hatch (staff working less than 8 hours a week). Ms Jade Cameron, Mr David Cuthbertson, Ms Chloe Douglas and Mr Ben Kemp. Thank you for volunteering your time over the next 12 to 24mth period.

LUNCH CLUBS

It has been terrific to see our student leaders running these clubs and modelling the school values of Inclusion and Community Engagement amongst students P-6 and staff. All clubs seem to have been equally popular and even inspired our junior students to share ideas for activities they can run!

Our Values:

- **Inclusion:** *We promote an inclusive culture of kindness, care and respect of our people and place. (That's the Lardner Way)*
- **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 partnerships to enrich learning.*



March Birthdays

Pip
12th March

Nixon
19th March

Sienna
21st March

Aubree
23rd March

Hartley
31st March

FAREWELL

I would like to farewell two of our Lardner and District Families. Elizabeth (Libby) Year 5 and Liam (Year 2) you will be missed. Your new schools are very lucky to have you. Please remember, once a Lardner Legend, always a Lardner Legend! We look forward to hearing how you settle in, and I am sure your friends from LDPS will remain in touch.

PEACHES FOR YOU PEACHES FOR ME

At LDPS, it isn't just the kids that have all the fun! Thank you to Red Room for inviting me over to enjoy peaches and ice-cream this week. Those LDPS grown peaches sure are delicious. YUM

School Closed for Labour Day Public Holiday

This weekend is a 3 day long weekend. There is NO school on Monday due to the Labour Day Public Holiday.

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

School dental health van will be visiting next week. Forms were sent home with students last week.

Lunch order day

Our school lunch order day is being held next Friday, 15th March. A big Thank-you to Kristy Kenny for taking over from Linet to help offer our students these special lunch order days throughout the year and the end of Term BBQ's as well as a big Thanks to our parent helpers that will assist on the day to make sure things run as smoothly as possible. The students and staff are looking forward to having a delicious lunch order next week!

Farm World Excursion

Our whole school will be going to Farm World on Friday 22nd March. Permission forms were sent out via Sentral. There is a \$5 charge per child for entry into Farm World. Permission and money needs to be completed by today, Friday 8th March.

Farm World - Rubbish Collection Fundraiser Volunteers

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. The roster for our farm world rubbish collection fundraiser has been sent out via Sentral and is attached to today's newsletter. Please consider helping raise funds for our school by filling a shift. It really isn't as hard as it may sound.

Jane King



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

In the Classroom

Red Room

Wow...here we are, 2/3 of the way through the first term already. It's been a bit of a whirlwind of a start to the year with so many things packed into such a short time.

Within the classroom we have introduced a few new ways of doing things. Each morning begins with our morning meeting question. Across the week we have Mindful Monday, Talkative Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday & Feelings Friday. Which day is your child's favourite?

What Superpower would you like to have?

In line with The Science of Learning/Reading research we have increased our reading fluency focus. Improved reading fluency is directly related to improved reading comprehension. Along side this, building vocabulary and knowledge also strongly support comprehension so don't be scared to use technical words in discussions. Do you know what Zygodactyl means? Ask the kids, they do.

Autobiographies are a big hit and are building into books with chapters of our lives. It has been wonderful to hear the stories and to get to know each other on a level beyond just school life. We all have so many connections that spread further than the Lardner community.



Paper planes provided an array of learning in Maths that could easily have been mistaken for fun. Don't be fooled, this was serious business. From the first estimations of where the world record paper plane flight would land on the oval through to measuring our final Paper Plane Pentathlon results it was game on. Teams researched, designed, tested, refined, estimated, calculated, problem solved, collaborated and compromised as they built 3 planes to compete in our Pentathlon. Did we break a world record? Not this time. Did we learn to estimate & measure distance, angles, time, accuracy? You bet!



Yellow Room

In yellow room this fortnight we have been learning the letters and sounds of all the letters of the alphabet. Every day we have been doing a quick daily letter review of our letter cards and then focusing on a particular letter for the week. The last two weeks have been the letters A and P. So we have been getting to know our friends Ally the alligator and Peter the penguin. Kids have been enjoying doing our Crafts with these letters. So far we have met:

- Milo the Monkey
- Sally the Snake
- Felix the Frog
- Ally the Alligator
- Peter the Penguin

Next week we will be looking at Timmy the Turtle.



Students who already have this knowledge have been working on Plurals and how words change when we have more than 1 of something. It has been a great start to the year!

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

	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

Farm World Roster 2024

Day	Shift	No of Volunteers Required	Volunteers
Thursday 21st March	4pm – 7pm TBC	FILLED	Kristy Kenny & Ben Kemp Megan Harvey & Daniel
Friday 22nd March	7am– 10am	FILLED	Brett Cameron Anna Lockwood
Friday	10am to 1pm	1 more required	Kristy Kenny Lauren & Andy Dobie
Friday	1pm-4pm	4 required	
Friday	4pm to Finish	3 required	Tony Richards
Day	Shift	No of Volunteers required	Volunteers
Saturday 23rd March	7am to 10pm	FILLED	Jane & Ben King
Saturday	10am – 1.00pm	FILLED	Jade Cameron & Pete Lockwood Lyndal & Trent Turner-Guy
Saturday	1pm to 4pm	2 more required	Warren Rooney Kevin Wilton
Saturday	4pm – Finish	1 more required	Jon De Angelis Warren Rooney Benita Kelsall
Day	Shift	No of Volunteers Required	Volunteer
Sunday 24 th March	7am– 10.00pm	1 more required	Heather & Chris Roberts Caroline Stritch
Sunday	10am to 1pm	FILLED	Alex Bowey & Amy Holly & Ben Hatch
Sunday	1pm to 4pm	2 more required	John Butterworth & Angie Dawson
Sunday	4pm - Finish	6 minimum As many as possible	Glenn Awty Kristy Kenny Andy Dobie Tony Richards