

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 to another new term with many exciting opportunities and planned events. I would also like to officially welcome Mr Sam McCracken who joins the Lardner and District Primary School Education Support Staff Team. Mr McCracken is working in the Purple Room, replacing Miss Hailie whilst she begins her maternity leave.

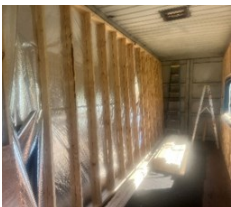


In Art, students explore the meaning of country using inspiration from our school's garden and natural materials to recreate / symbolise their choice. Thoughtful discussions and recording of ideas followed.

School Improvement

Our student toilets had a facelift over the holidays and are looking (and smelling) much fresher. We know that students have appreciated this update and trust that this space will be well respected to ensure that cubicle doors remain straight and the area is cared for. **The shipping container** has also had improvements making it a more enjoyable and comfortable space for learning and more practical for storage.

We also purchased **new tables and seats** for the front of the school. Students and parents can utilise these at the end of the day and we have even had our visiting specialist use these with students! We ask that students respect this space and not climb on the table tops when playing in the space at the end of the day.



ANZAC service representation

Our School Captains, Angus and Saige, represented our school community, themselves



Newsletter Date
TERM 2 WEEK 2
1st May 2026



"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 2 dates:

- **Division Athletics** Monday 4th May
- **Mothers Day afternoon Tea** Friday 8th June 2:45pm
- **All Girls Bball Clinic Yrs 3-6** Friday 8th May
- **School Council Meeting** Monday 11th May
- **Education Support Week** Monday 18th-Friday 22nd May
- **Cross Country** Tuesday 19th May
- **Sustainability Day** Thursday 4th June
- **Kings Birthday Public Holiday** Monday 8th June
- **P-3 Incursion** Wednesday 10th June
- **School Council Meeting** Monday 15th June
- **Winter Solstice** Friday 19th June
- **Term 2 Concludes** Friday 26th June
Gold Coin BBQ, Casual Clothes and Early finish time at 2.30pm

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

and their fellow students beautifully at this years 2026 ANZAC 10am service. They arrived proudly in full school uniform, waited for our school to be called and walked confidentially to the cenotaph to show their respect. We saw some familiar faces in the crowd which was lovely and encouraging. In the classrooms, students learnt more about the ANZACs, with the main message being that it is a special day to remember Australian and New Zealand soldiers—the ANZACs—who fought in wars, particularly a big battle at Gallipoli in 1915 during World War I. It is a time to honour their courage, mateship, and sacrifice, ensuring we never forget those who served to keep our countries safe.



School Arrival Time

Please note that students are welcome to arrive from 8:30am onwards. We are beginning to see many students arriving to school prior to 8:30am making it difficult to meet our daily duty of care requirements. Any students arriving prior to 8:30am need parent supervision, prior discussion with staff or remain in the admin building until 8:30am. Yard supervision of students begins at 8:45am with Breakfast club running from 8:30am Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Car line procedure

Please refer to the carline procedure attachment. Driving on the wrong side of the road should always be avoided. Please follow the carline around when parking past the large gate. Never park your vehicle in the carline. Please let other people know when arrangement for pick up change.

Lardner and District are now accepting enrolments for 2027.

Enrolments are now open and need to be completed. Please see below for details on how you can access the portal to complete your child's application. A full guide is also available at the office. To get started

Visit <https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/> sign in with a Service Victoria account to complete the online application form by Friday 31 July 2026. If you would prefer to submit a paper application form, please contact us. We will then review the information submitted and be in contact with you between Monday 3 August and Friday 14 August 2026 (for applications submitted by the due date of 31 July 2026).

You should accept one enrolment offer by Friday 28 August 2026. When accepting an offer, you will be required to provide additional personal and health information that will be shared with the school.

Next Week SNAPSHOT

On **Monday** we have 8 students heading off to **Division Athletics**. Mr Mallon will be present to help students and parents/carers support their child's organisation to events. This event is being held in Newbrough and requires parent/carer transport and supervision.

On **Monday and Tuesday**, we are holding our termly **student support group meetings** for those students and families involved, these will be held in the office.

On **Friday** we have an **all-girls basketball clinic** from 11:30 – 1:30pm. Girls in Years 3-6 can participate in this opportunity ran through Basketball Victoria.

Performing Arts will not run next Friday but Miss Holly is sure to make up for it in the weeks that follow.

On **Friday** we also have our **Mother's Day Scones and Tea**. Please join your child in the classroom from 2:45pm. Pop into the staffroom prior to make a cuppa.



I wish everyone a lovely fortnight ahead, Jane King

Blue Room Newsletter

Blue Room Grade 2/3 Newsletter

This week in Blue Room, students have been learning about **ANZAC Day** and exploring why it is such an important day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand. We discussed the meaning behind ANZAC Day, the qualities of bravery, courage, and sacrifice shown by the soldiers, and why Australians continue to honour those who served and continue to serve our country.

As part of our learning, students also made their own **ANZAC biscuits**. During this activity, we explored the history of the biscuits and learned how they were traditionally sent to soldiers during wartime because they travelled well and stayed fresh for long periods. Students enjoyed taking part in the baking process and making connections between our history discussions and this hands-on experience.

It has been a wonderful week of learning, with students showing genuine interest and respect as they developed their understanding of this important part of Australian history.



May Birthdays

Mrs Child
2nd May

Lukah
11th May

Mr Child
15th May

Mikayla
16th May

Noah
27th May

Aubree
28th May

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.

STAFFED OFFICE HOURS

Our school Office will be staffed on **Monday's, Tuesday's, Wednesday's & Friday's** between 9am and 3pm.

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

Book-club

Book Club orders are due on the Loop by: Monday 11th May

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

After School Student Collect / Pick Up

To support a smooth safe after school environment, Lardner and District Primary has adopted the following after school traffic management procedures.

- Drivers in carline collect students from the driveway gate (MARC van access gate).
- The middle gate will be used for pedestrians, ensuring all students P-Year 6 continue to be walked over the road with an adult.
- Drivers **should not overtake** in the pick up line. Staff will do their best to keep the line moving in a timely manner.
- The bus stop is the gate out front of the Red Classroom.
- Drivers parking are highly encouraged to **reverse park**. Drivers parked passed the middle gate (on the opposite side of the school) are required to turn left and follow the carline. This helps pedestrians cross and prevents vehicles pulling out in front of those using the carline.



"Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road"

