

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 everyone. Term 4 should be a lovely warm weathered term with many exciting events occurring throughout. Despite our best efforts to have the new basketball ready before the term commenced, mother nature had other plans, and the rain made it too boggy for the machines to access the school. We hope to be back at it after the weekend, starting Monday. A term outline of known Term 4 events was posted on Sentral however, please continue to keep an eye on the important dates listed in the newsletter each week.

Aubree's Generous Gift



Aubree in Yellow Room is donating her hair to be made into a wig for someone who cannot grow hair of their own. This condition is known as Alopecia Areata. It is a generous gift and a rewarding experience. To ensure that this gift is used well, Aubree has had to grow her hair, keeping it healthy and clean, to at least 36cm. Aubree's hair is even longer than 36cm, allowing her to have a nice bob style cut herself! She is ready to donate her hair and will be doing this **AT ASSEMBLY Friday 14th November (Week 6)** Well done Aubree, this is very kind of you. Please come and support Aubree by cheering her on whilst her



hair is cut on stage! Donations are welcome by using the QR to the left. Every bit helps.



Newsletter Date
TERM 4 WEEK 2
17th October 2025



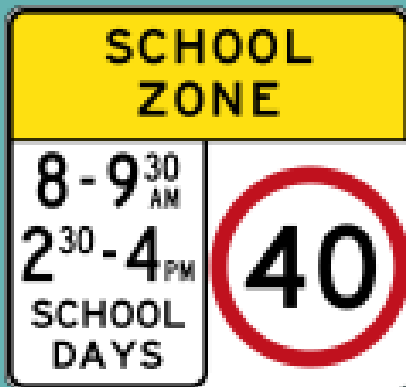
"We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respect to all the elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of indigenous Australia".

Upcoming dates:

- Leap into Learning Transition Day –Mon 20th Oct
- Market Night @ LDPS Friday 24th October
- Kanga Cricket Yr 5/6 Monday 27th October
- Curriculum Day– NO SCHOOL Monday 3rd November
- Melbourne Cup Holiday Tuesday 4th November
- Remembrance Day Tuesday 11th November
- Kanga Cricket Yr 3/4 Monday 24th November
- Statewide Transition Day Tuesday 9th December
- Movie Night Wednesday 10th December
- Gr6 Graduation Tuesday 16th December
- Swimming Term 4 Mon 15, Tues 16 & Wed 17th December
- Students free Curriculum Day Thursday 18th December
- Final Day/Clean Up Day Friday 19th Dec—Early Dismissal 1.30pm



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Regional Athletics

Congratulations to Luka for qualifying in the Hurdles at the Gippsland Regional Athletics. Luka competed on Wednesday and came third in her heat! We are all very proud of her achievement.

Cricket Blast / Kanga Cricket

Students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to join the interschool cricket recreational competition in mix cricket. If your child has shown interest, a permission form will be available on Sentral for parents/carers to sign. Students in Years 5/6 have their cricket day on Monday 27th October at Western Park Warragul. Students in Years 3/4 have their day on Monday 24th November also at Western Park in Warragul. It is wonderful to see our small school having these extra-curricular activities to experience. Further details can be found on the permission forms.

Transition Sessions

It has been a busy fortnight with students in Year 6 attending Kick-Start at Warragul Regional College on Wednesday and Year 5 students heading over to Neerim Regional College for a math exploration day yesterday. And of course, we have our very own **Leap in Learning 2026 Prep Session #2 this Monday 20th October**. We are looking forward to seeing those bright faces again!

Parent/Carer Survey 2025 Results/Feedback

Thank you to the families for taking the time to complete this year's Parent/Carers/Guardian School Survey. Whilst there was not a huge response (no news must be good news) the responses we have confirm strong opportunities for parent/care giver participation, confidence in being able to support the learning at home and 100% satisfaction with the education 'my children' receive from this school. It was fantastic to see parent and care givers feeling the school promoted pride and confidence in the standards of education and extra-curricular activities offered. Responses indicated that not all families are aware that the school can help refer families to services that support their child in wellbeing and wanting

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.*

October Birthdays

Lani
1st October

Mrs King
2nd October

Michael
9th October

Anna
11th October

Ms Rollinson
18th October

Ben
25th October

Miss Amelia
31st October

the school to explicitly teach organisation skills was either positive or neutral. Very pleasing was the 100% positive response towards bullying with 80% of responses indicating that their child had skills and strategies they have learnt at school to address bullying behaviours should it occur. Thank you again for your time, LDPS is a terrific school community with supportive families and wonderful students.

World teachers Day



Hats off to teachers on **World Teachers Day – Friday 31st October**. Let's celebrate the amazing teachers here at Lardner and District Primary School and across Australia who inspire, support, and empower our children and young people every single day. Whether it's a classroom shout out, sending a message, or posting a creative selfie in your best hat, there are many simple ways to show your appreciation. If using social media, don't forget to tag #WorldTeachersDay2025@aitsl in the comments of our FB post. Find out more and see how people are celebrating at www.worldteachersday.edu.au

Have a terrific fortnight ahead everyone,

Kind Regards,
Jane King

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.

Purple Room News

This term, Purple Room students have been learning about Jandamarra, a brave Aboriginal leader who fought to protect his land and people. Through reading, videos, and class discussions, the students have gained a good understanding of his life and why he is an important figure in history.

Using what they have learned, the students have been writing their own factual recounts. They are practicing how to put events in order, write clear sentences, and include important facts about Jandamarra's story. Many students have done a great job describing key moments, like his leadership and his fight to protect his culture.

Teachers have supported the students throughout the writing process, helping them plan, write, and improve their work. The students have enjoyed sharing their knowledge and understanding on this topic with the class and are proud of how well they can tell Jandamarra's story.

This project is helping Purple Room students build strong writing skills while learning to respect and appreciate Aboriginal history and culture.

Blue Room News

Mathematics

Our Year 2 mathematicians have been busy partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones. They have also been working on addition and subtraction fact families to 20, 50, and some to 100.

Meanwhile, Year 3 students have been learning to partition three-digit numbers into standard and non-standard forms (e.g. $234 = 2$ hundreds, 3 tens and 4 ones, or 23 tens and 4 ones). They have also applied this knowledge to three-digit subtraction requiring trading.

Literacy

In Literacy, both Year 2 and Year 3 students have commenced their study of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney. We are exploring themes such as friendship, social status, bullying, family dynamics, and the struggle for independence and identity. In reading, we have been focusing on fluent reading — the ability to read with accuracy, speed, and expression to support comprehension.

Science

This term, students have begun studying Chemical Sciences, starting with an Oobleck experiment this week. The staffroom looked like a flour bomb had exploded, and the kids went home a bit messy — but plenty of fun and learning were had by all! They observed how temperature and force changed the look and feel of the Oobleck.