



Lalor Gardens Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Issue 2

*** Respect * Learning * Empathy * Resilience * Responsibility***

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of the Lalor Gardens Primary School Community

BLOOMING GREAT KIDS TERM 1 – WEEK 3: OVERVIEW OF MANNERS

What are good manners?

Courtesy, politeness or having good manners are all about respecting others and yourself.

Good manners is about considering the feelings of other people, and being the kind of person that others will like and respect.

In the 'olden days' children were taught about the Golden Rule - "Always do to others as you would wish them to do to you if you were in their place."

In particular, throughout term 1, we will be focussing on: Please and Thankyou, Give Way, Excuse Me and Sorry and Punctuality. These are extremely important character traits that we all should adhere to.



MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Meet the Teacher interviews have been arranged for the week beginning February 24. There will be an afternoon session for each team during the week as well as an evening session. The afternoon sessions are as follows:

Monday February 24: 3/4
Tuesday February 25: Preps and 1/2E
Wednesday February 26: 5/6
Thursday February 27: 1/2ABCDF



The evening session will be on Tuesday February 25 from 3.45 to 8.00 pm.

A notice with booking times will be sent home next Monday. Please return your Appointment Time Request by Thursday February 20. The earlier you return the form the more likely it will be that you will get the time you want. This will also enable parents with more than one child at the school to have the appointment times staggered accordingly.

SCHOOL FEES 2014

Unfortunately, the government funding does not provide for all the learning needs of all our students such as, the paper, stationery, photocopying, reading and maths books, art, music and Phys Ed supplies etc. The school buys these in bulk to keep the cost down and are much cheaper than if parents had to buy all their children's school supplies themselves. As such it is imperative that parents pay these fees to enable our children to have adequate learning tools. If you have not paid your fees yet please do so asap. Parents who receive the EMA can provide their school fees to the school by ticking the appropriate box on the EMA form. Thank you in anticipation from all the children at the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS (See Page 2)

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LGPS SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2014

Information about School Council Elections is being sent home with this week's newsletter and is comprised of:

- Parent Information
- Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

Nomination forms can be obtained from the General Office on Monday February 10.

SCHOOL STAFF CAR PARK

Over the past couple of weeks, since school has resumed, I have personally had to speak to a number of parents about parking in the Staff Car Park. By parking there, parents are preventing staff from using the carpark. More importantly, children's lives are put at risk as the car park is a very busy place and small children are often hard to see. So I request that all parents park in the street. There seems to be plenty of parking in Thornton Avenue behind the school for parents who cannot find a spot to park when dropping off or picking up their children. In addition, NO CHILDREN are allowed to leave the school via the path through the Staff Car Park.

Anne T Hulett

Calendar of Events

Feb 25

- ◆ Meet the Teacher interviews

Mar 10

- ◆ Labour Day Holiday

Mar 14

- ◆ Responsible Pet Ownership—Prep Grades

Mar 27

- ◆ School Photos

Apr 4

- ◆ Last Day Term 1

Happy Birthday

Michael Bagnato
Muhammad Al-Moukhles
Marcus Sakaria
Fatima Fakhrualdin
Rosela Fejzolli
Andrew Ly
Joey Tawil
James Purvis
Aleyna Gozel



HATS! HATS! HATS!

Students are required to wear school hats during 1st and 4th terms.

Legionnaire Caps \$6.00 or Broad Brimmed Hats \$10.00 are available from the school office.

TEACHING & LEARNING



School Attendance



Poor attendance at school is the first criteria for students to be at educational risk.

Attendance rates are outlined in the following table:

How many days will your child absent in a year...?

0-13	<i>This is within normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.</i>
14-20	<i>This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of learning between prep and year 10.</i>
21-40	<i>This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on up to two years of learning between prep and year 10.</i>
40+	<i>This is a very poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over two and one half years of learning between Prep and Year 10.</i>

Responsibilities Regarding School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Student achievement of academic and social outcomes depend on consistent attendance and participation.

Key messages for parents:

- Going to school is a legal requirement;
- Every day at school matters;
- Children need to attend school regularly so they can take advantage of ALL the educational opportunities available;
- School enables children to build on their knowledge and skills each day, each week and each year;
- Consistently poor school attendance and lateness to class can affect children's educational progress;
- Patterns of punctuality and regular school attendance are developed at an early age;
- Good attitudes towards attendance that are well established will help prevent problems as children progress to secondary schools; and
- School helps children build confidence in areas such as communication, teamwork, organisation and social skills, and children who miss school may find it difficult to keep up friendships in the class.

While family time is very valuable, it is important that taking children out of school for family holidays reduces the amount of time available for learning and is detrimental to their education.



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Looking for a great way to keep fit and develop teamwork?



Cougars Basketball Club is looking for boys and girls from 8 to 17 years of age to come and play basketball in the 2014 Winter Season which has just started!

- Having provided the opportunity to hundreds of children throughout the forty plus years the club has existed, the new millennium offers the same opportunity to your child. A strong coaching structure administered by understanding voluntary staff comprising of past players, championship and State coaches whose expertise ensures that the children learn the skills of the game in a "fun" environment. All players are given the opportunity to participate at their own level.
- It does not matter if you have not played before, we have teams of varying levels and we pride ourselves on player development.
- We currently field teams in both the Diamond Valley and Whittlesea Basketball Competitions. Games are played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturdays depending on which team you are in. Discounts available for Under 8's, Under 10's and Under 12 Girls.

For more information please visit our website

www.cougarsbasketball.com.au

or contact our Club Secretary

secretary@cougarsbasketball.com.au

"PAW, IT ON"





LALOR UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB



JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED FOR 2014

We are a community club providing an opportunity for both boys and girls to experience football in a competitive and safe environment, whilst developing football skills, fitness and leadership potential.

The 2014 season will be an exciting one as we will have the use of new modern club facilities, an improved playing surface on the main ground, a brand new second ground, and new lighting that will allow all players the chance to play at night without impediment. Our coaches are all accredited and teams expanded from last year.

We invite junior players (both boys and girls) to express an interest in joining us for the 2014 season.

We will be fielding teams in the following age groups:

- **Small Sided Games (Boys and Girls)** Under 5 - 11
- **Junior Boys Teams** Under 12 - 16
- **Junior Girls Team** Under 15/16

We will consider fielding other teams upon request.

Parents wishing to enrol their children for any the above teams may contact us by:

- Sending an e-mail to: lalorunitedjfc@hotmail.com
- Calling us on 0419 317 805
- Attend pre-season training every Wednesday and Friday Night from 6pm to 8pm at HR Uren Reserve, Victoria Drive Thomastown.



What can parents and carers do to help their child's asthma at school?

- If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (*e.g. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir and Bricanyl*) as well as a spacer while at school
- Ensure that you have provided your child's school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan
- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly
- Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms
- Ensure that your child's asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child's school/preschool)



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