



Lalor Gardens Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Issue 6

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

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

BLOOMING GREAT KIDS TERM 1 – WEEK 6: PUNCTUALITY

There are many important social skills we need to think about in the *Blooming Great Kids* program, but perhaps there are none more relevant than **PUNCTUALITY**. Being **punctual** simply means being on time. Unfortunately there are too many times when we are not as punctual as necessary. At school it is important to be on time, ready and organised to begin learning whether it be at the beginning of the day or after recess or lunch. Being on time shows that you are courteous and aware of the needs of those around you by not making them wait for you to arrive.

Children who are late for school or late for classes during school often miss out on important information and this can leave them feeling left out for the whole of the lesson as well as disrupting classmates and teachers. If you are late for class it is hard to settle down and concentrate. It is everyone's responsibility to be on time – mums, dads, kids and teachers. Parents you are responsible for ensuring your children arrive at school on time so if your children are continually late for school make the extra effort to get them up 10 minutes earlier so their learning is not disrupted. The emphasis on **Punctuality** is closely aligned to the following item related to **student attendance**.

CHANGES TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND REFORM ACT OF 2006 COMPULSORY SCHOOL ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

The changes in relation to Attendance are as follows:

Where a student has been absent from school on a least five full days in the previous 12 months, and the parent has not provided a reasonable excuse for these absences and measures to improve student attendance have been undertaken by the school and have been unsuccessful, Principals can exercise their discretion to refer the matter to the School Attendance Officer for further action. School Attendance Officers can then issue a School Attendance Notice to the Parent giving the parent the opportunity to provide reasonable excuses for these absences. Failure to comply with this Notice may result in the issue of an Infringement Notice, which carries with it a penalty of approximately \$70.

While previewing our School's attendance data for 2013, there were 2,235 days of unexplained absences. There were a total of 6,099 absences altogether including 1,160 for extended family holidays. Obviously, such absences will severely impact student's involvement in critical teaching and learning programs especially in Literacy and Numeracy. Clearly, student non-attendance at Lalor Gardens PS is of real concern, and 2014 data collected so far shows a similar trend to 2013 with 77 days lost due to absences already this year and we have only been at school for 5 weeks.

As such it is critical that if and when your child is absent, he/she is absent for a valid reason and the school is notified in writing or through a phone call to the school office. If a child has significant absences, the school will review these absences and work with parents to improve attendance so that the School Attendance Officer and subsequent fines are avoided and more importantly the child has the opportunity to maximise his/her learning. (see attached flyer)

Anne T Hulett



Calendar of Events

Happy Birthday

Mar 10

Labour Day Holiday

Mar 14

Responsible Pet

Ownership—Prep

Grades

Mar 27

School Photos

Apr 4

Last Day Term 1

Petar Dimovski

Taner Tilki

Kelly Le

Kiara Boskovski

Lucas Andreevski

Megan Nguyen

Jafar Elsafatli

Louis Boursinos

Kevin Nguyen Bui

Mohamed Mekky

Eleanor Utai

Jasmine Angieella

Riley Currie



SUPPORT LALOR GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHAT DOES YOUR SCHOOL NEED?

Our schools are getting worse. Kids are learning in classrooms that are falling down, and the Liberals have cut important programs like VCAL and Reading Recovery. Don't let your kids miss out. Tell us what your school needs.

I would just like to let you know about Labor's campaign, Our School Needs.

The campaign encourages teachers and parents to visit a website to nominate their school and describe what facilities need upgrading. **Lalor Gardens PS has been nominated.**

Parents, family & friends please visit the following website to vote for LGPS.

Visit www.ourschoolneeds.com.au to VOTE for Lalor Gardens PS.

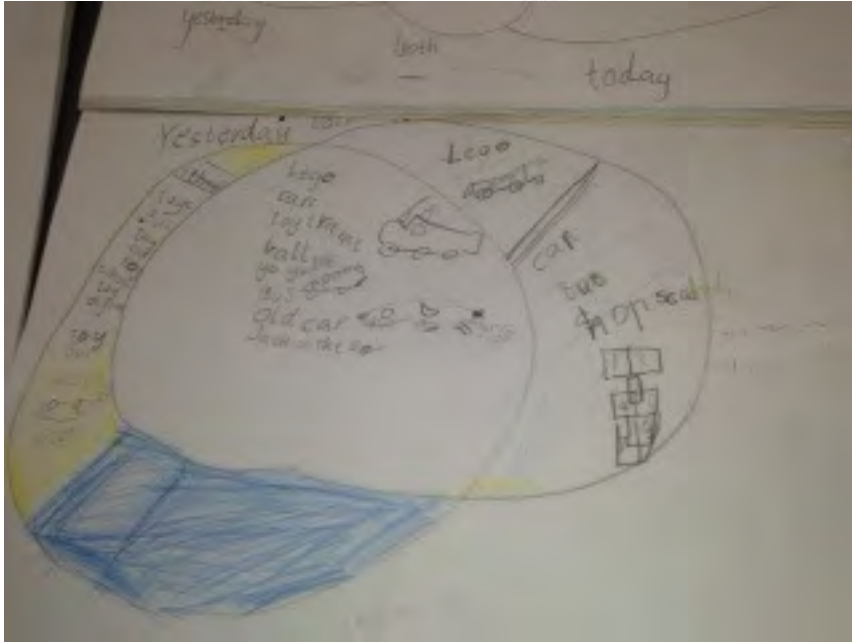
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Lalor Gardens Student Of The Week

“GIVE WAY”

Prep A	Ofure Osayande	For respecting others children’s space and moving safely around the classroom.
Prep B	Ennayat Modi	For respecting other children’s space and moving safely around our learning area.
1/2A	Claudia Ali	For always making sure that she gives way to people trying to get through. Keep it up Claudia !
1/2B	Tina Nguyen	For giving way to others and waiting for her turn.
1/2C	Xantara Beatt	Xantara always waits and gives way to others when lining up and going out to lunch. Well done Zantara !
1/2D	Emily Abdallah	For always being considerate of others.
1/2E	Tamara Grmusa	For being aware of other people and ‘giving way’ to them. Well done Tamara !
1/2F	Lubna Ibrahim	For giving way by letting others go first.
3/4A	Petar Dimovski	For always waiting his tern and using his manners when working with others.
3/4B	Cindy Trinh	For always being prepared to wait her turn and for being a very good sport.
3/4C	Harmandeep Singh	For trying very hard to use his best manners in many situations.
	Siraj Altaweel	For showing consideration when dealing with others, and always behaving like a gentleman.
3/4D	Jessica Li	For her impeccable manners and ability to use ‘please and thank you’ at every opportunity. Well done Jessica !
	Lagi Faale	For always remembering to give way to others and being considerate at all times.
5/6A	Anna Le	For giving way to others in a kind and appropriate way. Awesome Anna.
5/6B	Joey Tawil	For being courteous, respectful and responsible when moving through the school and around our learning area.
5/6C	Rick Anastasiadis	Rick always gives way to people. He is kind and never talks back to people that don’t give way to him.
5/6D	Muhammad Al-Moukhles	For always letting other people pass and holding the door open for others.

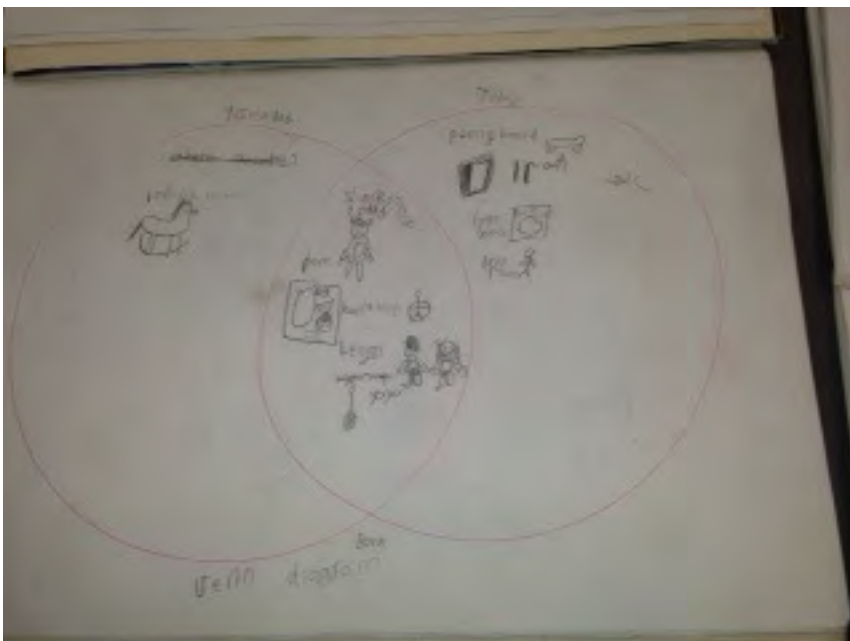
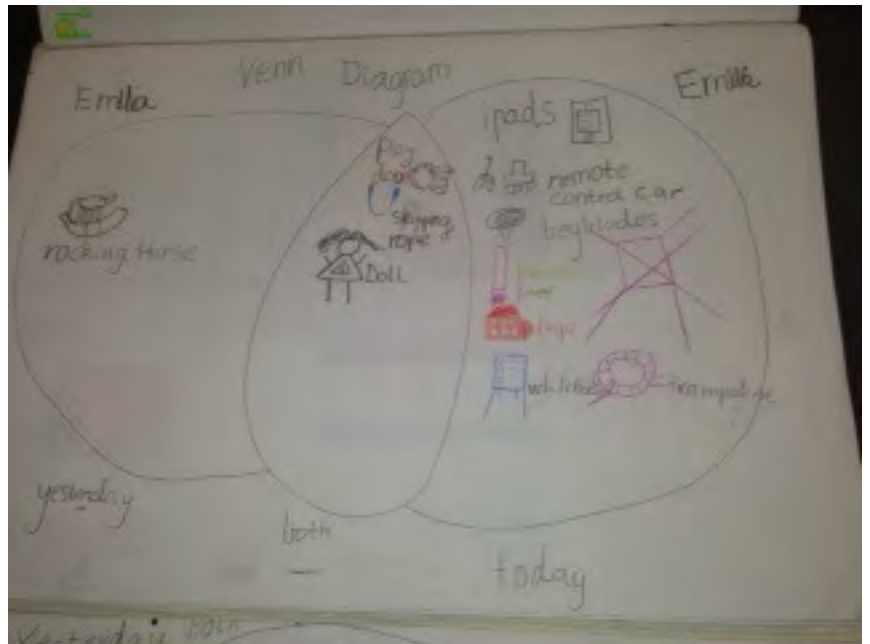
Spotlight on 1/2E



1/2E

Yesterday

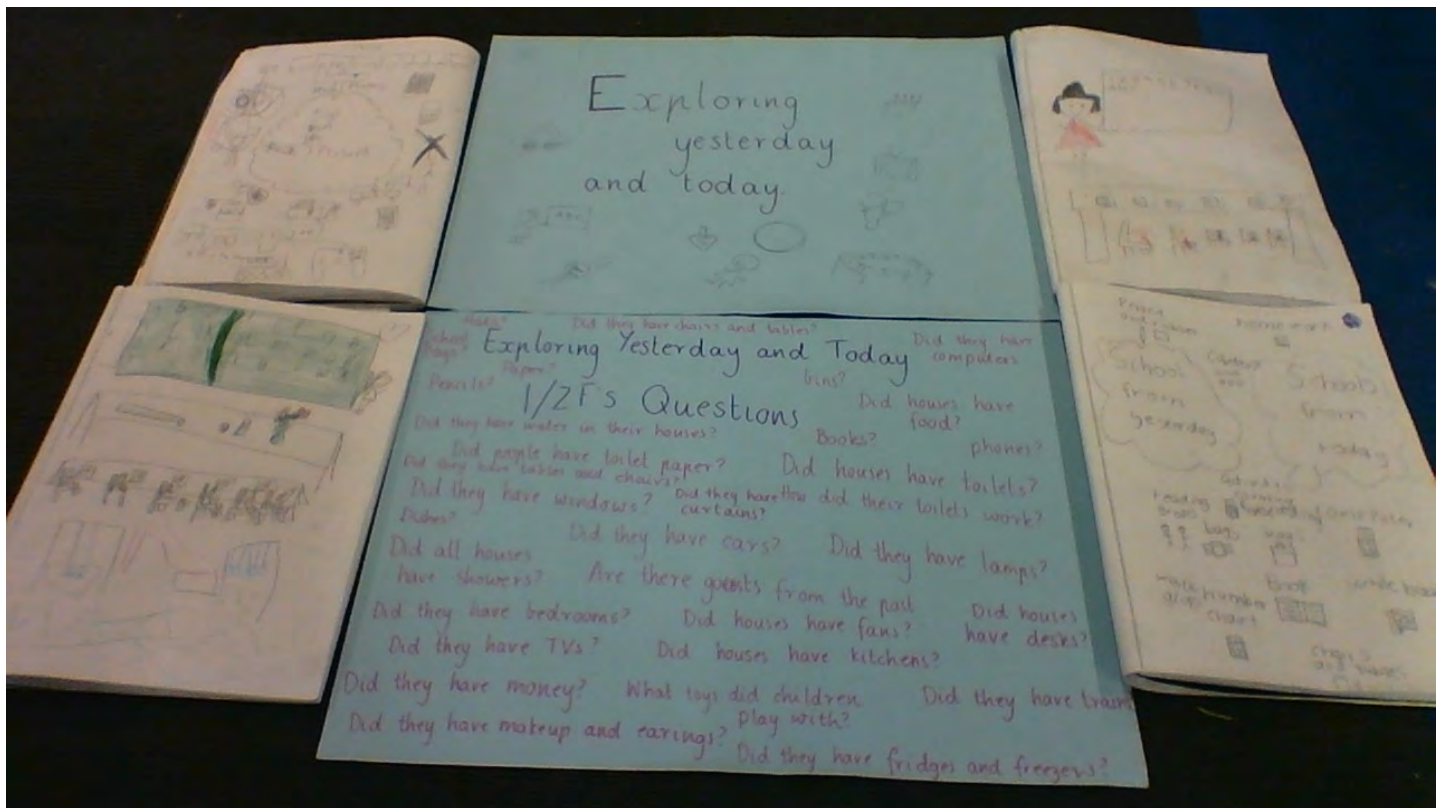
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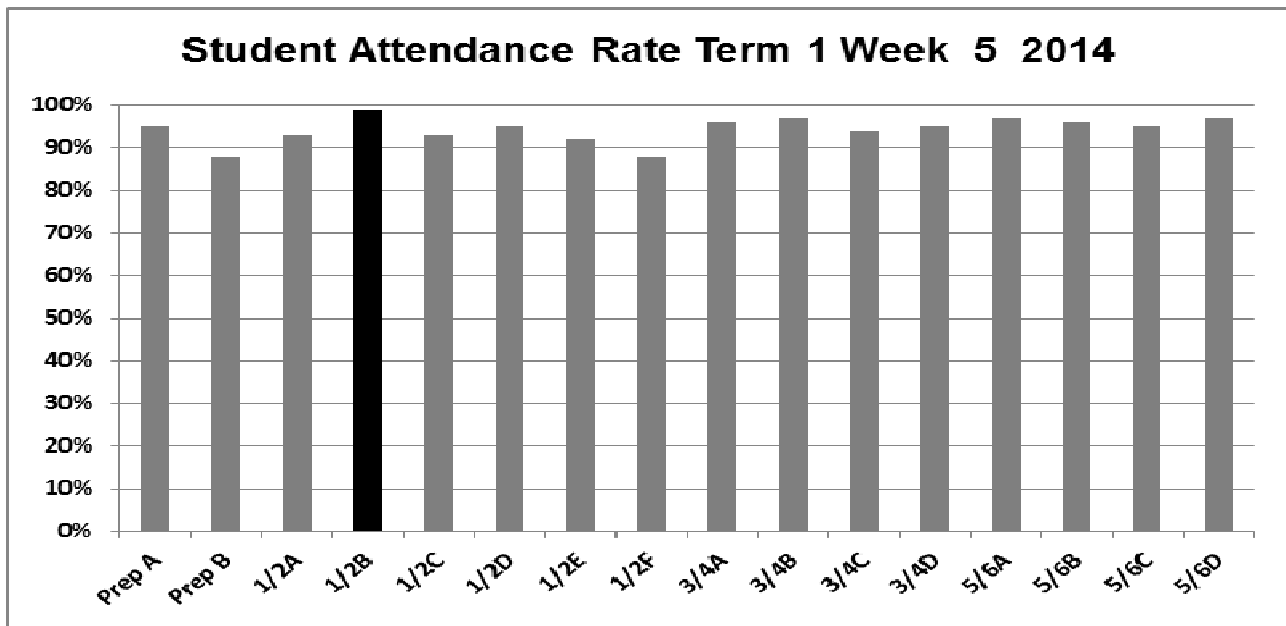
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'exploring yesterday and today'



School
days

Student Attendance Report:



Congratulations to 1/2B who had an attendance of 99% for the second week in a row. Keep up the amazing work!

NUDE FOOD DAY!!!

To help support Clean Up Australia Day, Lalor Gardens Primary School will be having a

Nude Food Day on Friday March 7th

to help keep our country and school clean. We will also be making sure our yard is clean and there will be ten minutes after lunch to put any rubbish found in our playground in the bin.

Please help keep Australia Clean and bring a wrapper free lunch! Bringing fruit and putting food in containers is a great way to eliminate wrappers.

The best Nude Foodies will also receive a certificate at the next assembly!

If you have any questions, please see Miss Monteleone



The **Cadbury Chocolate Drive** will be the first Lalor Gardens Primary School's fundraising event for 2014.

This fundraiser has been extremely successful in the past and we anticipate the same success this year. Students will be bringing home a box of yummy chocolates to sell **TODAY**.

We ask that all money and unsold chocolates be returned by:

Friday 21st March.

Thanks for your support,
The Fundraising Committee



Interschool Sport

Lalor Gardens will play Thomastown Meadows away on Friday 7th March.

GIRLS ROUNDERS TEAM

Today on Friday 28th of February we played Epping Views. Unfortunately we lost but we had a really competitive game. The scores were L.G.P.S 9 and Epping Views 12, we tried our best! Thanks to Mr.Vann for coaching us!

From: Maria Keo

ROUNDERS BOYS

Today Lalor Gardens played against Epping Views. We had an awesome match the scores were Epping Views 1 to Lalor Gardens 22. The stand out players where the whole team for putting in a magnificent effort. We would like to thank MR Vann for coaching us.

BY RICK

Softball Report

28/2/14

Today the softball girls played against Epping Views, the scores were Lalor Gardens 12 to Epping Views 9. It was an awesome game. Our team put in 100% effort the whole time. We would like to thank Mr.De Leo for being a fantastic coach.

By Jasmine

Girls Bat Tennis

Today bat tennis girls played against Epping views we had a fantastic and a fun game in the hot boiling weather but unfortunately we lost the scores were Lalor Gardens 4 and Epping views 45

I would like to thank Miss M for coaching us THREE CHEERS FOR MISS M.

BY SARAH J

Boys Bat Tennis

Today at bat tennis boys we played against Epping Views, we had a beautiful and fun game but to our disappointment we did not succeed to win the game and the scores were Lalor gardens 8 and Epping 45 plus THREE CHEERS FOR MISS.M. HIP HIP.

Cricket

Hi, today in cricket we played Epping Views primary school. The scores were Lalor Gardens 1 for 41 and Epping views 3 for 29. The whole team played very well fielding, bating and bowling, especially Nive, me and Corey for getting a wicket each and one more big thanks to Miss Hoyne for coaching us. Thank you.

By Arun

**VOTE FOR LALOR GARDENS PS LOLLIPOP PERSON:
PAM LAURENS**



School Crossings Victoria Inc.

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